

The Spinnaker

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Port Augusta Yacht Club

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CLUB COMMITTEE

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<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Bruce Molineux</i>
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<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Chris Feist</i>

Committee Members

<i>John Orenshaw</i>	<i>Adam Kohler</i>
<i>Peter Molineux</i>	<i>Ashley Bemmerl</i>
<i>John Purvois</i>	<i>Jeff Bowey</i>
<i>Maggie McLean – Spinnaker Editor</i>	

Commodore's Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. The Nationals were held in Tasmania this year and I had the good fortune to be able to attend and view the racing, a report of the event is later in the Spinnaker. As a result of the decisions last year, the club is looking for volunteer support and encouraging all members to be involved with the various rosters. The General Meeting held earlier was a great social catch up for those that attended and the new Juke box and eight ball table got a work out.

Jeff Bowey has been kind enough to design a survey for all members to have a say about what they want from the club. There is a direct link to the survey on the PAYC web page or you can type into your web browser

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HG3CYQJ>

Press enter and it will take you to the survey

The Committee is keen to move the club in the right direction, but a committee of eleven people cannot make effective decisions without the input of the entire club. The survey focuses on a wide range of topics and gives a range of answers so the survey can be as simple as 'tick-a-box' answers and it can be completed on-line via a link on the club website or by getting the attached survey back by post or in person. The Committee would love to see members back, so **have your say** so we can start the ball rolling.

An issue that has arisen is the storage of dinghies and the efficient use of available space. Storage is only available to members and Long term storage is only available for members who negotiate this with the committee. Members who wish to continue storing their dinghies in the club shed must contact a committee member and identify their dinghy. Any dinghies that are not identified by the end of April will be moved to another shed that does not have general access.



A Busy Bee on Sunday **18th April** will allow for some much needed maintenance and will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends. A BBQ will be held for lunch and would be a great way to spend an afternoon.

A social day will be held on Saturday **27th March**, and will be a 'Bring and Friend' come and try afternoon. The Pacers will be available and there will be members available who can take you or your friends out for a sail if you don't feel confident in taking one out yourself. It will be great for you to take the kids out so they can have some fun and get some experience.

There have been some changes to the sailing program, the sailing scheduled for Friday nights is no longer planned. There are only two more races on Sundays so take the chance to do some friendly racing. We are all excited about the upcoming Queen of the Gulf. I look forward to seeing you at any of the events and would relish the opportunity to have a drink with you at the bar afterwards.

Geoff Kohler

UP COMING EVENTS

Come n Try

27th March – 1.00 pm – Teas available

Members are invited to bring friends and family and introduce them to sailing. The Pacers will be out with a rescue boat and members are encouraged to take their family and friends out themselves, or experienced members will be available if you are not confident yourself. There are 7 Pacers, so there are plenty for everyone to have a go.



Busy Bee

18 April – 9.00 am – BBQ Lunch

As all building and organization, they need a little TLC. There are a lot of jobs that need doing around the place, both inside and out, in the sheds and in the clubrooms. It would be great to see you there. If you have any equipment that may come in handy, please bring it along. A BBQ will be held for lunch with a gold coin donation. It will be an opportunity to catch up with like-minded people and talk about boats, what can be so bad about that!!!



Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee meetings are held the *second Tuesday of every month*, starting at 7.00 pm. If would like to contribute or if you would like something discussed you can contact a committee member or attend the meeting in person.

Social Friday's

The bar is open every Friday and everyone is welcome to come in and have a drink. An eight ball table is available for \$1 per game and the juke box is filled with some great music. Come down with your friends or make some new ones.

General Information

Dingy Storage

Please contact a committee member by 31 April if you wish to continue to store your dinghy in the club storage area. This storage is under review and any un-financial members will need to remove their dinghy's and any dinghy's that are not identified will be moved to another secure area.

Club Room Hire

Club Room bookings are now only available for corporate or non-catering functions. Chris Fiest is taking the bookings in the interim until such time as a system can be put in place. If you have any bookings, or know anyone who would like to enquire, please forward their enquires to Chris on augdes@bigpond.net.au

Survey

The survey is designed to allow the Committee to gain feedback, from you the member. The quickest and fastest way to complete the survey is "online" (There is a direct link to the survey on the PAYC web page or you can type into your web browser " <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HG3CYQJ> " then_Press enter and it will take you to the survey

There are many members that pay their membership every year but don't attend any events or are even seen at the clubrooms. The Committee would like to know your feelings and wishes for the clubs future direction. Please complete the survey and post back, drop into the club rooms or give to a Committee Member. **We would like to have the surveys back, no later than 16 April.**

Membership Details

Do we have your current details, phone numbers, postal, and email addresses? Please ensure that the club has them so we can keep you informed about upcoming events and topics of discussion! Please complete the survey and include your up to date details.

