

MIDSTREAM

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING
17th September 2009

TO MY FELLOW MEMBERS

This is my report to the AGM Meeting of Members and I'm very proud to be here tonight to preside over the continuing good fortunes of our Club that has become possible with your support and that of your committee and our other volunteers. The appointment of Hugh Cameron, our General Manager, has been a major step forward for our Club for the future. As reported in March, this is particularly satisfying because the Club has completed its largest ever, major capital works program, while remaining out of debt

I welcome Hugh Cameron, who is very experienced and skilled in the Australian and International food and beverage business, Hugh has been with the Club for three months and has started working closely with our General Committee on a review of the Club Business Plan.

I would like to draw your attention to the recent publication from the Swan River Trust titled "Boating Management Strategy for the Swan Canning River Park". Members who are interested in reviewing this document, may download it from the SRT Website - www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au

FINANCE

We remain in a strong financial position free of debt despite having completed a major Jetty Upgrade program, some significant Club House upgrades and considerable maintenance activities over the last four years. Our Treasurer, Steve Wall, will present the financial report for the year's trading to June '09. These figures will show the Club's continuing positive results for this past year and into the future. The Report includes planned capital works such as the extension of E jetty and upgrading of the Club House. I seek your support of this budget that has been unanimously approved by your General Committee

HOUSE

After our appointment of the General Manager and the permanent appointments of chef and bar manager are finalized along with the updating of facilities and improved management practices, we will anticipate a further increase in profitable turnover from the bar and functions areas.

With the main Jetty Upgrade Program behind us and the Club remaining in a sound financial position, it is now appropriate that we direct some measured efforts to upgrade the Club House. You will notice the completion of the renovation of the upstairs gents' toilets and commencement of painting out of this Ball Room and other overdue renovations in this area and the Bar. This will be followed by a return to completing renovations in the Deepdene Bar and office areas and upgrading of the Car Park including a security controlled entry gate

In addition to the successful support of our regular Wednesday night and Friday Night meals and Club events, Sunday Lunches were trialed but could not be sustained for the immediate future and so this plan is on hold. In the meantime we urge our Members to continue with your ongoing support and enjoy relaxing meals, while soaking up our beautiful marina and riverside outlook.

JETTIES and MOORINGS UP-GRADE PROGRAM

E" Jetty and Gatehouse are now completed. As mentioned in my Half Yearly, we can be justifiably proud of the completion of the original Jetty Upgrade Program within the initial professional cost estimate \$1.3m while accomplishing additional works such as the demolition of the slipway, connection of "E" Jetty to the access bridge and the gate house. This successful low cost result is especially commendable when compared with the expenditures incurred recently by other river club marina developments.

A review of our finances and the water depths enables us to now extend E Jetty to the limit of our Western Boundary with a further 10 pens. The installation of surveillance cameras covering the car park and traffic through the gate house is now in place and hopefully this will improve the security of our property.

The Jetty Upgrade Committee has regrouped utilizing its recently gained experience to prepare the technical and financial feasibility and schedule of activities for a new H Jetty inside our Southern River Bed Lease Boundary. We believe that we can present the results of this study, for discussion by the Members, at the next Half Yearly Meeting.

SAILING

I congratulate Dominic and his team for their continued enthusiastic efforts that resulted in a very successful season 08/09 and recent frostbite series. I wish the Keelboat division another successful season with ever increasing Member participation.

DINGHIES

As I mentioned in my Half Yearly Report, we are very fortunate to have Dean getting so effectively involved with re-juvenating the Dinghy Section. We thank Dean for his enthusiasm and I wish him every success in this upcoming season and assure him he has the full support of the General Committee.

POWER

I wish to thank Rear Commodore Garry, his committee and their supporters for another successful power season this year. The mid season 4th July Social event was very successful and I urge the other Power Boat Members to get behind their Subcommittee with more participation that makes our Club better for all

NEW MEMBERS

The Club has continued to attract new members and I welcome all those new members to the Club. I look forward to seeing these new members getting involved in our activities and enjoying the fellowship. I remind our senior members the need to assist in involving our new members in these activities and to make them welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS, CONSULTANTS CONTRACTORS and STAFF

As Commodore and on behalf of the General Committee and all Club Members I'd like to thank all those members who volunteer their time, efforts and means into the ongoing operations of the Club. We are also most grateful to our financial supporters, our performing consultants and contractors, who have contributed to the present day financial health and development of our Club.

