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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Spring has sprung and we are busy getting ready for the summer season.

It has been a great winter on the water with Power Time Trialling, Dinghy racing and the Keelboat Frostbite Series. The Club Best Regatta was a blast and our young sailors have been getting involved in keelboat sailing with our excellent Sailing Institute programmes.

Great to see so many new crew getting out on the water too using our SailPass system.

Save the date for Sailing Opening Day, Saturday 15 October. Always the third Saturday of the month. An excellent day where we open the summer season, showcase most of our activities and have a lot of fun.

See you at the Club.

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What's on at the Club?

View the club calendar on the website or by logging in to the app. Book in to an evening out at the club, register for a course or plan your summer season on the water.

New Members' Night

It's been wonderful to introduce so many new members to the Club lately. Our New Members' Night functions are fun events held on a Friday evening in the Members' Bar. Keep an eye on our email news for dates or check the club calendar online. We invite all members to attend.

Connecting crew with yachts

We welcome new crew to come sailing with us. Using the Club app, members can post a Boat Profile if they are looking for crew and sailors can post a Crew Profile with their availability to crew on yachts in Club racing. Using SailPass through the member app, guests can come along and test the waters and its free! Visit the Club website for more information. SailPass information is in the On Water / Keelboat section.

Tablet stands

There are now a few iPad stations in the main clubhouse and in the sailing office. On Keelboat sailing days, these are for use by members to complete their Crew Sign-on or for guests wanting to register for a SailPass. On other days the club website will be displayed for membership information and to browse information about Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

We welcome new applications for membership

Do you know that we now have an online application form? It's easier than ever to apply for membership of the Club. View more information about the process on the membership page in Tidings or on the Club website.

Visit the membership section of the Club website by using the 'Join RFBYC' button or get in touch with our Membership Coordinator for assistance.



PETER CHALMER COMMODORE



IT IS APPROPRIATE TO recognise the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday, 8 September and the accession to the throne of His Majesty, King Charles III. It begins a new chapter in Club history.

On 22 September 2022, the Australian National Day of Mourning, we rang 8 bells and toasted Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and then His Majesty, King Charles III.

It seems like such a long time since the AGM. I am immensely honoured and proud to have been granted the privilege to be the Club's Commodore. I thank my fellow Club members, Vice Patrons, Flags Officers and Committee members for their encouragement and trust that allows me to follow in the footsteps of our previous leaders and visionaries.

We have quite a few new names in our management teams and I will take this opportunity to introduce them.

I congratulate and welcome onboard our new Flag Officers:

- Tim Cummins
Vice Commodore
- Martin Jurat
Rear Commodore Sail
- Geoff Wells
Rear Commodore Power
- James Kornweibel
Rear Commodore Dinghy
- Andrew McMillan
Honorary Treasurer

I also congratulate and welcome the four General Committee nominees voted in at the AGM:

- Kim Laurence
- Luke Paterson
- Mark Tremain
- Dirk van der Struyf

Together with the existing General Committee members Andrew Gill, Nick Gray, Barbara-Dene Jones and John Standley they make a strong group with many years at the Club that will work well into the future. My appreciation and thanks to those that offered to be on Committees but were unsuccessful. We will always benefit from members that are prepared to contribute.

I look forward to working closely with our new Committees and staff headed by CEO Andy Fethers and our Operational Managers Debbie Blaauw (Yachting), Debbie Hanrahan (Media and Functions), Suzzi Ghent (Membership), Marcos Benedit (Accounts), Nic Gaunt (F&B) Derrick Sung Yong Park (Kitchen) and Nathan Stronach (Bosun). I also welcome back Sharon Skinner who returns just in time for the busiest part of our season. There are some new names in this list and that's highly indicative of the Club's desire to remain engaged with our strategic plans and structural review.

The Club has always targeted progressing our

objectives and activities as our prime strategic ambition and has always set a high and rewarding benchmark. Apart from projects at hand, others such as improving the availability of parking, repairing the leaking Members' Bar roof, creating and controlling a better maintenance schedule for Club infrastructure, revising and improving analysis methods of F&B figures from events and functions and performing a more strategic analysis of our boating activities. This analysis will focus on the meaningful data we derive from the MemberPoint App and will assist in identifying potential members amongst those that sail often as well as gathering feedback from those that may have only come sailing once and never return. From that information we may tailor our policies and offerings to create better pathways to membership.

The Dinghy & Training Centre successes are rewarding us. The Centre received a score of 100% from its review conducted by Australian Sailing. Congratulations to Chelsea Hall and her team for absolutely acing that one. I attended the Junior AGM recently and was really impressed

by how engaged they all are in being not only part of the sailing fraternity but also wanting to be part of the future of the Club. There were 13 nominations for nine positions on the Junior Club Committee. Congratulations to Alex Molyneux for his new role as Junior Captain.

In the major sailing events calendar for 2023 the Club will play host to the Contender National and World Championships in January, the Flying Fifteen National and World Championships in March and the Mirror National Championships in December. Shortly thereafter in March 2024 we will host the Etchells World Championships.

