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Vision

NYC will be a vibrant, sustainable, responsible and family oriented sailing club encouraging juniors and families into the sport, teaching people to sail or improve sailing skills from juniors to world class sailors.

Aims

To be a sailing club, with a balance of sailing and social members, and a mix of fleets that supports people to progress to stages of development from beginners to world class sports people.

To be recognised as the premier off the beach sailing club in the Perth metropolitan area, who can boast friendly members committed to the NYC environment.

To be a well-managed and financially sound club with a membership base of 600 – 800 people.

To be recognised as a club with a culture of volunteerism and social belonging leading to excellent standards of sailing competitiveness and behaviour.

What we value

A unique culture exhibiting modesty and pride in the club.

A spirited, diverse and actively contributing membership.

Respect for difference of opinion, and willingness to listen.

A competitive and sportsmanlike racing culture.

A club open to all ages, abilities and welcoming to newcomers.

Providing a quality recognised program of sailing development.

Care for our surroundings and environment.

Financial security and sustainability.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

With Christmas the and the New Year celebrations behind us it's time to look ahead to 2021, which you would rather hope will be a radical improvement from 2020. We have had a good start to the season with membership numbers steady and growing and an influx of new juniors. Our sail training courses have been well attended in January which bodes well. The junior camp was moved to early Jan this year and was a success, despite the intense heat and lack of wind.

The fleets and members have been out and about with crews attending the Cruising Yacht Club's Cockburn Sound Regatta. The 125's had a state championship down in Esperance. Jervoise Bay Yacht Club put on the WAXIT Regatta as an open cat event and that was well attended by NYC members, who took out 9 of the top 10 places. To be fair there are few people in there that are members at JBSC too, but we will take it. There was plenty of wind surprisingly from the east and plenty of action, it was a great way to end 2020 and start 2021.

Usually, we put on an event for Australia Day, however due to our little uninvited virus guest, the fireworks are cancelled this year as is the club event. However, that does not mean you can't come down and enjoy the club, beach, river and our BBQ's. On the subject of Covid 19 we have been extremely lucky so far in WA, let's hope that luck holds through 2021. Please log in with the SafeWA

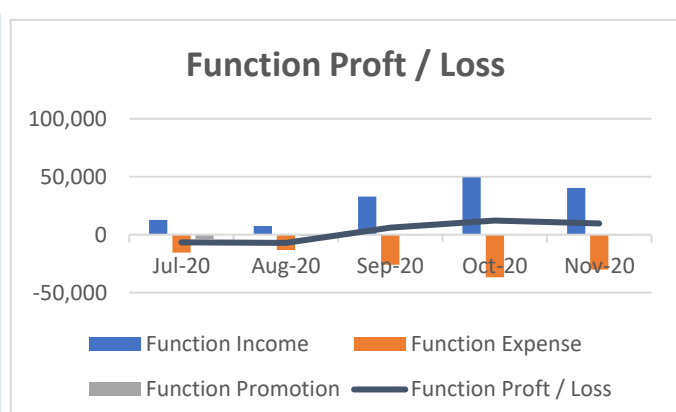
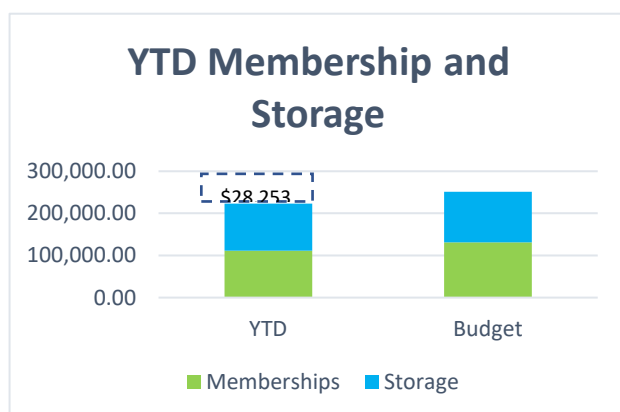
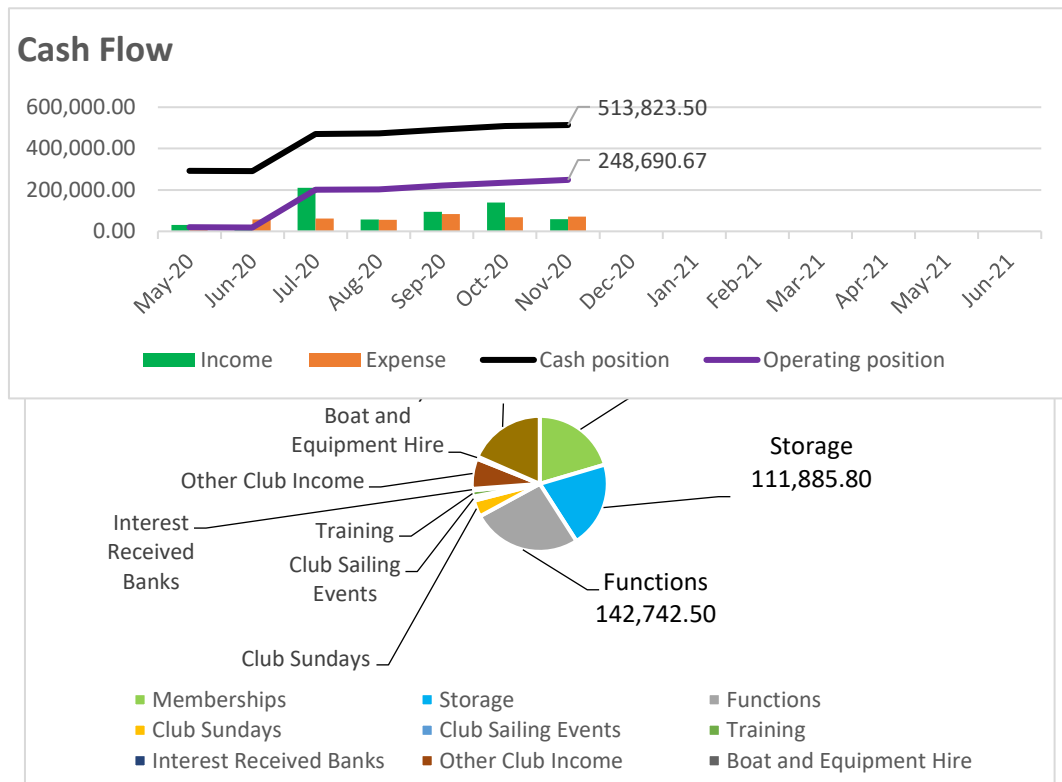


