Club Newsletter 30/10/19

RRSRC CLUB-HOUSE 50-YEAR CELEBRATION REGATTA THIS WEEKEND 2-3 NOV!!!!!!!
(with Saturday Ivan Bathgate up-river race)

“Members and ex-members coming to our 50th celebration party are invited to bring any old photos of the club or activities. We will hopefully have a photo viewing and story telling time as part of the celebration.

Party starts early 5 or 6 pm Saturday, with live music by Trent’s band Broadfoot. Costs $10 for pizza. Champagne and birthday cake supplied. Byo others.
Let us know early on the day if coming please. Regards Phill”
CLUB NEWS

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Would you like to brush up your racing technique, under the guidance of an expert? The Club is building up a register of sailors who'd like to either Mentor, or be Mentored. Contact Commodore Phill, if you're interested.

"You'll be fine with me. I know these waters like the back of my hand."

QUIZ (Please send any good Quiz questions to Mark easydoesit2345@gmail.com)

Millsy was the winner - The boat was originally called the "Weekender", and it's now, of course, the Laser. Trent and Vince also got it right ☺

IDLE GOSSIP

(Please send anything interesting sailing or club related to Mark easydoesit2345@gmail.com)

- Rumour has it that a prominent Mono sailor is "seriously interested" in the RS 100 that Vince is selling.............
TRAILERABLES REPORT FOR SUNDAY 27 OCT

(Thanks Col H, with a bit of input from Mark and Rod)

From Col…….

.. at the top end of the fleet ..
Spudgun was first around Top Mark, with Shades and Treasure Isle in close company.
Shades got ahead first downwind, but Spudgun was still there challenging for the next Top Mark.
Shades eventually established a lead, back to Spudgun then back to Treasure Isle, but the day went to Spudgun.

From Rod and Mark
Racing were three RL 24s, a Spider, a Careel 22, and a Castle 550.
Castle 550 Bella (with Mark, Julie, and Norm on board) was first across the line, at speed, right on the start gun. Unfortunately, it was the “wrong”, northern, end of the line! So she started, effectively, last. She maintained that position for the whole race. She was, however, “nipping at the heels” of Careel 22 Serenity, for the first three laps - until she found a sandbar, in the murky river (how can a river be murky, when there’s been virtually NO RAIN for months???)
Summerdream dusted off the cobwebs and made an appearance. The blustery conditions made it interesting for the crew as it was their first time they had sailed in a race. Skipper Rod enjoyed being back on the water, and had a tussle with Serenity, always in striking distance. We were waiting for Dave Bowler to get out his violin and show his amazing talent - in an attempt to distract us.
A big thanks to Rescue Rik for calling one less lap for us tail enders.
A sunny but blustery day again, seems to be a bit of a pattern setting in these days.

A good fleet of 8 boats started in a drag race on the ebb tide with Trent and Daisy in the full-rigged Northy getting a jump from the middle of the line. Halfway up the beat, Alter Ego had squeezed in front and the rest were forming up in race order. Retro and Hammin it up having a great duel for third and fourth, Olde Golde and Abedare snapping at their heels.

Trent and Daisy on Graeme Garden stormed through Alter Ego on the third upwind and held on for a tight 20 second win.
Sensational day for Des on Olde Golde winning on handicap by a good margin from Retro and Graeme Garden. Des was only 12 minutes behind the scratch winner; look at the old fella go!
DNF's for Jish in the 125 and Paul in the Impulse, not sure what happened there, but given the gusty conditions early in the race there are probably some good stories.

Thanks to Colin and Jan for doing the duty!
Gennaker report for Sunday 27 October 2019

(thanks Michael and Duncan – Ed)

With the wind at briefing time a strong southerly which had only just veered around from the SW, setting a nice course was never going to be easy. The SE course was chosen, which inevitably meant the starting line had the usual starboard end bias. But that didn’t stop all six Formula Fifteens and three RS100’s from fronting the starter.

The Fifteens Toxic (Tom and Brendan) and Secret (Barry and Anna), together with the RS100’s Casper (Duncan) and 5Buckaroos (Vincent) got the Best of the start.

Secret led at the first mark, settling down to a close race with Toxic as spinnakers were hoisted for the first time. Second Wind (Michael and Tara) and Magic Formula (Justin and Clare) followed close behind.
Strong gusts swept the fleet during the next run causing some problems. As Second Wind’s rudder pin came adrift, Michael and Tara, double wiring under spinnaker, first felt the boat wobbling under them and then become uncontrollable, throwing them into the water as the boat capsized.

A number of the other boats capsized during the run, leaving Secret and Toxic well out in the lead. That developed into a close race with Toxic working its way into the lead later in the race. Then it too succumbed to a capsize under spinnaker, letting Secret romp through for both line honours and handicap victory.
The rudder problem forced Second Wind to withdraw, as did the ultra-lightweight crew combination of Laura and Francine in Mr Bond. You only live Once (Dan and Pippa) had one of those unfortunate lap miscount issues which also forced it to ask that its finish not be recorded in the results.

The RS100’s played role reversal, with Duncan not swimming and Vince doing so instead. The three RS100’s populated second to fourth positions in the corrected results but not Barry & Anna’s top spot. Duncan beat Vince for the first time this season, by about the same margin as Vince’s capsize. The pair swapped positions often during the race: Vince was faster for the first (heavier) half and Duncan for the second. Vince swam early while leading Duncan, then caught and overtook him, then gave it away again on a light run.

