

Presidents Report

Hi Windrush sailors. The state titles at J.B.Y.C. were enjoyed by all, even though the wind let us down. The location, and great people made up for it. Congratulations to all the winners and all the sailors who turned up just for a good time. The next state titles are at Carnarvon Yacht Club. For those people who haven't been to Carnarvon, "it's a must".

It's a shame that the winter series will not be run this year. Many of the sailors had other interests this winter. We have been struggling with numbers over the last couple of years. For the series at Coode Street, South Perth. to continue we will need more support.

The 'Notice of Race; for the Nationals at Koombana Bay Sailing Club in Bunbury will be mailed out shortly, thanks to Greg Jennings from Whitords Bay Sailing Club. If you are going to the Nationals, please make sure you have booked accommodation. We are looking for sponsors for the Nationals, if any members can help us, or know any companies that may come to the party, please call me as soon as possible as time is running out!

The Association organised a couple of Windrush 14's for the Sailing Show in early May. Thanks to the people who helped out:- Noel Hardie, Greg Jennings, Robin Holmes, Paul Todd and Brett Burvill for the boats.

The A.G.M. will be in September. Members will be notified soon about date and venue. We do need a couple of new Committee members to share the work around, not that there is much to do if we all help. Talk to a Committee member to enquire how you can assist. I will be stepping down as President, after six years on the Committee. I have enjoyed my three years as President, but now it is time for a change. A good start to the 2004 Season will be a large number of members at the A.G.M. See you there,

*Cliff Rolfe*

# Windrush Wavelengths

Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

## State Championships Report

With the biggest turnout of boats at a states for quite a while all sailors were quite keen to have a practice run in the invitation race on the Easter Good Friday afternoon. In bright sunny conditions and an excellent sea breeze of 12 to 15 knots we all waited at the start line in anticipation of good racing in a mass start (all three classes), but the declared starboard course did not align with the position of the windward mark, and was more suited to a port course, this led to some confusion as to which was the windward mark. So it was a divided fleet that raced what they thought was the correct course. When we finished it was declared a no race. However we all had a good time and some good practice.

The first race was run late on Saturday morning, there was a gusty easterly breeze, Fluky at times, and it died off later too as the cat fleet struggled for wind to finish the windward return leg before the last triangle.

Race 2 was run on Saturday afternoon the sea breeze kicked in at 12 to 15 knots in a lumpy sea. Once you powered up your sail it was quite pleasant with some of our midget sailors getting a hull out of the water.

Race 3 was run back to back with race 2 Saturday afternoon and the conditions were much the same but with slightly flatter water. (bigger gaps between the waves). Sunday morning it was Easter egg time, as I lay in bed and munched on my chocolate goodies. I could here the pita pater of little feet as the children hunted for the Easter eggs that Cliff Rolfe had cleverly hidden around the camp site for the kids to find And squeals of delight were heard as yet another chocolate egg was discovered.

Race 4 started mid morning in a light North easterly breeze, the water was quite choppy, especially near the shore at the leeward mark, and you battled for boat speed to get through it.

On Sunday afternoon there were to be two more races back to back but there was no wind at all, not even a puff, and no sign of a sea breeze which should have arrived mid morning. So the afternoon events were cancelled and all 4 races held so far were to count in the Championship. A big thank you to the starting and rescue boat crews, especially

Carl Wallace and Vicky Thompson for their great effort in starting the races, the courses were perfect and the starts on time. Thank you to the Commodore for his work in making sure everything ran smoothly. The trophy presentation was held Sunday evening at the club house



On the beach at Jervoise Bay Sailing Club



A successful Easter egg hunt

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After a most enjoyable dinner, The winners and place getters were presented with their prizes, the presentation of the John Russell Memorial trophy for the best performance in all the classes produced three winners as the championship winners in each class, Benny Dei Giudici, Rob Thompson and Brett Burvill had won all their races.

Graham Burvill past principal of Windrush Yachts received a bottle of champagne for being the oldest competitor at the states, and he also produced an outstanding performance in taking third place in the super sloop championship, actually being equal second on points but placed third on count back.

During the evening there was a presentation to Tim Hodgson who was made a life member of the Association in appreciation of his work over the years as a committee member. Above and beyond the call of duty.

