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From the Helm

It's been a great season so far. The Club is going ahead in great leaps. The Management Committee are all great workers and positive results are coming to fruition.

The sailing is running well with Rear Commodore John Jecks overseeing the senior class racing and Kevin Rose doing his high standard of coaching and starting the junior racing. The Australia Day Regatta was well supported. Next year it will be another long, long weekend, as the 26th is a Thursday. The Committee will again apply to the City for camping approval and, with earlier notice, we hope to have more boats next year from the metro area.

My congratulations to all the Club's Laser sailors for doing so well in the nationals and other regattas sailed on the East Coast over the Christmas/New Year period. You all did our Club proud! The Club Tasars achieved a 4th and 6th in the state championships. Great results for a country yacht club!

With regards to our lease, we still have not heard anything. Many people are asking me what the Council's agenda is. I have no idea and cannot understand why they cannot advise us of what is going on. It is very frustrating, as we cannot plan for the future.

On a more positive note, we have finally completed all the requirements of Yachting Australia and are now a registered "Discover Sailing Centre". Thanks to Nic Macpherson and Stefan Kurys-Romer for your help in making this happen. We have now ordered 6 "Tackers" training boats for junior learn to sail courses. I would like to thank all the sponsors for making this happen. We will have a course underway as soon as the boats arrive in March.

Sail well!

Commodore Ken Waller

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Kevin Rose retiring as Club Caretaker

After 17 years of dedicated service as the Club's onsite caretaker Kevin Rose has announced his retirement, effective from 1 April 2016.

The Committee, on behalf of our members, express our great appreciation to Kevin for the contribution he has made to keeping the Club's property and assets secure, throughout his 17 years as caretaker.

The many additional 'little things' Kevin has done, without being asked, is a testament to his commitment to the Club.

Kevin is retiring as caretaker, but he will continue working with the Pelican juniors.

Geographe Bay Boat Rally Fri 5 to Fri 12 February 2016



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The Geographe Bay Boat Rally is open to all boat types and sizes – motor and sail. We would love you to join us for this fun boating experience on beautiful Geographe Bay.

There is no racing – purely pleasure cruising. Tender boats will be available to take you ashore at various venues throughout the week, to enjoy lunches, games, great prizes and other frivolities.

For full Rally details go to:

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

Enquiries/Bookings: Keith Oldfield 0428 951 545 or Don Evill 0408 938 269

Friday 5th: GBYC Club dinner.

Sat 6th: GBYC - spit roast lunch & sports day - golf, bowls, quoits, croquet.

Sun 7th: Legacy Camp - old fashion picnic on lawn under shady trees. Period or fancy dress if you wish.

Mon 8th: Wyndham Vacation Resort - lunch at Tobys Restaurant.

Tues 9th: Lay Day

Wed 10th: DBYC - BBQ lunch and beach cricket.

Thurs 11th: Wyndham Vacation Resort - Ladies HIGH TEA overlooking Geographe Bay. Men - a quiet lunch by the pool.

Fri 12th: Stilts Beach Bar Restaurant, Broadwater - Navigation test, then relax and enjoy a drink & lunch.

Pelican Class News

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people that volunteered to help out over the 4 days of the Pelican regatta at GBYC, especially Kevin Rose and his start and finish crew - Rob Nail, Riley Nail and Rob Rose on-water and Carolyn Donnelly, Tania Adams and Sonya Holdman for all the off-water work. This made for a very smoothly run regatta. I would also like to thank the sponsors who donated cash prizes.

Twenty two boats competed from five clubs, which made for some great racing on Geographe Bay. The sailing was top class and the kids all had a great time on and off the water, over the four days of the regatta.

GBYC members had some excellent results and the improvement over the four days was great to see, especially in the heavy weather.

Championship results:

6th *Sonic*, Sailor and Kiara; 7th *Monkey Biz* Dennis and Jack; 8th *Soulless One* Ollie and Paige. These three boats were only separated by 2 points after 8 races. 12th *Game Over* Phillip and Finn; 14th *WKAMC* Ned and Kieran; 15th *Lunar* Shayla and Lucy; 17th *Osmosis* Tom Jacob and Jack; 18th *Slippery When Wet* Jacinta and Lace; 20th *Bunyip 4* Ned and Caelan; 21st *Bunyip 3* Claire and Kiara.

We also had two of our sailors in other boats, Ela and Xavier doing their first regatta. Ela crewed in *Bunyip 6* and finished 4th overall and Xavier crewing in *Tasty Taddie* finished 11th.

Special mention to Jacinta and Lace who in heat 8 had a second place - well done, the highest heat result by a GBYC boat for the regatta. Tom Rowe in *Osmosis* was the most improved over the regatta. Well done Tom!

Consistency results:

3rd *Lunar* Shayla and Lucy - who sailed very well all regatta; 4th *Monkey Biz* Dennis and Jack - consistency pays; 5th *Game Over* Phillip and Finn - loved the breeze; 7th *WKAMC* Ned and Kieran; 8th *Slippery When Wet* Jacinta and Lace; 10th *Soulless One* Ollie and Paige; 11th *Osmosis* Tom, Jacob and Jack; 15th *Sonic* Sailor and Kiara; 16th *Bunyip 4* Ned and Caelan; 21st *Bunyip 3* Claire and Kiara.