Glenn Fairey
Commodore

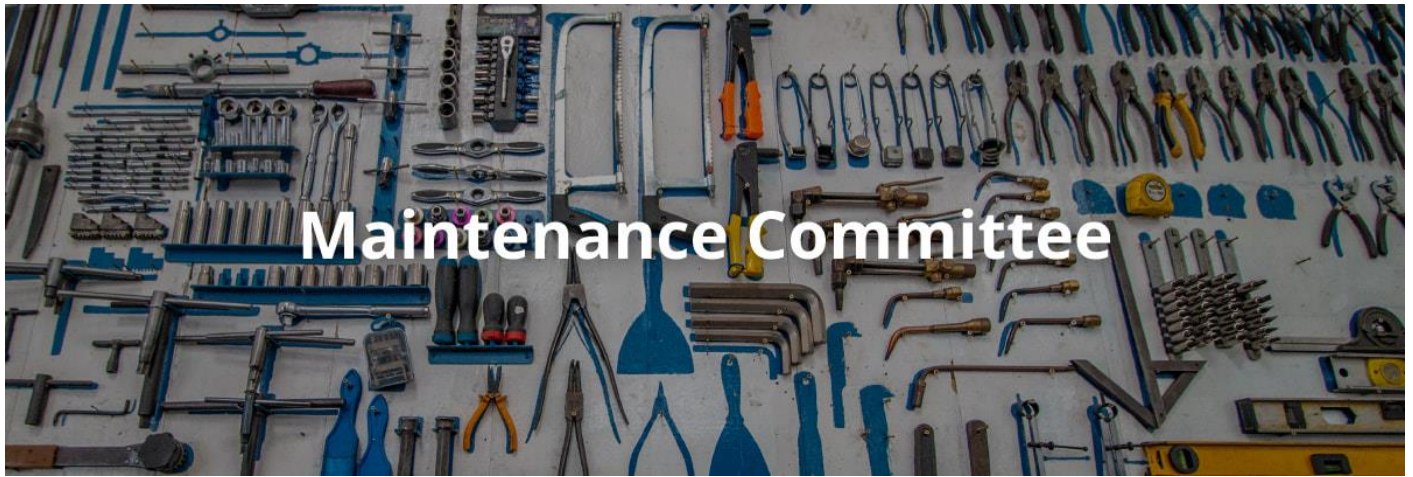


TREASURER'S REPORT

The Clubs financial position is sound. Our two main sources of income are Membership (including Storage) and Functions. In addition, Government COVID funding was received and distributed to staff in 2020 which provided security during a time of uncertainty. We expect new members during the season, and all returning members to fully pay up to meet budget. Although initially hard hit with COVID restrictions, function bookings are now resuming, and Rachael and the functions team are receiving glowing reviews. I appreciate the support of all staff, especially Claire our Accounts Coordinator, for providing me detailed access to records.



