



*Newsletter: Mosquito Catamaran Association of SA INC*



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**Next MCASA committee meeting: March 21, 2016**

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## Presidential Report

All parents reading *MossieNet* would sympathise with our President who is currently enduring the experience of 'offspring teething'; so apologies for his lack of communiqué.

## Editorial

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: air temp 36°, water temp 24°, wind speed 10-15knts, ***I should be sailing!!!***

With the completion of the national titles in January and the state titles being run over the one weekend in November, sailing for the extended mosquito fleet has been local club sailing and special events. Special events seeing mosquito cats take part include the Pt Vincent Open Classic (many photos [here](#)), Milang-Goolwa and the Goolwa-Milang races (reports following).

Many other events have been organised for the SA Catamaran fleets, a quick search with your favourite web-searching programme will produce many interesting results.

Events for future consideration: Lake Boga Easter Regatta, link [here](#)

2016 Darwin Multihull Regatta during the southern winter: link [here](#)

If your special event is omitted, email the editor so a broadcast email can be sent to all MCASA members.

As secretary I receive many emails from YSA. I filter these and forward relevant information to all members. As a registered member of a YSA affiliated yacht club you may receive them direct from YSA also. *C'est la Vie*



The mosquito fleet at the PVSC Open Classic

## MossieBytes

- 'I am a Cat Sailor' link: [watch through youtube](#). This is worth the 4.35 min. to watch. Hilarious. Explains thoroughly the role of the skipper and the crew. Justifies buying a new boat every season. Also defines the 'wet suit'. Brilliant.
- Two mosquitoes have been placed on the market in the last month. See *MossieNet Classifieds* for details.
- AGM/Presentation night: April 15<sup>th</sup> has been selected but the Adelaide SC venue has a double booking. (We were first!) But seeing how it is an ASC event we may have to have a rethink. Committee member and ASC Rear commodore Hubie Tucker (*The Ancient Mariner*) is in discussion with the committee. Watch your emails!
- If you are a recipient of a **perpetual trophy**, please pass them onto your club's committee member for preparation for presentation including engraving.

## South Ossie with Mossie

### Pt. Vincent Open Classic: Results

A study of the results indicates the four PVSC mosquitoes were supported by three visitors from the suburbs. Photos linked previously in the Editorial show perfect racing conditions with strong and consistent winds on smooth seas. Congratulations to PVSC for organising another successful event; a precursor to the nationals.

PVSC Open Classic 2016										
Provisional Results										
SERIES SCORES for Mosquitos CBH up to Race 7 on 25/01/2016 Ties not resolved! Duty Score Average of 7 best scores										
(Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: A=ARB/MED B=BFD C=DNC D=DNE E=ESP F=DNF G=RDG I=DPI L=Late Entrant M=DGM N R=RET S=DNS T=TLE U=UFP V=AVG W=DUT X=EXC Z=ZFP Y=SCP #=NoData [x.y]=Discarded)										
Series Results [Mosquitos CBH] up to Race 7 (Drops = 2)										
Boat Name	Skipper	From	Sers Score	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
Go – Nads 2	B Spencer	Somerton	7.0	2.0	1.0	[3.0]	[3.0]	1.0	2.0	1.0
Both Barrels	R Verboon	visitor	8.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	[4.0]	[8.0]
9 Lives Mk2	S Slater	PVSC	17.0	[6.0]	4.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	1.0	[5.0]
Curlew	G Ilmann	PVSC	17.0	5.0	5.0	[5.0]	2.0	3.0	[7.0]	2.0
Goodnight Nurse	G Hackett	PVSC	20.0	3.0	2.0	8.0F	[9.0F]	[9.0F]	3.0	4.0
Buzz	A Van Arend	PVSC	21.0	4.0	[6.0]	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	[6.0]
Rebel without a Clew	R Douglas	Normanvill	29.0	[9.0C]	[9.0C]	8.0F	6.0	6.0	6.0	3.0
Wichway	S Launer	PVSC	42.0	9.0C	9.0C	9.0C	[9.0F]	[9.0F]	8.0	7.0

## THE 2016 MARINA HINDMARSH ISLAND MILANG GOOLWA



Shell, *Slipknot 2.0*'s displaced regular crew.

