



# RIVER RAMBLINGS

## NEWSLETTER

December 2017/January 2018



**General Meeting- Tuesday 5th Dec. 2017**

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## MERCHANDISE PRICE LIST

Ties .....	\$32.00
Tie Bars .....	\$20.00
Flag Pins .....	\$ 7.00
Badges .....	\$ 8.00
Hats & Beanies .....	\$15.00
Dress Shirts.....	\$35.00
Polo Shirts – Short Sleeve..	\$35.00
Polo Shirts – Long Sleeve...	\$40.00
Polar Fleece.....	\$45.00
Quilted Vests.....	\$50.00
Pennants.....	\$35.00
Racing Flags .....	\$25.00

## 2017/18 PASC Committee

Commodore	Kel Watson
Vice Commodore	Bill Cinnamond
Rear Commodore	Raelene Bates
Acting Treasurer	Lucus Cree
Secretary	Kevin Stewart
Racing Officer	Kevin Stewart
Committee:	Bob Smedley
Committee	Steve Caston
Committee (Chair of Sailing)	Gary Bunn-
Committee	Lucus Cree
Committee (Events Manager)	Alix Mason-



*The PASC club bar will be open from 4:30 to 8pm on Friday Nights; for a meal, good food, and good people!! Come along and enjoy! Hope to see you there!*

### **HAVE A SQUIZ**

Bluey and Shag were enjoying an ale at the Ozone after a brisque sail across Backstairs passage.

Bluey says to Shag "Have a squiz at those two crusty old coppers at the end of the bar, they're nearly cactus!" "That's gonna be us in 20 years"

Shag says "That's a mirror you moron!"



## Commodores Report

I would like to sum up some of the things that have happened recently.

I would also like to thank Ian McDonald for his service over the years as treasurer and welcome Lucus Cree as current acting treasurer.

Opening Day was a complete success with over a hundred people in our club rooms celebrating 120 years of the club and 10 years since we have relocated. We had a lot of positive feedback from our official guests who were impressed with the happy community feel our club had on the day. It is great to hear such feedback about our club.

Of course, Opening Day marked the official start of Racing Season and also the start of the season for Sailability.

"Friday Night at the Club" has become increasingly popular amongst our members who enjoy finishing the week with a meal and a drink whilst sharing some laughs with friends. We have also been lucky enough to have been entertained by Mike (minus the Mechanics) who owns Second Lady. He has entertained us with his fantastic singing and acoustic guitar skills. Perhaps there are other members who have hidden musical talents we do not know about?

Trevor Manoel and Eric Millard entertained us one Friday evening with pictures and stories of a trip they did from Darwin to Broome. Sixty people turned up to eat a meal and watch this theatrical extravaganza.

Christmas is almost upon us again with Commodore's Drinks, and I invite you all to come and join me celebrate on Saturday the 2/12/2017 at around 1900.

Regards, Kel Watson-Commodore

(The Commodore's Xmas Drinks went very well, with officials from other clubs attending. The food was put on by Rear Commodore Raelene Bates. Members of the Port River Sailing Club were there due to the combined race. The evening's entertainment was provided by Mike and he played the guitar and sang all evening-well done and thank you Mike!-Kevin Stewart)

## Editor's Note

Good things are happening at the PASC! Friday Nights at the Club have really taken off, thanks to our dedicated volunteers who have provided a succession of excellent meals.

In November, we had the added bonus of the presentation by Trevor and Eric detailing the epic experience of their sailing adventure from Darwin to Broome.

On a recent balmy Friday night, with the view of the sun setting spectacularly from our deck outside the club we were also entertained by the wonderful guitar, harmonica and vocals by Mike of Second Lady.

The food, entertainment and weather all combined to make Opening Day at the PASC 2017 a memorable event. Please see the story and photos provided by Alix in this issue.

Sailability has had a great start and the annual trip to Murray Bridge on December 1<sup>st</sup> has just taken place. Please see the information regarding upcoming Sailability events.

Thanks to Gary Bunn who has written up an excellent report of Racing at the PASC so far this season.

Cruising has also taken place, with several boats from our club making the trip across to Pt. Vincent on the October long weekend. Alix and Darren made a trip down the coast to Second Valley in November. Thanks to Alix for her story of this.

Kevin Stewart has been doing a wonderful job keeping us up to date with his emails. I have included a follow up to one of these regarding the definition of "Protected Waters" and the boundaries of these in SA. There are new rules for the use of PFD's that took effect this week and I have included these from the SA "Ondeck" website.