Paul Roux
Treasurer



We need your help.

We are currently seeking members who would like to help out on the Maintenance Committee. This committee meets once a month to help plan and action any maintenance required around the Club. Your commitment doesn't have to be onerous and elaborate, just reliable as our Maintenance Committee contribute significantly to the upkeep of our premises and low cost fees.

If you are keen to support the Club in this way please contact the office at hello@nyc.org.au

NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB

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FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2021

All classes & sailors welcome to join
the
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Racing briefing and sign on is
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17:15hrs with the first race
scheduled to start at 17:30 hrs.

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THE OFFICE

As we shut down for the festive season and to said goodbye to 2020 we took some time to reflect on the year that was. Instead of looking at any negatives let's look at the positives;

- We had some phenomenal sailing days
- We had some outstanding capsizes during racing, you know who you are
- We celebrated a number of magical wedding days
- Our commodore sunk his boat before the race began
- We all got to spend a little extra time reconnecting with loved ones via beach walks, catch ups and zoom

Thanks 2020 you taught us more than you will ever know.

Thank you and goodbye 2020. So what have we been up to?

Sailing Courses

Kicking off the January school holidays we have a whopping 27 tackers participants enjoy their learning to sail experience, 16 participants booked in for our Start Sailing and 4 for our Better Sailing courses starting this Sunday 17th. Our Start Sailing & Better Sailing courses for teens and adults will run until 21st February 2021. These participants can be a great crew option so have a chat the Graeme Pennifold and see if anyone is looking to get out for a bit more of a sail!

NYC Membership Feedback Survey January 2021

As part of the strategic planning and progression of Nedlands Yacht Club a new initiative is being launched in 2021 where the Management Committee and operations team are seeking our members feedback to guide the future of our Club.

Can you spare 2 minutes to answer 7 questions and assist your Management Committee and the operations of your Club? This feedback is anonymous and is fed back into a KPI dashboard for the Management Committees review.



This survey will be open for your feedback until Wednesday 3rd February 2021. We appreciate your time in completing this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYC-member-feedback-2101>

Australia Day 2021

Unfortunately with the cancellation of the City of Perth Australia Day fireworks, this year NYC will not be hosting an Australia Day event. We thank you for our members support over the years with this event, and look forward to bringing something bigger and better in 2022.

Sailing In Company

Midweek Lunch Cruise - 20th January 2021



The time is fast approaching for the annual sojourn downriver for lunch.

Bookings have to be made and numbers confirmed so please advise stephentate280@gmail.com asap if you wish to come along. All are welcome including landlubbers!

We are still on the hunt for assistance with the Sailing in Company program. These sailing events are for those looking to enjoy a casual sailing day out with your fellow Neddies sailors. From Picnic Cruises, overnight stays and

pirate treasurer hunts these sails are important to maintain as part of our community. Peter Twiby has done an incredible job over the past couple of years but it is now time to pass the baton onto others. Are you keen to take over this role or just be the host for one of these events? Pete is available to give some advice as to what works for whoever takes on each event.

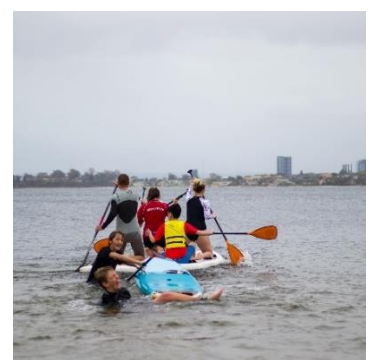
Without a volunteer, these events unfortunately won't be able to occur. If you'd like some more information call Jacinta Monday – Friday for a chat in the office (08) 9386 5496



Out There Sailing School Holiday Experience

This January we are seeing the return the Cockburn Youth Services School Holiday Program for another Out There Sailing Day. This fun day at Neddies involves learning to sail and playing about on stand up paddling boarding for the day with a tasty sausage sizzle lunch. This program in alignment with Australian Sailing is about giving an experience to teens, not a full learn to sail course. From here it is hopeful that they enjoy their time and potentially come back to complete a course or join the Club.

NYC can run similar programs for school kids for an adventure day or end of year fun day.



Contact Tracing - Covid 19

In line with State Government Covid 19 requirements, the Club is operating a Contact Register so please be prepared to sign in each time you come to the club.