Last, but not least, again may I welcome Hugh to our Club while thanking our loyal and hard working Staff for their great efforts. Particularly we wish our Administrator, Alison, her early and full recovery from recent surgery, and thank her for her continuing efforts, despite considerable discomfort.

It has been a real pleasure being your Commodore for this period and being a part of the Club's successful growth over the past four years. I appreciate the support of the General Committee, Subcommittee Members, and Members over this period and I look forward to the continued good health of our Club into the future.

THANK YOU ALL

GEOFF CONGDON
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105th OPENING DAY

10th October 2009

10 minutes to go and it was obvious the weather wasn't going to cooperate for the Opening Ceremony and the decision was made to hold this inside. Special thanks to David Bovell for saving the day – by finding the only microphone that wanted to work – curiously it was the one that was sitting in the rain... all the ones in the bar gave up the ghost!!! Plus special thanks to Ann Caddick (who sees problems before they occur and organised Arthur Poland and herself to do the flag unfurling etc. Last (but not least) thanks to Robert Jeffery for organising the shotgun and not killing anything or setting off any car alarms (how... we will never know!)

Commander Dean Powell, RAN, who is currently the Base Support Manager at Fleet Base West – Australia's largest Naval Base, officially opened the Season and joined myself and Commodore Congdon for the sail past salute. We had a good representation of dignitaries from other Clubs who, along with many of our Special and Life members, enjoyed wonderful hospitality aboard Utopia and Lomar. Our sincere thanks to the Bovell Family and Tony Farrell for the use of their vessels and ensuring our guests kept dry.

Thank you to Steve Scott and Karen for leading the power fleet and Ross Dennis and Ross Kubale on Avaganda leading the keelboats. We need to make special mention of the skippers who made an effort to dress up on the day. The best dressed boat/crew award went to Simon Lawson on Tramp – they all had Charlie Chaplin bowler hats and moustaches. Runner up was a tie between Maurice Field and "Larry" Richardson – Maurice for flying the English War Standard and traditional sailing outfit and "Larry" for: (a) Dressing up as a Viking wench and (b) holding on to her gold (and rather pointy) "chest plates" while steering with one foot and saluting with the other hand! It was the highlight of the sail-past!!!

We had a massive turnout of 33 yachts – including for the first time 8 Lasers. This was fantastic and it pleased all the flag-officers to see our Dinghy Section represented on the official club opening day. Our Commodore was absolutely over-the-moon to see the dinghy section participate.

We had some wild weather with winds gusting up to 22 knots plus rain. This is not what we all pray for on opening day – but it was great to see the enthusiasm with which all of the members took to the water regardless of the conditions.

Festivities carried on into the evening with entertainment from Bobby Martin and everyone went home totally exhausted!

Dominic Papaluca
Rear Commodore Sail



DINGHY NEWS

The commencement of the 09/10 season finds the dinghy section primed for the season, Laser sailors have been keeping their skills up by sailing over the winter in the frostbite series and the conduct of a get into small boat sailing course has brought in new members to the club. We have worked hard to fix all the club boats, so now we have 5 club Lasers, 5 Club Mirrors and 3 Optimists for use by new members until they can purchase their own boat.

We were, fortunately, able to participate in a display at the Royal Show which has brought in a few new members and raised the profile of the club in the area.

I thought opening day was a great day and it was fantastic to see the Lasers out there sailing with the keel boats, and even better that they didn't get run over, it was a hard day's sailing in a Laser due to the poor weather conditions, but well done to all those who braved the weather and sailed on opening day. It's also encouraging to see the Laser sailors racing with other clubs to represent the club during the season as they have a number of programmed races sailing with other clubs during the season.

