

# Windrush Wavelengths

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#### Windrush State Championships 2016 at Safety Bay Yacht Club



## Welcome to the January 2016 edition of Windrush

Wavelengths.



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#### 1.0 FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for all the input for this edition of Wavelengths. There is a lot going on in not only the Windrush Association and clubs, but also the Catamaran community as well.

Team Windrush competed in and won the Australian F18 Championships in Sydney, with Windrush sailor Simon Ellis also a first time entrant, well done Simon.

It was great to see a big fleet in the State championship sloop class and great sportsmanship displayed resolving the results.

We have a great breadth of WA Clubs now representing the Windrush Class from the southern coast, the South West, to the Metropolitan clubs and then the Mid Coast and towards the North.

Congratulations to new Association President Anthony Saw. May we fully back him as we continue to show others how great fun and affordable the Windrush is.

A big thanks to Rob Thompson for passing on the President's role, your input has allowed the association to continue to be a great community to be part of. Also thanks and appreciation to those who have served on the committee and those taking up new roles

And a little announcement of upcoming nuptials of the Wavelengths editor. The soon to be big day will no doubt have a nautical theme



Pete Robinson 'Rumour Has It'

#### 2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The State Championships held at the Safety Bay Yacht Club was a successful event, with sailors from the river as well as our regular travelling attendees from Carnarvon, Dongara and Albany. My intension for the week long titles was solely to get more kids out on boats. The future of the class. The sloops were out in force this year with some young and new to sailing crews. The young sailors from safety bay were very excited to be out on the water and haven't stopped talking about it.

The Young lads from Shelley sailed exceptionally well and we hope to see them out in front some more. There is also talk around the club of two young sailors teaming up on a Windrush once dad can find one to buy. This is great to hear! This is how Tim Lowther and I started sailing Windrush..

Each class was represented with great sailors which made the racing exciting and unpredictable. The weather was similar with untypical wind directions and speed. The event had storms, mill ponds, rain and sunshine, which left the locals with no advantage.

There were several entries this year for the pink elephant with Lenny, Jeanette, Mark and Rob Smith looking after Her/Him. From my collection I don't think there were anyone else. Oh! Wait.. I think I saw Ellie Jenner being eaten by my dog out the back after Ashlyn had finished playing with it. I promise Ellie will be making an appearance at the 2017 State Championship in Carnarvon.

I urge everyone to try their best to make this event. Carnarvon put on a great show and even better food. With free camping at the club there's no reason why you can't make it and just as a reminder, there is a Windrush Association trailer available which can carry 5 boats. Let me know if you're interested.

Further development of the class was voted on at the AGM to include a crew on trapeze when sailing with a spinnaker kit. I think this will be a great hit with the kids and I'm excited to see what the difference will be against the other classes.

Safety Bay Yacht Club has been quiet on the Windrush front, with a few of our sailors out with injury and/or Work commitments. However we have a new fleet of Sabres which has moved over from TCYC, which have filled our waters with sails. The club championships are half way gone with Father and Son battling for 1st, hopefully I can pull up trumps.

That's all from me at this stage and I hope to see you all at the Dongara Regatta at Easter time.

Anthony Saw 'Wendy B'

#### 3.0 WINDRUSH FACTORY

#### 3.1 Windrush Edge F18 takes national sailing championship

The Perth based sailing team of Brett Burvill and Ryan Duffield has taken the overall victory in the largest ever Australian F18 national title held to date.

In a victory for Aussie ingenuity and determination, Burvill, who owns Windrush Yachts, a small boat building company in O'Connor in Western Australia, has taken on many of the world's major catamaran manufacturers in an Australian championship on Sydney harbour over the Australia day long weekend and come out on top. The F18 class is the largest and one of the most competitive Catamaran classes in the world right now with world titles allowing up to 200 teams attend from around the globe. For the Australian championship held last week in Sydney Harbour there were 41 teams coming from Qld, NSW, VIC, TAS, SA, and WA in attendance along with internationals sailors from the USA and Hong Kong.

The Windrush Edge is a unique design with some stand out features, its transom shape and spray chines being the most obvious but below the skin is where the detail lies and the construction of the boats gives them supreme stiffness to transfer all the sails power into forward motion.

