

MAY 2005



Windrush Wavelengths

Newsletter of the Windrush Catamaran Assn of Western Australia

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello,

My name is Andrew Harcourt and I am the new president of the Windrush Association. I am a member of Shelley Sailing Club and a family man who believes that sailing is a great family sport. I sail regularly with my younger son on Sundays.

As president I am looking forward to working with a great bunch of people from the association.

The recent state Windrush championships held at Geographe Bay Yacht Club, Busselton were reasonably well attended and very well run by the members of the Busselton club. On behalf of all the Windrush sailors I would like to thank Busselton for their wonderful hospitality and organization.

The next state championships will be held at Nedlands and I would like to extend a personal challenge to all Windrush sailors to attend and achieve a goal of having 30 plus boats on the water.

The national titles for 2006 will be held in Chelsea (Melbourne) and I encourage as many as possible to make the trip across the Nullabor and support our eastern states sailors.

Looking forward to your support in the coming months,
Andrew Harcourt



Andrew Harcourt with son Dillon and Paul Todd

STATE TITLES 2005.

BUSSELTON

Arrived mid morning on Good Friday, Fraser and Jan had travelled down on the Thursday, along with quite a few other families, so they were all set-up. Fraser had the "billy" on, so had a cup of tea before setting up our camp.

The Geographe Bay Yacht Club was a hive of activity as the Flying Ants and 420's also had a regatta on, they were camping in front of the club house and the Windrush fraternity camped under the Peppercorn trees.

Friday afternoon was Invitation race 15-18 knots of breeze the course was set using a GPS so the marks were exactly .9 of a nautical mile apart.

Along start line was set to accommodate 18 boats in a mixed fleet on yardstick. The Super Sloops made the best of the conditions and had a handy lead by the 1st mark. I was closely followed by "Push" sailed by Robin Holmes most of the race, until he decided on a flyer to the left hand side of the course, which left him in some lighter breeze along the shore, giving me some breathing space, which I needed as I couldn't find the Club mark (Southern Seas) to round and

come back through the finish, just made it in the end, with half the fleet on my rudders

The welcome BBQ was funded by the Windrush Association, plenty of meat and beautiful salads along with some cold drinks under the new BBQ awning, also some light entertainment was provided by the resident possum.

By Saturday morning with some late arrivals the Cats and Sloops managed a fleet each with Rob Lowther kindly changing to Cat to make the five required to constitute a fleet.

The wind was now out of the south east where it stayed all day, along with some large shifts in direction and the occasional lull, just to keep us on our toes or maybe just totally frustrated.

By the end of the day Mal Buzza was leading the Cats, Brett Burvill and Liberty Cramer, were having a close tussle with Kim Cramer and his other daughter Breanna.

The Super Sloops were wide open as I had, had a good lead in the 1st race, but misunderstood where the finish was, so ended up last, by the time I sailed back from the windward mark.

This left two of the young guns in with a chance, Ryan Duffield who bought Cliff Rolfe's boat, plus added a new sail and Brendan Smith who was never far away. So at the end of the day it was Brendan Smith, Ryan Duffield and Rob Thompson.

Saturday night Cliff and Lorraine had made a tentative reservation at the Esplanade Hotel for 20 people, but we almost had a room full. The place was absolutely packed, the food and the service was excellent considering the crowd. Back at the camp it was a quite coffee and I think most of us were in bed by 9.30 (must be getting old).

Sunday morning was not looking good, not a breath of wind, and quite hot with some very high cloud. Consequently the start was postponed on shore until 5 knots of breeze appeared, went and waited at the start, while the breeze went through some huge arcs. Finally got away only to find the breeze dropping out again, so the course was shortened and we drifted through the finish in 1/2 a knot of breeze and it was looking like a four race series.

Around 2 pm a 6-8 knot westerly came in, a competitors meeting was called, the course was shortened up to a triangle, windward and return then finish, with the marks moved in closer as well, Each race took about 35 minutes and with only a short distance to the top mark, made for good close racing and some defensive sailing down the 1st reach.

Ryan Duffield sailed away from the start in his own breeze and lead all the way in heat five.