The Mirror and Oppy fleets have grown in numbers and its heartening to see kids down the club learning to sail with their mate, brothers or sisters and their parents. The Get Into Small Boat Sailing course has paid dividends and brought in some new blood to the club, our coach Robin Dinsdale is getting some excellent results from our new members considering that most are new to sailing and never sailed 5 to 6 weeks ago. I now hope to see the Mirrors and Oppies going around the course getting those competitive juices flowing amongst the kids as well honing their sailing skills and having fun at the same time.

I would like to finally say that none of this has been possible without the help of all the sailors in the dinghy section and those people who give us a hand in particular the office staff and Rob the bosun, our start team Ian Howell, Richard and Jo Regan, and the duty officers, Rob Treeby and Mal McKercher who man the rescue boats and help set the courses each week, and John and Gaye Ryan who produce the results every Sunday and, finally, Andrew Howell for all his work organising the Laser fleet each week. Thanks also go out to David Bovell who donated the signs you can see on the dinghy shed doors raising the profile of the dinghy sailing at CYC.

Dean Caple - Rear Commodore Dinghies

SPECIAL DINGHY MEMBERSHIP:
Parent and Child
plus free social membership for Spouse \$100 only

Skippers urged to slow down on Swan River

Skippers operating between the Old Swan Brewery and Narrows Bridge on the Swan River are required to reduce their speed as reconstruction work begins on a nearby part of the river wall.

The works are being completed by the City of Perth and Swan River Trust.

The Department of Transport has gazetted a temporary speed restriction of 6 knots and no wash zone extending from the western side of the Narrows Bridge, along the northern shoreline and south to the Quarry starboard mark, then east along the personal water craft area boundary to Mill Point and following the shoreline north back to the Narrows.



Swan River Trust A/Riverpark Manager Chris Mather said the temporary restrictions would apply until March 2010.

"The reduced speed and no wash zone will help prevent vessel wake washing into a construction dam during the replacement of a 400 metre section of river wall near the Old Swan Brewery at high tide," Mr Mather said.

"The speed restriction and no wash zone will be clearly marked by yellow buoys and skippers moving through the area are asked to proceed with caution.

"As the main traffic channel through to Perth Waters this is a busy part of the river.

"While in the restriction zone skippers should be aware of the amount of wash being generated by their vessel and reduce speed further if necessary."

Mr Mather said DoT Marine officers, Swan River Trust officers and Water Police would be monitoring compliance in the area as part of normal river patrols.

People wanting more information about the restriction zone can visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine or contact the Department of Transport on 9431 1000.

The Swan River Trust's Riverbank program protects and rehabilitates priority foreshore areas in the Swan Canning Riverpark, with many projects completed in partnership with local government and the community.

More information about this project or other Swan River Trust foreshore restoration projects is available.

CLUB CREW COURSE

Have you ever wanted to know more about sailing so you can join in? Now is your chance to learn with us and gain an accredited certificate. The course commences on Sat 21 November and runs for 5 consecutive Saturday mornings from 9-12. You will have a great mix of theory and practical with a guaranteed crew place at the end.

SPECIAL OFFER: If 2 or more people sign up together, \$110 (including GST) each which also includes crew membership. We need 10 people to run the course so please pass the word as we have half that number already itching to get started.

DUTY OFFICER ROSTER OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – 2009

This Roster is subject to change (Please advise office if changed)

Saturday 3 October	Adam Pierce
Sunday 4 October	Colin Pierce
Saturday 10 October	Colin Powell
Sunday 11 October	George Samuel
Saturday 17 October	Paul Poli
Sunday 18 October	Robert Radley
Saturday 24 October	Kingsley Porter
Sunday 25 October	Helen Ramsay
Saturday 31 October	Mark Reilly
Sunday 1 November	Matt Read
Saturday 7 November	Julie Ryan
Sunday 8 November	Lorraine Richardson
Saturday 14 November	Ed Ryan
Sunday 15 November	Peter Robertson
Saturday 21 November	John S Ryan
Sunday 22 November	Hai Pham
Saturday 28 November	Bradley Ryan
Sunday 29 November	Tiny Pinkerton

