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Presidential Report

G'day everyone,

I am sure most would agree that it's been a hectic but enjoyable season. The re-introduction of the Traveller Series proved a success, but as we found out it could do with a little better organisation and a bit more attention to detail. The committee will be looking at making future series a bit more formal with notice of race, sailing instructions etc. The State Competition at Somerton went well, conditions were good and many of the participants were impressed with the friendly and relaxed atmosphere at Somerton. Good on you guys we had a great time and enjoyed your hospitality.

The AGM was held at ASC on the 29th of April. The evening kicked off with a group dinner followed by trophy presentations. Peter Hallsworth then chaired the meeting whilst the various office bearers were elected. I would like to thank everyone for showing such confidence in me and returning me to office as President. I also thank the outgoing committee members for their efforts and welcome the new committee member(s), especially Rob Gilchrist. Rob is an enthusiastic new member who has just completed his first season on a mossie. Rob is sailing on Gordon Sullivans old boat, Hagar 1714. At the time of the meeting we were unable to find a person to fill the office of newsletter editor. This position has now been taken on by Jaimee Broekers, good on ya Jaimee. The lack of interest in this position was a cause for concern because at the meeting it was pointed out that we are one of the few classes to still have a newsletter. I really can't speak for anyone else but I think the newsletter is still a very valuable method of communicating what the class is doing. Being electronic, it no longer has a \$ cost. The only cost is a little bit of time to contribute, so let's not succumb to apathy and let it fall by the wayside. It was decided that we will take a distributed approach to the task, and from time to time, I will be asking members to contribute a small write up after events. This approach has already kicked off well with Simon Hallsworth contributing his take on the Rum Race at Victor Harbour (and I didn't even need to ask). On ya Simon!

Nationals 2011/2012

The current season might be over but don't forget SA has the honour of hosting the 40th Mosquito Nationals at Rivoli Bay SC in January next year. I am sure all who will be attending are looking forward to the competition, but we also want to make sure it is a fun and enjoyable event for all who attend, be they participants, friends, family, or past members. With this in mind, I am asking everybody for suggestions on how we can make this an extra special event. We are looking for any kind of ideas on how we can showcase the history of this important catamaran, and celebrate its place in the Australian sailing community. We want to make it a fun event, so if you have any ideas on novelty competitions, displays of photographs and mosquito paraphernalia, how we can decorate the venue, ripping yarns, or tales of past glory (all mossie related of course), then the SA committee wants to hear about them.

We are running with the suggestion from Mick Floyd of the VMCA that we campaign for 40 boats on the water. David Dunk has suggested we award a prize for the oldest Nationals T shirt. I am making some rope light displays of the various mossie logos. We are going to

have celebratory party, so I think we could have a competition to design a cocktail to suit the mosquito sailors palate, we could call it a "Zapper". Can anyone provide a projection setup for video and or still images? Does anyone have any recent video footage? Does anyone have one of those waterproof Go-Pro video cameras? I hope to have one of these up and running on my boat by the start of next season.

How about some flags or pennants that could be flown from the clubhouse or hung from the interior? Anyone handy with a sewing machine? (Sounds like a job for a sail maker).

A display of still photographs would be really nice, there must be thousands of mossie photos out there, and anyone contributing photos can rest assured that we will take the utmost care in handling and managing any paper based photos you might provide on loan.

Do we have any aspiring poets or musicians who could pen a Mosquito ditty?

And what about some of you ladies, we will of course be needing a spectacular 40th birthday cake, and dare I ask if anyone could knock up some biscuits in the shape of the mossie sail emblem (now how hard could that be?)

So there you go, no matter how "out there" it is, if you have any ideas on how to make the nationals one to remember, the committee wants to hear about it.

Cheers Graeme

Editors bit

Hey all,

I'm the new newsletter editor, Jaimee. For those who do not know me, I have been sailing since 2006 at Lake Bonney Yacht Club. I sail with David Dunk, originally sailing on Bahn Sidhe (1658), now sailing on Salpicon de Resplendor (1744). I have also been a 'rent-a-crew' for various other sailors, including Peter Dunk and Simon Hallsworth. As a new editor, if anyone has any suggestions or comments on the newsletter, feel free to email me on: mosquito.newsletter@hotmail.com. All suggestions and comments will be welcomed.

Thanks,

Jaimee Broekers

Rum Race Victor Harbour March 1st 2011

The day started with constant rain, cold, and not a breath of wind. I found myself wondering, is it really worth the trip down to Victor for this? After a quick conversation

with the crew (Mark Stillman) we decided to go down and have a look.

Much to our surprise when we arrived, the rain dried up, and there was a nice 8 knot breeze blowing, so the day was looking up!

The course was the usual for the Rum Race, starting off the club, out to a gate just east of Granite Island, down to a rounding buoy off the Bluff, over to another rounding buoy over toward Pt. Elliott, and then back to a finishing buoy just in front of the club (see diagram below).



There were a total of 26 cats competing, of which there were three mossies. Darryn Kopp on Bullet, Rob Ferguson, sailing sloop, on Nads (1734), and Mark and myself on The Young Mariner (1800).

Off the start we had around 8 knots which we were able to get one out on the wire comfortably. Around half the fleet tacked off early to try and gain an advantage off Granite Island. As we got toward the gate the breeze was steadily building to around 10 – 12 knots, which allowed me to get out on the wire as well. Hooray – it was the first time I had been out on the wire in around 6 weeks! Darryn had just managed to sneak ahead of us and maintained his lead of around 20 seconds right through to the rounding mark off the bluff. Most of the larger cats had started to clear out by this stage.

As we headed back to the gate we had a nice broad reach, with Darryn maintaining his narrow lead. We were heading to what we thought was our rounding mark at Pt. Elliott, which was where all the larger cats were heading, when all of them started changing direction and heading back up wind. Turns out they were heading for the wrong mark.

This allowed us to make up a heap of time on them, as well as managing to pull just ahead of Darryn as we rounded the buoy. From here it was a run back to the finish, with the breeze steadily dropping off as we got closer to the finish.

Darryn kept threatening to pass us, however we were able to hold him at bay crossing the line 19 seconds in front.

Overall, Anthony Barrett was fastest around the course on his F16 Blade, with Emile Barrett 2nd on his F16 Blade. On yardstick, Brett Pearsons was first with Mark and myself coming a close second, and Darryn coming in third. A good result for the mossies!

Now time for some Rum drinking ☺

Full results can be found here: http://www.vhyc.org.au/Rum_Race.htm

Overall it was a fantastic days sailing. I would encourage everyone to come along and have a go in this race – it is a very enjoyable way to finish off the season.

Simon Hallsworth
The Young Mariner
1800

Classified Ads

There are currently no items for sale.

If you would like to add something to be sold, looking for a particular item or information on an item, or would like your sailing story added to the newsletter, please send an email to: mosquito.newsletter@hotmail.com.

Thank you.