

# MossieNet

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## *Presidential Report*

Well here we go again, Christmas is almost upon us. But the really big news is that it's less than one month till the 40<sup>th</sup> Mozzie Nationals at Rivoli Bay. I hope you have all got your boat ready; travelling and accommodation arrangements sorted out, and most importantly, **have your entry registered** before Dec 1<sup>st</sup> to take advantage of the slightly cheaper registration fee.

Today I checked the entry list, and at this stage our target figure of 40 boats is still looking a bit wishful with only 27 registered, but there are still a few well known names missing from the list. So come on guys, you are conspicuous by your absence, and hopefully we will have a last minute rush and at least bring the numbers up to around the mid 30's.

Don't forget to check that your boat is insured, (policy number required on entry form) and that you are a financial member of MCASA prior to entry. Our treasurer will gladly take your money on measuring day and issue you with a receipt.

The season is progressing well with the States and Traveller series well attended.

We now have our GoPro camera in readiness for the Nationals. The plan is to share it around amongst SA members at the Nationals at no cost, so if any of you are interested in having a go with it, let me know and we'll put your name on a list, to ensure you get your turn. There are 11 races (Including the invitation race), so most people should get a go. Don't forget, this camera can be set to capture automatically timed stills, or HD video. For those wanting to use the video mode, remember it will capture sound very well. Something you might like to keep in mind when you are having an "Ooops!!!" moment.

As usual, our hardworking committee has risen to the task, and done a great job of organising the Nationals. This year has been particularly tricky one with sponsorship getting harder to come by, and volunteers in short supply at Rivoli Bay SC, as it is only a very small club. Thanks everyone.

Just on the subject of sponsorship, I would like to remind our members that all events like States, Nationals, and Traveller cost money to run, and each year we are faced with the task of trying to raise monies to cover the costs of prizes, and fees payable to the host clubs. Thus far we have not managed to attract any sponsorship for this season's event but, at the moment we are fortunate enough to have quite a healthy bank balance and are able to cover it. The committee tries to keep increases in membership and entry fees as low as we can but when no other incomes are apparent, we have no option but to put up fees. In the coming year, the committee will be reviewing income strategies, merchandise, and what our membership gets for its money. We are not financial or marketing experts, so we would welcome any input from members on what we can do to maintain our financial position and provide tangible benefits to our members. If you have any ideas on what services you would like to see us provide, please feel free to contact me for a chat.

Finally I would like to wish everyone the best for the New Year and good luck at the nationals.

Regards to all  
Graeme

## *Editor's Bit*

Hi all,

The past month has been a busy one for the class, with the first heat of the states being held at the Lake Bonney Yacht Club, and two heats of the traveller series also being held at Henley Sailing Club and Normanville Sailing Club.

The Nationals are almost upon us. Not long now. If you haven't looked at the forum yet, there will be a mini bus winery tour being held at Rivoli Bay on Thursday the 5th of January. Costs will be kept at a minimum, but numbers are wanted. If you are interested in attending the tour, please contact the commodore of the Rivoli Bay Sailing Club, Evan Steele either through the forum or by sending an email to [evan.marga@internode.on.net](mailto:evan.marga@internode.on.net).

Apart from the Nationals being held, we also have the final heat of the states being held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February at the Milang Regatta Club. Also in February is the third heat of the traveller series. This will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Somerton Yacht Club. Hope to see you all there.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Kind Regards,

Jaimee Broekers.

## *States*

### *Lake Bonney Yacht Club*

The first heat of the mosquito states for 2011 season we held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of November at the Lake Bonney Yacht Club in Barmera.

Moderate winds greeted the 11 boats that came to sail the 5 scheduled races over the two days. To the disappointment of some people the winds dropped out a little before the 1pm start for 3 back to back races, although there was still plenty to get around the courses, with trapezing still being possible for most, which was a bonus as most of the sailors in Adelaide were unable to race due to no wind.

The first two races were sailed in fairly similar conditions with almost identical times being recorded for most people with the 3<sup>rd</sup> race being a little slower due to the wind dropping out a bit.

In the mark 1's, the battle for first was being fought out between Phillip Pearce on "Aldebaran" and local Steve Thomas on "Just Do It", with Steve getting the upper hand for 2 races and Philip for the other race. Coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> was Roy Douglas on "Rebel without a Clew" in the first race and Rick Verboon on "Both barrels" for the remaining 2 races.

In the mark 2's the battle again was between two boats, Warwick Kemp sailing "Atreus" and myself on "Natural Progression". Warwick got the upper hand in two of the three races, with myself getting a win for the other. There were 4 mark 2's competing with Simon Hallsworth on "The Young Mariner" not being far behind in any of the races.

On the Saturday night the club put on a meal for everyone, which was well attended and supported by the visitors to the club, which the club was very grateful for.

The Sunday brought less wind than the Saturday with around 5 knots being measured on the course at the start of the racing. Unfortunately the wind started to abate during the racing and the race needed to be shortened to ensure a result was recorded.

In the mark 1's Phillip managed to hold off a strong lead, finishing first with Steve. The 2 top boats of both classes almost finished at the same time. Again finishing in third was Rick.

In the mark 2's it was the same two boats fighting for the win with myself getting a lucky patch of wind to narrowly take first over Warwick with Simon and Phillip Flaherty getting on the wrong side of the dropping wind and not making it to the finish.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone who came up and supported the yacht club by coming and sailing, it was a successful weekend and we were very happy to have a states back at the club after a long period of none due to the low water over the past few years. I would also like to thank our club members and Kym Luitjes from Lake Hawthorn Sailing club in Mildura who came to help us out for the weekend.