Aside from winning the 2016 title one of the most satisfying results for the Windrush Edge was the win in the people choice award online conducted by the Australian F18 association on their face book page. "As one of the smaller manufacturers involved with the class we really pride ourselves on our construction quality and to have our fellow F18 sailors recognise that by voting the Edge as most likely to win the championship in the on line poll, against the might of some of the biggest catamaran builders in the world speaks well for us " Burvill said . With just 8 Edges built to date and more now on order it is amazing the results that have been achieved, National F18 titles have been won by the Edge in the UK, Belgium, Italy and now Australia with second places achieved in Germany the UK and Australia previously as well.

The next Australian F18 championship will be held in Victoria over the Australia day period of 2017 before the event comes to Western Australia for the first time in 2018.

#### Windrush Yachts is a small family business based in O'Connor, Western Australia.

Windrush built over 9000 recreational catamarans during the 1970'and 80's and then turned to performance boats and motorsport products to keep the company in work after the downturn in recreational beach catamaran sailing in the late 1980's. Windrush yachts developed the first successful course racing hydrofoil sailboat for the 2000 Moth world titles at MBSC in Perth , a boat that now hangs above Australia II in the Maritime Museum . In 2002 Windrush built "Spitfire"a 12metre , twin masted , hydrofoil catamaran which could sail at twice the wind speed in and above the open seas off the Fremantle coastline. 2007 Windrush returned to building the Tornado catamaran with success against the major builders and many world title podiums with a best result of 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2014 world titles. 2009/ 2010 the F18 Edge was conceived and first boats built, 4 boats have been exported to Europe to date with more orders being prepared for shipping currently.

#### 3.2 My view from the Western Edge – Brett Burvill

A quick look back of my last week and a few days makes me feel positive that investing in this class was the way to go. I always had the feeling with the F18 class that it was for the people, very open and inviting, social and sharing.

9 days away, 8200km driven, 87 hrs driving, 44 deg C maximum temperature on the drive, 6 boats in 1 big trailer to Sydney and 4 boats returning back home, 11 races, 5 wins for the Edge and a final gap of just 3 points to second place after all the races were run. Its been hectic.

Ryan Duffield and I have had a good run at recent years events along with stand in crew ( super Sub) Lachie Gibson we have had 3 second place finishes in the last 3 titles all with virtually no preparation , all were very close on points, was this going to be our year?? We had hoped to be ready well I advance get tuned up and ready well ahead of time , leave nothing to chance but as usual for me business and customers came first and we were assembling the boat for the first time just 8 days before we loaded it in the trailer for the 4100 km journey to the event. A new Edge , a new suit of sails we had never used before , a new mast section we had never rigged before and a bunch of doubts in our mind. Should we just take the C2 rig that we had used in the past and knew was fast on the Edge, should we go with the other sails that we knew more about?? All these things in the back of your mind but after just 1 brief sail on the boat the Saturday a week before we packed we to leave we felt a lot more at ease, ready to take on the best with what we had. When we had a customer test sail the boat the next day and he wouldn't leave the club that night till we had made a deal to buy one , that's life on the Edge we would joke , I felt more confident it would all work out.

It's easy just drive over, set up the boat, relax, sail a consistent regatta, don't take to many chances I told myself. (Probably out load by accident a few times too I think). It will be what it is and we will have done our best at the end. Luckily this year our best was a victory in a tight fleet with a final margin of just 3 points so there is a new bridesmaid and I don't have to think about that movie – 48 dresses where the woman is always the bridesmaid and never the bride - for now anyway.

We found our new Edge to be really fast in light air upwind and down and when the breeze got up on day two I don't think anyone could touch us down wind, it was just superb. The race officer did his best to get us away in challenging conditions which included rain, drifting, fresh conditions with big gusts and then just a few days of nice light breezes. The event was actually quite uneventful for us we just kept our heads down and did our thing. The unfortunate Sun Industries Edge team from WA had drama on the strong wind day, leading around the top mark in the first race they managed to sail over their spinnaker when they had the halyard tangled in the rigging somehow and snapped the pole. They returned to shore and fitted a spare we had taken "just in case "and were back to re commence battle for the third race. When they rounded the bottom mark in about 6th place after lap 1 of the 4 lap race they flew a hull really high on the rounding and decided to go directly into a tack to get clear air, unfortunately with the boards up about 600 mm the hull dropped violently to the water in the tack and the inertia took the board down and pulled the rope handle through the rubber at the top of the case, unnoticed they continued but the case soon gave way with about 1800mm of high aspect foil now below the hull . Apparently the cracking and tearing sound was unbearable as it destroyed the bottom of the boat and centrecase. The boat was towed ashore partly sunk and will live to fight again soon. It was only earlier that day we had been discussing perhaps fitting a bead to the rope handle to stop this exact situation ever becoming a reality. Other F18's sailors should also look out for the same potential

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issue and a simple bead tied next to the head of the boards on the rope handles could prevent another situation like this occurring to another team.

