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Presidents Position

I think most would agree that Point Turton was a success despite the poor weather on the Sunday, and the unusually low turnout of boats. This year, attendance was down significantly compared to previous years, especially in the MK2 division and this is no reflection on the enthusiasm of the boat owners, what with people injured and recovering from medical procedures, some things cant be helped.

I hasten to remind members that, this years format of all in one weekend was an experiment, and lessons were learnt. This is what can happen when we try and squeeze it all in to one weekend. Point Turton was a major topic of discussion at the February committee meeting and many possible improvements were cited and will be integrated into an updated version of our sailing instructions. Some of these items were, introduction of a minimum wind speed, minimum number of competitors, minimum number of legs to be sailed, resail contingency, and course shortening procedures.

I would like to extend a very big thank you to all who attended. I am sure those who did attend would agree that the Point Turton Sailing Club and its officials offered first rate hospitality, and displayed fantastic organising skills. Thanks also must go out to the Point Turton Tavern, Point Turton Caravan Park, and the Volunteer Marine Rescue group. How about that start boat, didn't that look grand ? Do you think that start gun was loud enough?

Finally, on Turton, I think Darryn Kopp summed it up pretty well when he said, "This is what country clubs do well, ..they just get on with it".

Whats new ?

"The Sting" is gone. That's right, unfortunately our training boat was not getting used often enough and the committee decided that in light of the current demand for good mozzies we should sell it. The Sting is a great boat with a lot of history, it was made available to us through the generosity of a member, at a price we could not refuse. The positive side is that this boat has gone to a someone new to the class and is making regular appearances at Normanville. Good on you Kia Sauerbier.

AGM APPROACHING !! On the 16th of April, come along to ASC for a beer, a BBQ and a chance to meet the committee and give us your feedback or suggestions. Remember our committee is working for you the members, so if you have any ideas about what we should be doing to improve the competitions and raise the profile of the class, DON'T BE SHY, the AGM is a great opportunity, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. Details of the AGM will officially appear on a flyer and on the website shortly.

Phillip Flaherty has bought a new state of the art carbon platform from Peter Cobden and Co. Meanwhile, we are still trying to sniff out boats (old and new) for sale to prospective members interested in joining the class.

For anyone assembling a mozzie, we now have an assembly jig to hold the hulls whilst beaming up and adding deck fittings, this is available on loan to members free of charge, pictures of this device will appear on the website soon.

Nationals 2012, SA will be hosting the Nats again in 2012, and the committee is currently looking for a suitable venue. So far Victor Harbour has been suggested, but our options are still open and any suggestions from members are welcome.

We are getting low on masts but, we are preparing to make a bulk order soon.

G'Day to new member Darcy Wedd of Normanville, it's great to see "**Yellow Fever**" back on the water.

Return of the "Traveller Series", at our most recent meeting we decided to re-introduce this series of races in the 2010/2011 season. The reason? To inject a bit more fun and variety into the season and showcase the class around the state more. No program has been formalised as yet, but watch out for more info in this newsletter and on our website.

Members and their boats, the MCASA website will soon be carrying a simple collection of photos, these will be of members on or alongside their boats. Got a favourite photo? Then send it to our webmaster.

I couldn't make the Nationals but from all accounts they had a good turn out and it was enjoyed by all, over to you Roy for the report on that. Regards to all, Graeme

The Editorial Gybe,

First of all an apology, this newsletter would have been out some time back had the computer not self imploded, thanks to Simon Hallsworth for his time and expertise in getting us up and running again.

National titles,

Manning Park Sailing Club, Lake Macquarie, NSW was the venue for the National Titles 2009-2010. SA was represented by seven boats towed by four cars driving through three states in two days. We had three Mk2's and four Mk1's being Phil Flaherty/ Mark Stillman, Simon Hallsworth/ Sarah Martin, Peter Dunk/ Kirsten Thomas followed by F troop's Ben Clark, Peter Nickolson, Simon Bone and Roy Douglas. The ten race series plus Invitation race was held in varying wind strengths with the morning races being typically lighter than the afternoon events with the race committee setting biggish courses with three course options [in reality two] with the course to be sailed displayed on the stern of the start boat. All races were sailed as per schedule with no resails required, we had sun, cloud, light winds, strong winds and quite a lot of fine rain. We also had a lot of fun. We also have a six page coverage with photo's of the Nationals in Multihull World Magazine which will be out by the time you read this so support the Mosquito Class and purchase a copy. Congratulations to new national Champions Gary Maskiell Mk1, and Neil and David Joiner Mk2. Results and photos are available on the Mosquito National website.