Fundraising for YOUR CLUB – Containers for Change

Eligible containers can now create change for your Club. By either bringing your eligible containers to the Club and placing them in the blue bin located in the Clubhouse on Sundays or to your local collection point and entering the NYC Scheme ID

number (pictured below) you can help fundraiser for your Club. All funds entered through your local collection point will be separated and added to the NYC Sail Training Center Fundraising account helping grow and build the future of our Club.



For more information contact Jacinta at hello@nyc.org.au or (08) 9386 5496

[Find your local collection point here](#)

Events

Our events team have been working tirelessly over the first half of the events season with 49 events from July – December 2020 which is fantastic with the number of wedding cancellations and postponements we had due to covid. We have found despite weddings postponing and cancelling due to interstate and international travel restrictions, private and corporate events have taken full advantage of our availabilities opening up with training days, engagements, birthday parties, wakes and client workshops to name a few. These events are pumped to be able to celebrate or be near people again.

The rest of the year is looking excellent with the Club booked to be utilised 21.37% or 78 days of a full calendar year. This doesn't take into account the 64 days in a calendar year the Club is utilised for sailing/Club activities or public holidays ect, and is very close to reaching the departments target of 25% utilisation this financial year.

That's all from me folks. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on the water this year!

Jacinta Wilson

Managing Secretary



ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Hi, I am Steph Turner and I am the Club's Environmental Officer. The Management Committee recently approved a new Environmental Management System (EMS) for the Club.

What is an Environment Management System and why does the Club need one?

The Club's River Reserve Lease requires it to implement an EMS to prevent adverse impacts on the ecological health and community benefit of the Swan River from its use and occupation of the Club site on the riverbank.

An EMS provides a systematic way for the Club to manage its environmental affairs. It is based on the Plan, Do, Check and Act model for continual improvement in environmental performance:

PLAN what we're going to do

DO what we planned to do

CHECK to ensure we did what we planned

ACT to make improvements.

There are a number of benefits to having an EMS, including prevention of pollution, conservation of resources and reduced environmental risks.

Who is responsible for implementing the EMS?

The EMS applies to all areas of the Club and the successful implementation of the EMS requires the support and commitment of all members, staff, visitors and contractors.

What does this mean for me?

Environmental Procedures	Emergency Response
There are 4 Environmental Procedures to assist members, staff, visitors and contractors with managing those activities that have the potential to have significant environmental impacts: Vessel refuelling Discharges from vessels Vessel maintenance on the hardstand and in the water – including noise management Handling, storage and disposal of dangerous goods The main requirements are summarised in the 'Sailing Instructions and Information for Members' – or ask the Environment Officer if you would like more information.	Emergencies – including environmental incidents or accidents – are responded to in accordance with the Club's emergency preparedness and response procedures: Emergency Response Plan Pollution Control Management Plan Environmental incidents or accidents should be reported as soon as possible to the Officer of the Day, a member of the Management Committee, the Environment Officer or the Managing Secretary. The Club has legal reporting requirements in the event an accident or incident has the potential to cause pollution or otherwise impact on the Swan River.

All members and staff are encouraged to report environmental issues and any concerns with the Club's environmental management, as well as suggest ideas and initiatives to help enhance the Club's environmental performance.

Committee Nominations - Calling all members

We are getting in early this year, and getting you thinking about Committee Nominations now!

Do you love your Club and want to contribute to its continued growth and success? Or maybe you'd like to shake things up and have a hand in improving who we are and what we do. We are looking for you to continue making Neddies great! Our Management Committee drive the success and focus of our Club and we need you!

At this point in time all positions are open and we will be seeking nominations for the following positions;

- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore x 3
- General Committee

If you would like to support the Club by being on the Committee then please print off, fill in and sign the Nomination Form (Second Schedule) from the link below.

[NYC Committee Nomination Form](#)

All nominations need to be sent to the Managing Secretary by 5pm on Thursday 15th July 2021. Please send the nomination forms to hello@nyc.org.au



NATIONAL 125'S

It's an exciting time for the 125's and this season has seen the number of boats at NYC grow significantly. This is great to see with many boats out on the water regularly.

The Christmas season has been busy for us this year. Many NYC 125's headed to Esperance to attend the re-scheduled 2020 State Championships. Esperance Bay Yacht Club put on an amazing regatta with hospitality to match.

These events always come with surprises and this was no different. We were all grateful to hear that afternoon sailing on day 2 was abandoned due to a large shark of unknown species in close to the sailing area. With the afternoon off many of us took the opportunity to explore the idyllic beaches or went 4x4 driving.



For anyone who missed the trip away to Esperance we still have the 40th State Championship to look forward to at Easter, this year being held at South of Perth Yacht Club. A little closer to home this time and a great opportunity to show the strength of the fleet.