A major consideration in our future overall planning in the early new year will be parking. In this busy season parking inside the gates may be difficult. Please be considerate and minimise the space between cars. This allows another space to be available. If three cars can fit side by side between the flagpoles (especially) then please allow them space to do so.

I look forward to seeing you around our Club.

TIM CUMMINS

VICE COMMODORE



Following the recent Annual General Meeting, it is with great honour that I accept the position of Vice Commodore. I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank Past Commodore Robert Parker for his leadership and contribution to Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club during a busy tenure.

I would also like to acknowledge retiring General Committee member David Lynn who has provided valuable judgement and guidance over a 10-year term.

Congratulations go to Luke Patterson and Kim Lawrence on their re-elections, the return of Mark Tremain and welcome new member Dirk van der Struyf to General Committee. Along with all flag officers and members of various Sub Committees, I thank you for your contributions and hope you find it a fulfilling and rewarding experience.

HOUSE & SOCIAL

House Committee is currently focusing on the strategic positioning of our food and beverage offerings, special events for members and their guests as well as the performance of our hospitality and functions group which plays an important role supporting our Club and its operations.

It was wonderful to see the popular Commodores' Cocktail Party well supported with over 200 people attending to thank Past Commodore Robert Parker and welcome incoming Commodore Peter Chalmer and new Flag Officers.

The annual Combined Mess Night was also well supported and hosted by Royal Perth Yacht Club. A member only event following naval traditions it was this year attended by Commander Phil Andrews Executive Officer from HMAS Stirling who provided an interesting insight into the current and future military operations on our doorstep and region generally. Well done to Rear Commodore Dinghy James Kornweibel for his entertaining toast to Royal Perth Yacht Club and thank you to Stephen Lewis, Jim Stevenson and Luke Campbell for kindly transporting our members to RPYC in style.

Our Wednesday Winter Specials in the Bowline continue to be well received, so much so that these will continue throughout the year providing an alternative option during the summer twilight season. Please keep an eye out for the Front of House emails advising the specials of the week.

Our Bosan Nathan Stronach and his team are busily preparing our Club's grounds for our upcoming 126th Opening Day and I encourage all members

to take part to celebrate the commencement of a new busy summer sailing schedule.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and congratulate our Club staff. The COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected many industries but particularly hospitality. The difficulties in recruiting and holding onto staff during this period has certainly been challenging and our staff have performed above and beyond maintaining excellent service whilst dealing with the difficulties of being shorthanded. Well done to all.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee has been tasked to develop and implement strategies to look at ways to enhance our member experiences with a focus on member participation on our core Club activities being sailing and on water activities.

As a first step and following the recent growth in our membership base, new members who have joined in the last 12 months will soon be sent a short form survey. The intent is to understand first impressions of our Club, the activities they are interested in, value

proposition of membership and volunteering opportunities available for those who wish to get further involved. We are keen to get your thoughts and I encourage you provide any feedback you have.

Our next Young Adult Member Night is planned for 21 October. These are important nights which are held to recognise our valued younger members who are stepping into Ordinary membership with many I hope to be the future leaders of our Club. Please come and join us to congratulate our younger members as they transition into senior Club membership.

Following the Masterplan and Strategic Plan implemented in 2018, a number of strategies and capital works projects have been successfully delivered on time and budget and to a very high standard. The Club is in an enviable position however we must continue to work to identify trends, remain relevant and maintain an attractive value proposition to our members whilst delivering the objects of our Club. Various committees will soon commence formulating the

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MARTIN JURAT

REAR COMMODORE SAIL



FOLLOWING THE AGM I HAVE taken over from the outgoing Rear Commodore Sail, Ian Burvill. I thank Ian for the outstanding work during his term and his help in getting me up to speed in my new role.

Ian was at the pointy end of on-water participation (and cancellations) during COVID-19 and implementation of the MemberPoint app and SailPass. He also streamlined presentations and was always vocal supporting trophy donors and corporate sponsors. Ian is continuing to support the Club with sailing mediation. I wonder if the gently smiling photos of newly appointed Flag Officers should be complemented with an absolutely beaming photo of outgoing Flag Officers expressing their joy and relief of finishing their tour of duty and reclaiming some of their own lives back! Thanks again Ian.

I look forward to catching up with the Fleet Captains prior to Opening Day on the 15 October. The program for the season is all but complete and

incorporates changes requested where possible. Keel boat skippers, remember to nominate for the new season and note that the safety audits are still essential, although self-audits are sufficient for previously audited yachts. During the season, spot checks will be made for audits and crew sign-on.

Scott Nunn has resigned as Sailing Administrator, and I extend my thanks to Scott for the work he has done. Sharon Skinner who held the position previously is coming back to RFBYC and commenced on the 5 September. Welcome back Sharon!

