

August 2008



Windrush Wavelengths

Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

President's Report August 2008

Last season's State Titles held at Jervoise Bay Sailing Club were such a success. The Association Executive is trying to match that for the 2008/2009 sailing season. At our last meeting there was a long discussion over the format of the State Titles for 2009. The proposal put forward by Benny Dei Guidici at the last AGM will require some refinement and the committee is seeking comment by members so that we can make informed decisions at our next meeting which will take place at Rob Thompson's place in West Toodyay on the weekend of 13th and 14th of September.

We had approached Koombana Bay Sailing Club to host the State Titles but they have such a heavy commitment during 2009 that they are unable to assist us. A further approach is being made to Geographic Bay Sailing Club.

Benny Dei Guidici's proposal was that all the races for Sloop and Cats be sailed on Easter Saturday and all the races for Super Sloop be sailed on Easter Sunday. One of the problems with this proposal is that if the weather is bad on one of those days there could be no results for those classes sailed on that day. It also increases the work load for the organisers as they would have to be on the water for at least 9 races over the regatta.

It would also be harder to cater meals if people did not turn up for social events on a particular day because they had no races to sail.

Perhaps it would be better to stick to the format that we had for the 2008 State titles. Another suggestion was to have all the Sloop races on Good Friday and then hold races for Super Sloop and Cat classes over the Saturday and Sunday. Once again, this would increase the work load for the organisers.

If you have any thoughts on the ideas presented above, please contact one of the committee members and communicate your views. We need to know what you think before the weekend of 13th and 14th of September.

Sadly there will be no National Championships for 2009. Clubs sailing Windrush are in a serious decline in the Eastern States and there is no interest from any group to organise a regatta for 2009. The next National Championships will probably be held in 2010 in Western Australia. There is a suggestion that we should go American and call them the Windrush World Championships.

Keith Saw.

"Wendy B"

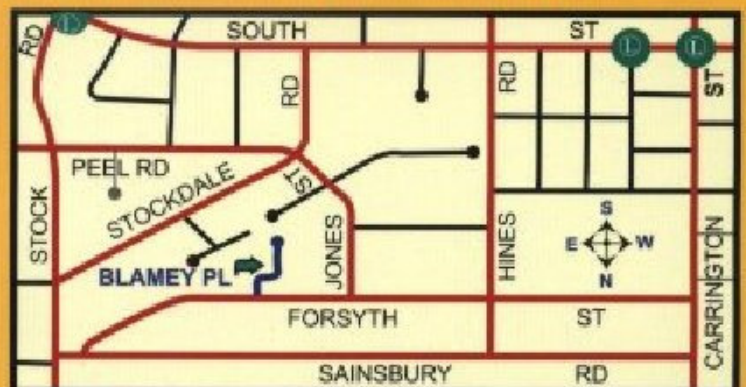
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COMING EVENTS

CAT CLASSIC 2008
 NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB
 SUNDAY 28TH – MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2008

WINDRUSH NATIONAL TITLES 2009
 CANCELLED DUE TO NO VICTORIAN WINDRUSH ASSOCIATION

WINDRUSH STATE TITLES
 BUSSELTON YACHT CLUB
 EASTER 2009



The Surfer who should have become a Windrush sailor

2008 BATAVIA REGATTA GYC

A couple of weeks before the long weekend Viki and I along with her mother Helen decided to make the trip to Geraldton, so I jumped on the phone and rang the Caravan Park their reply was “sorry booked out for weeks”, so I rang the Tourist Bureau they had one place left five minutes from the CBD. This time the GPS (U TURN) took us to the front door. The place was a bit shabby on the outside but totally rejuvenate on the inside. It had every thing needed for a great weekend and beautiful décor. So if any one wants the address, just phone, would recommend the place to anyone.

Saturday morning headed down to the yacht club, it was a warm sunny day, light north westerly, while back in Perth the South West was being hammered with wild weather.

Nine Hobie's from NYC and all the Nacra's from Bunbury had already rigged-up, along with Ryan Duffield and his crew Andrew Pope on the F18.