The junior state title that was to be held on Easter Monday morning had to be cancelled as there was not a breath of wind to run any races, a disappointment for all.

George Barnetson and daughter Anne made a surprise return to sailing, having bought another boat, unfortunately Georges boat sailed like a dog, and just when we had tuned it up we ran out of wind.



Benny Dei Giudici, Brett Burvill and Rob Thompson with the John Russell Memorial trophy



Keith Saw powers through the chop

**Vicky Thompson received the Pink Bunny award for telling Cliff Rolfe to nick off when he sailed over to the start boat to query the course flag before the start of the invitation race**



A highlight of the State titles was the camping area. There were magnificent views of the bay while you cooked a delicious breakfast of bacon and eggs



Invitation race: Jaws Sloop rigged and Happiness Is Super sloop



Ian Culling sailing cat at the States



**Carnarvon YC is to host the State titles to be held in the Easter break 2004 , so mark this on your calendar for an event not to be missed**

# State Titles Results

## Super Sloop Class State Championship Results

SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	HT 1	HT 2	HT 3	HT 4	PTS
6299	RECONSTITUTED	BRETT BURVILL	1	1	1	1	4
6103	UNLEASHED	GREG MAIR	2	5	3	7	17
6262	RUSH	GRAHAM BURVILL	4	2	7	4	17
6234	DOUBLE TIME	FRASER WATSON	5	4	4	5	18
6278	WILDCARD	GREG JENNINGS	7	2	8	2	19
6228	WHITE POINTER 2	TONY SMITH	3	6	2	8	19
6276	HAPPINESS IS	PAUL TODD	6	8	5	6	25
6273	PUSH	ROBIN HOLMES	8	DSQ	6	3	28
6287	XTC	BRETT BASSETT	9	7	9	9	34
6238	HUGHIE TOO	GRAHAM RANKINE	10	9	10	10	39

## Sloop Class State Championship Results

SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER/CREW	HT 1	HT 2	HT 3	HT 4	PTS
6200	BLUESTONE	BENNY DEI GIUDICI/JUSTIN HARPER	1	1	1	1	4
6114	COOL CHANGE	KIM & LIBERTY CRAMER	2	2	2	2	8
6232	INVENTED REASON	CLIFF & KIEREN ROLFE	3	3	3	4	13
6227	PTO	BRENDAN SMITH/JONOTHAN HAM	4	4	4	3	15
6161	YELLOW PERIL	GEORGE & ANNE BARNETSON	5	5	6	5	21
6217	RAVIN	JOHN & AILSA MC KECHNIE	6	6	5	6	21
6252	COYOTE	TREVOR LUNDSTROM/TIM FLYNN	7	7	7	7	28

## Cat Class State Championship Results

SAIL NO	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	HT 1	HT 2	HT 3	HT 4	PTS
6248	STRAWBERRY WAVE	ROB THOMPSON	1	1	1	1	4
6159	WET N WILD	KEVIN MILLIGAN	3	2	2	3	10
6267	BEEZ NEEZ	MALCOLM BUZZA	2	4	4	2	12
6259	JAWS	BRIAN NORWOOD	6	3	3	5	17
6293	WENDY B	KEITH SAW	4	8	6	4	22
6280	GEORGEIOUS	NEOL HARDIE	7	5	5	6	23
6246	CAT FISH	PETER HAWLEY	5	6	8	8	27
6240	WHITE POINTER2	ANDY HARCOURT	8	7	10	9	34
6243	BIG W 11	WARREN CUMMINS	10	9	9	7	35
6173	YEA-HA	MARTYN HEWITT	9	11	12	10	42
6285	BLACK CAT	GREG ARMSTRONG	15	10	7	11	43
6245	SPINDRIFT	IAN CULLING	11	12	11	12	46
6271	WILDTHING	ANTHONY SAW	12	13	13	13	51
3203	TWIN POLE	TRENT ANDERSON	13	14	14	14	55

## Whitfords Bay Sailing Club

# Club Reports

In January we conducted an open day called "Try Cat Sailing", which was advertised in the local community newspaper. The weather was perfect with sunshine and light winds, and resulted in a steady stream of people being taken for a sail on either a Windrush 14 or a Hobie 16. We were happy with the response to our efforts and the interest shown in our sport. It has resulted in one new Windrush 14 joining the club, with the prospect of two other cats for next season. We will try to improve the format and follow up efforts for next year, with two open days during the season.