The Miles from Nowhere Mid-week Race Series and the Frostbite series have generally seen good numbers with some beautiful winter weather. Congratulations to the Etchells

for winning the Club Best Regatta on 14 August, followed by the Flying Fifteens and the upstart third place going to the Power Division. Possibly the threat of embarrassment of losing to Power accounts for the no-show by Dragons, Division 1 and the Coutas?

The last Frostbite was on the 18 September and the fourth Women's Helm Dragon Regatta is on Sunday 2 October. Get your fleet team ready for the Opening Day Parmelia Ball Challenge run by the St Ayles Skiiffs. The smallest, oldest but physically strongest fleet, the Coutas, with impeccable timing, are the defending champions.

I look forward to seeing you on the hard, in the maintenance shed, and in my case eventually on the water in a new coat of varnish. ■

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next Strategic Plan to set the Club's course for the next 10 years and beyond. Member engagement and feedback is vitally important and will be sought to help shape this strategy moving forward.

HOUSE KEEPING

I would like to remind members that parking on the lawn leading up to the top members car park is for overflow and busy periods only. Please use the designated car parking in the first instance. Our Club Bosun

thanks you in advance of this request to help maintain the lawn and reticulation to our main driveway.

I look forward to seeing members enjoying our upcoming 126th Opening Day and see you on the water very soon. ■

JAMES KORNWEIBEL

REAR COMMODORE DINGHY



I AM EXCITED TO have been elected as Rear Commodore Dinghy; particularly at the start of a new era for the Dinghy & Training Centre (DTC).

It has been a busy few months getting up to speed and across the preparation for the upcoming season. I have particularly enjoyed learning about the many aspects that goes into running the Club behind the scenes and have a great appreciation, and thankful, for our dedicated and passionate Club staff who work together with the volunteers to create a fantastic member experience.

I would like to acknowledge and thank past Rear Commodore Junior Scott Monro for his efforts and achievements over the past two years. Through his term he not only managed the very challenging times of COVID-19 at the Dinghy and Junior Club but led the transition to the new DTC. With the transition came numerous projects, which included: the relocation of boats and development of new storage options for the fleets, establishment of new systems and fit outs in the DTC and coordinating over 15 busy bees with fleet groups to move out and back into the new centre.

I would also like to congratulate past Commodore Robert Parker, Capital Works Committee, past Flag

Officers, committees, and donors who worked together to create the world class Dinghy & Training Centre for the Club to enjoy for many years to come.

The DTC is already being recognised and it was exciting to learn last month that RFBYC is now the #1 Training Centre in Australia. A big shoutout to Debbie, Chelsea, Libby and the Training team for their passion and efforts in driving the Club's training programs.

The DTC has been busy over the winter with a strong fleet training program out each afternoon. Typically, 65–95 sailors participating each week, which is solid given the winter conditions. I am looking forward to seeing this increase as the weather warms up and we wind up the social Friday evenings.

The Dinghy Winter Series had good participation with 96 sailors competing across Optimist, Open Skiffs, Lasers, 29ers, Bic Techno, and Contenders. Congratulations to the placegetters. Results can be viewed on the website.

Some of our sailors did get overseas for the first

international sailing since the boarders re-opened. Congratulations to:

- Vassilis Katsaitis and Zachary Sprunt, and Pol Rafart and Ona Rafart who represented Australia at the 29er Spain World Championships
- Max Godfroy sailed the Moth Europeans and Moth UK Nationals placing 11th and 6th respectively in a large fleet
- Hayley Clark coached the Australian 29er team and the ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships
- Tristan Brown coached ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships with his team picking up a silver medal.

We would like to wish Zoe Thompson and Elyse Ainsworth best of luck as they will be competing in the ILCA (Laser) World Championships in Houston, Texas 9–16 October.

The Junior Club AGM was held this month with the election of new office bearers. Congratulations to the new 2023 Junior Committee: Alex Molyneux (Captain), Jasper Stay (Vice Captain), Pia Hooper (Treasurer), Noah Goncalves (Secretary), and committee members,

Hudson Armstrong, Angus Cameron, Alasdair Cameron, Thomas Cooper and Isla Molyneux.

Big thank you to the outgoing Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, and Committee members: George Elms, Amy Moore, James Pitt, Betty Moore, and Sasha Monro. They have shown great leadership and commitment over the past few years as part of the Junior Committee.

There is a lot to look forward to this season with the DTC in its first full season of operation. There are heaps of sailing and training sessions scheduled, kids and parent social nights being planned, and WingFoiling courses which is a great entry to a foiling experience.

Personally, I am looking forward to the season with the WASZP Nationals in Perth and seeing my boys who are 8 and 11 progress out of Green Fleet into Opti racing.

If you have any questions, ideas, or are keen to get involved, please reach out.

See you at the Club! ■

GEOFF WELLS

REAR COMMODORE POWER



IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE that I write my first Tidings article as Rear Commodore Power. I wish to thank the General Committee and membership for electing me to this role at the 2022 AGM. I eagerly look forward to representing the power section of the Club over the next two years.