*Slipknot 2.0* 1732 was the only mosquito to enter this annual event. Sailing sloop rigged with spinnaker, Stephen Eshman and his crew had mixed success. After experiencing a perfect morning for rigging on the lawns at Milang, they set off in a light SE wind. The following is a posting on Facebook and is re-published with permission.

“Well today didn’t go as planned!

Before the start we had a port starboard (us on starboard) and we ended up facing the wrong way as the gun fired. And then the main fell down. With a quick dodgy fix we got going in light winds. All hope of a good finish was lost all in the first 5 mins of race so we just pressed on to catch up as many as we could.

With the wind finally starting to fill in the dodgy mainsail repair was doing more harm than good so we stopped to make the fix more permanent, losing another 10 mins of time. Then the jib block clip also let go.

Once round Point Sturt we had cracked sheets with massive wind shifts and gusts between 5knts and 20knts. With the gusts so unpredictable I did hit the panic button a few times just as Glen was about to climb out on the wire. We got the kite up for a full 2 min before we ran out of water but not before we buried both hulls underwater up to the back beam. GPS said we got to 17knt of speed before we tried to sink the thing. Sailing up the river was hard work with big bullets hitting us then it would all just drop to nothing but we finished and it was a fun ride.”



Stephen Eshman with Glen Emery

### Goolwa-Milang Results (catamaran division): Original copy with all divisions linked [here](#)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	TCF	TCF	Cor	d	T	Skipper	Class	Score	Fin	Tim	ETOrd	DidNot
1	AUS073	TWO DOGS	02:24:42	70.000	03:26:43	T			Wright	Taipan5.7	1.0	12:44:42		1	
2	1667	RAM RAIDER	02:32:51	72.000	03:32:18	J			Southall	Nacra5.8	2.0	12:52:51		3	
3	581	WILD TURKEY	02:34:42	72.500	03:33:23	B			Lienert	Stingray MkII .....	3.0	12:54:42		6	
4	133	BULLDOG	02:32:28	70.000	03:37:49	S			Dodd	Taipan5.7	4.0	12:52:28		2	
5	118	CRINKARI	02:33:10	70.000	03:38:49	M			McGuire	Taipan5.7	5.0	12:53:10		4	
6	AUS110	ANGRY PIRATE	02:33:25	70.000	03:39:10	M			Attwood	Taipan5.7	6.0	12:53:25		5	
7	2043	HIGH FIVE	03:02:24	81.000	03:45:11	A			Green	Nacra5.0	7.0	13:22:24		15	
8	1474	RUNNING ON EMPTY	02:42:17	72.000	03:45:24	T			Foristal	Nacra5.8	8.0	13:02:17		7	
9	538	NATURAL BORN KILLER	02:58:29	79.000	03:45:56	M			Towell	YVONNE	9.0	13:18:29		13	
10	974	THE GREEN MACHINE	04:05:57	108.000	03:47:44	C			Coombs	ARAFURA	10.0	14:25:57		27	
11	109845	POLE POSITION	03:11:49	82.000	03:53:55	K			Zuber	Hobie16	11.0	13:31:49		17	
12	1210	COLD FUSION	02:50:13	72.000	03:56:25	R			Oermann	Nacra5.8	12.0	13:10:13		9	
13	618	SPITFIRE	03:12:41	78.500	04:05:27	J			Cuthbertson	Nacra5.2	13.0	13:32:41		18	
14	69	BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIO	02:47:35	67.000	04:10:07	S			Hallsworth	Capricorn	14.0	13:07:35		8	
15	1731	LETHAL WEAPON	02:50:26	67.500	04:12:30	H			Trenorden	HobieTiger	15.0	13:10:26		10	
16	109982	SMOKE AND MIRRORS	03:28:43	82.000	04:14:32	D			James	Hobie16	16.0	13:48:43		21	
17	707	HURRICANE	03:02:50	71.500	04:15:43	N			Cuthbertson	Aclass(standard)	17.0	13:22:50		16	
18	2604	THE BLACK PEARL	02:52:56	67.500	04:16:12	A			Blacker	HobieTiger	18.0	13:12:56		12	
19	110365	HOBIE	03:32:14	82.000	04:18:49	P			Wild	Hobie16	19.0	13:52:14		22	
20	1459	WILLY FLIPIT	02:51:38	66.000	04:20:03	P			Yates	F18	20.0	13:11:38		11	
21	139	VIRGEL	03:43:01	85.500	04:20:50	R			Andrew	CALYPSO 16	21.0	14:03:01		23	
22	139	OLD SALT	03:15:04	73.000	04:27:13	H			Luckman	Taipan4.9Sloop	22.0	13:35:04		19	
23	2602	HORIZONTALRECREATION	03:01:49	67.500	04:29:22	D			Morton	HobieTiger	23.0	13:21:49		14	
24	10	AQUAHOLLIC	03:23:11	71.500	04:44:10	S			Houston	Aclass(standard)	24.0	13:43:11		20	
25	455	THE BLACK SHEEP	03:47:10	79.000	04:47:33	S			Meathrel	YVONNE	25.0	14:07:10		25	
26	1732	SLIPKNOT 2.0	03:46:58	77.000	04:54:46	S			Eshman	Mosquito Sloop(Spin)	26.0	14:06:58		24	
27	96260	KINSALE REGATTA	04:21:01	82.000	05:18:19	J			Ahern	Hobie16	27.0	14:41:01		28	
28	306	REAL SCREAMER	03:50:55	71.000	05:25:14	C			Rollas	BlackWitch	28.0	14:10:55		26	
29	414	BUMBLE BEE	05:33:38	90.000	06:10:42	M			O'Loughlin	Maricat4.35loop	29.0	15:53:38		29	
DNS	AUS124	TOO EASY		70.000					M Crouch	Taipan5.7	31.0				DNS