Crew Required / Crew seeking boat

❖ Jeff Bowey – is keen to crew on any boat, any position!

Changes to Sailing Program

Please note that the sailing scheduled for Friday evenings is no longer being held, but please feel free to come down for drinks and a catch up with friends at the bar.

Website - <http://www.users.centralonline.com.au/payc/>

The club has a new website where you can check programs, view up to date results, photos general information and access the PAYC survey.

Classifieds

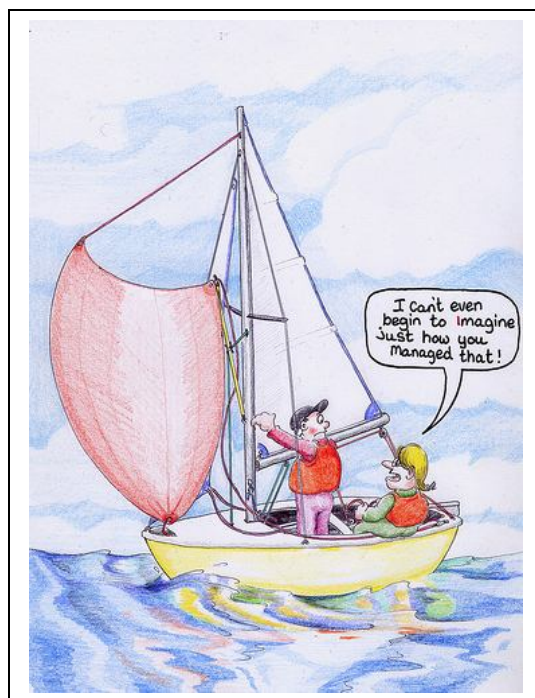
If anyone has anything they would like put in this section, to buy, sell or give away, please contact Maggie by email on jeffbowey@bigpond.com or 0438 424781.

WANTED cheap sailing dingy or cat,

Also looking for a "good" trailer sailor Contact Jeff Bowey, if you know of one!

'To The Editor' - Spinnaker Suggestions

We would love to hear any suggestions / requests or if you have an article or photos that you would like included. Please contact Jeff or Maggie, jeffbowey@bigpond.com or 0438 424781 or a committee member and or by leaving a message at the Yacht Club.



SAILING REPORTS

Race Results <http://www.users.centralonline.com.au/payc/>

Tassie Nationals

NOTE from the editor: Geoff Kohler was **THE** S.A. STATE TEAM MANAGER for the AUST. SHARPIES down at TASSIE!!!! Great Effort Geoff.

By Commodore Coke:

Just a brief or short note of what I think I saw or noticed of the Nats in Tassie @ Sandy Bay SAILING club

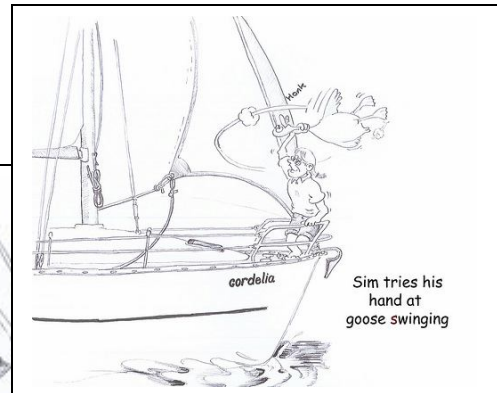
The series seemed to be run / organized by about 6 families, kids included and, who I might add, did a pretty good job assisting their parents with BBQ cooking and serving and Bar and Canteen work. Well done kids and thank you.

First impressions were that the boat park/rigging area was going to be a bit of a squeeze but was sorted out after a couple of races with gear being placed at the sides and not left in the middle of Park. The cattle ear tag system worked out quite well I thought, especially with the shore crews reminding the sailors as they came off the water frustrated with their result for the day. The land based officials or kids could notify by radio who was not on the water with a quick look from the tower and also be on the lookout for retirees.

Racing wise: Back to back invitation races was interesting in course finding but S.A. had 5 of our 11 in the top 10 in both races. For details and descriptions of heat results and conditions, please see the website under race results.

A big thank you, well done, to all the S.A. sailors and supporters who made the trip and to all the sailors who I annoyed or otherwise by "JUST CHECKING" thanks for putting up with me. With our fleet of 11 boats we had 5 in the top ten and of course 1 2 3 over all is a pretty successful series. Once again congratulations to Mal Sam and Andy and thank you to all our beach crews and kids.

Geoff Kohler



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