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PARKING ROSTER 2009/2010

SKIPPER: CAN YOU PLEASE SUPPLY TWO (2) CREW MEMBERS FOR THE SATURDAY OF YOUR ROSTERED DATE AT 11.45 am – 1.30pm

17-Oct-09	BEAUJOLAIS - Arthur Poland
24-Oct-09	TIN LIZZY - Barry Moore
31-Oct-09	CHINGIS - Matthew Greentree
07-Nov-09	WITCHCRAFT - Lyn Weir
14-Nov-09	ANDALUSIA - Chris Cochrane
21-Nov-09	MISS CATH - Phil Michaeliedes
28-Nov-09	HANOVER GIRL - Richard Regan
05-Dec-09	HYDROWITCH - John Rayner
12-Dec-09	SCARAMOUCHE - Jo Wilson
19-Dec-09	DALE II - Oliver Marshall
09-Jan-10	TRAMP - Simon Lawson
16-Jan-10	FLIGHT - Peter Tate
23-Jan-10	KRISTA - Kevin Kiddey
30-Jan-10	COIN OPERATED- Dom Papaluca
06-Feb-10	SERANA - Boykett Clan
13-Feb-10	SHEE RUA - Don O'Doherty
20-Feb-10	KILLARA - Dean Caple
06-Mar-10	PANACHE - Peter Dear
13-Mar-10	INSATIABLE - James Pearson
21-Mar-10	ZEPHYR - Jean Pierre Menage
27-Mar-10	ANNIE LEE II - Dirk Adams
03-Apr-10	LIVELY LADY - Ian Jamieson
10-Apr-10	ANGAZI - Peter Hibberd
17-Apr-10	ÉMIGRÉ - Mike Capelle

TWILIGHTS 2009-2010

Date	Duty Yacht	Duty Starter
14-Oct-09	COIN OPERATED - Dominic Papluca	RJ
21-Oct-09	BEAUJOLAIS - Arthur Poland	MB
28-Oct-09	PATTY MAY - Helga Weaving	RJ
04-Nov-09	MISS CATH - Phil Michaeliedes	MB
11-Nov-09	TEHANI - Kingsley Porter	RJ
18-Nov-09	ÉMIGRÉ - Mike Capelle	MB
25-Nov-09	ANDALUSIA - Chris Cochrane	RJ
02-Dec-09	AEOLIAN - 'Larry' Richardson	MB
09-Dec-09	ZEPHYR - Jean Pierre Menage	RJ
16-Dec-09	TIN LIZZY - Barry Moore	MB
23-Dec-09	"Merry Xmas to ALL"	RJ
13-Jan-10	WINDSPINNER - David Mortimer	MB
20-Jan-10	SCARAMOUCHE - Jo Wilson	RJ
27-Jan-10	NEVER ENDING STORY - Hai Phan	MB
03-Feb-10	CHINGIS - Matthew Greentree	RJ
10-Feb-10	HANOVER GIRL - Richard Regan	RJ
17-Feb-10	AMPHITRITE - Ray Lawson	RJ
24-Feb-10	LIVELY LADY - Ian Jamieson	MB
10-Mar-10	ANGZY- Peter Hibberd	RJ
17-Mar-10	SERANA - Boykett Clan	MB
24-Mar-10	SANTANA - Rob Treeby	RJ
31-Mar-10	RUGGED - Nigel Paul	MB
07-Apr-10	NIKKI - John Steinhardt	RJ
14-Apr-10	FLIGHT - Peter Tate	MB

REGALIA:

Don't forget to call by the office and check out our range of shirts, jackets, jumpers and hats. All good quality at a brilliant price. More of our summer polo shirts in white /blue are now in so be quick to snaffle yours as only limited stock and sizes are held.