## OOPS!!

That's the mast and crew of a *Restricted 21*. Its keel is sitting on the bottom!

Go to **Canvas Sails** facebook pages for many more sailing photos from the Goolwa and Southern Lakes districts, including SA catamarans. Link [here](#)

## Goolwa-Milang Lake Alexandrina Classic:

Two mosquitoes (with 5 mossie sailors) entered this event. It has been a long time since it has been on the calendar and it was great to have it back. Not as popular as the Milang-Goolwa sailed over the Australia Day weekend, it is strongly supported by boats with spinnakers as it is primarily 'downhill'. Although the wind tightened up and increased sailing through the Clayton Bay narrows, the boats with kites were the main event. *Atreus* 4<sup>th</sup> (Warwick Kemp and Kalahni Bissi) was a notable performer (no kite). Phillip Pearce *Aldebaran VI* 11<sup>th</sup> was one of the two boats to not have a jib or spinnaker. Peter Dunk skippered *Taipan 5.7S White Knuckles* 8<sup>th</sup>. Brad Spencer crewed another *Taipan 5.7S Too Easy* 3<sup>rd</sup>. After a false start by the entire fleet (well not really as the time was correct, the division sequence was correct but the start boat hoisted the wrong flag) the fleet was recalled for a second attempt to get it right - and the RO did the second time! Most boats made a better effort as it was a downhill start, the practice of the 'false start' paying off for some! With several cats wetting the mast it was generally an uneventful sail in 8-13 knots with the usual gusty conditions in the lee of Hindmarsh Island. After rounding Pt. Sturt it was a tight reach (jib or kite an advantage) across Lake Alexandrina to the finish off the Milang jetty. Socialising and presentations were made at Milang RC. Congratulations to the Brad Spencer for being first overall crewing for Michael Crouch on *Too Easy* (3<sup>rd</sup> corrected).