To summarise, we had a great event on the back of no training or preparation showing the Windrush Edge F18 to be quick on all courses in all breezes. It feels like a win against the odds but when we look at the poll that was taken on the Australian F18 face book site it was really satisfying to see the Windrush Edge and the C2 battling it out for the social media pick of a winner, just as it was on the course this year again. We have just 8 Edges out racing around the world currently but with the design winning national titles in the UK, Belgium, Italy and now Australia we must have something right. The boats are built to order and are basically bespoke to the customers' requirements. I love building them and I love competing with them and now we have more on order to race against as soon as they are completed.

Thanks to the Australian F18 association for their efforts to run an event in such an iconic location as Sydney Harbour, it was challenging and possibly one of the hardest places I have been to race. Now if I go back to the harbour again at least I will have this event in my head to consider as local knowledge.







Pos	Skipper	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	Tot
1	Brett Burvill	2	1	1	3	1	x5	5	1	1	2	x8	17
2	Daniel van Kerckhof	1	5	x10	1	2	1	1	x8	2	1	6	20
3	Stephen Medwell	3	9	8	4	x10	2	4	x12	5	4	7	46
4	Steve Brewin	-OCS	4	2	6	6	16	6	13	3	-bfd	1	57
5	Greg Wyers	x11	10	7	5	7	3	x12	6	4	9	11	62
6	Mick Guinea	9	2	5	8	4	12	3	x26	x14	10	13	66
7	Shaun Connor	5	8	13	x14	13	11	x30	9	6	11	10	86
8	Chris Boag	14	3	19	x25	xdns	14	8	3	8	3	17	89
9	Christopher Williams	12	x28	9	x22	14	17	17	4	12	18	19	122
10	Trevor Lowder	x22	6	3	7	8	17	16	14	x29	6	20	97

#### 3.3 Windrush sailor mixes it with the big cats

Windrush sailor Simon Ellis made a debut at the F18, making some good mid field finishes amongst 40 boats who are the best F18 sailors in Australia. Well Done Simon !!!!



#### WINDRUSH 2016 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 4.0

#### 4.1 **Overall Results**

#### Invitation Race

6417	Windrush	sloop	Ryan Duffield	Erica Duffield	1
6400	Bluestone	Sloop	Benny Dei Giudici	Angus Graham	2
6368	Emily Jean	CAT	Keith Saw		3

#### Sloop

#### Championship

•	1				
6417	Windrush	Sloop	Ryan Duffield	Erica Duffield	1
6400	Bluestone	Sloop	Benny Dei Giudici	Angus Graham	2
6263	No Remorse	Sloop Kite	Dion Alston	Baily Alston	3
Handic	Handicap				
6367	Wendy B	Sloop	Anthony Saw	Nikki Giadresco	1
6388	Kat Ya L8r	Sloop Kite	Simon Ellis	Ewan Graham	2
6404	Mr Plow	Sloop	Ben Gallagher	Luke Gallagher	3

#### <u>CAT</u>

#### Championship

6390	Strawberry Wave	CAT	Rob Thompson	1
6368	Emily Jean	CAT	Keith Saw	2
6369	Moment of Madness	CAT	Alec Duncan	3
Handicap				
6414	Tacktical Response	CAT	Rob Smith	1
6282	Wreckless Cat	CAT	Stephen Gallagher	2
6405	Game On	CAT	Mark Dawson	3

#### Super Sloop

Championship

6417	Windrush	SS	Ryan Duffield	1
6390	Strawberry Wave	SS	Rob Thompson	2
6399	Ramshackle	SS	Justin Bellanger	3
Handicap				

	1			
6398	Chardonnay	SS	Roger Thurecht	1
6414	Tacktical Response	SS	Rob Smith	2
6404	Mr Plow	SS	Ben Gallagher	3

#### 4.2 Pink Elephant

Contenders:

1. Lenny Holbrook: won for ordering a rum & coke from the bar and not noticing he was given Johnny Walker & Coke instead.