The local sailors, Greg Mair sporting a brand new main sail and Frank (Cobra) O'Keefe both showed glimpses of good form, but were unable to maintain the pressure.

The presentation evening was held in the Club house with Paul Todd acting as M.C. ably assisted by Glennis Norwood. A beautiful roast dinner prepared in house

followed by iced cream sweets covered in chocolate or looking like peaches, really hard to explain how good they looked and tasted, but let me assure you, everybody went back for seconds and thirds.

All the winners were recognized and received some very nice prizes.

The prize that generates most interest is the "Pink Elephant Award" handed out for the dumbest act over the weekend. Last year recipient was the much-loved Benny Di Gudice who was unable to attend because of the way the school holidays fell. So Benny posted the elephant to the committee for presentation. Paul read out the nominees, two capsizes Paul Todd from NYC and Jonathan Ham from Shelley sailing his first Windrush State Titles, Rob Thompson for not knowing where the finish was in Race 1 and finally Frank O'Keefe for repeating Rob's boo-boo, sailing to the windward mark, when the finish was in the centre of the course. There was a democratic vote held for the four nominees and for some reason I came away with the most unwanted prize of the evening.

Presentation night along with the series was ably run by GBYC and a special thanks to Gwin Cracknell, Rear Commodore of sailing and all his helpers.

Strawberry Wave

PRESENTATION NIGHT AT GEOGRAPHE BAY



Rob Thompson being congratulated by Paul Todd



Mal Buzza smiling from ear to ear on his big win in the Cat series.



Ryan Duffield receiving 2nd prize Championship S/S



Liberty Cramer & Brett Burvill 1st CHampionship Sloop



Kim & Breanna Cramer 2nd in Championship Sloop

W.C.A. of W.A. SUPER SLOOP CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SAIL NO.	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	RACES						POINTS	
			1	2	3	4	5	6		
6248	Rob Thompson	Strawberry Wave	11	1	1	1	2	1	6	1
6310	Ryan Duffield	Absenses of Mind	1	4	9	4	1	5	15	2
6227	Brendan Smith	PTO	3	3	3	5	4	2	15	3
6276	Paul Todd	Footloose	7	2	RET	3	3	4	19	4
6292	Frank O'Keefe	Buzz Off	5	9	2	6	5	3	21	5
6312	Greg Mair	Unleashed	9	6	4	2	7	6	25	6
6309	Robin Holmes	Push	2	7	5	9	6	8	28	7
6234	Fraser Watson	Double Time	4	4	7	DNF	8	7	30	8
6287	Brett Bassett	Livewire	8	8	6	7	9	9	38	9
6174	Jonathan Ham	Pure Insanity	10	10	8	8	10	10	46	10
6278	Greg Jennings	Wildcard	6	DNS	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	54	11

CAT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

6303	Malcolm Buzza	Buzz Box	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	1
6159	Kevin Milligan	Wet n' Wild	2	2	4	1	3	3	11	2
6259	Brian Norwood	Jaws	3	3	3	5	2	4	15	3
6242	Martyn Hewitt	Yee-Ha	4	5	5	3	5	2	19	4
6302	Bob Lowther	Back In Action	5	4	2	4	4	5	19	5

SLOOP CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

6262	Brett Burvill	Windrush	1	2	1	1	2	1	6	1
6114	Kim Cramer	Cool Change	2	1	2	2	1	2	8	2
6299	Andrew Harcourt	Recon	3	3	3	3	4	3	15	3
6280	Cliff Rolfe	Georgeous	4	4	4	DNF	3	5	20	4
6166	Mike Dean	Wind Warrior	5	5	5	DNF	5	4	24	5

HANDICAP RESULTS**SUPER SLOOP**

SAIL No.	SKIPPER	BOAT NAME	RACES						POINT	
			1	2	3	4	5	6		
6309	Robin Holmes	Push	2	7	7	9	2	3	21	1
6312	Greg Mair	Unleashed	10	1	3	1	10	7	22	2
6174	Jonathon Ham	Pure Insanity	3	8	4	4	3	10	22	3
6310	Ryan Duffield	Absense of Mind	1	9	9	3	1	9	23	4
6248	Rob Thompson	Strawberry Wave	11	5	2	5	7	4	23	5
6227	Brendan Smith	PTO	7	6	5	7	5	1	24	6
6292	Frank O'Keefe	Buzz off	8	10	1	8	6	2	25	7
6276	Paul Todd	Footloose	9	2	RET	2	4	8	25	8
6287	Brett Bassett	Livewire	5	3	6	6	8	5	25	9
6234	Fraser Watson	Double Time	4	4	8	DNF	9	6	31	10
6278	Greg Jennings	Wildcard	6	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	54	11