The cover for this edition is a photo of one of several stunning models brought in by Bob Smedley for display at the clubhouse for Opening Day which gave an extra dimension of ambience for the day!

Terry Beaston

## Friday Nights At The Club



*Mike provided the music for an eventful Friday night at the PASC, where we were also treated to the delicious slow cooked ribs, prepared to perfection by Chris!*



*Eric and Trevor gave an excellent presentation of their voyage along the Kimberly Coast in a Maple Leaf 42 earlier this year. The use of two displays, one showing the GPS map tracking the trip, and the other of photos of each location provided for an informative insight into this amazing adventure!*

# Port Adelaide Sailing Club Calendar 2017 - 2018

All Event Types 

Date	Event Type	Day	Series	Event Name	Event No	No
01/12/2017	FNATC	Friday		Decorate club for Children's Christmas Party		
02/12/2017	Race	Saturday	River Series	George Robertson Memorial/with PRSC	4	
02/12/2017	Club Event			Commodores Xmas Drinks		
05/12/2017	General Meeting	Tuesday				
06/12/2017	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 1		9	
06/12/2017	Race		Club/Gulf Tri Series	William Russell Shield	4	
10/12/2017	Sailibility	Sunday		Social/Racing	6	
13/12/2017	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 1		10	
15/12/2017	FNATC	Friday		Decorate for Childrens Christmas Party		
16/12/2017	Club Event	Saturday		Childrens Christmas Party		
17/12/2017	Race	Sunday	Ladies Trophy Race		1	
20/12/2017	Race	Wednesday	Ladies Twilight		2	
06/01/2018	Club Event	Saturday		Fun Race St Kilda		
06/01/2018	Club Hire	Saturday		Private Function	2	
07/01/2018	Social Event	Sunday		Cruise to Inner Harbor-Lunch		
10/01/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		11	
10/01/2018	Skippers Meeting					
13/01/2018	Race	Saturday	River Series	A Fisher Cup	5	
14/01/2018	Sailibility	Sunday		Social/Come and try		
17/01/2018	Race	Wednesday	Ladies Twilight		3	
20/01/2018	Race	Saturday	Club/Gulf Tri Series	Queen of the Gulf	5	
24/01/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		12	
26/01/2018	Race	Friday	Adelaide to Port Vincent		1	
27/01/2018	Race	Saturday	Adelaide to Port Vincent		2	
28/01/2018	Race	Sunday	Port Vincent to Adelaide		3	
31/01/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2			
03/02/2018	Race	Saturday	Club/Gulf Tri Series	St George Cup	6	
04/02/2018	Sailibility	Sunday		Social/ Come and try		
04/02/2018	Club Event			Flotilla for Kids		
06/02/2018	General Meeting	Tuesday				
07/02/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		14	
11/02/2018	Race	Sunday	River Series	Patrons Trophy	6	
14/02/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		15	
16/02/2018	Club Event	Friday		Cruise to CYC to watch Lincoln Race start		
16/02/2018	Race			King of the Gulf PV		
16/02/2018	Race		Gulf Event	Port Lincoln Race		
21/02/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		16	
25/02/2018	Race	Sunday	River Series	Stern Chaser		
25/02/2018	Sailibility			Social/Come and try	9	
28/02/2018	Race	Wednesday	Twilight Series 2		17	



# PASC OPENING DAY 2017

Opening Day was a huge success for PASC with over 100 people joined us in the club rooms for a sit down meal and many more members relaxed informally out on the verandah.



The Bag Pipers set the scene with an atmosphere and a tradition that was hard to ignore.



The sail pass went off without a hitch and the boats looked fantastic with decorations and crew dressed to match the vintage nautical theme of the day.



Many dignitaries attended inclusive of MP Susan Close and Port Adelaide Enfield Mayor Gary Johansson. Several guests mentioned what a wonderful day it was and what a fantastic atmosphere our club had.



Our members were entertained by Tristan Newsome in an acoustic guitar session with a remarkable cake in the shape of a boat for dessert.

**Best Dressed member for the Day:** *Sarah Belton*

**Best Dressed Boat:** *Twisted* (below)



**Best Dressed Crew:** *Shilo*

Thank you to all members who donated prizes and all volunteers who helped create such a wonderful event and allowed our club to shine.

