



The Grapevine – S&LS34 Association Newsletter

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Welcome

I'm afraid we have a rather thin issue this month, I suspect mainly due to most skippers being tucked up in their land berths and not keen to venture out in such cold wintery conditions!

Well, they don't know what they are missing! SuperStar has been out regularly, though just on the Swan River, and even ventured out to compete in a SoPYC Frost Bite race without an engine (don't tell the rules committee).

The conditions over the past month or so in Western Australia have been fantastic despite supposedly being in the depths of winter. Fare enough, we haven't seen to much wind, but the sunshine and warm days have been a bit of a surprise. A few of the crew even joined the skipper for a brief swim after the wind dropped out last weekend.....we had nothing better to do as the beer had run out along with the wind, and with no iron donk' we had to do something whilst waiting for the next breeze to amble by.

If all goes well SuperStar should have her engine back in by the time you read this and we'll be doing another FrostBite Race on the Swan River. Incidentally if anyone would like to join us one Sunday afternoon the remaining races are as follows;
09/07/06, 23/07/06, 06/08/06, 20/08/06, 03/09/06.
13h55 gun, SoPYC start box

All races are invitation so if you let me know you're coming I'll sort out nominations and send you the SI's

Happy Sailing Timbo

PS. Deadline for the next issue of Grapevine is Sunday 16th July 2006.

As we haven't got much for this issue I've scattered around a few photo's from the last Commodores Race to add some colour. Incidentally photo contributions for future issues as well as text will be greatly appreciated

Annual General Meeting

2006 AGM to be held at Fremantle Sailing Club from 10h30 on Sunday 23rd July. More info to follow.

All members are invited to come along

We have a couple of (prospective) new members;

Mike Finn has sold Huckleberry to a fellow member at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and I understand the new owners are currently having a tall rig fitted in preparation for racing next season. Hopefully we will hear from them soon

Delphis has also been sold and is staying in Fremantle. The new owner is Peter Keane.



Typical Port and Starboard fun and games

News - Western Australia

The Geographe Bay Race Week was held back in February 2006 under truly pleasant sailing conditions in winds rarely were above 15 and occasionally 18 for a short burst and the sun was out except for the night race and the moon replaced the sun for that event. During the whole week my wet weather gear did not leave the forward starboard bunk. Forward as to reduce the drag for regatta week.

Constellation used the Bunbury City Classic held the week prior as a feeder race to get to Geographe Bay, where we won both IRC and YAH, but many yachts sailed under their own steam depending on their situations. All yachts were allocated pens at the Port Geographe Marina who were very accommodating. Each class where possible were penned near by other yachts in there division which increased the social aspect of the event.





Each night there were presentations and usually a social event. Although these were not compulsory they were great fun and mostly reasonably priced. The town of Busselton is about 10 minutes drive from the Marina.

There were 110 yachts in 8 divisions from Premier Offshore A to Sports boats. The two logical divisions for S & S 34's are Premier Offshore 2 which is a Cat 4 event and JAM which is a Cat 6 event.

This year **Constellation** with Mike Finn won the Premier Offshore B Division IRC and second in the YAH. **Perie Banou II** sailed by Colin Sanders was 10th overall on YAH and **Arwen** with Guy Bessell-Browne finished 12th.

Lady Ann II Russell Cato finished 4th in JAM and **Morning Tide** Jim Putt finished 5th also in JAM.

After the regatta **Constellation** sailed two up to Fremantle in 18 hours.

The courses were well laid out and the sailing conditions are sensational in the Geographe Bay area with daily briefings for important info to be passed onto skippers. One race took the fleet to Dunsborough but mostly the courses stayed within the Busselton region. The night race for Premier Offshore 2 was a short two hour race.

The Geographe race week was a fantastic week of sailing in sensational waters and I really hope this may influence 34's to venture down next year whether it be Premier Offshore B Division or The JAM Division to show the rest of the yachts that the 34's are a fantastic yacht and still competitive in their own right.

Shane Halnan
Constellation



Chasing hard

Skipper Profile

Bruce & Shellie Collins – Morning Melody

Bruce sailed centre boarders from about 9 years of age, culminating in representing NZ twice in the Interdominion 12ft skiff competitions in the early 70's. He left sailing behind for a long time which was filled up with work and travel and a lot of years clay target shooting.

In 2003 we bought Peregryn, (27ft river racer!!!!) with the "lets do something as a family" in mind and organized a pen and membership at Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club. This was handy to the city and Bruce religiously leaves work at 2.30 pm on a Friday to sail in the races held there nearly every Friday of the year. Shellie also refuses to work on Friday afternoons, preferring to spend time on the water. The teenage girls, however, were not overly keen, and although the elder one sailed a few times, they eventually found very convincing excuses for avoiding the boat altogether. We have sailed and raced Peregryn successfully for the last 2 ½ years.

Deciding that this was the life for us (Shellie had not sailed before and has taken to the sailing life like a duck to water), we started looking for something a bit bigger which offered the possibility of sailing further a field in the future. We had always been impressed with Sea Honey (Graham Norton's S&S34 at our club) and although we did look at other vessels, when Morning Melody came on the market we looked, hesitated, looked again then visited the bank manager and doubled the mortgage.

We are continuing with the Friday and Sunday races with "Morning Melody" at PFSYC, gradually coming to grips with the huge differences in technique required in a larger boat.

We love the feel of her, and the bonus of having an association devoted to this class. We sail as often as time allows and she has already become our home away from home.

Bruce and Shellie Collins
Morning Melody

Lost & Found

It appears that we have lost touch with a few members (their e-mails are bouncing back). If anyone has current e-mail addresses for the following could you let me know please;

Morning Sea - Ian & Carole Toy
Lorelei – Stephen Middendorf
Grey Goose – Colin Enderbury
Eastern Morning – Dan Hains
Amatuaana – Sharon McKay





Fast finish

Readers Mart;

Wanted: Mainsail suitable for cruising (John Woolhouse, Morning Flight)

Wanted: NAVMAN 3100 repeater (Timbo, SuperStar)

For Sale: 150ltr aluminum fuel tank, designed to fit under cockpit on forward mounted engine equipped boat (Timbo, SuperStar)

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Joke of the Week

A preacher was boating towards an island for a special wedding. On the way he was stopped by the marine patrol.

After a quick check of the life preservers on board one patrol officer noticed a box with a few bottles in it.

"What's in the bottles, Reverend?"

"It's holy water", came the response.

The officer opened one of the bottles. Sniffing it he said, "It smells like wine."

"Hallelujah!" the preacher shouted, "He's done it again!"

Definition of the Week- Cloud Bank

Where you store clouds, which gather interest for future use.

Photo of the week (sort of)



Relaxing on the foredeck – NOT!

The Legal Stuff

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