Thanks and I hope to see you all up at Barmera again soon. Our next major regatta is our Easter regatta which is always a fun weekend.

Peter Dunk  
"Natural Progression"  
Lake Bonney Yacht Club

## *Traveller series*

### *Henley Sailing Club*

The first races of the 2011 – 2012 Mossie Traveller Series were held at Henley Sailing Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. These races were sailed as part of the Henley Centenary Regatta which ran over the whole weekend, celebrating 100 years of sailing at the club. On the Saturday we had a solid 15 – 20 knots from the SW for the whole day making for challenging and exciting racing. In race 1 Simon Hallsworth and Sarah Martin on The Young Mariner (Mk2) came in first followed by Natural Progression (Mk2), Aldebaran V (Mk1), Both Barrels (Mk1), To Be Sure Two (Mk2), Hagar (Mk1) and SPOT (Mk1). Between races 1 and 2 Peter Nicholson capsized upwind of the Henley Jetty and got separated from his boat. To make matters worse, when Phil & Mark went to the rescue and Mark jumped overboard to recover the boat, Phil then also managed to capsize leaving two boats bottom up and heading towards the jetty. Eventually all were up and sailing again – mean time Simon had managed to negotiate a delayed start for the Mossies and eventually we got a start away. Placings were identical in race 2 – minus the two swimmers!

Sunday saw another 2 heats as part of the Centenary Regatta, but these didn't count in the Mossie Traveller Series. The weather was very different on Sunday with around just 5 knots and patches weed out to sea. Ben Clark on Chicken Skin and Peter Hallsworth on Beyond a Joke battled it out at

the front of the fleet and shared a win each in the two heats, with myself and Peter Dunk each getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. For the Centenary Regatta results, Peter Dunk picked up a second overall (and a nice haul of prizes...!) on corrected time in the cat division, behind Warwick Graeme on an Arrow.

Rob Gilchrist  
Hagar 1714

## *Traveller series*

### *Normanville Sailing Club*

With October out of the way, November should have ushered in some warmer weather; it did but only on the weekdays. So it's still wetsuits and spray jackets. We have had some fairly strong wind days with only one drifter. The strong winds were also at Henley on November 26 for the first leg of the Mossie Traveller series, also Henley's Centenary Regatta. Nine Mossies turned up with some sailing down from ASC. Conditions were full on with strong winds, big seas and a big course. A feature of the traveller's is a mass start for Mk1 and Mk2 mosquitos. The mk2's are better suited to heavy conditions and it showed with Simon Hallsworth/Sarah Martin "The Young Mariner" and Peter Dunk, Kirsten Thomas "Natural Progression" pulling away from the fleet. It was certainly hard work trying to get to the top mark while staying on the trap. A few boats from other classes went over with a skiff breaking their carbon boom [\$500+] while a Henley Windrush capsized 3 times then decided to watch from the beach. Normanville's Peter Nickolson became separated from his boat during a gybe and found he could not swim fast enough to catch the capsized boat, Phil Flaherty's crew Mark Stillman grabbed hold of and righted Pete's boat, leaving Phil in super sloop mode and an inevitable capsize. This all happened between the first and second race. I discovered the bottom batten had come through the sail at the mast and sat out the second race. Tony Betton took his boat out for some strong wind practice [and a capsize]. We brought Peter and Phil's boats back to the trailers and watched the second race from the water's edge.

The second leg of the travellers was held at Normanville December 11th and we had a new toy to play with in the form of a new GoPro camera, the committee having decided to purchase one to publicise and promote the class.....and to have some fun with it! As guinea pig I decided to strap it on top of a bike helmet and see what happens. I was very conscious of the fact that it stuck up above the helmet and was very cautious during tacks. A front mount in future might give a better perspective. Anyway we had 18-20 knots for R1 with a triangle, loop, triangle, triangle course, we lapped some of the local dinghies and smaller surf cats [different course] in what was good, fast racing. I kept reaching up to check that the camera was still with us! Peter Dunk will be the next to try it at Lake Bonney so it will be interesting to see his footage on a mk2. With a lot of different fixing options the only limitation is imagination, Graeme Davies has his own GoPro so we should be able to get two boat footage, is anyone a whiz at editing? We were still on trap at the start of R2 but it was softening. The course had been changed and Rick Verboon was on track to the *correct* buoy but Phil Pearce and myself were catching up after a hurried change of direction. Interestingly, I was able to sail past the Mk2's of Peter Dunk and Phil Flaherty in a different wind corridor to them yet was only several metres away, Normanville's like that. The same thing happened a lap later and I was able to sneak in front of Phil Pearce and Rick Verboon. Shortly after the camera ran out of battery and I ran out of wind while Phil Pearce found his own personal wind corridor and resumed the lead, which he would hold to the finish. Simon Bone has fixed the damaged hull [with the expertise of Steve Rogers] and he and I will be double decking to the next event, The National Championships at Rivoli Bay in

the South East. The Nationals will run from 1-7 January and there is still time to enter, just go to the national website,

We will see you down there,  
Ho Ho Ho,  
Roy.

## *Classified Ads*

There are currently no items for sale.

If you would like to add something to be sold, looking for a particular item or information on an item, or would like your sailing story added to the newsletter, please send an email to: [mosquito.newsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:mosquito.newsletter@hotmail.com).

Thank you.