Since the Xmas, we have lost several race days due to either too much or too little wind. One day while we all waited on the beach with virtually no wind, a storm came through at about 40 knots. While we all sat on the boats to stop them being blown away, we watched our gazebo get blown across the sand hills and disappear from view!

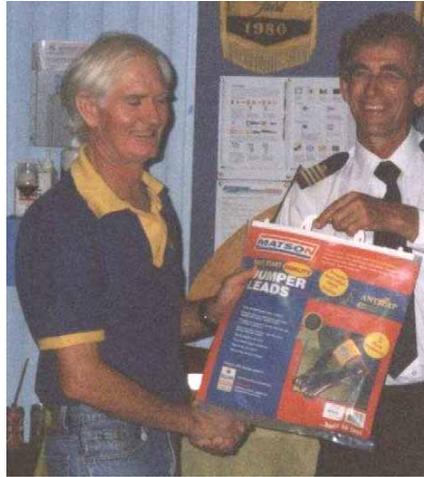
We had also lost a couple of sailing days prior to Xmas, so it has resulted in more intense competition in both the consistency and championship heats, which are sailed as a mixed fleet of Windrush 14 and Hobie 16.

The Club Championship places have all been won by Windrush 14 (Super Sloop). Places are: 1<sup>st</sup> Rob Thompson sailing "Strawberry Wave", 2<sup>nd</sup> Fraser Watson sailing "Double Time", and 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Jennings sailing "Wildcard". The consistency / Handicap series results are not available at this time.

The excellent results by our members at both the last W14 National Championships and State Championships shows the quality of our fleet. Congratulations to Rob Thompson sailing "Strawberry Wave" who has put in a top effort to win both the National and State W14 Cat rigged Championships.

We have all enjoyed this past season, and look forward to seeing everyone again next season.

*Greg Jennings.*



Rob Thompson, WBSC 2003 Champion, National Windrush Cat champion and State Cat Champion accepts his State title prize from the JBYC Commodore.

## Jervoise Bay Y.C.

J.B.Y.C. Like most clubs have finished the 2002-2003 season. We held our A.G.M and elected some new members to the committee.

Bob Lowther is now the Rear Commodore of Sailing, (one of our own Windrush sailors), well done Bob for putting your hand up for the job. There are no other committee changes from last year.

The Windrush State Titles at Easter (by all reports) were a success. The Committee and members that were involved in organizing the event were most impressed with the Windrush sailors and their families.

J.B.Y.C. would like to thank the members from the Shelley Sailing Club for the card that they sent thanking J.B.Y.C. for the State Titles.

The Windrush sailors at J.B.Y.C. will see you all at the Association A.G.M. in September.

*Cliff Rolfe*

## Nedlands Yacht Club

We have had one of those seasons where the powerful sea breezes won out more times than we would like. Some races were held in survival conditions, as would be testified by those who competed in the inter club challenge run at the HMAS Perth regatta in February. With only two finishers.

We welcomed Graham Rankin to our fleet at the start of the season and will a top competitor in the coming racing season. Simon Dado in his second season has shown incredible speed sailing Supersloop but has been slowed down by a heavy weight crew when sailing sloop rigged.

Paul Todd has finally pensioned off his old boat, Happiness is once owned by Bob Kempin and has just bought a pre-owned (ex Tim Hodgson) foam sandwich boat, so we expect great things from him at the Nationals in January 2004.

The Windrush race in a mixed under 4.5 metre fleet at Nedlands. Championship places for the 2002-2003 season were Brian Norwood, Jaws, First, Lindsay Long (Nacra) Second, Paul Todd, Happiness is Third. We recently had our winter luncheon get together at the Pickled Olive restaurant in Mt Hawthorn and a good time was had by all.

*Jaws*



**Congratulations to  
Rob Thompson, from  
the Whitfords Bay  
Sailing Club for  
winning the  
Interclub challenge  
series**

More photos from the Jervoise Bay SC State Titles



**National Windrush Catamaran Championships 2004**

The notice of race for the forthcoming 29th Annual Windrush Nationals Will be posted early in August detailing the schedule of events. The Windrush Nationals will be held at the Koombana Bay Sailing Club in Bunbury commencing the 2nd to the 9th of January 2004. You are advised to secure your accommodation as quickly as possible as this is a popular tourist destination.

