

WATERY LINES

Geographe Bay Yacht Club

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From the Helm

It's great when I can inform our members of good progress within the Club.

Firstly, after much lobbying and good work by Secretary Barry Brown and others, we have succeeded in securing a 20 year lease with the City of Busselton. Our lease expired last June and the committee has been in limbo since, not knowing what our future was. All of our plans for upgrading the clubhouse were put on-hold, as we did not want to waste what small amount of Club members' funds that we have. So now it's great to see the committee and the Thursday workers with a feeling of confidence about the future.

Another milestone we reached this week was the arrival of our six new 'Tackers' junior training boats. This has taken two years of negotiations and included the Club receiving Yachting Australia Discover Sailing Training Centre accreditation. My thanks to Rear-Commodore Heath Townsend for persisting with the project and the reward has now arrived! I also have to thank Nick Macpherson for taking on the role of overseeing the coaching program. You may also see local and Perth schools at the Club mid-week participating in the courses.

Well done to all our junior Pelican sailors for doing such a great job recently at Geraldton in the State titles. We all look forward to seeing you benefit from the competition and do well next season.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club presentation night on Saturday night the 28th of May.

Commodore Ken Waller

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SOCIAL SCENE

PRESENTATION NIGHT

6.00pm Saturday 28 May

All members are invited to the 2015/16 Season Presentation Night.

Bookings are essential:

Ph: 97 522 522

Email:

gbycbsn@westnet.com.au

HOT AUGUST NIGHT

Saturday 6 August

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday 7 June 2016

at Geographe Bay Yacht Club

Nominations are now invited for all Flag Officers and Committee positions for the 2016/17 season.

Current Commodore Ken Waller has served his maximum allowed three years and will be stepping down.

Much has been achieved during Ken's term as Commodore and the Club is well placed to continue moving forward on the solid foundations that have been built over the past three years.

Committee membership is very rewarding and helps build a great Club.

Committee Positions Vacancies

- Commodore
- Vice-Commodore
- Rear-Commodore Sailing
- Rear-Commodore Juniors
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Bosun
- Committee members

Nomination forms are attached with this newsletter.

Pelican Class News

The Pelican class had a great ending to the season with the 2016 Pelican State Titles, held in Geraldton in the first week of the April school holidays. 28 boats attended from around WA.

GBYC was represented by eight boats, the largest fleet. Well done! The sailors all had a blast, with lots of skilled sailing on the water and lots of off water fun to be had. The weather conditions were trying, but not in the usual Geraldton way. From no wind, causing a Pelican conga line at the start whilst waiting for the breeze, to a few true Gero windy days.

Championship results: 8th Soulless One, Ollie & Paige; 9th Osmosis, Tom & Caelan; 10th Lunar, Shayla & Lucy; 12th Monkey Biz, Dennis & Jack; 16th Sonic, Sailor & Kiara; 18th Slippery When Wet, Jacinta & Kiara; 20th Waikikamukau, Ned & Max; 22nd Game Over, Phil & Finn.

Special mention goes to Just Magic, Ben & Xavier, who sailed for Esperence Bay Yacht Club, finishing 6th overall. They will be joining GBYC full time next season.

Consistency: 1st Waikikamukau, Ned & Max.

The Kevin Rose Spirit Award went to Phillip Holdman (Game Over). The Endeavour Award went to Slippery When Wet, Jacinta & Kiara. Osmosis, Tom and Caelan, joined EFYC to take out the Teams Trophy.

And GBYC won the Club Travellers Award.

The sailors all performed with great sportsmanship that the Club can be very proud of. They all finished very well, with lots of boats to look out for in the future.

Thanks also to Kevin Rose and Riley Nail, who took time off and at their expense to make the trip to Geraldton to help out all the kids.

Great News - two new boats will be joining the GBYC fleet in 2016-17 season.

After a winter break at the Club, the next Pelican event to look forward to will be the Peli 'Power Up' in the October holidays. This is a training event held at South of Perth YC. Camping available at the club.

Ben Roodhouse, Pelican Sailing Assoc. Rep.

Laser Class News

Hailey Johnson is off to Kiel in Germany for the Laser 4.7 Worlds. She leaves on 23rd July for three weeks.

This will be her last event before stepping up into the Radial Laser, which is her Olympic class.

Hailey's goal is top 10 or better.



Caelin Winchcombe will compete at Queensland Youth Week in Brisbane, from the 1st to 5th July, in the Radial Class, followed by the International Laser Class World Youth Championship in Ireland in late July. Anyone who might be inclined to make a contribution to Caelin's fighting fund can contact John Winchcombe on 0421362995.

The local Laser sailors, the Western Australian Laser Association and the Club wish them well in their endeavours.

The South of Perth YC Solo Winter Series, between May and September, starts on the 22nd May, for five short races in the afternoon. This is worthwhile attending as good sized fleets attend. See WALA website for more details.

Next season more coaching will be available for Laser sailors as we will invite some top coaches down to Busselton/Dunsborough again.

Andy Whittell, Laser Class Rep.

**Pelican State Titles – GBYC Sailors
Geraldton, April 2016**



NEW CARETAKER

The Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new caretaker.

Rhyce Baker has been appointed to the position, following the recent retirement of Kevin Rose, and took up residence at the Club on the 10th May.

Rhyce has recently moved to Busselton from Jurien Bay, where he was the Assistant Manager at the town's caravan park for seven years. Rhyce's parents live in Busselton.

He has started his own handyman and home computer help business.

The following website is well worth a look:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-10986-0-0-0&SID=356623

The site has a great "Flags and Signals" colour poster and a complete copy of the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing. Really useful stuff!!

'TACKERS' JUNIOR SAILING



Heath Townsend and Nick Macpherson

The Club now has a new entry level sail training program for kids.

The 'Tackers' program is a structured sailing course, nationally accredited by Yachting Australia.

The courses are a set length of 20 hours tuition and once students pass, they can move on to other classes, for more advanced coaching.

At our Club, in most cases, that will be into the Pelicans, under the instruction of Past Commodore Kevin Rose. With the introduction of the Tackers' program we expect to see many more Pelicans on the water over coming seasons.

Further details regarding the 'Tackers' training courses will be advised in due course.