The Life Member's Trophy went to *Soulless One* Ollie and Paige.

Highest placed first year crew went to Ela in *Bunyip 6* - her first ever regatta, 4th overall.

It was great to see all the GBYC boats improve over the regatta and how well all the GBYC kids conducted themselves.

I hope you all can make the trip to Geraldton in April for the Peli States.

Training and racing this Saturday 10 am.

Ben Roodhouse, Pelican Sailing Assoc. Rep.

Laser Class News

Over the Christmas/New Year holiday season three of the Club's juniors represented the Club at four major championships. They have all learnt to sail in the Pelican program at the Club and I know Kevin Rose is very proud of their efforts.

Results below:

Name	Sail Melb.	Sail Sydney	Open Nationals	Youth Nationals
Laser 4.7				
Hailey Johnson	2nd	7th	9th	12th
	1st female	1st female	1st female	1st female
Djarrah Audet	4th	3rd	18th	9th
	Fleet 32 boats	Fleet 25 boats	Fleet 51 boats	Fleet 42 boats
Laser Radial				
Caelin Winchcombe	3rd	4th	14th	6th
	Fleet 33 boats	Fleet 42 boats	Fleet 92 boats	Fleet 45 boats

The Laser is an Olympic class and for the men they use the full rig (standard) and the women use the slightly smaller radial rig. Hailey will continue to compete at World Championship level in the 4.7 and when she moves to the radial rig she will have an opportunity to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics. At present she is also sailing out of Fremantle Sailing Club to get the extra coaching and competition by competing against the current national open 4.7 champion, Rome Featherstone.

Caelin also competed against tough competition as the national radial champion is also the world champion and so the standard is very high. He has also been competing at World Championship level. Djarrah Audet showed he also is a great competitor and has great potential to move up the rankings.

** See John Winchcombe's article "Laser Nationals - What Really Happened Over East".

It is expected the cream of the States Laser sailors will be attending the State Championships to be held at GBYC over the long weekend 5th, 6th and 7th March.

Andy Whittell
Laser Class Rep.

GBYC Pelican Regatta January 2016



Geographe Outriggers Regatta

Sunday 20 March

This regatta is the most popular of all the WA Zone regattas and is generally attended by all other clubs in WA. Around 80 – 100 paddlers are expected to compete.

For more details contact Bill Parsons:
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Laser Nationals - What Really Happened Over East!

It seemed like an audacious plan to take a bunch of young sailors behind enemy lines to the eastern states to compete in four major regattas over a six week period from last December to January. Anyway the truck arrived at St Kilda Yacht Club two days before us loaded with six lasers including Hailey's, Djarrah's and Caelin's boats, with the other three belonging to sailors from Fremantle Sailing Club.

The first regatta, Sail Melbourne World Cup, began easy enough with Hailey buying a new top section, as her other one was left behind. Good sailing conditions prevailed with the exception of being misled by the web booking information and needing to find more appropriate lodgings, dodging used syringes in the boat park and taking a serious hammering as a fifty knot cold front decimated the fleet one afternoon bending and breaking a dozen top sections and carbon masts.

The 14 hour overnight road trip to Sydney up the Hume Highway with the truck was uneventful and we arrived at Woollahra Yacht Club in Rose Bay around 5.30 in the morning, now knowing that the girl on the NavMan gets mightily confused navigating through tall buildings and tunnels. Hailey, Djarrah and Caelin would fly up later with Todd heading back west.

Sydney Harbour is not an easy place to run a yacht race, although, WSC would finish up holding six separate regattas over the summer in their Splash Festival program. Needless to say, Manly Ferries, normal ferries, seaplanes, Sydney-Hobart maxis, club racing, pleasure craft and the odd canoeist make the whole thing a bit hectic and lumpy particularly when the new tackle on the buoys seemed to undo its anchor shackles with the odd top mark heading off through the Heads and the occasional tornado which tried to put an end to a few sailors doing a training session the day before Sail Sydney began. So what's 220 km/hr wind, zero visibility in torrential rain and enormous hail stones to a couple of tough West Aussie sailors! (they thawed out eventually.)

Hailey and DJarrah headed home for the Christmas break, while Caelin stayed with his mate in Canberra and became a professional dishwasher for a while.

The boat truck arrived in Belmont Lake Macquarie on Boxing Day for the Australian Laser National Championships with the crew arriving next day. A total of 195 Lasers entered with half being Radials and the rest evenly split between Full and 4.7 rigs. Apparently the "weather is never like this at this time of the year" so we waited patiently for the promised nor'easter and sailed in some pretty frustrating shifty, swinging, oscillating lake stuff that sometimes took till late afternoon to arrive.

We departed Belmont for the Australian National Youth Championships back at Woollahra pretty much as the rain began, with the Hunter Valley flooding and a cold cell sitting over Sydney for the next couple of days. The Regatta once again was mainly light and shifty with one afternoon strengthening to 25 knots plus, giving most all the competitors something to work with.

All in all a seriously awesome campaign, with exceptional young people and results to go with it.

John Winchcombe