CAT

6242	Martyn Hewitt	Yee-Ha	1	1	5	1	1	1	5	1
6302	Bob Lowther	Back in Action	4	2	1	4	3	3	13	2
6259	Brian Norwood	Jaws	5	3	3	5	2	2	15	3
6303	Malcolm Buzza	Buzz Box	2	5	2	3	5	5	17	4
6159	Kevin Milligan	Wet N' Wild	3	4	4	2	4	4	17	5

SLOOP				HANDICAP RESULTS						
6166	Mike Dean	Wind Warrior	3	1	1	DNF	4	1	10	1
6280	Cliff Rolfe	Georgeous	1	2	2	DNF	1	4	10	2
6299	Andrew Harcourt	Recon	2	3	3	3	3	2	13	3
6262	Cliff Rolfe	Windrush	4	5	4	1	5	3	17	4
6114	Kim Cramer	Cool Change	5	4	5	2	2	5	18	5

INVITATION RACE				POINT	POSITION
6248	Rob Thompson	Strawberry Wave		0.00	1
6309	Robin Holmes	Push		3.00	2
6310	Ryan Duffield	Absense of Mind		5.70	3
6278	Greg Jennings	Wildcard		8.00	4
6292	Frank O'Keefe	Buzz off		10.00	5
6159	Kevin Milligan	Wet N' Wild		11.70	6
6303	Malcolm Buzza	Buzz Box		13.00	7
6114	Kim Cramer	Cool Change		14.00	8
6280	Cliff Rolfe	Georgeous		15.00	9
6312	Greg Mair	Unleased		16.00	10
6227	Brendan Smith	PTO		17.00	11
6302	Bob Lowther	Back in Action		18.00	12
6276	Paul Todd	Footloose		19.00	13
6287	Brett Bassett	Livewire		20.00	14
6234	Fraser Watson	Double Time		21.00	15
6299	Andrew Harcourt	Recon		22.00	16
6259	Brian Norwood	Jaws		26.00	DNF
6174	Jonathan Ham	Pure Insanity		26.00	DNF

JOHN RUSSELL TROPHY



MAL Buzza receiving the John Russell trophy for the best overall performance at the 2005 State Titles

Nedlands Yacht Club Windrush Report

Well another Nedlands YC sailing season is over with some of the best racing conditions we have had for a few years. No 25 knot plus blowouts for a change and only a few races where we had strong winds come in during the race. On the days where a strong wind was forecast for during the race us super sloops removed our jibs and sailed cat rigged on trapeze which worked out very well.

We have 8 Windrush catamarans registered as members with NYC but not all sailed on the same day, we had 5 Windrush on the water for most races and a Paper Tiger and a Nacra 14 to make up our under 14 cat fleet.

A highlight of our racing was the high speed leg to the windward mark (Smith bouy) along the sheltered and shallow bank close to the rivers edge in Melville water which was almost flat in the 20-25 knot winds and no big boats to get in our way.

Paul Todd one of our top sailors had this season off from sailing to work on renovating his house, but found a few opportunities to have a sail at Whitfords sea sports club.

John Mckechnie had been sailing sloop with daughter Alsa for a while but has lost her to the manly junior class where she is having a great time. We convinced John to try super slooping and he sailed very well this season coming third in the club championship and remarked, this is the best way of sailing ever.

Mike Dean sailing sloop with son Jasper had a great season with many handicap wins and only a leaking boat let them down.

Robin Holmes was the big mover of the year, he has shown continual improvement in boat sailing skills and has worked on his boat tirelessly to tune it to the stage where it is the fastest boat in our fleet. Robin won fastest time in most handicap races but won one championship heat and was second in the rest.

