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Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

SUCCESSFUL STATE TITLES AT NYC

Congratulations to Brett Burvill, Malcolm Buzza, and Benny Dei Giudici for their wins in the State Titles at Nedlands YC over Easter.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings fellow sailors,

I trust everyone has had an enjoyable season. Congratulations on the wonderful participation in the state titles which were held at Nedlands Yacht Club over Easter. We had a total of 28 boats on the water which is a fantastic turn out. Thank you to all the country sailors who made the effort to come from places such as Carnarvon, Geraldton, Busselton and Bunbury. Also to Glennis Norwood and her canteen crew who did a great job feeding the masses over the 3 days. Glennis also organized pretty much anything else that needed to be done over the weekend. Also, thank you to the Nedlands Yacht Club for its great support with the running of the regatta and to John for his superb bar skills! Well done to all the winners and place getters from the series and everyone who participated to make it a success.

It's great to hear that Bunbury and Safety Bay clubs are experiencing an increase in Windrush sailors. Hopefully this bodes well for next season.

Enjoy your winter break and don't forget to pencil in the Nationals which are in Busselton in January 07!

Best Wishes
Andrew Harcourt


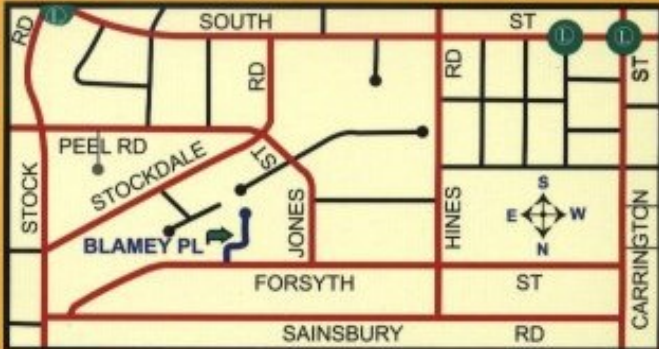
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Sloop Report – State Titles – Nedlands YC

Congratulations to Benny and Brianna (aka 'catch us if you can') for a well sailed series. Despite the fact that we just managed to get a fleet it was a competitive series sailed in good spirits and sportsmanship. Following behind Benny, the rest of us managed to sail a hard fought series for the minor places.

Following is a picture of the series from a crew's point of view:

- The funniest thing on the water was listening to Mr. McKechnie's singing. It made me laugh in a good way.
- The hardest thing was nose diving and going on a reach.
- The coldest part was being on the water.
- The warmest part was having a hot shower.
- The food was great – the best bit was when we had pizza on Saturday night.
- I liked seeing friends again that I hadn't seen since Carnarvon

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Benny and Brianna (foreground)



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STATE TITLES SUPER SLOOPS

What can I say, Brett Burvill was in a class of his own, apart from drifting into the wrong place in Heat 1 he was never headed.

Ryan Duffield, who had been training hard, which included a couple of trips from Bunbury to Neddies to get the feel of the river, sailed into 2nd overall, then sold his boat to Mike Dean, as he had moved onto a 5.8 Nacra. All the best Ryan, but we hope to see you in the Windrush fleet again.

Greg Mair had come to grips with his new sail over the past season and sailed a consistent series.

Brendon Smith also had some moments of glory as he led the fleet around the top mark, only to have an unfortunate capsize soon after on the reach.

Peter Allsop was back into sailing as if he had never left it, going very well on the Sunday when the wind was testing everybody, he was luckier than most to survive the last race, as a number of rivets had broken at the hounds.

Over all a good fleet of competitors in the Super Sloops.

Strawberry Wave.



Brendan Smith



Brett Burvill

STATE TITLES & SPRINKLERS

Having a quite port and coffee on Sunday night after presentations at the Norwood's tent was Greg Mair, Brian, Glennis, Annette Norwood, Viki and myself when strange gurgling noises started and before anybody could open their mouth the sprinkles are up and pumping and did we scatter. Greg put his foot on the nearest one; Brian threw his spare tyre on the one where the Safety Bay boys had been camping. I put my foot on the sprinkler that was within inches of our tent.