State Heats

Point Turton Sailing Club, Yorke Peninsula, February 6th and 7th, 2010.

We had 12 boats make the drive to Point Turton for the State Title weekend which would have 6 races held over Saturday and Sunday instead of over two weekends a couple of months apart. This was decided so as to help reduce travel and accommodation costs. Surprisingly, numbers were down on the last two years, injuries and a wedding [how selfish!] accounted for a couple but, at time of writing, there are no boats for sale on the second hand market and interest in the class is high. Certainly, local interest was high with 5 rescue boats from the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, plus the rubber duck from the Point Turton Sailing Club which I would get to know very well. There were quite a few spectators on the breakwater including Phil Flaherty on the injured list. There were three consecutive races on Saturday afternoon in 15 -20 knot winds which had everyone flat out on trapeze. Ben Clark on Chicken Skin won the first race followed by former state champion Phil Pearce sailing his self built ply boat Aldebaran V. Darryn Kopp came in third on Bullet after sorting out a trapeze shock cord. Races 2 and 3 were won by Darryn in a building breeze with Ben taking 2 second places ahead of "new boy" Peter Hallsworth on Beyond a Joke a radical ply boat built by AJ Ginning.

Combining photography with racing [why haven't I tried this before?] resulted in 2 capsizes and some bent bits for a DNF, DNS, DNF scorecard. Too easy! Darcy had a swim, Simon Bone snapped a mainsheet which is quite rare, and Graeme Davies swan dived through his Ashby mainsail reverting to his spare for Sunday. Boats de-rigged and/ or repaired, check out the cabins then off to the tavern for a few sherbets and a very good salt and pepper squid.

Early morning on the beach saw ...no wind!

There was some confusion as to whether to race or wait etc. My own reasoning was that if we were going to get a start then near the start boat was the place to be and accepted a tow towards the start line. Peter and Simon Hallsworth, Darcy Wedd plus Peter Dunk considered the breeze too light and remained on the beach. So, we had two races in ultra light conditions and the third in about five knots. Maintaining airflow over the sail was critical to keep momentum up, Phil Pearce tacked off to the right which, initially looked like a bad choice but he was able to sail past

the barely moving pack into second behind Darryn. Ben found himself in a dead spot and was actually drifting backwards, Graeme went way left into a dead calm and retirement, but Steve Thomas, Allan Pettman, myself and Ben enjoyed a neck and neck duel in slow motion to the flag, a bit like chess on valium. Race 4; Darryn 1st, Phil Pearce 2nd, Steve Thomas 3rd. Race 5; Darryn 1st, Phil Pearce 2nd, Ben Clark 3rd. Races 4 and 5 were shortened to one lap due to the light conditions. Phil Pearce was fired up by being called back by the race committee for being OCS when he was actually doing a “dip start”, finishing second was an amazing comeback. For the last race Ben and Darryn started well and led the pack to the top mark. This race was to go the full distance now that we had a bit more breeze to work with and developed into a nice tactical race, ie; going to leeward of the 44’ start boat was like pulling on the handbrake. Ben was to win the last race of the series with Darryn a minute behind, followed by Phil Pearce, Steve Thomas, Roy Douglas, Allan Pettman and Simon Bone, Graeme did not contest the last two races after retiring in race 4. There was some debate over the shortened course procedure, and minimum wind speed in order to race. Our Sailing Instructions will be modified to address these issues before the next States or Nationals. The Point Turton Sailing Club did an excellent job both on and off the water, people turned out to watch the event, the Yorke Peninsula Country Times covered it and we had 5 rescue boats [I almost felt obliged to capsized!] The lack of sufficient Mk2 numbers was disappointing; Sunday could have had more breeze, etc, etc. You choose a venue and a date and you get on with it, that’s yacht racing. We will be submitting a fuller coverage with Photos to Multi hull World for their next issue.