See you on the water.

Madeline Ralph

CRUISER NEWS

Cockburn from the cockpit according to the crew! By Ro Hogan

Two intrepid boats from Nedlands Yacht Club (NYC) entered the Cruising Yacht Club Cockburn Regatta, held between Boxing Day and 30 December 2020. With only two boats (Beatrix and Tiger) from NYC this was the smallest turnout for some years. For those that didn't enter... you missed out on a cracker of a Regatta!

The race from Fremantle Yacht Club to Rockingham on Boxing Day was an education for those on board with winds up to 30 knots and sea turbulence usually (and preferably) only seen in a washing machine. The conditions saw Beatrix overtake the monohulls and fly down to the finish in 2 hours and 5 mins. Unfortunately, with the number of buoys at the finish line it wasn't entirely clear to the crew what we had to round to finish, resulting in a 'did not finish' outcome. I have renewed respect for those that compete in the Sydney to Hobart or other open water events.

While the crew and skipper nursed bruises, a dodgy stomach and a fair degree of tiredness we didn't sail on Sunday 27th but on Monday 28th we were rearing to go. The winds were lighter (how could they not be?) and the sea was calmer. Beatrix sailed morning and afternoon in two good performances taking first and fastest each time. The conditions were such that throughout the regatta, each boat had a chance to shine. On Monday afternoon it was Beatrix' time. 12-18 knots of wind with most of the course at 45 degrees to the wind had Beatrix playing with the fleet upwind and down at 12- 18 knots of boat speed, flying past the big monos to windward or leeward at will. It was a race to remember and a statement from Beatrix of what she can do when the conditions are right.

And then the hangover ... 5-8 knots of wind on Tuesday morning. The less said about this sail the better! We were soundly trounced by a catamaran that had more in common with a luxury hotel than a boat...oh the shame...the shame.



1. Coming Back For Lunch

With only one race on Wednesday morning to salvage some honour, we gave it our all. It was a short around the buoys event and while the multihulls were the last to start, this time the Code Zero was put to bed and the Spinnaker pulled out. I'm pleased to report we completed 10 nautical miles and bolted over the finish line in 47 mins. But there was confusion aboard Beatrix no 'gun' to denote our finish was sounded ...had we missed a buoy? Failed to sign on? Was



2. Wednesday and the scene on the water

a crew member to be keel hauled? But no, fear not! We had sailed the course and got back to the finish line before the race committee were off the start boat. The tower crew were caught napping!

The Cockburn Regatta great is great for several reasons. Firstly, the fantastic organization and hospitality of The Cruising

Yacht Club (TCYC) and its location with a swimming beach in front, beer behind at the bar and ice cream just around the corner! Secondly, Cockburn Sound is magnificent sailing, a large stretch of deep water, protected by Garden Island and this year the traditional howling sea breeze was absent, so the conditions were almost perfect. Thirdly, the event is accessible and with three and half days of racing plus the bonus Freo to Rockingham race there is enough testing events and conditions for all concerned. Finally, the start boat knows how to support the boats and their crew...they throw lollies as you loiter around the start. You have no idea how delicious a slightly salty jelly snake tastes.



4. Scene from the taxi boat as we were transported each day to our boats photo below

Having now sailed Beatrix 3 times in this event we will be there a



5. Left to Right: Becky Black, Rubin Filsal, Steven Seaton and Ray Martin

fourth time and it will be great to see a few more from NYC there as well.

Beatrix was fortunate to be skippered by Ray Martin who exuded confidence and calmness throughout the varied and on occasion testing sailing conditions. The crew variously comprised of combinations of the following people Ro Hogan, David Bryant, Steven Seaton, Kevin Seaton, Rubin Filsal, and Becky Black all of whom had a great time. We missed Aileen Armstrong and hope she can be back on board with us soon.

Ro Hogan, Beatrix, Farrier



3. The source of salty snakes, also the worlds clearest start instructions!

Summer sail to Quindalup for Shiraz and Tartan! By Nick Ainsworth

This year *Shiraz* (Corey and Toni and dog Gary) and *Tartan* (Ameena and myself) cruised down to Quindalup and then back up. It was a windy sail down in the bay. Calling all cruisers who may be interested in the Freo to Dunsborough cruise in mid January, organized by Dunsborough Yacht Club. (DBYC). Please let me know if your are interested and I can provide the details.



HOBIE REPORT

You should always join the others for a drink after sailing because you never know what those bastards might be saying about you. You need to be careful who you sit with though. Obviously you must avoid the winners. They're the ones with the loud voices, the big, "look-at-me" alpha arm movements – and the condescending, conciliatory remarks. Conceited bastards; Listening to them gloating after a race is intolerable. Their stories are so-o BORING. Anyone can win when you don't make mistakes.