Mossie sailor Brad Spencer with Michael Crouch, 1<sup>st</sup> overall

## Results (catamaran division):

1	2604 The Black Pearl	01:25:38	67.500	02:06:52	A Blacker	HobieTiger	12:07:38	3	Yes
2	1903 Soberphobia	01:25:03	66.500	02:07:54	S Kroon	NacraF18	12:07:03	2	Yes
3	AUS124 Too Easy	01:23:30	65.000	02:08:28	M Crouch	Taipan5.7WSpin	12:05:30	1	Yes
4	1788 Atreus	01:45:24	82.000	02:08:32	W Kemp	MosquitoMk11	12:27:24	12	Yes
5	531 Kinetic	01:42:13	79.000	02:09:23	P Hawkins	Yvonne	12:24:13	10	Yes
6	1892 Not Enough Men	01:31:15	67.500	02:15:11	S Bath	HobieTiger	1.0 12:13:15	5	
7	2043 High Five	01:52:02	81.000	02:18:19	A Green	Nacra5.0	12:34:02	14	Yes
8	68 White Knuckles	01:30:40	65.000	02:19:29	P Dunk	Taipan5.7WSpin	12:12:40	4	Yes
9	110606 Sidewinder	01:54:39	82.000	02:19:49	P Jenkin	Hobie16	12:36:39	15	Yes
10	109845 Pole Position	01:57:11	82.000	02:22:54	K Zuba	Hobie16	2.0 12:39:11	16	
11	1827 Alderbaran VI	01:59:50	83.500	02:23:31	P Pearce	Mosquito Mk1	12:41:50	17	Yes
12	073 Two Dogs	01:33:32	65.000	02:23:54	T Wright	Taipan5.7WSpin	12:15:32	6	Yes
13	118 Crinkari	01:34:28	65.000	02:25:20	M McGuire	Taipan5.7WSpin	3.0 12:16:28	7	
14	109982 Smoke and Mirrors	02:00:45	82.000	02:27:15	D James	Hobie16	12:42:45	18	Yes
15	139 Old Salt	01:46:53	72.500	02:27:26	H Luckman	Taipan4.9CatSpin	12:28:53	13	Yes
16	1459 Willy Flipit	01:39:36	66.500	02:29:46	P Yates	F18	12:21:36	8	Yes
17	110365 Hobie 16	02:04:40	82.000	02:32:02	P Wild	Hobie16	12:46:40	19	Yes
18	AUS110 Angry Pirate	01:40:23	65.000	02:34:26	M Attwood	Taipan5.7WSpin	12:22:23	9	Yes
19	2511 Animal Sanning Servi	01:44:36	67.500	02:34:58	J Southall	HobieTiger	12:26:36	11	Yes
20	96260 Kinsale Regatta	02:07:23	82.000	02:35:21	J Ahern	Hobie16	12:49:23	20	Yes
21	29897 Shemozzle	02:20:40	82.000	02:51:33	M O'Loughlin	Hobie16	13:02:40	23	Yes
22	10 Aquahollic	02:15:52	71.500	03:10:01	S Houston	AClass	12:57:52	21	Yes
23	306 Real Screamer	02:17:23	71.000	03:13:30	C Rollas	BlackWitch	12:59:23	22	Yes
DNF	515 Red Zeppelin		79.000		J Bracken	Yvonne		DNF	Yes

### **Neil Fowler: designer of the mosquito catamaran**

(Text copied from CATSAILOR.NET [here](#), posted 8 Aug 2011. An interesting read if you are interested in the history of the mosquito class.)

*Neil Fowler married Lois in 1949 and they had 4 children, Ted, Sue, Julie and Barry.*

*Neil was an electrician and a telecommunications technician with the PMG when he and Lois moved from Adelaide to Darwin in 1961. He brought his Quickcat catamaran with him even though locals claimed that you couldn't sail in Darwin due to the strong tides. Neil designed and built the "Arafura" an 18 foot catamaran and by 1963 there were enough people sailing different types of boat for the Darwin Sailing Club to be formed. Neil was a foundation member of the club.*