2. Lenny & Janette: won for starting Race 1 with the Cat class and not realising it wasn't their start. (Nice photo bomb from Rob Smith)



3, Jeanette Kinsey: Won for basically just doing what a Principle Race Officer should do.



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4. Rob Smith: Rob won for taking a swim to cool down and his boat sailed off without him.



#### The Winner

The winner of Elly Jenner the pink elephant award for the 2016 WCAWA - Windrush 14 State Championships, Anthony Saw (pictured here with his dad Keith).

Anthony won Elly for being in front for the last race on Saturday, getting to the top mark and then not being able to remember if it was a port or starboard rounding.

He stopped and waited for Roger Thurecht who was in second place to see which way he went round.

Lucky Anth gets to keep Elly for a year until the next state championships in Carnarvon 2017.



Regards

Jeanette Kinsey

#### 4.3 State Championship Sloop Resolution

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your input and thoughts. Secondly I would also like to apologise on the behalf of Both Safety Bay Yacht Club and the Association for you having to do so.

The outcome of this has been resolved amicably by all parties involved and a lesson has been learnt for future events. Unfortunately mistakes have been made and we have now been left to fix the issue after the event. Please note that this only affects the Sloop Class.

The purpose of the weeklong series with the separation of classes was to get more kids on boats and go forward on developing the class and association. In saying this, the parties involved have agreed to leave all trophies to whom they were given on Saturday night in order to encourage the younger generations to continue their involvement in the sport. However the Championship results will be resubmitted to reflect the correct standings. I congratulate all sailors in each class as there was some close and fierce racing throughout the series.

The current committee will commit to reviewing all documentation and keep in track with the current rules and by the YWA rules committee.

Let this not diminish the great week had by all and the enjoyment we all have with the sport and class. As said previously we can all use an extra understanding and an educated view on things every once in a while, it's how we grow and better ourselves.

I would like to thank the parties directly involved for their understanding and sportsmanship throughout this process and look forward to seeing you all out on the water once again.

Fair Winds

Anthony Saw

### 5.0 AGM

#### Windrush Catamaran Association of Western Australia

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 at Safety Bay Yacht Club, Safety Bay

Opening: 01:10pm

#### Present:

Robert Thompson, Cherie Saw, Simon Ellis, Anthony Saw, Ben Dei Giudici, Mark Dawson, Paul Todd, Robin Holmes, Dion Alston, Lenny Holbrook, Janette McDaid, Troy Hobbs, Vicki Thompson, Jon Abbott, Mike Shellabear, Alec Duncan, Jeanette Kinsey, Wendy Saw, Baily Alston, Rob Smith, Ryan Duffield (Request for Paul Waters to be added to WCAWA).

Apologies:

Quinn Plozza, Justin Bellanger, Mark Heyink, Malcolm Buzza, Kim and Derrin Cramer, Helen Minards. Business Arising:

• Sloop weight issue has been dealt with, no need to discuss.

#### Previous Minutes

- Dion Alston: incorrect location recorded on previous minutes. AGM was held at the rifle club not PRSC.
- Resolved: That the minutes of the AGM 30<sup>th</sup> December 2014 are accepted as a true and accurate record and that the chairperson be authorised to sign them. Accepted: Troy Hobbs
  - Second: Simon Ellis

#### Election of Office Bearers

- All positions declared open. Cherie, Justin and Peter all expressed that they are willing to continue in current roles.
- Anthony Saw nominated as President
- Vicki Thompson nominated as treasurer

POSITION	NAME	Seconder
President	Anthony Saw	Vicki Thompson
Vice President	Alec Duncan	Vicki Thompson
Treasurer	Vicki Thompson	Simon Ellis (owes VT 1 drink)
Secretary	Cherie Saw	Troy Hobbs
Auditor	Jeanette Kinsey	Troy Hobbs
Editor	Peter Robinson	Cherie Saw
Measurers	Troy Hobbs	Ben Dei Giudici
Results Officer	Cherie Saw/Vicki Thompson	Alec Duncan
Trophy Officer	Ben Dei Giudici	Anthony Saw
Web Page	Anthony Saw	Vicki Thompson
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SBYC	Keith Saw	
Koombana Bay YC	Helen Minards	
Augusta YC	Mal Buzza	
Shelley SC	Jonathon Abbott	
Denmark YC	Roger Thurecht	
Jervoise Bay SC	Ryan Duffield	

Treasurer's Report :-

- Presented by Vicki Thompson.
- Accepted: Keith Saw
- Second: Alec Duncan

#### Club Reports

- Safety Bay Australia Day Regatta 23- 25 January.
- Port Denison: March Long Weekend Regatta
- Carnarvon: June Long Weekend Regatta
- Augusta: Easter Regatta

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- The next issue planned for end of January.
- All club representatives are required to submit reports for each wavelengths edition.