You're better to join the quieter ones – especially the ones you've beaten. They're the best. They're full of self-pity and hard-luck stories. – Their suffering can be very satisfying and gratifying to hear.

Stay away from the back-markers though. They're just losers; lepers and hunchbacks. They're beneath contempt. If one of them tries to talk to you, you can usually get rid of them by saying something like, "What the hell happened to you today?" They hate that and will quickly cower and lurch away. Better luck next week Quasimodo.



6. Cam & Suzzi

After the last Club championship race I chose a safe group to join; about six of them talking quietly into their beers. For some reason I'd collected a cup of tea as I'd passed through the dining hall instead of my usual Bundy. They all had alcoholic drinks of various denominations. I calculated that I'd beaten most of them so I spoke loudly and with big alpha arm movements as I joined them. To rub it in I drew attention to the fact that I was drinking tea by reaching around the whole group clinking my mug of tea against each of their glasses in turn and saying "Cheers!" loudly. Glen started a whiny heart-wrenching story about how he'd somehow got his mainsheet wrapped around his tiller extension and couldn't get it off for a long time. He was clearly in pain. I feigned sympathy but actually I was very glad to hear how much he'd suffered from the incident. Mark Preedy tried to humiliate me by accusing me of trying to sail between him and the mark without "water". He claimed unreasonably that there was no room – but surely the rules of sailing are there to be broken when they don't work in your favour; it stands to reason – and anyway his attempt to ridicule me in front of the others was always doomed to failure because later his skipper for the day, Peter Hancock had wrenched the tiller extension off his boat so he and Mark got a DNF – so suffer in ya' jocks Mark Preedy!

After that I tried to talk to that young Natalie Eldridge. I sucked my gut in, pulled my shoulders back, sat up tall and tried to impress her with my impression of male charm. I guess she's 30 years younger than me...OK more than that, but let's call it ten. She told me about her broken toe. -About two weeks before the Cat Classic she walked into a wall in her kitchen and broke her toe. Well... walls are hard things to see. She provided the punch-line to her own story by admitting that she is the work, health and safety officer at her



7. Nat & Glenn

mining company work site. Anyhow as I said Natalie is very pretty my pulse was up; I was so happy to be talking to her I found myself recklessly waving my cup of tea about with big arm movements when suddenly I knocked it over and spilled half its contents directly onto my crotch. My attempt at male charm evaporated in an instant. Nat was thinking pitiful old guy and came up with a clever witticism; - Like a pretty young nurse attending to a foolish toothless old man she admonished me gently but firmly. "Now then (Mr. King) you've had quite enough tea for one day don't you think," she said. I had attempted to fly too close to the sun and instead had morphed into a foolish old man with incontinence – or worse, a hapless drunk who'd pissed his pants. Not one shred of dignity left. Glenn was absolutely delighted at my total humiliation and laughed out loud. He admonished me too – waving his finger at me he said loudly, "You've had one cup of tea too many my man!" -A blow to my solar plexus. Irreparable damage to my pride. What a bastard. What makes him think he's the boss of the yacht club? ... But it was worth it.



I like talking to Lucinda too. The week before she'd been sitting on the veranda with a granny blanket wrapped around her knees to keep warm. I managed to talk to her without spilling anything on myself. I remember her turning 21. She's still ridiculously young and she's younger than that now so I don't know why she would need a granny blanket. I threatened to tell everyone about it in my next Mainsheet article, but I would never do that.

Later I caught Kevin's eye. He'd had a good one; Finished well ahead of me. Foolishly I tried to talk to him but he shouted back aggressively, "What the hell happened to you today?" and turned away. I hate that; What a bastard. He's usually much nicer, I like him, you know... on days when I've beaten him.

There was a lot of talk about how strong the wind was; 20 to 25. Mark and Michael had stuck it in so I ridiculed them cruelly for that. Phil and Graeme had done the reach sitting inboard. Brad and Taylor too; ridicule, put-down, ridicule, scorn. At least send yer crew out; If she goes in - she goes in - either way you'll still be dry. The race had been a fast one. It was over by 4.10pm. There had been a lot of long hard bullets. We'd reached some incredible speeds.



8. Andy & Anna

Downwind Mel had had to throw herself to the back several times to avoid nose-diving. On one occasion she crashed heavily into me. We were flying; leaping from wave top to wave top. Above the shriek of the wind I yelled out, "Are you OK Mel?" She was bouncing all over the deck. That gorgeous dark-eyed smile and a peal of laughter. "Yeah. Yeah, pant, pant," she replied, "You know... like... I'm just a bit bored." ... BORED??