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### BRIAN & GLENNIS'S BIG ADVENTURE EPOSODE 3. Conclusion

(Especially written for Rob Thompson's mum). We left you in the last episode with the National Championships finished and with my crew threatening to mutinee if we went home back through the Snowy Mountains, so we headed north toward Sydney along the Princes Highway and turned off at Batemans Bay onto Kings Highway to head inland to Canberra. Again we struck hilly conditions but at least the road was wider, and it was only for a short distance



As we travelled further into the hills we were greeted with a smoke haze loitering in the air and a great expanse of burnt out forest from the disastrous Sydney fires from the weeks before. The once beautiful trees were now blackened skeletal stumps forming the last remnants of the devastation. We finally reached the top of the mountain range and were glad to be traveling on level ground for a change we also left the fire behind us and were greeted with beautiful green scenery.

We reached Braidwood, the halfway point to Canberra for lunch, this place was so historic I almost expected to see a Cob and Co coach traveling down the main street. We looked at the shops and admired the old buildings before going on, wanting to get to Canberra before dark.

Arriving at the outskirts of Canberra on time I headed for Parliament House that stood out like a beacon imbedded in the hill in the distance. I know that from there I could find my bearings to a nice caravan park we had stayed at before. So what did I do on reaching the highway at Parliament House I turned left instead of right and we started going round in circles until I could ricochet ourselves off onto the right road



*The view from the steps of the war memorial*

(a bit like the nasa space craft orbiting the earth to gather momentum to head for mars.) Also our daughter was not very happy with me, following behind us in their car thinking, if she didn't find a little girls room soon she would burst.

We arrived at the holiday village to find the front shrubbery all blackened and massive black rubber burnout marks on the roadway, the manager told us that a few days earlier there was the Annual "Summer Nats" hot rod spectacular and the rodders had a bit of fun. Just as well we weren't early. We pitched camp and had a relaxing swim in the pool as it had got quite hot late in the afternoon. Next morning we packed up and headed to the National War Memorial to pay our respects before heading home. The air was heavy with smog from the bushfires. It took us 4 hours to view the memorial remembrance gallery and the war museum with its artifacts, art, souvenirs from all the wars and the fantastic war time aircraft on display. After lunch we headed out of Canberra onto Hume Highway and headed for Melbourne.

On the trip south we checked out the dog on the tucker box which we found was 9 miles from Gundagi. It was getting dark as we approached the outskirts of Albury and spotted a weird pub copied from the comic book series 'Footrod Flats' by Ken Maynard a policeman who's home town was Albury. We stayed overnight at Albury and early on Saturday morning did a tour of the buildings which faithfully replicated the comic book featuring the Ettamogah pub. Driving on, we had just passed Winton, famous as a race track for the V8 super car circuit when Steves and Annette's

ute which was traveling just in front of us let out a puff of smoke from the gearbox and suddenly the windscreen of

our car was sprayed in oil as their gearbox decided it had had enough. We turned off the highway into Glenrowan which is the heart of Ned Kelly country. While the cars cooled down we looked through the town and toured the museums to see the famous armor that Kelly wore in the famous shootout with the police. There were more original, authentic sets of armor in the museums than we thought possible.



We checked the utes gearbox, the car chassis was covered in oil, and decided that driving on was the only thing to do as the gearbox



*In the main street of Glenrowan*

was locked in gear and would have to be replaced anyway. Well we made it to Our Daughters home in Melbourne and had the gearbox repaired during the week while we toured the points of interest in the City. Leaving Melbourne on the following weekend we traveled the great ocean road from Geelong to Apollo Bay, taking our time to admire the magnificent views, and went on to Port Campbell to see the 12 Apostles before they disappear into oblivion from the powerful force of the pounding ocean waves.



*View from the great ocean road*

Traveling inland we rejoined the Sturt highway at Mildura but too late in the day to visit Mavis Thompson and made our way back across the Nullabor Highway in extreme heat but only one blown tire on the trailer in the whole trip, having traveled 12,000 Kilometers in four weeks. Left Perth the 26th Dec 2001 arrived home 26th Jan 2002.



*Remains of the 12 opostles rock formation*