Glennis and Annette went and dragged the Boson out of his cottage, luckily he was home, and off he sprinted across to the boat shed, fumbled in the dark and finally found the switch.

Luckily not much damage done, a couple of soggy feet and some damp clothes on an already chilly night. I think it was another Port and we all retired for the night.

Strawberry Wave

Windrush State championships - Cat Fleet

Nedlands YC hosted the Windrush state titles over Easter starting Friday afternoon with the invitation race. Rod Bryant was the race controller for the weekend along with many helpers from various classes from our club and we thank them so much for the time they put in to make sure the regatta was a success. 28 Windrush sailed in the three classes. It was great to have Paul Todd having a break from home building to sail in the states, and Tim Hodgson now a 'tea and bicky' boat sailor making a comeback in the Windrush states in a boat borrowed from Robin Holmes and try to recapture some past glory. My daughter Annette came over from Melbourne to enjoy Easter camping at Nedlands ended up sailing with George Barnetson on Yellow Peril (sloop) for Sunday's races in those rough and cold conditions but said she had a good time back sailing again.

The invitation race was a mass start in a drifter with a vague breeze from the east and not an omen for the series we hoped. We only completed one triangle and drifted downwind to a shortened course finish.

On the start line for the first heat on Saturday morning a fading easterly breeze caused the three fleets to congregate at the windward mark at the start of the second triangle and drift down in a competition with the jelly fish for room on the water, to a shortened course finish.

Heats 2 and 3 were held back to back on Saturday afternoon starting about 1.30 pm luckily the sea breeze had arrived at midday and was steady at 15 knots. I found the biggest problem was the wash from the power boats out enjoying the sunny conditions. I was sailing in the cat class and we rounded the windward mark the first time and headed for what we thought was the wing mark until the rescue boat came roaring up to the mark? with light flashing and making quite a show. I thought it was marine and harbours coming to book us for speeding. We all quickly spotted the correct mark and got back on course, Yee-Ha Martin Hewitt had the jump on us and short cutted to the correct mark and was well in front for the next triangle, but after settling down I gained the lead and was fortunate enough to win the race.

Heat 3 The sea breeze held in and we enjoyed moderate conditions with the wind strength at 15-18 knots but the slop from the power boats making it difficult at times. I was able to use the waves to power into the lead on the downwind leg and held on to win in the cat fleet.

Heats 4 and 5 were held back to back Sunday morning, the weather had changed overnight with light misty rain for just a few moments and overcast conditions as had been forecast and a southerly breeze of 20 -23 knots. The wind was gusty and shifting 15 degrees from south to south west to keep us on our toes. In my case I lost an early lead to shifting winds at the windward leg and fell back to finish third in the cat fleet in heat 4.

It was late morning when we ran heat 5 and the wind had picked up to 23-28 knots and was quite gusty with the waves getting bigger all the time and a few super sloops and sloops managed to fall over at various times during this race. This was a hard race for me and many others as the racing had tired many of us and I was happy to finish in fifth place in the cat fleet.



Malcolm Buzza - Buzz Box

Heat 6 the final race of the series was held at 2.30 in the afternoon and the wind had not let up with strong gusts up to 28 knots but eased off very late in the race. A few boats had decided not to start and again there were capsizes but no damage and everybody was glad to get into a hot shower after a busy weekend.

The presentations in the evening went well and everybody enjoyed the spit roast. Thank you to John McKechnie for manning the bar for the evening. The

few of us who camped at the yacht club really enjoyed themselves and it's a pity more did not take advantage of the facilities and great weather. I know myself it was nice to sit on the clubhouse veranda on Monday morning and having a coffee while admiring the river views.

Brian Norwood (JAWS)

During the presentation dinner Brian Norwood was awarded a plaque to thank him for his dedication to the Windrush class and for services to the Windrush Association over the past 30 years - Thank you Brian. Ed.