9. Phil & Mel

We reached the day buoy just behind Kevin. He did a great tack just in front of us. His crew held the jib on dragging the bow around beautifully then seamlessly she slipped out onto the opposite wire. They were only 25m from the mark and she could have stayed in, but the crew's quick work powered them 10m ahead of us. Then Kevin ripped around the mark and drove off hard onto the run. His crew swung back in off the wire with perfect timing and eased the jib in one action...another 5m. Impressive. "Geez. Kev has a good crew this week," I said to Mel. "Who is it?" "Looks like Lucinda," said Mel. "What's she doing on Kevin's boat?" I said. "Geez... Good crew." A good fourth over the line. It's amazing what a difference a good crew makes –and Lucinda is one of the great ones. At least... she's not bad for a girl who needs a granny blanket.

Hoddy (Rod) and Lucy sailed really well in the strong conditions, but incredibly they'd tried a port tack start in a SW wind. They were "expletived" for the rest of the race, so that was one to forget (and hope that sniggering low-life scribe doesn't write about it in Mainsheet); Time to resort to the Neil Diamond solution; "Red, red wine, makes me forget..." I invited Rod to Barchetta where we have Brazilian dancing on Fridays. Somehow he misunderstood the meaning of the word Brazilian and there was talk that he would arrive in a mankini but it was too late to uninvite him. Actually Trevor would fit right in in his smashing pink tights. I must mention it to him.

Anyhow that's it. Sorry.... So you write it if you think you can do better.

I apologize for writing such non-sense. I hope you get the joke. At least I got something in for Jacinta to print so that's something.

Amor hasta el fin (Love until the end).

Cheers,
Phil King

PS I'm really looking forward to Esperance - and Walpole is going to be magical too.

PPS WAXIT Regatta JBSC. Cam and Suzzi put on a masterclass. Daz & Claire came second.

Two idyllic days were followed by two days of wild winds. Gusts in the wild days of up to 34 knots. What could possibly go wrong?



JBSC's Race Officer: "Keep the AP up till this increases a bit"

WAIT! ... HOLD THE PRESSES! Some actual useful information has just come to hand-

Walpole in the Trees Regatta

Labour Day Long Weekend

Saturday 27th Feb and Sunday 28th Feb, 2021

THIS IS A LAID-BACK EVENT. The focus is on friends and family – not results – It's an ideal way to experience the beauty of the Walpole and Nornalup Inlet Marine Park.

The regatta program includes five races over two days.

NOMINATIONS OPEN 1ST JANUARY 2021 @ www.walpoleyachtclub.com.au

ACCOMMODATION – Most of the Hobie in-crowd stay at the Coalmine Beach Holiday Park which backs right onto the club and beach. You probably need a tent for that. It booked-out last year so be quick.

Google Walpole for other accommodation. Whatever you choose will be beautiful.

Do the tree top walk, Franklyn River etc.

ESPERANCE STATES

Easter weekend Friday 2 to Monday 5 April at Esperance Bay Yacht Club.

AFTER THE REGATTA

Greg Hill has invited us all to stay an extra day or two after the regatta. Roughly the plan is to leave our boats etc at the club on the 6th and head out to Greg's new Ecopark (caravan park, tent sites, dongas etc) Enjoy a BYO barbeque and go sight-seeing around Cape Le Grande, Lucky Bay etc. These are world class tourist destinations. The Ecopark is about 45km from Esperance. Greg suggests we make it a day trip or stay overnight. He has a few nicely set up dongas for accommodation or bring your own tent, swag etc. There is a big communal kitchen with a large fridge, microwave ovens etc. etc. Sounds like a Hobie Day to me!

Check out dunnsecopark.com.au



JUNIORS

Since the last mainsheet newsletter was released, the Junior fleet of Nedlands Yacht Club have been having a blast. We had a few beginners join training on a Sunday morning that have come from tackers courses as well as a few that travelled through the start sailing pathway and jumped straight onto Flying 11s which is great for our fleet.



Training has been so well attended the last couple of months that there is need for two instructors in the morning, one to play fun and enticing games with those fresh out of tackers and one to operate a more coaching based lesson to those gaining racing skills in Flying 11s.

Racing numbers still fluctuate around 2 boats on water each weekend, so much encouragement is still needed for us to reach 3 or more boats, to ultimately classify as a championship fleet.

On a more social note; It is universally agreed that the best part about junior sailing is the friends you make throughout your journey. Therefore over the festive season the coaching and on water team made a push to focus on team bonding instead of competitive mock races. The

juniors loved this mindset, as it meant on the day of the club's Christmas breakfast, we got to have fun on kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and just enjoy the foreshore instead of focussing on beating each other.