-Alix Mason -Events Coordinator PASC





2018  
South Australian  
*Sailability*  
State Championships



**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** PORT ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB  
In conjunction with SAILABILITY SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
**VENUE:** Port Adelaide Sailing Club, Marina Adelaide  
George Robertson Drive, Largs North  
**DATE OF RACES:** 17th and 18th March 2018  
Racing both days from 10:00am

For further information contact:  
John Johnston, co-ordinator, on 0417 813 188 or your club's Sailability Co-ordinator

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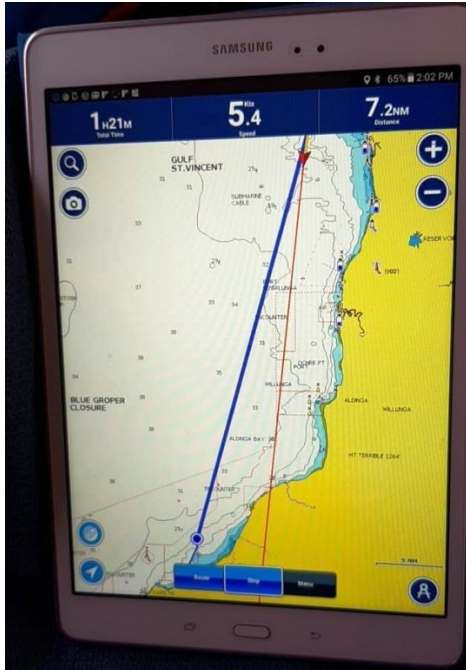


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# **Alix and Darren's Cruising Weekend**

## **To Second Valley on the Elodie Mae**

**18/11/2017**



It was a little wet and windy to begin with on Friday, however Darren promised me the weather will improve, unfortunately it didn't with at one point the wind blowing a solid 25 knots and we had two reefs in the main.



Darren loved a bit of night time sailing and our wet weather gear had proved to be a worthwhile investment. Our Lexcen held really well and we couldn't be happier with our boat in such weather. I was curled around a bucket and sleeping in between bouts of sea sickness so probably didn't enjoy the sail to our location as

much as Darren.



However, waking up where we had anchored at Second Valley was picturesque, with clean turquoise water and dolphins just near our boat.



Second Valley has a very sheltered little beach with a popular jetty for any keen fisherman. We took a little trip on our zodiac and new outboard and found a little cave we could go into. I wish I brought my camera. However, there were only so many hands and to be honest a glass of champagne took priority.



We caught squid without even trying and had dinner with friends who have owned a shack at second valley for more years than we can count.





We left early Sunday morning and motor sailing home as we had work on Monday.



Would I go back there? Absolutely even with Sea sickness I was a lovely way to spend the weekend and I loved anchoring instead of being in a marina.

## ROPE REQUEST

We're attempting to add a more nautical flavour to the front of the Clubrooms by including a bit of ropework around the bollards and pillars in this area. We put a couple of turk's heads in place for the Port Line Cup, but there is scope to go further. Therefore we need some more rope to progress this project. We're calling for donations of silver line or nylon of 6mm, to 12mm in diameter. It doesn't have to be new rope but it should be reasonably clean and not worn. Please contact Capt. Bob on 0407619178 or any of the Grey Army and we can arrange pick-up.

Thanks,



  
**PORT ADELAIDE SAILING CLUB**



**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 16th DECEMBER 2017 11am to 2pm**

Games and prizes  
ICE CREAMS  
DRINKS  
**LUNCH is CHICKEN SHASHLIKs and SALADS with BREAD ROLLS**  
FATHER CHRISTMAS ARRIVES

It is requested that every child receive a present from Santa, to be provided by the parents, grandparents or guardians to the value of \$15-00, wrapped and clearly labelled with child's full name.

The present / gift, is to be delivered to the PASC office, no later than 2200 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2017.

For catering purposes, games etc. we need to know how many children under 12yrs and adults accompanying them.

Lunch will be provided for all children and adults registered to attend the Xmas Party.

Please contact the Secretary with names and numbers by the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2017.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017 MEMBERS NAME .....

No of adults .....

No of children .....