There was also Quin Plozza and his father Jim from Dongara with two Windrush, one had just been purchased in Geraldton that morning and the other boat was Greg Oldens. After a bit of tweaking they finally got both boats together.

Picked up our sailing instructions and was blown away on seeing the nine courses for the race officer to to play with, luckily he liked the up wind down wind course. By 1pm the wind had filled in maybe 15-18 knots, the down side was the swell was up, but it is Geraldton.

All the Cats started together followed by the Monos, with the H16's having a fleet, they got a separate set of of results. The other point of interest was all the finishes were down wind. In Heat 1 Ryan and his crew Andrew had a big lead coming down to the finish only to have his crew washed over board, Andrew managed to hang onto a rope for about 50 Meters, before the water pressure forced him to let go, so Ryan had to get the kite down before he could go back and pick-up Andrew and still finished 1st.

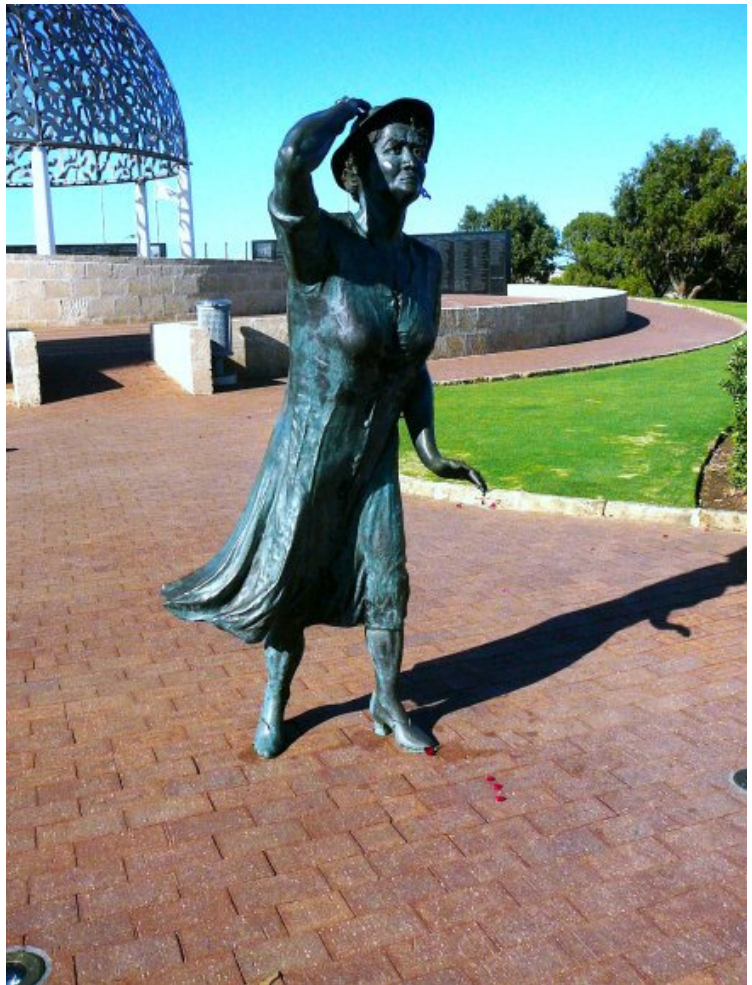
Ryan and Andrew went on to finish 1st in all 3 races on Saturday.

Sunday morning was bright and sunny with not a murmur of breeze and not much of a forecast for the day. But by 9.30 some ripples were appearing out on the millpond, took over 30 minutes to drift out into the start area and racing “drifting” got under way about 10.30.

Strawberry Wave actually drifted better than most beating the F18's home once and finishing at the pointy end in all three races.

Race 6 turned out to be very short as a Thunder storm had been building in the North East, so the race committee hoisted the Shortened course flag just in time as we were running down wind towards the leeward mark for the first time, only to be headed by a new breeze which quickly turned into 20 knots of squally wind and rain. So the last 100 meters was hard on the wind and a couple of tacks to get across the line.