This same mentality was pushed onto junior camp, which occurred on January 8th and 9th, where those that attended enjoyed two adventure sails to playgrounds, across the river to Heathcote Friday morning, then around the corner past squadron Saturday morning. This allowed the sailors to ride those awkward northerly's over the river, intime to have plenty of ice cream, icy poles, and cool down dives off the coach boat when the heat picked up around midday. Friday afternoon again was spent in the water, on kayaks and stand-up paddle boards, promoting team bonding and keeping cool in the 40 degree day on our beautiful river. Friday evening was full of fun playing with a soccer ball, then viewing the chosen movie 'Pirates', a Claymation with a lot of incorrect sailing manoeuvres. The instructors where out like a light at 9:30pm and all kids were asleep by 10pm. With everyone having to be woken up by Graeme at 7:30 the next morning so we didn't sleep through the day. Saturday morning's adventure sail was like no-other, as a fleet of only optimist sails was seen on the river. Kids who struggle to fit in the front of a flying 11 had there knees up to their chest racing past squadron, in small colourful sails, to the famous playground around the corner, for an immeasurable amount of fun and games.

It was decided junior camp during the January school holidays is a blessing not to be missed, so a unanimous decision was made to repeat the camp roughly the same time for next year.

Annika Pennifold, Junior Captain



EVENTS

Greetings Folks, welcome to another edition of the events mainsheet article

Well 2021, we finally made it 😊 whilst we were happy to say goodbye to 2020 it certainly brought us a lot of highlights, especially in the last few months. We managed to finish off the year on a high with a spectacular New Year's Wedding and it got me thinking about all the incredible events we were fortunate enough to host... and boy oh boy were there plenty of them!

December alone, turned out to be our biggest month of the year with a whopping 8 Christmas events and 6 Weddings (7 if you include mine). Turns out that after the year that was, our Corporate clients, and Weddings guests were ready more than ever, to celebrate hard! Which certainly worked out well for our bar sales 😊 Our team worked so hard to make sure that everyone had the experience of their lifetimes



and we have our fingers tightly crossed that those companies that celebrated with us in 2020 will not want to go anywhere else in 2021.

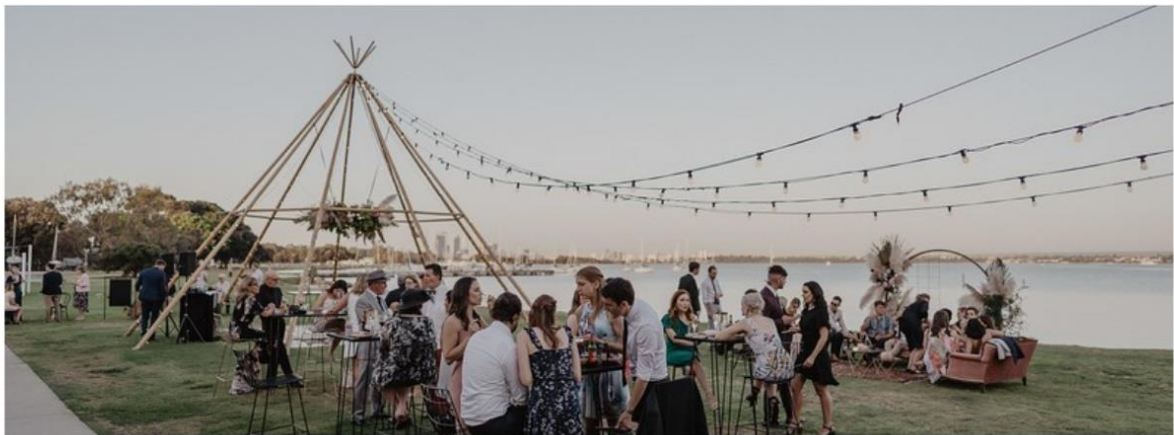
It does not stop there though; we are still gearing up for busy finish to the season and of course to welcoming you all back to the Club for Sunday shenanigans. The past few months we have received many requests for new wine options on our beverage list and you know we listen 😊 This Sunday (17th) we will have the lovely Lara pouring a selection of new wines, which we will have available for purchase as well. We cannot wait to get your feedback (if it is the good kind)

On a final note, whilst we are looking forward to a healthy event calendar, we would still love you to think of us and even put in a good word to your friends and family. If you or anyone you know is looking for the perfect venue for their belated celebration, future celebration, seminar, or corporate event then look no further. Contact us today to see how we can make sure your next event is remembered, enjoyed, and talked about for years to come 😊

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