#### States

#### 2017 Carnarvon

- Can it be run the same as nationals?
- Concerns with travel time and being able to get time away from work over Easter.
- States will be run over Easter at Carnarvon as 1 series not split classes.
- Invitation race Good Friday, sailing Saturday/Sunday, presentation Sunday night.

#### 2018

• **CS** to approach TCYC, Port Bouvard and JBYC regarding approximate costs and availability. <u>General Business</u>

#### Trapeze optional for crew with spinnakers

- R.T: suggest using trapeze with sloop kite for crew only with additional yardstick.
- A.D: supports idea as crewing can be boring just sitting on the front of the boat. Allowing them to get out on trapeze provides more experience and interest.
- K.S: can we use trapeze on all sloop boats regardless of kite?
- T.H: will this be for states or club level?
- R.T: reiterate trapeze is for crew only.
- A.S: suggest we check production requirements/abilities.
- R.D: sloop will work better with trapeze.
- R.T: move motion to use trapeze on all sloops for crew only.
- B.D: objection to creating new class when we struggle to get numbers as is.
- R.T: motion to use trapeze on standard sloop; vote 7 yes, 6 no. R.T made decision, no to having trapeze on all sloops.
- R.T: move motion to use trapeze on sloop with kite for crew only; vote unanimous yes. Trapeze will require an extra yardstick.

#### Vintage fleet

#### - is it a viable states class? Limit to cat rigged only? Sail restrictions?

- R.T: vintage is a diminished fleet, we need 4 to constitute a fleet and we don't get this at states. Do we need a vintage fleet?
- T.H: the continuous change of what constitutes a vintage fleet makes it difficult to have vintage class?
- R.T: vintage is pre foam sandwich hulls and Dacron sail only.
- T.H: questions whether you can still get Dacron sails.
- R.D: confirms you can still buy Dacron sails of requested at factory.
- M.D: the vintage ruling means you can buy a vintage sail from anywhere.

- V.T: is vintage class necessary?
- R.T: move motion to discontinue vintage class at State titles.
- R.H: can we use vintage on yardstick?
- R.T: no that is why we have a handicap result.
- K.S: Does Carnarvon have a vintage fleet?
- B.D: unable to answer as there are not many sailing at CYC but there are plenty of boats.
- R.T: move motion to remove vintage fleet from stat titles. Vote; 11 yes, 0 no.
- B.D: vintage boats are welcome to sail but will not be a separate class.
- R.T. clubs can still have a vintage class.

#### Old records

Stored at 144 Malkup Rd Toodyay, should we keep only newsletters or papers as well?

- R.T: currently storing old association paperwork in shed. People are welcome to come and go through it. No one volunteered.
- W.S: suggested a bonfire.
- R.T: suggests we only keep a copy of each newsletter.
- B.D: suggests scanning onto USB and keeping it all digital.
- V.T: There is too much it would take too long.
- R.T: Invited everyone to their place in winter and have a bonfire.

<u>Next Meeting:</u> State Titles 2017 <u>Closure:</u> 2:00pm Chairperson: Robert Thompson Date: 05/01/2016

### 6.0 SAFETY BAY YACHT CLUB

I would like to thank the National Race management for inviting me to race in the Invitation race for the 2016 series. It would be the first time in 30 years that I had sailed a Windrush 14, yet alone raced one!

For a steed I chose a 1970s model that spends the summer months capsized in front of my house in Shoalwater, adjacent to Safety Bay. This old cat remains rigged with is sail up as the luff rope is so degraded it is very difficult to slide the sail up the track. I left a message with crane driver owner's wife and pinched his boat. It was so heavy, almost impossible to drag out of its sand bed and down to the water.



I hit the start line perfectly by the standards of the eighties, on starboard, front row, close to the boat, but in the habit of old cat sailing, sail flapping and stopped. The gun went off, before I could get my sheet in....WHOOOOSH, half a dozen 14s cut me up above and below, ripping past at 15kts...scary.