I must firstly give my thanks to out-going Rear Commodore Elise Manners. Elise has done a sterling job maintaining high time trialling participation rates during the pandemic and fostering new social opportunities. I also acknowledge Elise's time serving on the Power Committee for four years prior to becoming Rear Commodore.

I would like to thank the outgoing Power Committee members, Tim Cummins and Evan Moore. As we know Tim has become Vice Commodore with all its attendant responsibilities and Evan has chosen to focus more on increased family commitments. They have both been very valuable members of the committee and I wish them well. Going forward the Power Committee comprises continuing members Mark Donati, Stephen Lewis, David Groucutt and two new members, Mike Kay and Robert Bingham. Thank you for your participation.

It's been a busy few months since the last article so please excuse this slightly longer update. On Saturday 9 July we held our Annual Social Cruise and Lunch. Twenty members

and guests enjoyed a pleasant river cruise to Elizabeth Quay where lunch was taken at Six Senses. A little rain on the return journey didn't dampen the mood and a pleasant afternoon was had by all. Special thanks to Stephen & Emma Lewis for making their lovely power yacht *Azure* available to transport all our members and guests.

On the 6 August the John Cowen Memorial Time Trial was held where we again welcomed Bev Cowen and family to present the winner's trophy to Tim Cummins and John Anderson on *Havana*.

A special mention must go to the Power team who entered the Club Best sailing regatta on 14 August. Competing on BW8 #240 the Power team was successful in coming 3rd overall, which included one 1st place in the heats. Well done to Ken Stevenson, Tim Cummins, Stephen Lewis, John Hay, Mark Tremain and Jay Halligan. Thanks also to David Groucutt for providing *Sirius* as the support boat.

The jewel in our time trialling season, The JM Zeffert Memorial Time trial competing for The Kylie

Cup, was held on Sunday 28 August. After some early rain the sun was out and light winds made perfect conditions on the river. Against a fleet of 46 power yachts, representing seven local yacht clubs as well as Mandurah, we were able to triumph with RFBYC power yacht *Havana* taking out the Kylie Cup with six points lost. Congratulations to Tim Cummins and Ken Stevenson. With around 150 people staying for the traditional pig-on-a-spit lunch whilst entertained by the WA Jazz Project it was an excellent afternoon.

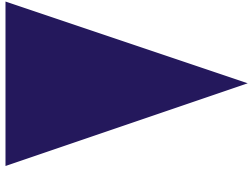
The weather hasn't been our friend this season with several events having to be abandoned, including the Vice Patron's Trophy on the 23 July. Whilst for those on the larger boats who are dry & warm, we always must consider all the volunteers who help us each week, braving the elements whilst manning checkpoints. A big thank you to all our checkpoint volunteers over the season.

Our Time Trialling Closing Day for 2022 was held on 17 September in perfect conditions with trophy presentations

in the Athol Hobbs room following. This season we have something of a Grand Slam with Tim Cummins and Ken Stevenson on *Havana* taking out the Club Champion and Club Consistency trophies. Tim even walked away with the coveted Boat Hook award! Well done also to Stephen Lewis and David Reid for achieving second place in both Championship and Consistency results. Our most improved this year goes to Gary and Ray Smith on *Noah Genda*. Congratulations to all the winners this season.

The 126th Sailing Opening Day will be held on Saturday 15 October and I encourage all power yacht owners to participate in the raft up and sail past. Make sure you keep an eye out for other social and power events over the summer. ■





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On behalf of the Geographe Bay Yacht Club, we would like to warmly welcome all sailors, officials, volunteers, support staff and guests to Geographe Bay Race Week 2023.

GBRW is always an event highlight of the WA sailing calendar, giving opportunity for friends to catch up and sail in the wonderful waters of Geographe Bay.



Dates have been set from
4th – 10th February 2023
Book your time off early.

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of interest visit www.gbyc.com.au/race-week-gbrw

Or head to Facebook and follow @gbraceweek for updates

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offshore racing

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Saturday 26 (Dolphin Race) and

Sunday 27 (Gordon Craig Ocean Race) November 2022

75th Bunbury and Return Ocean Race

Saturday 11 February 2023

Roland Smith Ocean Race

Saturday 15 April 2023

VALMADRE

WINTER OFFSHORE SERIES 2022

“WHAT ARE you doing riveting on a reef cleat fitting on the boom Will? You never reef a Foundation 36!” Definitely did need that reef for race 2 and race 3 of the Valmadre Series this year!

Race 1 was a very light 3–8 knots. Five boats competed in Division 1 and 17 boats in Division 2.

Geoff Bishop's *Checkmate* sailed consistently to win both IRC and PHF in Division 1 and Sean Wallis' S97 *Skallagrigg* did exceedingly well to take the double in Division 2.

A fortnight later and the wind lived up to the forecast with 22–25 knots. The race committee sent us off on the heavy weather course.