The trip back to the YC was going to be exciting as the squally wind had come from the North, so with a broad reach home, flat water, traveller right out, rudder up and the main strapped down. I was flying along having a great time. I thought I was going flat out until Goose Marine (Gary Gornall) on his F18 went by, 2 out on the wire with the kite up, but not for long as it went end over end, quite specky until hitting the water with a loud thud. Anyway I went a bit easier after that, as there was plenty of room on the beach I wasn't about to try and stop and back onto the beach, so just pulled up the rudder and kept going, almost cleaning up Viki on the beach, but didn't have to carry the boat far to the trailer.



Cont-BATAVIA REGATTA 2008

Quickly packed the boat up in the wild weather and headed for home, both of us ringing wet. Hot showers were the order of the day.

Headed back to the YC for a three course meal and Presentations.

Carl Wallace dropped in for the meal on route to Mt Magnet to do some gold prospecting. Was good to see Carl up and about again.

Ryan Duffield with crew Andrew took off 1st place in the mixed fleet and Darren Smith with local Windrush sailor Liam Standen-Ridgley took out 1st place in the Hobie 16 fleet.

Strawberry Wave

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WINTER SAILING (Courtesy Ryan Duffield)

While the winter months are normally reserved for warmer indoor pastimes, there are a few Die-Hards who continue sailing. (Sometimes against our better judgment)

A great way to start this winter off was the Batavia Regatta on the June long weekend hosted by Geraldton Yacht Club. The water wasn't too bad and the winds were there....mostly.

After reacquainting ones-self with the steamer/dry-suit etc, racing at Nedlands was on the agenda. Nedlands continue to run their once-a-month winter program this year with a fleet of Hobie 16s and another of Tornados and F18. A total of 5 races on the Swan River over the winter period. (Sundays) Courses either decided of made up on the day.

Fremantle Sailing Club held an 8 race series over 4 Saturdays, each a month apart and following the weekend after the Nedlands series. This enabled many to participate in both. Big fleets of lasers and optimists as well as 29er, 420 and 470 kept you on the lookout on a very busy race course. So far the Hobie 16s and various Nacra and F18 have been racing. Laid marks, cats completing an outside sausage lap, followed by an inside/smaller triangle with a common bottom mark for all fleets. The bigger sausage leg helped keep the smaller boats out of harms way (for a brief period anyway, over 50 boats on the course) many juniors enjoying watching the cats zip around them (converts maybe?)This is definitely a series to lock in for next year.

With these two clubs organizing some good, fun racing, there is enough to keep your skills in check for the following season and for the upcoming Cat Classic at Nedlands Yacht Club!

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Our new President Keith Saw & wife Wendy enjoying them selves at the State Title presentations JBSC 2008

WINDRUSH CATAMARAN ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN

Minutes of the general meeting held on the 26th May 2008 at 14 Ronsard place

Yangebup.WA 6164

Opening 7.40pm

Present Keith Saw (President), Rob Thompson, Viki Thompson, Malcolm Buzza, Martin Hewitt, Bob Lowther

Apologies Paul Todd

Previous Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of 26th Nov 2007 and 27th January 2008 be accepted as a true and accurate record and that the chairperson be authorised to sign them.

Moved: Bob Lowther Seconded: Rob **Thompson**

Business Arising

Bank account signatories officially stand as Glennis Norwood and Rob Thompson however forms were signed and Glennis Norwood (retired) to be removed from list.

Correspondence In

Yachting WA	Details of State Champions	Form to be completed, Ryan Duffield, S.Sloop Malcolm Buzza, Cat
JBSC	Discrepancy over monies paid Hosting 2008 State Titles (\$362.50) Acceptance as per Minutes Payment approved	

Correspondence In

JBSC	Letter of thanks for hosting State Title
SailPower Marine	Letter of thanks for sponsorship of State Titles 2008
Solarhart	Letter of thanks for sponsorship of State Titles 2008
KBSC	Letter requesting possibility of hosting State Titles 2009 over Easter holiday

Treasurer's Report

Statement attached

Current Balance Bankwest	\$6602.06
Esanda	\$3311.01
Un-presented Cheques	\$ 611.50

Accepted and Moved M. Buzza Seconded M Hewitt

Accounts Approved for Payment

Wavelengths and Funeral Notice	\$165.40
JBSC Account as per notification	\$362.50

Accounts were to be paid with Rob Thompson and Glennis Norwood signatories until new signatories were authorized at bank.

