

WATERY LINES

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December 2016

From the Helm

Thanks to those of you who filled in for me while I was away on holidays. Now I'm looking forward to a busy time for the rest of this season. I hope that the worst weather is behind us now and we don't miss any more weeks of sailing.

I've been told the Corporate Cup on Saturday 19 November was a great success. Well done to the organisers, Keith Oldfield, David Eyres and Co. It was great to have so many members & sponsors at the Club on both Friday and Saturday night for drinks and dinner.

December 17th is our annual Christmas dinner, when Father Christmas visits our Club with some pre-Christmas treats for the young ones and does a final check to see if there is anyone to cross off his delivery list on Christmas Day! This year, as a special treat, we will also be having a lolly drop from a low flying aircraft before his arrival.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hope that you all have plenty of sailing opportunities. Best wishes also to those of you who are travelling to other clubs for State and National championships. Have a good time and come back safely with more good sailing stories to tell.

Best wishes to you all,

Commodore Terry Compton

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Now available for 2016/17 season:

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Jim Merton, Barry MacLennan Rod Smirk, Keith Oldfield, Anton Mann, Bill Biggs

Geographe Bay Yacht Club
presents
NEW YEARS EVE
2016
Dance into 2017 with Live Band
"Nightgame"
supported by "Cherry Cherry"
SATURDAY DEC 31ST
\$25 entry | BYO FOOD
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30pm
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
• GBYC BAR
• Terry White Chemist (Boulevard Shopping Ctr)
• Contact GBYC | gbvebsn@westnet.com.au | Ph: 9752 2522
18 & OLDER | DRINK RESPONSIBLY

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Sat 17 Dec '16:
Xmas Dinner and Xmas Tree
- Sat 31 Dec '16:
New Years Eve Party
- 26th to 29th Jan '17:
Australia Day Regatta
- 5th to 10th Feb '17:
Geographe Bay Boat Rally
- 11th to 17th Feb '17:
Geographe Bay Race week

Pelican Class News

A great start to the season, once the weather allowed some sailing. The Pelicans are the biggest fleet at GBYC this season, with 10 boats on the water for the racing, with some close races. Morning training and make up sails have also kept the kids sailing. Thanks to Kevin and Riley.

A few more weeks of sailing before Father Christmas comes to visit the Christmas Tree, and then it's training for the upcoming 59th Pelican States, to be held at SOPYC in January.

Thanks to all who have been supporting the lunches and the junior raffle each week.

Thanks also to the Pelican parents who have been helping out each week, on and off the water.

Tackers News

We started the first Tackers training course on Nov 12th, after lots of work by a few people to get it running and coaches trained. Seven children have participated in the six week, 20 hour course. Kids of various ages have started, and from the reports from the parents, they are all having a blast.

So far they have done safety, capsize drills, learning to rig the boat, starting to steer the boat and tacking drills, with lots of on and off water fun.

The next Tackers course is in the January holidays, check out the website and spread the word. It's a great introduction to sailing.

Thanks to Anton, Dennis and Nick who have given up there Saturday mornings to assist with the Tackers training.

**Ben Roodhouse,
Rear Commodore Juniors**



Laser Class News

Laser class racing is occurring in a mixed fleet with the Tasars this season, as we currently don't have enough entries to qualify as a stand-alone class.

A number of our promising juniors have moved on to other classes. Hailey Johnson is sailing 420s, Kai Coleman 29ers, Riley Nail is alternating between Tassar and Laser classes, the Audet boys have moved to Perth for uni studies and Caelin Winchcombe is competing in Laser regattas on the East Coast.

As a result, there are now several Lasers for sale at the Club. If any parents have children considering joining the Laser class I can provide advice on the excellent Junior Development Pathway program provided by the Western Australian Laser Association.

I also have a near new 4.7 rig, which converts a standard Laser to a junior rig, available for lease from WALA, for a 12 month term.

Please contact me for further information on getting into sailing Lasers. They are an awesome single-handed Olympic class dinghy, suitable for all ages and levels of sailing experience, from beginners to veterans.

**Andy Whittell
Laser Class Rep.
WALA State Committee Member
0409 376 359**

Geographe Bay Boat Rally

5 – 10 February 2017



**5 days of Fun
Get your crew together Now**

Boat Rally Event Details and Nomination Forms
Bill Pearce - 0418 910 189
Don Evill - 0408 938 269

www.gbyc.com.au/geo-bay-boat-rally.html

420 Class News

There are six Club 420's now being expertly restored by Jim Merton: Hillzeez, Equinox, Harvey & Partners, Sandstone, Family Eye Care (Specsavers) and Flying Angel (Christine's old boat). Flash Point has been retired.