You can email to [secretary@pasc.com.au](mailto:secretary@pasc.com.au)

## SAILABILITY PASC

### SPECIAL SAILING DATES

**Murray Bridge Day for Disability** DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2017  
 (5 boats plus "Big Red" and as many volunteers as can come for the day, Lunch supplied by Murray Bridge Council and Rotary)

**SCOSA** Sailing days for 2018

Tuesdays January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
 March 13<sup>th</sup>

**SCOSA** sailing day on the Port River Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
 This is the big SCOSA day where we will require as many volunteers as we can get (Last year we had 40 volunteers and could have done with more)

John Johnston  
 PASC Sailability Co-Ordinator





# PASC SAILING COMMITTEE RACING

The racing season has had a great start since October. In just a few short months we have seen 8 Twilight Races with good fleets of around 13 to 15 boats in two divisions. Generally, we have had ideal weather conditions, except for one occasion in early November. We had only 3 starters in blustery conditions with winds gusting to 28 Knots. It should be noted that the RSAYS and CYCSA abandoned their twilight race due to strong winds and high seas. Once again our Port River provided conditions that were tough but we could still hold our event. Yoo Hoo !!!

The River Races- John Leigh Memorial, Presidents Trophy, Patrick Weir Trophy and the outside races in conjunction with the Tri Series - JJ Rice Cup, Martindale Shield, which was abandoned due to lack of wind. The Nelson Cup / Jubilee Cup have attracted around 6 PASC Competitors. Nina, Emma, Touch n Go, Cinnbad, Sahara, Bolistic and Just in Time have been regular starters in this series with mixed results to date after 3 races.

The first of the Ladies Twilight races was held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The race start was delayed until 1830 after initially abandoned due to high temperatures during the day. Policy states that if the daytime temperature reaches 40C racing is abandoned only 39C was recorded, so it was back on.

Eventually, 13 boats made it to the start line with Keven Stewart PRO eager to get things going.

Nature played her part just before the start with a front producing squally conditions with gusty 30 knot bullets screaming across the River. Torch had trouble with a jib and nearly ended up in the mud. Much sail changing and frantic jockeying for position ensued, but Emma managed to clear the start with a fast downwind run to the first mark.

The weather front was gone in 15 minutes and the wind returned to a comfortable 10 knots. Emma held the lead the entire race to finish fastest.

The George Robinson Memorial River Race on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December was abandoned due to strong winds and only two boats signing on. This PRSC also celebrate this event and attempted to run their event but the blustery conditions were too strong for Dinghy racing. 20 or so PRSC members spent the afternoon as is tradition at our Clubrooms for a bite to eat and a few drinks.

The afternoon was hosted by our Rear Commodore Raylene Bates with a few PRSC members staying on for the Commodores Drinks at 7:00 pm.

It seems the weather is determined to disrupt racing this season. It is either blowing the crabs off the beach or so light that it wouldn't blow the skin off a custard.

All abandoned races will be re-sailed in April.

Safety Audits have been going well this month with 6 boats completing CAT 6, 4 or 3 forms.

Both Kevin Stewart and Gary Bunn are certified auditors. The dead line for audits is end of December 2017 so if you need yours to race better get your skates on. There are 9 boats registered that need their cat forms completed.

The Australia Day Port Vincent Week end is coming up with Friday 26 being the public holiday. So we will have a 3 day event this year. The Sailing Committee is planning the race over on Friday and back on Sunday. Saturday programme is yet to be arranged. If you are planning to go please make sure that you reserve your berth at the Port Vincent Marina – Rob is the Manager 0414 611 110. The Sailing Committee will call Rob to arrange a selection of berths near each other if possible.

The Category to Race over and back will be CAT 4. A way point around 15 n miles from Outer Harbour will be established and a number of radio skeds will be needed to enact CAT 4 requirements.

Ladies Twilights will also have an additional race scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> to make a 5 race series with 1 drop. This, we hope, will add some fairness to the series given that the conditions in race 1 did not allow all competitors to make the start line.

Finally, we are very fortunate this year to have Kate Linley and Hillary Cree assigned to the TOP Yacht Team. The system for resulting is going well to date with a sincere thankyou to Kate who has been providing the results.

All results to date are available on the Racing Notice board in the Club Room.

Fair winds and calm seas to all who may be out on the water this Festive Season!

Gary Bunn-Chair Sailing Committee

## **NEW LAWS ABOUT LIFEJACKET WEARING IN SA from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

**( More info on the Transport SA Ondeck News website)** [dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck/news?a=389632](http://dpti.sa.gov.au/ondeck/news?a=389632)

South Australian lifejacket laws are changing to help keep our community safe when enjoying our states waterways.

New regulations will come into effect from the 1st December 2017 and all boaters need to know what to do to make sure that they and their crew comply.