WINDRUSH STATE TITLES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

			Heats						Points
SUPER SLOOP									
1st	Brett Burvill	Windrush	6	1	1	1	1	1	5
2nd	Ryan Duffield	Absence of Mind	3	3	3	2	2	2	12
3rd	Rob Thompson	Strawberry Wave	2	4	2	3	6	5	16
4th	Greg Mair	Unleashed	dnf	2	4	6	3	4	19
5th	Peter Allsop	Fantasy	dnf	7	5	4	4	3	23
6th	Robin Holmes	Push	1	8	6	5	ret	6	26
7th	Brendan Smith	PTO	7	6	7	dnc	5	7	32
8th	Greg Jennings	Gusto	8	5	8	7	10	dnc	38
9th	Simon Daddo	Half Moon	4	12	11	8	8	8	39
10th	Jonathan Ham	Pure Insanity	dnf	9	10	10	9	10	48
11th	Tim Hodgson	Eureka 2	11	10	12	9	11	9	50
12th	Paul Todd	Footloose	4	15	9	11	ret	ret	55
13th	Mark Walters	TBA	9	13	14	12	7	dnc	55
14th	John McKechnie	Stark Ravin Mad	10	11	13	13	ret	dnc	63
15th	Doug Hodson	Chardonnay	dnf	14	dnf	dsq	ret	dnc	78
SLOOP									
1st	Ben Dei Giudici & Breanna Cramer	Bluestone	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
2nd	Andrew & Dylan Harcourt	Recon	2	3	2	2	4	ret	13
3rd	Mike & Jasper Dean	Not The Last Hurrah	3	2	4	4	2	4	15
4th	Greg & Mathew Armstrong	Black Cat	4	4	3	5	3	2	16
5th	George Barnetson + Ann & Annette	Yellow Peril	5	5	5	3	5	3	21
CAT									
1st	Malcolm Buzza	Buzz Box	1	2	2	1	1	1	5
2nd	Brian Norwood	Jaws	3	1	1	3	5	5	13
3rd	Peter Hawley	Cat-Fish	2	3	6	4	2	2	13
4th	Tony Smith	White Pointer	6	4	3	2	3	4	16
5th	Noel Hardie	Georgeous	4	5	4	6	4	3	20
6th	Tim Lowther	Wild Thing	dnf	8	5	5	6	7	31
7th	Martyn Hewitt	Yee-Ha	5	6	8	7	8	6	32
8th	Ian Culling	Spindrift	7	7	7	8	7	8	36

STATE TITLES HANDICAP RESULTS**CAT**

1ST	Tony Smith	White Pointer 2
2nd	Noel Hardie	Georgeous
3rd	Ian Culling	Sprindrift

SLOOP

1st	G Barnetson	Yellow Peril
2nd	G Armstrong	Black Cat

SUPER SLOOP

1st	Peter Allsop	Fantasy
2nd	Brendan Smith	PTO
3rd	Greg Mair	Unleashed

INVITATION RACE

1ST	Kim Cramer	SLOOP
2nd	Rob Thompson	CAT
3rd	Greg Armstrong	SUPER SLOOP

STATE TITLES NYC - PINK ELEPHANT AWARDS

After taking care of the Pink Elephant for the past year, Good Friday wasn't looking like I was going to find a likely candidate, not a breath of wind; this meant that the

crew Breanna, and Kim and Liberty Cramer out in front when Benny decided the wing mark looked more inviting than the windward mark, so quietly sailed off into never-never land.

Come Friday night and Tim graciously accepted the Pink Elephant.

Saturday morning was another drifter, after lunch the breeze filled in nicely and everybody got moving except for Doug Hodson who had some trouble tacking near the shore in front of the yacht club and finally had to jump off and save the boat from crashing into the rocks. There were also a couple of capsize but Doug won hands down, so Tim gladly presented Doug with the Elephant.

Sunday, cold wet and windy, luckily the rain blew over, but the wind kept building, boy what a difference a bit of wind makes, by Sunday night we had half a room full of suspects for the award. Numerous capsize, even the race officer got a nomination for not hooking up the hooter.

Paul Todd managed to straddle the wing mark; apparently the wind was quite heated in the vicinity of the mark as Paul had some trouble prising the boat away from the mark. It appeared as if Paul was having an intimate relationship with the wing mark.

But along comes farmer George Barnetson, having worn his first crew



invitation race was not looking good.

Tim Hodgson had arranged to borrow Robin Holmes' spare boat. Tim was getting a bit anxious waiting for Robin to arrive, which he finally did.