Registrar's Report Current Financials Members 47

Club Reports There were no reports as all Clubs in Winter Mode

YAWA Delegates Report No Report

Wavelengths The next issue planned for 15.09.2008
Reports at present NIL

Nationals There are to be no National Titles 2009
Next Nationals 2010 West Australia

States It was noted that Koombana Bay SC had a heavy commitment during 2009 and were unable to assist with the State Titles 2009. Ref to General Business

Class promotion Fliers still available from Paul Todd

General Business Letter to Geographe Bay Sailing Club, Busselton. Requesting they hold State Titles 2009
Letter to all Association Clubs and YWA notifying of Office Bearer changes.

There was long discussion over the format of the State Titles, notwithstanding Fleets, courses, fleet numbers, social events and involved workloads. The proposal and unanimous vote in favour at the AGM (minutes attached) may require refinement in hindsight and perhaps a postal ballot/vote will be necessary.

Minutes of meetings are to be forwarded to all membership either separately or attached to Wavelengths if timely. Next Meeting 13th or 21 August 2008 at 144 Malkup Brook Road, West Toodyay.

Closure 9.20pm

Chairperson Keith Saw Dated 26.05.2008



**ALINTA WIND FARM AT WALKAWAY JUST SOUTH OF
GERALDTON**

TORNADO TUNING FOR THE BEIJING OLYMPICS

Last week, Dutch Team Zwitserleven Booth/Nieuwenhuis revealed its revolutionary sail for the Olympic competition in China. Because of the expected light winds in Qingdao, the Tornado duo focused on

developing a special gennaker.

It is a lot flatter and smaller than the regular gennakers used on the Tornado. That allows the team to use this sail upwind in anything under 12 knots, something which is impossible with the traditional gennaker. Mitch Booth and Pim Nieuwenhuis believe that this will give them a big edge over the other competitors in the predominant light breezes of Qingdao.

'This afternoon, we were able to show its potential for the first time', said helmsman Mitch Booth on Monday evening.



'The Dutch with their secret weapon - 2008 Qingdao Pre-Olympics' [Team Zwitserleven](#)



CAT CLASSIC 2008

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE 2008 HOBIE CAT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA CATAMARAN CLASSIC

NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB
28 September – 29 September 2008

Venue & Dates

The Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia invites all sailors of under 6.8m catamarans to sail in the annual Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia Catamaran Classic at the Nedlands Yacht Club, on Sunday September 28th and Monday September 29th 2008.

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Hobie Cat Association of W.A. (Organizer), in conjunction with the Nedlands Yacht Club.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF, and the class rules of the yachts entered (except those altered by the sailing instructions).

Advertising

The regatta is classified as Category "C" event, excluding rule 79. All individual advertising carried by yachts shall be lodged for approval at time of registration. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all catamarans under 6.8m.

Entries

Entries will be accepted on the September 30th and October 1st at the Nedlands Yacht Club between 8.30 and 9.30am.

Fees

Registration fees are non-refundable and are to be paid at time of entry.

Two-person yacht: \$50.00

One-person yacht: \$45.00

Late registration fees will be accepted at the cost of \$10.00 per race sailed.

CAT CLASSIC 2008

SCHEDULE OF RACE:

Sunday September 28th

Heat 1 Not before 10.30am

Heat 2 & 3 TBA on Day

Monday September 29th

Heat 4 Start not before 10am

Heat 5 Back to back

SCORING SYSTEM:

The low point system, Appendix A.2 will apply. This is to be decided on a yardstick basis (VYC).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The sailing instructions will be made available at registration.

PRIZES:

1st, 2nd & 3rd will be presented based on yardstick results.

There will also be raffle prizes.

SOCIAL LIFE:

The Hobie Cat Association will be organising Sausage Sizzle lunches for both Sunday and during Presentations on Monday.

REGATTA INFORMATION:

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