Add to these three private 420's belonging to Cathy Massey "Djanga", Jesse Child's "Intrepid" and Adam & Oscar Moir in "Sailing It". Regular sailors Noni Oldfield, Quinn Reid and Ryan Avery will be looking for a 420 to sail if the Club's 420's are unavailable for Saturday morning training and afternoon racing.

Kai Colman once owned the best 420 in the Club. He moved into Lasers and now on to 29ers. He attended WestSail in Rockingham and finished fourth in the WA YouthSail championship. Rumour has it that Hailey Johnson has also moved into 29ers(?).

Last season an attempt was made to enter at least one crew in the 420 State Championships. Unfortunately, due to crew unavailability, only Georgia managed to sail at the Mandurah Regatta. She sailed with Zac Littlewood against the best 420's, a great learning experience.

As an International racing yacht the 420 is still the ideal two person dinghy for talented youth sailors, although the 29er provides even more thrills and spills!

The 420 leads to the Olympic 470, while the 29er leads to the Olympic 49er.

Gwyn Cracknell

420 SAILORS: Coach Crackles, Georgia Johnson, Noni Oldfield, Cathy Massey, Quinn Reid, Ryan Avery (absent Adam & Oscar Moir)



GBYC Tasar Talk

Well, after a bit of a slow start to the season for everyone in Busselton, with a few blowouts early on, we are now into it!

There have been quite a few changes amongst the Tasar crew for this year. Neil Forster has debuted his new boat 'Elegantly Wasted' with some sexy signwriting and has hit the water running very smartly. Peter & Sue Godley have received 'Another Champagne' and have proven that more bubbles are faster. Craig Francis has embraced the Tasar within and purchased 'Sometimes you Kick' and has commenced crew training with his entire family. Anton Mann has purchased 'Usual Suspects' and has his beloved 'Charisma' for sale, ready for another local to purchase.

Racing has been consistently close so far. Our Club Championship race saw 8 Tasars competing, which is great to see. Neil Forster & Dean Dixon have been training Friday nights in preparation for the National Titles.

Four Tasars trekked to Mounts Bay YC representing GBYC in their super sprint series. There was very close racing amongst 14 Tasars in a 12-18 knot breeze. Anton & Portia sailed well with a close 4th overall. Just need to be on time for the start to improve!

The National Titles are being held in Port Stephens, NSW this December & January, which is fast approaching! We have 7 Tasar's travelling from WA, with 5 of those from GBYC. Which is a great representation from one Club, let alone the furthest club from the event! So far there are 72 entries. Some boats are going in a container and others are road tripping over to the other side of our big beautiful island.

Cheers,

Anton Mann
Tasar Class Rep.

FOR SALE

Tasar 'Charisma' AUS 2321



Mylar & Dacron Sails - TacTik electronic compass - Recently re-roped & fitout of reduced size fittings - Fibre glass foils & new thwart - Aluminium beach dolly and registered road trailer with spare wheel - Excellent condition & race ready and a nice looking blue boat too! – I can send through more pictures.



Priced to sell \$4,000
Contact Anton Mann 0419 281 899

CATS PAWS

'Cats Paws' is paying a tribute to **Frank O'Keefe**, who at 80 years young has retired from blasting his way around Geographe Bay "out on the wire", on his beloved Windrush 14 "Buzz Off".

Frank joined GBYC in its second year of operations, initially as a Heavy Weight Sharpie crew, before moving into Moths. Many of the elder statesmen of GBYC will remember Frank sailing Moths (he built 5 of them himself), before moving on to catamarans.

As an apiarist Frank couldn't sail as often as he wished, with his beehives scattered from Margaret River to Lancelin. However he was always competitive in State and National titles when he could get to them. In State Championships he was usually in the top five.

His last Nationals was at GBYC in 2009, where he came 10th in a fleet of 24 Super Sloops. His major wins came at the Walpole Regatta where he loved sailing.

As a dedicated GBYC member Frank has always assisted at Regattas, Busy Bees, the recent renovations and currently is a regular Thursday morning handyman with Bosun John Compton's maintenance crew.

Thanks Frank for some great competitive sailing over many years.

Without Frank, the Cat fleet could be reduced to three but could build to five. Greg McDonald's Hobie 16 "Mak-A-Tak", Peter Togno's Nacra 4.3 "Caipirinah", Crackles' Tornado "Esoteric"; possible additions are Marz's Tornado, Windrush 14 "Gemini" Geoff Casselas, or even Cliff Rolfe with a new Windrush 14 with a spinnaker.

Gwyn Cracknell