It was too rough to send out the start boat, so they used South Mole for the start team and a staggered start, any time within a 20-minute window with start times recorded. To say it was challenging is an understatement and the Archambault 35 *Arajilla* lost her mast after

15 minutes of sailing. *Skallagrigg* was one of the few boats to carry a spinnaker on the first downwind leg and deservedly won both IRC and PHF again as did *Checkmate* in Division 1.

The third race was even fresher, rigged up, sailed out to the start with a reef and #3 but before the start the race was abandoned with the wind blowing a cold 25 knots and gusting to 30. The rest of the race was spent in the bar enjoying muffins and beer.

With no third race the results of the four-race series were virtually assured. The last race kicked off with an ideal wind of 14–16 knots and a moderate swell allowing us to finally redeem ourselves with a

win on IRC and PHF. We ended the series with a 3rd, 2nd and a 1st on IRC. Our goal was to challenge ourselves offshore, which we certainly did.

Congratulations to *Skallagrigg*, a well-deserved overall winner with some very fine sailing.

The Valmadre series has usually been blessed with generally good weather, the worst case has historically been not enough wind on those clear sunny winter's days.

FSC provide a free berth for the series and are very accommodating.

I would encourage anyone to do the series in 2023 (don't forget your reefing system!!). ■





EUROPEAN SUMMER CAMPAIGN

INTERNATIONAL MOTH

BACK IN 2019, I PLANNED to travel to Europe for the 2020 Summer Moth Circuit which would include the Moth Worlds and Europeans in Weymouth UK and Foiling Week in Lake Garda. Then COVID-19 turned my plans upside down.

Forward to 2022, with international travel back in full swing, Europe here I come. My trip this time round included travel to Weymouth in the UK for the UK Nationals, Lake Garda in Italy for Foiling Week and Quiberon in France for the Moth Europeans. After training in small fleets in Australia for the past 2 years, it was great to sail in the large international Moth fleets at last.

The UK Nationals were held in mid-June in Weymouth, UK, with a fleet of 51 Moths and the vast majority UK boats and few international. The conditions were near perfect with the for 4 race days having 12 to 15 knots of breeze and 4 races per day. Day 1 and 2 went well and I was sitting in 5th overall and achieved a race win. I was very pleased with this as the top 3 sailors were all Olympians. Day 3 I endured a collision and caused some damage so results were down, but managed to do alright on day 4 and finished in 6th place overall. I am happy with my overall result considering the damage on day 3 and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Foiling Week was held in in early July at Lake Garda, Italy, with a fleet of 74 Moths from all over the world. The sailing conditions were nice on day 1 to 3, and I again came away with a race win on day 2 which was fantastic. Light wind on the last two days however proved quite challenging and additional damage to my foil dampened my result but still finished in 10th overall. It was a very competitive fleet with tough sailing, so this was a good achievement.

The Moth Europeans were held in July at the National Sailing School in Quiberon, France whilst being hosted by Carnac Sailing Club. This was a great venue with plenty of space and wind. A fleet of 91 Moths from 17 nations and again great competition with the Olympians Dylan Fletcher, Simon Hiscocks, Philip Buhl and Brad Funk in the mix. The first few days went well and I was sitting in top 10, however hit some debris in the water and damaged the vertical part of my foil, so was unable to race on the last day. This proved a challenging regatta but just missed out on the top 10 with 11th overall.

Considering some of the bad luck I had with damage at all 3 events, I am happy to come away with some race wins, more experiences competing in large fleets and rekindling the friendships I have in the Moth fleet.

Huge thank you to Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club for their ongoing support that made it possible for me to compete this year. I would also like to thank the coaching staff at RFBYC, particularly Holly Hunt, who provided coaching for me prior to the start of my campaign.

I would also like to thank Dave Davenport and Crush Racing Team as they have supported me over the season and my sailing campaign. Without this support, I would not have been able to pursue this opportunity and experiences.

I am heading home in September and will be gearing up for the WA Moth States, Australian Moth Nationals in Sydney, New Zealand Moth Nationals, and the Sydney to Hobart with Crush Racing on the TP52.



top and bottom left, and facing page: Ona and Pol Rafart
 middle image this page: 29er RFBYC Team, Ona and Pol Rafart with Vas Katsaitis and Zach Sprunt;
 bottom right: Vas Katsaitis and Zach Sprunt



IMAGE © LAURA CARRAU

*Ona & Pol Rafart with
Vas Katsaitis & Zach Sprunt*

29ER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BARCELONA 2022



AT THE BEGINNING of August 2022 the 29er Open World Championship was held in El Balis in Barcelona, Spain.

We experienced two weeks of very hot weather with varied wind strengths and choppy waters. From Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, two boats headed over to compete for Australia. We started off with a one-week training block prior to the regatta. Through this week we sailed in very varied conditions and focused on our congested mark approaches, and big fleet race skills.