It was a good day despite many F15 swims and gear issues.
Cat Report  (thanks Jonathon)

A fleet of seven cats lined up for the 7th race of the point score series. The southerly breeze had been up and down all morning, but it was forecast to abate. A south east course was set with hope that wind would shift more to the east. Sailing down to the starting area the breeze freshened and gusts over 20 knots were common but as the wind consistently about 20 knots this was not a big challenge. The start line was set to give boats at either end a reasonable chance to get to the red channel marker. As usual the cats were spread out but with most trying to get the starboard end of the line, Dazed & Confused appeared to get the best start. 2 FOOT Extra stayed wide and was able to get some clean air. As the race settled past the red marker several boats managed to sail up the edge of the sand bank and lay the top mark in one tack. At the top mark Dazed & Confused lead from Finely Tuned, who had done it in one tack.
The leg out to the green marker was a tight reach with plenty of wind, lots of speed show by the cats. The down wind leg back past the club and to the bottom was filled with drama. First “A” was hit by a gust and capsized just past the pool while just behind 2 FOOT Extra. Dazed & Confused reached the bottom mark first but was caught by a gust when rounding up and capsized. This left Finely Tuned out in front and poweaway, chased by 2 FOOT Extra. With 2 of the light weight cats on their side and drifting towards the rock walls and having difficulty righting their boats the rescue boat made sure “A” was in least danger and went to pull Dazed & Confused away from the RSL Wharf. This rescue continued for some time as the mainsail decided to unclip at the top of the mast and had to be fixed by the rescue boat and more relocation out into the river.

Meanwhile “A” had drifted into the small boat harbour near the RAMADA. Phill sailing past, saw the problem and sailed his cat back to the beach and launched the rubber ducky to go the “A”s assistance. Michael was able to walk in parts of the boat harbour and moved his boat back towards the entrance. After getting Dazed & Confused out of trouble and upright, the rescue boat returned to assist “A”. The rescue boat managed to get into the shallow boat harbour and helped right “A”. Paul Wrightson and Phill arrived in the rubber ducky and helped steer/push “A” out to the entrance but discovered that you can't hold onto another boat AND steer the ducky. Michael had to jump off to stop us pushing him onto the rocks once. He finally got to the entrance where he could sail away. Phill commented “we were rather amateur helpers, but Michael was very appreciative”.
Phill was able to return the rubber ducky to the beach and resume his race, now more than a lap behind. Great work Phill, going to the aid of another sailor.

Meanwhile out on the course the other 4 cats were having great fun in the breeze which was starting to ease off. Finely Tuned after leading for the first half of the race was caught by the fickle winds, with 2 FOOT Extra getting one extremely good downwind run and over taking Finely Tuned just before the bottom mark and then sailing away to winward. The next couple of laps saw the 2 5.8’s lap both First Strike and N52. The across the line result was 2 FOOT Extra followed by Finely Tuned with First Strike and N52 being finished a lap early. “A” finished well back and Ozspray was given redress for going to the assistance of “A”.

What a great day’s sailing with the fresh breeze and wonderful sunny skies. Its looks like some of the cats need to practice how to right their cats after a capsize. Maybe we should have a training session for all the cats to prove they can get their boats back up unassisted. Most had a great day’s sailing, with many feeling the effect of the hard work required to sail in the conditions. To quote Michael after a tough race “there is always another race next week to look forward to”

Once the handicapper had applied his magic, the point score results were Finely Tuned 1st from 2 FOOT Extra.

Many thanks to Rick and Roland for manning the rescue boat and to the club members who volunteered to do the duty so the rest of us could go racing on what turned out to be a beautiful spring day with a challenging breeze.

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**Home & Away Events**

If anyone knows of any events or would like an event posted please let me know - Ed

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**RRSRC Regatta weekend 2-3 November.**

The next "away Regatta" is Big River's ... Bridge to Breakers Regatta

23rd 24th November
For Sale/Wanted/Free to a Good Home

If you have any sailing related items for sale or if you want to buy something sailing related and want it put in the newsletter please let me know – Ed  easydoesit2345@gmail.com

For Sale - RS 100 No. 270 "Wine Down"

RS 100's are an international high performance single-handed skiff with gennacker for exhilarating off-wind speed. One design rules ensure all boats are highly competitive. Carbon fibre mast and excellent sail controls allow for adaptation for a wide range of crew weights and conditions. Join the growing competitive fleet at RRSRC. This boat will develop your skills and provide a challenging platform to enhance your individual sailing mastery. The singlehander to own! New boats sell for $19,895. Special price - Only $8000. Lowest Price for any RS100 for sale in Australia now. Excellent racing condition. 1st in 2016 Aust titles. Comes with 8.4 main and gennacker in racing condition, mast cover, rudder cover, trolley, boat cover. Call Vincent on 6688 4480 or email vselleck888@gmail.com. This is a spare boat which will be available after the Harwood Bridge to Breakers on 24th Nov. Watch the video! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-9wIjZj68 Visit the Website: http://www.rs100sailingaustralia.net/ Test sail today! It's fantastic fun. No crew. Give it a try!
Castle 550 Trailer Sailer

Number 15. On a single axle un-braked trailer so no rego check required. Very easy to tow – fine behind my Audi A4. NSW rego.

Castle 550’s are light and easy to launch and sail.

Gypsy is in very good condition. She has a brand new VHF radio, depth sounder, CD/ipod player, 12v battery. Mariner 5hp outboard runs well. Two stroke but quiet. The rudder has a dagger foil but a brand new blade for a swing rudder is included (bought from the manufacturer). A friend recently had a swing rudder box made for less than $300. Two mains, one jib, storm jib, and spinnaker. V Berth has plenty of room for two people.

Brand new porta-potty. Bearing buddies on trailer.

$10,900 neg. Contact Dave Scott 0428 854800

Castle 650, Mr Squiggle, Sail