*Soon after the club identified a need for a catamaran trainer. Neil designed and built the 11 foot "Arafura Cadet" which was adopted as the DSC training boat. In 1966 Neil, Bill Jelley, David Veal and a few other club members trailed their boats south to the Catamaran Championships in Sorrento, Victoria. An "Arafura Cadet" built by Ted Fowler and sailed by Peter Atkins was awarded a magnificent bronze trophy as the "most outstanding craft" of the championships.*

*Neil designed many other boats, such as the Arrow, the Mynx, the Black Witch and the Mosquito. Many of these boats are still sailed in different clubs around Australia today. He also designed the "Wirraway", which ended up being commercially built in WA as the "Red Barron" cruising catamaran.*

*Neil and Lois set up and operated a marine chandlery called "Seafleet" on the Stuart Highway.*

*As well as designing catamarans, Neil enjoyed sailing them quite successfully. In 1969 he won the "B" class Championships at Cat Week and in Cat Week 1970 won the Black Witch class.*

*Neil and Lois moved to Buderim in Queensland in the 1980's.*

*Not only did he design and build boats but also built, re-built and repaired many different cars and motorcycles, which he and Lois took on many trips. Neil was also a skilful and successful pilot with nine endorsements and flew over 23 different types of aircraft.*

*Sadly, Neil Lawrence Fowler passed away in 2006, he was 84 years old.*

Further reading [here](#)

### **States:**

Presentation of prizes etcetera will be awarded at the AGM/Presentation night. Further detail to follow via email.

Please see previous note in *MossieBytes* above.

### **Nationals:**

#### **Season 2015-16**

Results are [here](#)

Congratulations to all SA boats and crews who travelled to Rye in Victoria for attending one of the biggest events in recent history. Particular mention to Peter Dunk and Kirsten Thomas *Sixth Element* 1782 for the success in the sloop rigged division. Pictured opposite; Pete's future crew, son Kai, trying the trophy for size.

#### **Season 2016 – 2017**

You should now be aware the Pt. Vincent SC will be hosting this event, Wed. Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 2016– Tues. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

MCASA country representative/committee member and Commodore of PVSC Greg Hackett has been very proactive in organising accommodation over the week. A distant observation indicates this is a very busy week for Pt. Vincent with the local community organising their usual New Year activities, including NYE fireworks, followed by the Pt. Vincent Gala Day (link [here](#)), all of which visitors are encouraged to participate. If you are struggling to find a roof/room/bed contact Greg as he is determined to overcome all district stumbling blocks to find suitable dwelling for all mossie sailors and there entourage. **Greg Hackett**, M: 0428 292 315, E: [greg.hackett@hotmail.com](mailto:greg.hackett@hotmail.com)



Copied from the Darwin SC facebook site. Link [here](#)  
Thanks to Greg Hackett for the lead.



## Club Events:

No reports submitted for publication so,

Time for a *Lipton Quality Black*, dash of milk, no sugar please. One buttermilk homestyle fruit scone on the side. Aahh, bliss!

## Web pages and Links

### Mosquito Catamaran Discussion Group:

For sailors of the Mosquito Racing Catamaran link: [Mosquito Discussion group](#)

Mosquito Catamaran Face Book: [Mosquito Facebook page](#)

## MossieNet Classifieds

*Slipknot 2.0* 1732, follow link [here](#) to gumtree. \$5,000

*The Young Mariner* 1800, follow link [here](#) to Mossie website. \$14,500

*Wanted*: a request has been made for a mosquito that requires TLC, for a 'project' boat. Details to Ed. for passing on.

See mosquito catamaran sales at the following locations. Please notify *MossieNet* Ed of others as you become aware of boats 'on the market'.

## Links

The National Mosquito Catamaran website: [Boats for Sale](#)

Mosquito Catamaran discussion group (Catsailor.com): [List of boats on the Forum](#)

## Locally

If you would like your sailing story to be in the newsletter (all contributions welcomed) or you would like to add something to be sold, looking for a particular item or seeking information on an item, please send an email to: [ppearce@internode.on.net](mailto:ppearce@internode.on.net)

Thank you, Phillip Pearce (Ed)

*Aldebaran VI*

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