During the regatta we experienced very similar conditions throughout the six days where we saw very light winds and sharp

choppy waters. These conditions were very challenging and foreign to what we see in Perth. Our major focus throughout the regatta was to achieve a clear start and maintain speed allowing us to sail through the steep chop easily. This regatta was a great opportunity for us to gain big fleet experience whilst in the process learning lots and meeting new people.

The next big event for the 29ers will be our national titles next January in Lake Macquarie, NSW.



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and The Flying Fifteen 2023 International Championship

As Chairman of the World Championship Organising Committee and on behalf of the global Flying Fifteen sailing community, I would like to thank John Wilson and Endeavour Homes for their cornerstone sponsorship of the 2023 Flying Fifteen Australian and World Championship treasury. This substantial sponsorship underwrites the funding requirements for the event providing a level of financial certainty that enables the Organising Committee to conduct a World class event on the beautiful Indian Ocean offshore the port city of Fremantle. We look forward to providing sailors with a superb sailing program and to extend the best of West Australian hospitality to Flying Fifteen sailors from around the World and across the country in March 2023.

We will shortly publish the Notice of Race on the Flying Fifteen World Championship 2023 website flying15worlds2023.com and start to take entries to this prestigious event.

Regards,
Humphrey Hale
Chairman - Flying Fifteen World Championship
Organising Committee Fremantle 2023



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Fremantle, Western Australia



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CLUB



BEST REGATTA

TEAMS ENTERED	
TEAM NAME	CREW
AIRFRIEGHT - BW8 FLEET	BARRY O'TOOLE / ANDREW GILL / CRAIG KNELL / PERRY ROBSON / MICK HONAN
FLYING FIFTEENS	DAVID YU / GREG LEAVERSUCH / MURRAY JOHNS / STEPHEN HICKS / HUMPHREY HALE
DRAGONS	SANDY ANDERSON / CAROLINE GIBSON / JENNIE FITZHARDING / JACK LYNN
POWER	KEN STEVENSON / JOHN HAY/ STEVE LEWIS / GEOFF WELLS
29ER, LASER, WINDSURFER	ZACHARY SPRUNT / XAVIER BATES / AMY MOORE / ETHANY BATES / GEORGE ELMS
ETCHELLS	DIRK VAN DERSTRUYF / LUKE PATERSON / GREG KERR / TRAVIS KEAY / HARRY COULSEN
DIVISION II	GRAHAM STAFFORD / AAREN KANTHER / RON WEEKES / ALEXANDER BOOTSMA / TONY VLACHOU










2022 CLUB BEST REGATTA

Sunday 14 August (all races to count)
racing for the Tom Worsley Perpetual Trophy

	RACE ONE	RACE TWO	RACE THREE	RACE FOUR	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE
ETCHELLS	1	2	6	2	11	1
BW8	6	5	4	3	18	5
FLYING FIFTEEN	2	1	2	6	11	2
YOUTH (29er/Laser/Windsurfer)	5	3	5	1	14	4
POWER	3	4	1	4	12	3
DIVISION 2	4	6	3	5	18	6
DRAGONS	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	32	7

	3rd place	Power	Ken, Mark, Tim, Jay, John
	2nd	Flying Fifteen	Dave, Greg, Humphrey, Murray, Steve
	1st place	Etchells	Dirk, Harry, Luke, Travis, Greg



having fun with

Peter Chappell
and team



The Cadillac escaped Western Australia to embark on a journey to Sunny Queensland vying for a bit of fun and pride and compete in the regattas of Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island.

the CADILLAC



Having started with an idea some five years ago (not to mention all the interruptions along the way) she finally packed her bags and was loaded on the flats of the semi-trailer. A few clicks later saw her arrive to the tranquillity of Airlie Beach to embark on the trials and tribulations of the tides, whales and not to mention the waiting armada of vessels from the East Coast and beyond.

The crew consisted of Peter Chappell, Skip Lissiman, Matt Smith, Graeme Johnson, Glenn Gaynor, Gianpaolo Crugnale (Gip) and Peter Hood, with off boat preparation by Rowan Chick for works behind the scenes to prepare and organise every bit of detail and



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1969 race programme

**RACE START - SATURDAY
11 FEBRUARY 2023**



If you would like to share some race history with us for the event, you can send images / articles / quotes and stories to offshore@rbyc.asn.au or get in touch with Suzzi at the Club

*images from
Bunbury and Return
race history,
left: Gelasan, 1954;
inset: the start 1948*





support. Will Boulden joined the boat for the Hamilton Island Event.

AIRLIE BEACH: In a spectacular start to the Airlie Beach regatta a record fleet of over 200 yachts started together with a long-split start line racing north on a 10–15 knot SE breeze to Double Cone Island and return. Heading down wind was pretty awesome and we kept up with the larger boats who were a bit surprised to see us there to say the least.

In the end, we finished 2nd in our IRC Division 2 to an Adams 10 – a highly worked over and modified yacht – known as an *IRC Bandit*. They were deserved winners, with the skilled crew putting together some great races.