Mk1	Races 1-6	Result
Darryn Kopp “Bullet” 1782	3,1,1,1,1,2.	1
Ben Clark “Chicken Skin” 1786	1,2,2,6,3,1.	2
Phil Pearce “Aldebaran V 1765	2,4,4,2,2,3.	3
Steve Thomas “Just Do It” 1732	5,5,5,3,4,4.	4
Allan Pettman “The Ultimate” 1721	6,6,6,4,6,6.	5
Peter Hallsworth “Beyond a Joke” 1777	4,3,3,Dns,Dns,Dns.	6
Roy Douglas “Aquarius”1770	Dnf,Dns,Dnf,5,5,5.	7
Simon Bone “Phat Cat”1743	9,7,Dnf,7,7,7.	8
Graeme Davies “Infected” 1799	7,8,Dnf,Dnf,Dns,Dns.	9
Darcy Wedd “Yellow Fever”1723	8,Dnf,7,Dns,Dns,Dns.	10
Mk2	# 3 boats minimum needed to count as a series	
Simon Hallsworth/ Jaimee Broekers “The Young Mariner”1800	1,2,1. Dns,Dns,Dns.	
Peter Dunk/ Kirsten Thomas “Natural Progression”1707	2,1,2,Dns,Dns,Dns	

Normanville

There has been quite a lot of mossie activity since Christmas with newcomers to the class turning up intermittently with their pre loved mossies . We have seen Ty Sauerbier on the ex training boat “ The Sting”, Mike Croaker has moved up to a ply mosquito from a Windrush, Victor Harbor sailor Rob Ferguson has bought “Go-Nads” from Andrew DeLaine. Rob came down to Normanville a week prior to the states when we had 9 mosquitos on the beach, which included some of ASC’s mossie sailors. Sort of a pre-state states! We have been getting a mix of weather with one day lost with lack of wind, it just happened to be the Sunday the Arrows came for their State Titles, and two Sundays when the breeze was too much, and some lightning. All in all an excellent season so far.

Adelaide Sailing Club

ASC has also been having a regular turn out of several mossies with some very close results, Simon Hallsworth and Ben Clark are separated by a single point as we get to the last few weeks of the season. Results and some photo’s can be seen on ASC’s website

www.adelaidesailingclub.com.au

Boat trading

David Dunk has decided to sell his other Mosquito 1658 Baby Blue [formerly Heart'n'Soul] which son Peter used to campaign. The boat has been professionally repainted since David took over ownership, very good condition, price will reflect level of equipment chosen with the boat. Refer to Mossie Classifieds

Rob Schneider has bought Dream Machine 1684 and is on the lookout for a set of Center Boards drindusty@hotmail.com

Cameron Baldock has also taken possession of a red timber mosquito, Rob and Cameron dropped in to Normanville to check things out but forgot to bring their boats, next time!

Rob Gilchrist has bought Hagar 1714 from Brian Partridge who has bought a Stingray. We hope to see Rob and maybe Brian this Sunday.

I received a phone call from Tony who has bought 1143 [not definite on the sail no] and intends to sail the boat at Henley and occasionally Normanville , as will Rob Gilchrist when not sailing his 505.

Rob Ferguson has bought Go-Nads 1734 and will sail Victor Harbor and Normanville

Cheers,
Roy.

Mozzie Net Classifieds

For Sale Mosquito MK2

Sail no 1658 "Baby Blue" [formerly Heart n Soul campaigned by Peter]

Carter hulls , dry, fresh paint job, Alegayter mainsail cut by P.Dunk

Foils and rudders in good condition?

Boat presents well,

Good trailer, registered

Price determined by equipment level

1 x Jib, Alegayter Sails (cut by P Dunk).....used at Warrnambool Nationals only, as new condition, Kevlar Flex 13 material (4.9 oz).....\$275 ono

Contact either Peter Dunk 0439 335 781 or David Dunk 0409 850 740

sailaway@email.com

Wanted

Second Hand Fibreglass Mosquito Centreboards

Contact Rob Schneider drindusty@hotmail.com

Just Listed

For Sale Mosquito Mk2

Sail Number 1695

Name Fnquick

Hull type is composite foam sandwich, carbon fibre.

Hull maker is Brett Young of Adelaide.

Minimum Weight

Hulls have been painted with 2 pack epoxy

Fittings have been removed from hulls but should be all there.

Mast foils all complete

Needs new rigging wires

Needs new trampoline.

Beach trolley (jinker type frame with wheels)

2 Mains, one almost new (can't remember what brand)

2 or 3 jibs

Trailer

Asking price \$3000

Contact

George Mayhew

Port Lincoln

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