It would be similar to being on the grid at Bathurst in a HQ Holden sedan in a modern touring car race! By the time I came to the upwind port lay line the rest of the boats were round the top mark. As I finished the first lap I was close to being lapped, by Ryan with his beautifully striped sails, I then decided not to inconvenience the finish boat, by doubling its station time, and waved my retirement as I passed. I quietly sailed the boat and me, back to sleepy retirement on the beach.

The performance of the modern Windrush 14 is absolutely fantastic. You can all be proud of the developments in lightness, stiffness, rudders, and sail design. But there is more, the personal development in skills of the athlete to get the most out of the platform is wonderful to see close up. The ability of the super sloop skipper, dead straight horizontal, in line with a flying hull just 200mm off the water whist working the best speed thru sloppy waves, has got to be seen to believed. A congratulations to the association and the factory for keeping improvements alive.

The new square top main brings on some interesting mast shapes. In the early days we had to decide on the location of the hounds on the 12ft Surf cat mast, the length of which was determined by the maximum allowed by lying diagonally in a 20ft container. We laid a bare mast on the factory floor, I left the room and Richard stood on the bench and then marked the mast where he saw best balance,

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then he turned the rig over. I came back and stood high on a step ladder, and then marked my side. Examination showed that we were within 1/2" of each other, end of discussion. Today you could spend a week with a computer and Finite Element Analysis to find that position. The 12 was always the best for mast balance and shape, better than all the copy cats that followed. The 14 always looked good too, until the square topped sail wrecked it!

The top of the mast falls off so much in gusts that I had to ask the question, how many masts have broken using the new sail, the answer appears to be none. This leads me to believe that Richard must have over designed the mast and we have wasted the cost of the extra metal for 4000 odd rigs!

You might be interested in the life of a retired boat designer. Richard spends most of the year on his 45ft Beneteau yacht cruising the world, whist working on engineering dreams. He is presently captivated by the Hyperloop transportation in a tube project being developed by Musk of Tesla fame. His submission to the project's development can be seen on <u>www.hyperloopdesign.net</u>. He is off to Texas in a few days to present his ideas, amongst 300 others at an international design seminar.

In the seventies Frank Bethwaite was the first to design the calculated flick of the top masts of over powered sailing rigs, to give a self-tending trim system, that will automatically wash off extra power. The result was many 18ft skiff championships. His son Julian continued the trend with the 49er, but it was not easy. They would have had to replace 200 broken masts on 49er warranty in the early days, whilst the compromise between flexibility, strength and yield was found. Richard seems to have got the mast right first time with for Square topped main, it depowers beautifully, and the performance is fantastic. Well done to all.

So my next sailing gig will be delivering a 50 ft. Beneteau to Geographe for race week regatta, a 16 hour sail that I might be able to extend to a week's cruising in someone else's yacht. Then I will get my 'Hire specification' Windrush 12 out for few days sailing at the Walpole in the Trees Regatta in March, hope to catch up with some of you all then.

Congratulations to the Safety Bay Yacht Club and the Association for running such a well, organised state event, and John Russell would have totally agreed with the actions of the race committee in the sloop event.

Thanks Jay Macfarlane

## 7.0 PORT DENSION YACHT CLUB

#### 7.1 Club Report

Hello everyone have we all recovered from the big split series of the States. Firstly I must congratulate the most deserving winner Anthony Saw with the title Pink Elephant holder (Newly Named Ellie) for those who weren't there Anthony parked on one of the markers and used it like a anchor, secondly this is a corker Anthony made a Port start on a resail race and got off to a blinder of a start only to have to park up and wait for the next boat to show him which way around the mark after failing to check if it was a Port or Starboard course that was PRICELESS.

We had a great time catching up with everyone as this is always great fun in itself. As for the sailing a big thank you to all the people involved in the running and setting up of the Regatta as we all know this takes a huge effort. The sailing was an interesting kettle of fish for sailors who tried their hand sailing different classes which was a lot of fun, I will say my own body much preferred the feeling of the trapeze.

A thank you goes out to the sailors who were there for the whole state series of Cat, Sloop and then into the Super Sloop. The winds for the regatta were a mixed bag and we dealt with light winds to medium winds which made things interesting and mixing things up which was a good thing for all types of sailors and square top and pin sails, so a good mix of conditions. There was some very hot days as well and back at the park where we watched the birds enjoying the water from taps Viki and Sheryl turned on for them to cool off as we were all trying to do ourselves.