Doug Hodson a new and enthusiastic windrush sailor this season was unfortunately hurt while racing 4 weeks before the season finished when the metal trapeze dogbone hit him in the eye and caused bleeding behind the eye and had to take time off work, but am now happy to report that he has almost recovered and sailed our last race of the year.

Simon Daddo is a great sailor when he is with us and not away on business trips, (Junkets), and sails sloop with his wife Mandy quite often, but also sails very well super sloop, Simon was missing from a few races carrying out top secret business we hear, but the secret is out as Mandy is expecting very soon.

Nedlands yacht club 2004/2005**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

SKIPPER	PLACE
BRIAN NORWOOD	1st
ROBIN HOLMES	2nd
JOHN MC KECHNIE	3rd
SIMON DADDO	4th
TOM SERNA	5th
DOUG HODSON	6th
MIKE DEAN	7th
PETER BREVLET	8 th

CONSISTENCY RESULTS

SKIPPER	PLACE
JOHN MC KECHNIE	1st
ROBIN HOLMES	2 nd
BRIAN NORWOOD	3rd
SIMON DADDO	4th
MIKE DEAN	5th
TOM SERNA	6th
DOUG HODSON	7th
PETER BREVLET	8th

NYC Winter Series 2005

Nedlands YC is having a Sunday winter series of 5 races for all classes that turn up, so anyone wanting to sail their Windrush in this series you are most welcome. Races start at 1.30 pm.

Race 1 May 15

Race 2 June 5

Race 3 July 3

Race 4 July 31

Race 5 August 28

Regards Brian Norwood

JAWS

**SHELLEY CLUB REPORT****CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2004/05 SEASON**

- 1ST RECON Andrew & Dillon Harcourt
2nd LIVEWIRE Brett Bassett Super Sloop
3rd WHITE POINTER 2 Tony & Blake Smith

CONSISTENCY

- 1ST BLACK CAT Greg Armstrong
2nd TBA Mark Walters
3rd CAT-A-TAC Norm Snell

STATE JUNIOR REPORT**BUSSELTON**

Four juniors lined up for one race on the Monday morning in front of the Club house. The small group of spectators witnessed some close racing.

- 1st Kieran Rolfe Crew Uncle Cliff
2nd Jasper Dean Crew Dad Mike
3rd Dillon Harcourt Crew Dad Andrew
4th Tim Lowther Crew Dad Rob

Well done to all the Juniors.

INTER CLUB CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Peter Hawley of SBYC for winning this seasons challenge

- 2nd Rob Thompson
3rd Kevin Milligan

FOOTNOTE

The Windrush Committee decided not to promote the Inter Club Challenge for the coming 2005/06 season

THANK YOU

WHITFORDS SEA SPORTS CLUB

Sailing at Pinnaroo Point has been going along ok. Most Saturdays have seen light breezes, Greg Jennings and Robin Holmes have both showed some good form leading towards the State Titles.

We have also had some visitors in recent weeks, Paul Todd , Brett Bassett and Phil King on his Hobie Turbo.

Sailing will be finished when this goes to print, so enjoy the winter break.

OUR OUTGOING EDITOR BRIAN NORWOOD HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE WAVELENGTHS OVER THE PAST FOUR AND A HALF YEARS.

On behalf of all the Association members I'd like to thank Brian for a job well done

STRAWBERRY WAVE

Editor



**WINDRUSH ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
2005/06 COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT	ANDREW HARCOURT	94 588 655
VICE PRESIDENT	PAUL TODD	94 473 884
SECRETARY	NOEL HARDIE	93 102 716
TREASURER	GLENNIS NORWOOD	93 432 546
EDITOR	ROB THOMPSON	95 745 464
	E.MAIL	vikit@mfed.com.au
CLUB REPRESENTATIVES		
NEDLANDS	BRIAN NORWOOD	93 432 546
W.S.S.C	ROB THOMPSON	95 745 464
SHELLEY	ANDREW HARCOURT	94 588 655
SAFETY BAY	NOEL HARDIE	93 102 716



WEB SITE	http://au.geocities.com/windrushassociation	
EMAIL	windrushassociation@yahoo.com.au	
WEB SITE ADMINSTRATOR	ROBIN HOLMES	92 072807