A shout out to the officials, volunteers and members of Whitsundays Yacht Club for running a fantastic, fun regatta and being so accommodating and helpful.

Conaughy 38's, a mix of 36–42' Performance yachts and a Cape 31.

The majority of courses were windward/leeward around islands battling wind shadows, currents and other boats to navigate. They were always challenging us newcomers!

We had lots of glory though – including often leading our fleet out of the downwind Dent Passage Start starts and being able to come back strongly in the downwind legs after challenging long upwind beats in strong currents and breezes.

In the end we won 'The Super 40' Series but finished second in the IRC Australian Championships in Division 3 to *Team Hollywood* (a Fast 40) with Nick Davis, a fellow West Australian, as tactician. We had a great battle with the well-sailed Cape 31 followed by the McConaughy 38s which took out 4th and 5th.

We were happy with our results – probably 75% of the races were spent slogging upwind often into the current with a 'reasonably sized swell' which didn't suit us or the Cape 31 with our short waterline length and light weight. The very well-sailed *Team Hollywood* were consistently winning on IRC by 5–10 minutes over the 200+ minute races.



The Cadillac ended up rounding the islands first in our division, just behind *Enterprise Generation* and the second monohull only behind some very fast multihulls.

It was a great shakedown regatta as the series saw some light/moderate conditions with a variety of courses – all quite current-affected. Lots of local knowledge was needed and it was an invaluable learning curve.

HAMILTON ISLAND RACE WEEK: We then sailed the 23nm to the amazing Hamilton Island Race Week incorporating Australian IRC Championships. The weather was perfect with sunny skies and winds between 5k and 23k providing intense racing and varying conditions that tested everyone's knowledge and stamina. We were placed in Division 3 together with the Botin 40 *Team Hollywood*, Mc-

As always, *The Cadillac* continues to put 'Fun back into Yachting' – coupled with the normal unexpected (or expected) chaos! Her performance and appearance, attracted considerable curiosity / questions / comments dockside and on the water.

What was also appreciated by everyone was our commitment to come from Perth and race.

With this, the crew not only put in a first-class team effort but we had lots of fun making the adventure well worth the effort. ■

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW CLUB MEMBERS



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

We welcome new applications for membership which can be completed online via the Club website. Applications need to be endorsed by two current members with at least five years of eligible membership. Members who are nominating a person should provide their Club membership number and email address to be included on the application. When the form is submitted online, an email request to verify the application and write a few words in support will be sent to the member.

Further information about completing an application for membership is available on the Club website. Go to rfbyc.asn.au or scan the code.

DATES TO BE AWARE OF:

- Submit completed application forms to the Club by the last Monday of the month.
- General Committee reviews applications on the last Tuesday of the month. Successful applicants are selected into the process of becoming a member.
- Membership applications are placed on the notice board for a period of 26 days (except Juniors).
- Applicants for Ordinary and Reciprocal membership will be invited to attend an interview with the Membership Committee, usually on the second Monday of the following month.
- All membership applications which progress to the final stage of the membership process will be ratified by General Committee on the last Tuesday of the month.
- Applications for Junior membership are not required to go through the selection process and are tabled at the next General Committee meeting for election (last Tuesday of the month).

If you would like assistance with our membership process or have a few questions about the Club activities and benefits of membership please get in touch with Susan, our Membership Coordinator. Use the contact form on our website, phone the Club (9286 8200) or send an email to membership@rfbyc.asn.au.



MEMBERSHIP

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

ORDINARY

Member

Nathan Mortimer
Grant Mortimer
Paul Bennett
Russell Gibbs
Robert Appleyard
Stuart Milne
Justin Royce
Philip Garratt
Russell Stewart
Pippa Freedman
Conor Nicholas
Andy Fethers
Stephen Hicks
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Trevor Buckland
Warwick Crisp
Mark Hohnen
Ben Durham

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Issac Biczó
Flynn Towner

Member

Baden Cameron
Ottillie Bartlett

Member

James Cameron
Fedor Alfimov

MEMBERSHIP NEW CLUB MEMBERS



VALE 2022 PAST CLUB MEMBERS

CONDOLENCES are extended to the families of the following
Members whose recent passing is known to the Club

- James Paton Snr 1928 – 2022, joined in 1944
- Robert Day 1925 – 2022, joined in 1954
- Rodney Dyer 1945 – 2022, joined in 1961
- Denis Cullity 1928 – 2022, joined in 1962
- David Jones 1927 – 2022, joined in 1973
- Leonardo Gallucci 1943 – 2022, joined in 2006
- Steven Reid 1966 – 2022, joined in 2020

TRAVEL GRANTS

INFORMATION

RFBYC Travel Grants are awarded to assist and encourage our members to participate at national and international competitions. The funds are derived from member donations and are awarded to help offset the costs incurred when travelling away. The following members received travel grants between June and September 2022:

APPLICANTS	BOAT/TEAM	EVENT NAME	AMOUNT
IMOGEN BATES	ILCA 4 (LASER)	OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN OPEN & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$300.00
XAVIER BATES	29ER	OCEANIA & AUSTRALIAN OPEN & YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$300.00
GEORGE BOULDEN	MATCH RACING	DBS MARINA CUP, SINGAPORE	\$450.00
ADAM BRENZ-VERCA	MATCH RACING	GOVERNOR'S CUP, USA; DBS MARINA CUP, SINGAPORE	\$900.00
THOMAS COOPER	OPTIMIST	NEW CALEDONIA OPTIMIST CHAMPS; AUSTRALIAN OPTIMIST CHAMPS, NSW	\$750.00
SUSAN GHENT	HOBIE 16	HOBIE 16 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SPAIN	\$700.00
VASSILIS KATAITIS	29ER	29ER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SPAIN	\$450.00
ETHAN PRIETO-LOW	DRAGON/ MATCH RACING	DRAGON GOLD CUP, BELGIUM; DBS MARINA CUP, SINGAPORE	\$900.00
ZACHARY SPRUNT	29ER	29ER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SPAIN	\$450.00
MARCELLO TORRE	MATCH RACING	GOVERNOR'S CUP, USA	\$450.00
			\$5,650.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15 OCTOBER	KEELBOAT & OFF THE BEACH OPENING DAY / FLAG OFFICER'S TROPHY	19 NOVEMBER	ETCHELLS ROB BIRD SERIES - AM RACING
16 OCTOBER	SWAN RIVER RETRO SERIES RACE 1	19 NOVEMBER	BW8 STATE HEATS 3 & 4 - AM RACING
20 OCTOBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE	19 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING
20 OCTOBER	MILES FROM NOWHERE MID WEEK WINTER SERIES PRESENTATIONS	20 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING - PM
22 OCTOBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING	23 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL
23 OCTOBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING	24 NOVEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE
26 OCTOBER	TWILIGHT SAILING	26 NOVEMBER	ROCKINGHAM RACE (DOLPHIN AND GORDON CRAIG RACES)
27 OCTOBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE	26 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING
29 OCTOBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING	27 NOVEMBER	ROCKINGHAM RACE (DOLPHIN AND GORDON CRAIG RACES)
29 OCTOBER	ETCHELLS ROB BIRD SERIES - AM RACING	27 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING
02 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL	30 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL
03 NOVEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE	01 DECEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE
05 NOVEMBER	ETCHELLS SYD CORSER SERIES - AM RACING	03 DECEMBER	ICR REGATTA
05 NOVEMBER	GALACTIC CUP - AM RACING	03 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING - SPECIAL COURSES
05 NOVEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING	04 DECEMBER	ICR REGATTA
05 NOVEMBER	ETCHELLS SYD CORSER SERIES - 1630 START	07 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL
05 NOVEMBER	BW8 STATE HEATS 1 & 2 / GALACTIC CUP - 1630 START	08 DECEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE
06 NOVEMBER	ETCHELLS SYD CORSER SERIES - AM RACING	09 DECEMBER	WASZP/MOTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
06 NOVEMBER	GALACTIC CUP - AM RACING	10 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING
06 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING - PM	10 DECEMBER	WASZP/MOTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - 1630 START
09 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL	11 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING
10 NOVEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE	11 DECEMBER	RETRO SERIES RACE 3
12 NOVEMBER	GOVERNOR'S CUP (RFBYC START, RPYC FINISH)	11 DECEMBER	WASZP/MOTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - 1630 START
12 NOVEMBER	DRAGON WAIDA RACING	14 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL
12 NOVEMBER	FLYING 15 AND CONTENDER TRAINING SESSION	15 DECEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE
13 NOVEMBER	OFF THE BEACH CLUB RACING	17 DECEMBER	ETCHELLS ROB BIRD SERIES - AM RACING
13 NOVEMBER	RETRO SERIES RACE 2	17 DECEMBER	KEELBOAT CLUB RACING
16 NOVEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL	18 DECEMBER	OFF THE BEACH FLEETS CHRISTMAS PACER CHALLENGE
17 NOVEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE	21 DECEMBER	TWILIGHT SAIL
		22 DECEMBER	OATLEY WINES MID WEEK SPRING/ SUMMER SERIES RACE
		31 DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

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Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club



126th Sailing Season



OPENING DAY

Saturday, 15 October 2022

- ★ Junior & Dinghy Racing in the morning
- ★ Parmelia's Ball Challenge Race - St Ayles Skiff
- ★ Official Opening 13:00
- ★ Power Yacht Sail Past and Raft Up
- ★ Keelboat Racing in the afternoon
- ★ Children activities in the afternoon
- ★ Sailing After Party with live music to dance the night away
- ★ Dining options will be available
- ★ Result Presentations 18:30
- ★ Enter the Opening Day Flag Officers' Trophy Race via the Top Yacht 2022-23 Sailing Season Nomination link on the Club's website