We lost a day with concerns about lighting which was a bummer however the decision was made so it was a safety issue which was made for the safety of all members sailing which I commend, this was done for that reason and regardless of whether we wanted to sail it gave us time to have some more laughs at one another and a break. This is why we elect people to positions that look after our association and members.

Congratulations to all the Winners and place getters for all the Race Divisions they are all welldeserved and congratulations to those who didn't. Because there was some very interesting races within the racing which is great fun and a good spectacle as we all look around seeing what else is going on around us.

It was a first for myself to see video from a drone camera at these titles and I think it's safe to say we were all a little spellbound by the amazing perspective it showed and the footage itself thanks to those involved in bringing this to us all.

On the lighter side I don't think I have been to a Titles with so many pink elephant hopefuls it seemed like everyone was putting their hands up to look after the new look Elle with all her bling she has now gotten from her time with myself and Sheryl. As Rob said Elle has done about 180 000 kms with me in the Truck this

entailed:

- 25 trips from Perth to Dampier
- 10 trips from Perth to Port Hedland

- 5 trips from Perth to Newman
- Countless trips from Perth to Geraldton and in-between

So Elle will be looking for a rest, I'm thinking her new home for the year she will have a lot of fun with Ashlyn hehehe.

Had a great day of sailing back at Port Denison on the weekend with some rare weather of approx 12 knots of breeze and flat water lighter in the morning, which gave us some close racing. We had a great turn out with 9 boats sailing and it was great to see a few of our younger members going very well and seeing their confidence growing with the great conditions. We held our AGM in the shade on the lawn after a sausage sizzle cooked by our wonderful Ladies.

Till next instalment of wavelengths stay safe and take care looking forward to seeing you all at our Regatta here which we will soon be posting about, we may have a change of date but will let you all know soon.

Cheers from the roving correspondent from PDYC.

#### 7.2 Dongara Easter Regatta

# Dongara Open Cat Regatta, Easter 2016





Port Denison Yacht Club invite you to a open cat regatta over the Easter long weekend.

Racing Friday 25th PM, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th March 2016. All off the Beach catamarans big & small are very welcome. All camping will be available, including caravan & camper trailers at the Port Denison REC centre grounds. Sunday night Presentation meal and bar will be open. NOR & instructions to follow. PH 0428453824 quinplozza@hotmail.com : Regards Quin



Port Denison Yacht Club are going to run an Easter regatta at Dongara this year. I just need some boats to come now!!!

NOR & sailing instructions will follow and will also be available at the regatta.

We have hired the Dongara REC centre grounds and amenities so camping will be all together on the REC oval, \$30 per car each night. We've got catering for Sunday night and the PDYC ladies are going to do the lunches each day.

We aim to keep your costs down for this regatta so we have worked out some cost estimates.

Regatta race nomination	\$ 50
Presentation Dinner	\$ 30
Lunch rolls @ \$6 per lunch	\$ 12
Accommodation @ \$30 car per night	\$ 90
Approximate cost	\$182

So you get to come and sail all weekend, get fed & camp all together in a group all for \$182. There's no way you can beat that.

Could you please pass this onto your club mailing list and put on your notice board please.

Regards

Quin Plozza

Commodore PDYC

#### 8.0 SHELLY SAILING CLUB

This season we were pleased to welcome some more dinghy converts, Jon, Pippa and Oliver to the Shelley Windrush fleet. Although some sailors have been unable to regularly compete we have had five or more boats on the water for most races.

Brett has been sailing cat rigged this year, helping the rest of us keep him in sight and keeping the fleet closer together. At the front the fleet Alec has had an almost unbeaten winning streak winning all but one race so far, although Stephen and Alan are always looking dangerous on his heels.



The rest of the fleet has seen close, exciting racing and fierce competition between Kent, Mike, Jon and myself, with our handicaps steadily dropping and the gap to the front pack slowly reducing.

Four Shelley sailors were lucky enough to make it to the State Championships, along with Ben and Luke Gallagher who I'll claim for Shelley as they started their sailing at Shelley and they made us look good. Fair winds, blue skies, clear water, close racing, warm hospitality, and the occasional thunderstorm..... What more could you ask for in a regatta? Safety Bay Sailing Club delivered all of this and more. We all had a great time.