NEWS FROM FUNCTIONS:

We have great pleasure in welcoming Graham Smith to the crew as Bar Manager and Peter Baugley as our full time Chef. Graham did a recent stint with us earlier this year and hails from Poole in Dorset. After school, he worked in bars for 8 years in the UK with a move into the food and beverage area for the last 3 years so comes with a wealth of experience. Peter has extensive experience in taverns along with function catering such as the WACA.

Now it's up to you to introduce yourselves and make them busy. I'm sure Peter would love to organize platters for your boat

Christmas isn't far away so check out the menus on our website and contact Hugh. We are also very keen to hold seminars, meetings, conferences etc and you will see we are offering very competitive prices with a view to die for and easy parking.

The bar is open 7 days a week from 4-8pm with extensions for Wednesday Buffet (\$20), Friday A la Carte and from Midday on Saturdays and Sundays.

Don't forget to come and buy your take-away from us.

OFFICE NEWS

We have just undergone an upgrade to our data base and Member accounts. Our apologies for a couple of glitches but these are being ironed out. Please ensure you keep us informed of change of details especially email addresses. We are sometimes accused of sending out too many emails but this is the best medium to impart news to you – But if it annoys you, let us know and we will take you off our list.

Don't forget, you can give us your nominated card number and we will automatically debit your account on the 21st of each month.

Reminders are sent when expiry dates for cards, registration and insurances are due but we would appreciate timely responses.

We do our best to update our Website with events, menus, racing results and newsletters so do make sure you visit it

This newsletter is produced quarterly and Blowin' in the Wind weekly during the Summer season.

Moorings, moorings, moorings in Claremont Bay

Your club currently has active members whom we are not able to accommodate in our pens or moorings. To help us find interim arrangements for members we would like to put our members in contact with owners of moorings in Claremont Bay.

Please advise the office if you know the owners of vacant moorings to the east of the club. The club will not directly buy or lease any mooring, but will provide contact information to facilitate negotiations for access by members.

New Committee for 2009/2010 Season

Commodore	Geoff Congdon
Vice Commodore	Chas Milner
Rear Commodore Sail	Dominic Papaluca
Rear Commodore Power	David Bovell <i>(to be ratified at Half Yearly meeting)</i>
Rear Commodore Dinghies	Dean Caple
Treasurer	Steve Wall
General Committee	
Max Brown	(2 nd year of 2 year term)
Richard Hadley	(2 nd year of 2 year term)
Bill Harding	(1 st year of 2 year term)
Clive Annear	(1 st year of 2 year term)
Peter Stanley	(1 st year of 2 year term)
Barry Moore	(1 st year of 2 year term)
Steve Scott	(1 year term)
Bill MacLeod	(1 year term)

REMINDERS FOR BOAT OWNERS:

● Parking is for Senior members only so please ensure your sticker is visible. There is an authority in place to clamp offenders so please respect the rule, This is particularly relevant on weekends. Dinghy sailors have rights on Sundays as indicated on their sticker.

● The ramp is for use by senior members only – please lock after use

● Siblings of members are not allowed to take their family boat out alone without being a senior member or the primary boat owner being on board.

● Please respect fellow members when leaving or entering the pen system by keeping to speed limit. It is also asked you know the speed limits around the river.

● Do not use the Yellow Bins as rubbish bins – they are Emergency Response Bins

● Please crush boxes before putting in bin and clean up if you drop items

● Please turn off hoses fully

● No sanding or grinding to done within the pen system

● Jetty gate is not to be jammed open.

● No trailers are allowed to be left at the Club

The following are the summer gate hours:

Summer:

7am - 6pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

7am - 9pm - Wednesdays during Twilight Sailing Season

8am - 4pm - Sundays

Changes to these hours to be by special request from Flag Officers

STARTBOX REJUVENATED

Many hours have been put into renovating one of our icons. Thanks go especially to Peter Stanley. Robert and the Old Salts.

This has been work in progress over the winter months and she is now a beauty!



CLUB POLO SHIRTS

Many of you have already equipped your crew out with shirts but maybe you need more? Or you are new to the Club or have a new boat?

\$40 gives you a polo shirt (pictured) with your boat name and sail number on it. Just give the office your order by Thursday 5 November.