Boats were unloaded and Tim was busy stepping the mast, up goes the mast, down goes the mast. Apparently the bridle wasn't connected correctly, something was mumbled about this doesn't happen on "Tea and Biscuits" cruisers.

The Invitation race was a slow affair about one hour to complete the first triangle with Benny Dei-Giudici and



out, daughter Anne, George finally convinced Glennis and Brian Norwood's daughter Annette to sail with him. While they are getting ready the boat blew over on the beach along with a few other boats, but just off shore over she goes again. Finally they sail out to the start, and then manage to attack the start boat, but

George had all this covered. I finally found out why he wears his old blue jeans sailing, because they have deep pockets to carry lots of Easter Eggs to bribe the crew in case of a mutiny.

As I said we had plenty of candidates but George Barnetson won it in a canter, so George look after that Pink Elephant and we will see you both in Carnarvon next Easter

Strawberry Wave

CLUB REPORTS

ORSSC REPORT

After Easter we had a couple of glorious Saturdays for sailing, had nine Windrush on the last day of the season.

James Fitzpatrick who has been crewing on a Hobie 16, purchased Mike Dean’s boat after the States, also Peter Allsop is sailing on a regular basis on his old boat Fantasy which has been kindly loaned to him and will probably be sailing Sloop with his nine year old son Tyson next season.

Presentation night was the 20th May at the club which included all the big boat sailors, three course meal, live band, good crowd, a big night on our sailing calendar.

Rob Thompson was named sailor of the season.

Strawberry Wave



Rob Thompson - ORSSC Sailor of the Year

ORSSC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Boat	Skipper	Points	Place
Strawberry Wave	Rob Thompson	5	1
Push	Robin Holmes	14	2
Gusto	Greg Jennings	15	3 count back
Double Time	Fraser Watson	15	4 count back
The Dogg	Mike O’Neill	21	5
Super Nova	Keith sales	32	6
Fantasy	Peter Allsop	32	7
	Mark Deakin	34	8

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The Dogg	Mike O’Neill	37	1
Supa Nova	Keith Sales	46	2
Double time	Fraser Watson	51	3

Nedlands Yacht Club Windrush Report May 2006

Well this is my last report for the Windrush section this season; I hope you all have had a good time in the season, which seemed all too short. We had a good turn out of Windrush all season with 6-7 boats. Congratulations to Mike and Jasper Dean for coming third in the sloop class at the Windrush State Championship held at Nedlands YC at Easter.

I went to see my oncologist in February and the news wasn't good with the tumors still growing and the cancer spreading further, I guess it's too late to start going to church service on Sundays now.

I must thank the Windrush Assn for the beautiful plaque given to me at the Sunday night presentations for services to the Windrush Assn over the past 30 years. I hope to reflect back on the wonderful time I have had sailing at regattas and Windrush Assn events over these many years in the next newsletter.

Nedlands YC Championship

Congratulations to Robin Holmes sailing Push for winning the club championship for our section for the 2005-2006 season. Simon Dado (half moon) and I (Jaws) tied on points for second but on count back I was placed second and Simon Third.

Our Club Races at NYC

The club handicap race held on the 12th march. was delayed for 30-40 minutes waiting for the sea breeze to arrive. We had our full super sloop rigs on but the wind came in quite strong at the first fleet start and John McKechnie Stark Ravin Mad quickly returned to the beach and took down his jib. and just made it to the start although slightly late. We struggled through some rough water after we started and John powered through the fleet and was second to Robin Holmes around Smith buoy first time. The wind gusts were too strong for me and after a vicious blast of wind at 28-30 knots on the running leg, and having to round up to avoid nose diving I decided to head for the club house. I had lost sight of John who was in front of me and found

out later that he was running down wind when his forestay unclipped itself and in a slow motion action the rig came toppling down and he had to be towed in . The race was won comfortably by Robin Holmes.

Championship race March 19 was delayed a while waiting for some wind, we eventually started with an easterly course in very light winds and we all sailed super sloop (except for Mike and Jasper Dean, sloop) with our jib fitted. Lucky for me the wind didn't get



Simon Daddo - Half Moon

strong enough to need the trapeze. I got a good start on Jaws and pulled away from the fleet, picking up the odd bit of breeze to win from Robin Holmes. The others retired as the light and frustrating conditions made it hard to keep motivated.