An awareness and education phase will be undertaken by DPTI Marine Safety Officers for 12 months, after which all boaters will need to comply.

### **Motor boats less than 4.8 metres in length**

All persons on aboard must wear a lifejacket suitable for their area of operation, at all times when underway or at anchor.

### **Motor boats 4.8 m to 12 m in length**

Children less than 12 years of age must wear a lifejacket at all times when on the open deck, at all times when underway or at anchor.

Persons of 12 years or more must wear a lifejacket when on the open deck during times of heightened risk. This includes the following:

When operating alone.

When operating after sunset or before sunrise.

When the boat is disabled.

When crossing an ocean bar.

At times of restricted visibility.

When in an area subject to a Gale, Storm force, Hurricane force, Severe thunderstorm or severe weather warning from the Bureau of meteorology.

When reasonably directed to do so by the master of the vessel.

### **Tender vessels**

If a motor vessel is a tender to another vessel the occupants must wear a lifejacket in accordance with the requirements set out above, in accordance with the boat length.

### **Other craft**

Surf ski's, Paddleboards, including Stand-up paddleboards when operating on Protected waters all persons aboard must wear a lifejacket of level 100, 50 or 50S.

When operating in semi protected waters more than 400 metres from shore, a level 100 or level 50.

Dragon boats when operating in unprotected waters all people aboard must wear a lifejacket level 100, or level 50.

When operating in semi protected waters or protected waters, a level 100, 50 or 50S





## South Australian Entry in the 2018 Golden Globe Race

While Meridith and I were visiting the RSAYS Opening Day, as a guest of friends, I noticed that “Coconut” was on the slip. I had heard from my friend Rick that that this boat was being prepared by a local sailor, Mark Sinclair, for an extraordinary attempt at the 2018 Golden Globe Race. This will recreate the solo non-stop around the world race of 1968, won by Robin Knox-Johnson in his 32 foot yacht Suhali. He was the only competitor to finish in a time of 312 days!

The 2018 race will restrict competitors to conditions of the era of the 1968 race, including yacht design and on board equipment. Modern technology including satellite navigational aids will not be permitted. The race will start from Falmouth UK on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. “Coconut” is a Lello 34 designed in South Africa around 1966 and Mark found documents that she circumnavigated the globe in the late 1980’s. He has been busy refitting the yacht at the RSAYS and recently took her on several shakedown cruises in South Australian waters. The plan is to ship her to the UK later this month.

It will be exciting to follow Mark in his attempt at this amazing solo sailing race and he has an ongoing story of his progress on his Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/coconutGGR/> More interesting information can be found on the Golden Globe Race at: <http://goldengloberace.com/>

Perhaps we could invite Mark over to the PASC for a Friday Night talk if he has the time before he leaves.

As a footnote, there is a movie “The Mercy” starring Colin Firth coming out soon, based on one of the famous competitors in the 1968 race, Donald Crowhurst. –Terry Beaton



## Port Adelaide Sailing Club General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday 5th December 2017 1930hrs

### Welcome.

Any Guests or apologies

### Previous Minutes Amendments

Minutes true and correct  
Moved

Seconded

Carried

Actions arising (only matters not covered elsewhere in this Agenda)

### IMPORTANT MEMBER INFORMATION AND DECISIONS

Lucus Cree-Presentation on Galvanic Isolators.

### ADMIN FUNCTIONS- TO BE RESOLVED THIS MEETING

New Members- Nil

Standing Item- Incoming correspondence

Secretary to report

Standing Item –Financial matters

### OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION OR DECISION

Upcoming Events/ activities

Social Committee

Commodore's Drinks

Sailing matters

Racing Season 2017/18

Sailability

Maintenance Matters

New Members-process for electing-Kel Watson

Any other business that needs resolution tonight?

Meeting closed: time.....

## Into Tranquil Waters

### Bruno Petronio

Dear Members, It is my unfortunate duty to inform you that Bruno Petronio passed away Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.

For those that do not know, Bruno was one of the best sailors of the club and sailed the boat "Formost"

In his home he had one wall covered in club trophies and more placed around his house.

(According to Wikipedia, he also participated in the 1964 Olympics in the 5.5 sailing class for Italy, in which his team came in 4<sup>th</sup> place-Ed)

His funeral will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 3pm at the Smithfield and Elizabeth Funeral Chapel on the corner of Main North and Womma Roads.

-Kevin Stewart-PASC Secretary

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