In the cat rigged class, Alec came third after a closely fought battle and count-back to separate three boats, and Stephen picked up second on handicap. Ben and Luke came third on handicap in the sloop fleet, with Ben repeating this when he returned for Super Sloop, which was particularly impressive as he'd only sailed Super Sloop once before the regatta.

I've started planning how to get to Carnarvon next year, and would encourage anyone who hasn't yet sailed in a Windrush States before to have a go.

Shelley Sailing Club's annual Convict Bay Regatta is coming up on the 31st of January, with racing scheduled to start at 10:00 am. It's a fun regatta, and it would be great to see some more cats there this year.

Cheers, Jon Abbott

#### 9.0 WALPOLE

#### 9.1 Club Report

I'm currently putting together a gopro video from the states, and will have the YouTube link to you soon either next edition, or by email or by Facebook. Not much sailing news from Denmark as I haven't managed to get over there for a sail this season so far. Albany is are struggling with numbers so again nothing to report. Justin may have more info from Walpole as he is a member over there.

#### 9.1 LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND REGATTA

Walpole Yacht Club will again be running their "In the Trees Regatta" on the Labour Day long weekend in March (5th & 6th next yr). A mixed fleet regatta with the focus on fun and participation and encouragement of young sailors. This regatta which used to be a regular event on the Walpole calendar in years gone by has been reinstated by the new reinvigorated Walpole yacht club and now has 3 successful regattas under its belt, each one getting better in all aspects.

The Walpole Club is looking out for any Windrush 14 boats in working order that might be donated or purchased cheaply, as they want to create additional options for their young sailor programs.

If anyone has a cheap boat for sale or would like to donate to the club then you can contact IAN on 0429107180 .



## 10.0 AUGUSTA EASTER REGATTA AUGUSTA YACHT CLUB EASTER REGATTA 2016

"Come down and enjoy some country hospitality and great sailing in the Blackwood River"

#### The Sailing Program is as follows:-

Saturday 26th March 2016	10am two races back to back.
Saturday 26th March 2016	2pm two races back to back.
Sunday 27th March 2016	10 am two races back to back.

Note: Separate start for Cats and Monohulls.

#### The Social Program is as follows:-

- Saturday 26th March 2016 after racing Bar-B-Cue B.Y.O everything. (Sausage sizzle packs available for sale).
- Sunday 27th March 2016 1pm bar-B-Cue and Presentation. (Bar-B-Cue packs, salads and sweets available for sale).

#### Cost:-

- AYC Members normal race nomination costs.
- Visitors \$50 per boat which includes 1 Bar-B-Cue pack, salad and sweets for Sundays presentation.
- Additional sausage sizzle packs \$4.00
- Additional Bar-B-Que ,salad and sweets packs \$15.00

#### Prizes:-

- AYC Members normal handicap pennants.
- Visitors
  - o 1st, 2nd and 3rd on Yardstick
  - 1st, 2nd and 3rd on handicap.

#### Yardsticks:-

Windrush yardsticks

- S. Sloop 88
- Sloop 93
- Cat 94
- Blackwood Sloop 91 (Blackwood Sloop is Super Sloop without trapeze)

#### Any queries: - Vice Commodore Mal Buzza 0400902304

mal.buzza@gmail.com

#### 11.0 WINDRUSH ON THE WEB

#### 11.1 Windrush online forum

There is a web forum site which is good and all about cats. It's mainly used by over east guys but us WA guy should get on there and start using it: <a href="http://catsailor.net/forums/forum.php">http://catsailor.net/forums/forum.php</a>

It's got a Windrush page now as well, maybe you could put it in a web site section

#### 11.2 Windrush Association Website

Check out our association website: www.windrushassociation.com

If you want to add something or perhaps give Anthony (our website administrator) a hand with it get in touch with him.

#### 12.0 KITING

Good to see the kites out there, looks like great fun



#### 13.0 FOR SALE

Windrush 14 Super Sloop bulkhead boat (not foam sandwich)

- Very competitive & ready to sail!
- Included are the following :
  - Good condition Mylar Main & Jib
  - o Dacron Jib
  - All ropes
  - Trapeze/Harness
  - Deep rudders
  - Licensed trailer etc.

#### \$1700.00

#### Contact Tony Smith from Denmark Yacht Club