We had a strange sort of course on March 26, we used our normal course one for a Southwester but with an east; south east wind blowing and floundering at times, and at other occasions there were good gusts that

allowed you to get on the wire, .with flat water to sail in as well. Soon after starting we had great difficulty getting through the yacht fleet (tea and bicky boats) as the wind just died away and we had to get to windward of the bigger yachts just to keep moving. Robin Holmes sailing Push had lent me a very good trapeze harness that allowed me to get on the wire without it catching my stomach and I really enjoyed the few times we were able to get on the wire during the race. Robin and I swapped the lead 2 to 3 times each lap and was eventually won by Robin Holmes from a fast finishing John McKechnie. The competition was too much for me and I withdrew with one triangle to go after getting very tired.

We removed our jibs for the race on April 2 as the wind freshened just before the start. We had a visitor from Bunbury, Ryan Duffield sailing su-

per sloop who sailed with his jib on. John McKechnie on Stark Ravin Mad and myself on Jaws were super sloop with no jib, I started well and had a battle with Ryan Duffield until I found I hadn't checked my trapeze harness properly when fitting it and it came loose during the first leg as the wind increased and dug into my stomach, as I tired John McKechnie came through for second and Mike Dean with Jasper sailing Not The Last Hurrah came through for third. But I finished fourth and was thankful for that.

Picnic day April 9 looked like it was going to be a good day for sailing but the sea breeze picked up and at 25 knots our section didn't sail.

JAWS

SLOOP CLASS RE:- 120KG CREW WEIGHT

It was brought to my attention during the State Titles, recently conducted at NYC, that if you have an overweight boat and under weight crew combination, then you are adding weight to an all ready heavy boat.

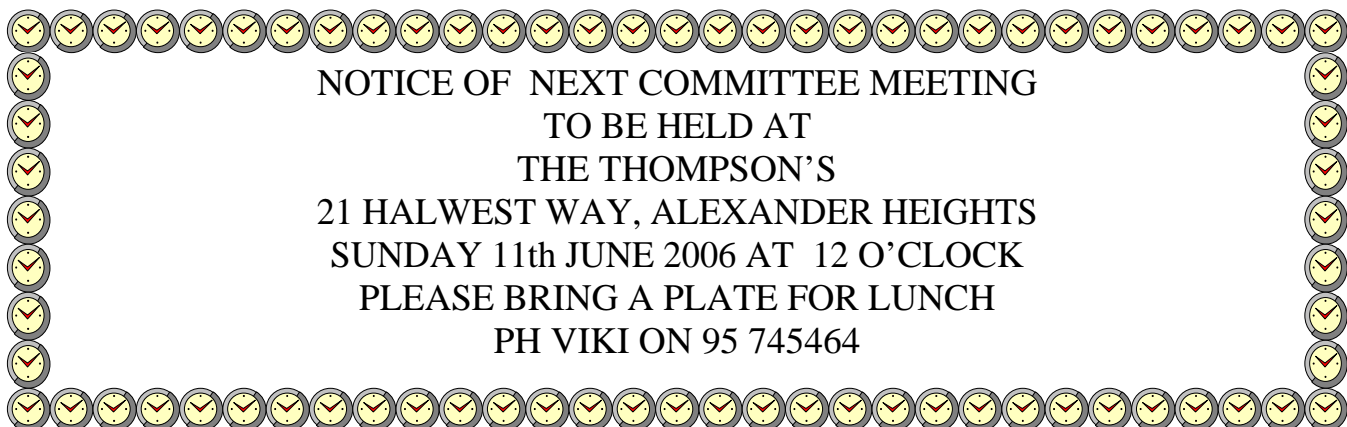
The thought was to include the boat weight. In the calculation. ie 120 kg crew plus 77.1 kg boat weight, which is 197.1kg.

Therefore if you have 110kg crew on a 90 kg boat, total weight 200 kg.

So you end up being 3kg over, which is fine, but with the current system you would have to add 10kg to the already heavy boat.

The matter will be discussed at the next committee meeting in June 2006 so if anybody has an opinion on this issue could they please contact myself or a committee member before June.

Editor



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