



Newsletter: Mosquito Catamaran Association of SA INC
March 2015

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- **Next MCASA committee meeting:** AGM, Adelaide SC, April 17, 6.30pm. Re-election of Office Bearers will be undertaken. Join the committee for dinner in ASC's *The Clubhouse* Bistro. Have an influence on your association's activities. *Contact your club's member via their mobile phone number or the links to their email to add an item to the agenda.*

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Presidential Report

March 2015

Looking forward to sharing the evening with you all at the AGM/Presentation dinner.

See details below.

Rick Verboon, 1676, *Both Barrels*

Editorial

State Titles, VMCA

If you want to follow the discussion concerning over-boarder competitors in State titles try logging onto [this web link](#)

Submit captions for the 2 photos below, or even better, submit your own photos with entertaining captions.

Find editor's contact details at the conclusion of the newsletter.

Please enjoy and support *MossieNet*.

MossieBytes



"Land Ho! (Crunching sound.) Ooh, I should've said that sooner." ("Mad" Dan Eccles, The Goon Show, 1960's)



"How big is a mossie mainsail?"

Experienced member decided to replace mainsail battens. Weather was mild but sunny. Cooked the couch in 30 minutes! Happy life?

Forward captions via email to Editor. To be listed in the following *MossieNet*.

Modified Jarcat 6 river cruiser moored on the upper reaches of the River Murray.

Past President and Life member of MCASA, Alec Stevens: A recent conversation with Alec reveals he and wife Mary have cruised the Murray and Darling rivers extensively in their home-built catamaran. All necessary conveniences on board, except a shower; nothing a bucket can't remedy! Now this is what all retired mosquito sailors can aspire to.



King of the Gulf Regatta, Pt. Vincent SC.
Goldfinger, 9metre Farrier tri; bowman is *MossieNet* editor. A light but thrilling day, and before we snapped the bow prodder whilst carrying a massive spinnaker.



KoG regatta: Just a mighty big F16!

South Ossia with Mossie

Coming Events:

AGM & Presentation Night

Adelaide Sailing Club

Friday 17th April, 2015

6.30 for 7.00pm

Before the event: Please pass on any trophies that require engraving for presentation. Thankyou.

All competitors in the recent states will be awarded 'competitor trophies' during the evening.

FYI *Sailors must be members of the MCASA and a YSA affiliated sailing club to compete in the events organised by or through MCASA.

Skippers to be full member of MCASA with crews having an associate or student membership.

See membership details page 8.

States: final results

Link to: [result summary](#) For detail of race times, yardstick results etc. pull down *Results*

Below is the overall Cat and Sloop summary. (Published with permission.)

Division 1 - Elapsed time

Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Crew	Club	Race 1 1 Nov 2014	Race 2 2 Nov 2014	Race 3 2 Nov 2014	Race 4 2 Nov 2014	Race 5 31 Jan 2015	Race 6 31 Jan 2015	Race 7 1 Feb 2015	Race 8 1 Feb 2015	Score
1	1827	Aldebaran VI	MkI	Phillip Pearce	ASC	3	1	2	1	2	2	5	1	9.0
1	1788	Atreus	MkI	Warwick Kemp	ASC	2	3	1	2	1	12 (DNF)	1	2	9.0
3	1786	The Matrix	MkI	Mark Pfennig	LBYC	1	2	4	4	3	1	2	12 (DNC)	13.0
4	1732	Just Do It	MkI	Steve Thomas	LBYC	5	4	3	3	5	4	3	4	21.0
5	1734	Go-Nads II	MkI	Brad Spencer	SYC	7	5	5	6	4	3	4	3	24.0
6	1680	Curlew	MkI	Greg Illman	PVSC	6	6	6	5	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	47.0
7	1769	Good Night Nurse	MkI	Greg Hackett	PVSC	4	7	7	7	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	49.0
8	1763	Piston Broke	MkI	Simon Bone	NSC	12 (DNF)	9	8	8	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	61.0
9	1721	The Ultimate	MkI	Allan Pettman	SYC	12 (DNF)	8	9	9	12 (DNF)	12 (DNS)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	62.0
9	829	Buzz	MkI	Andrew Van Aren	PVSC	8	10	10	10	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	62.0
11	1770	Rebel Without A Clew	MkI	Roy Douglas	NSC	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNC)	12 (DNF)	12 (DNS)	12 (DNF)	12 (DNS)	72.0

11 entrants. Please check the order of tied scores

Division 2 - Elapsed time

Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Crew	Club	Race 1 1 Nov 2014	Race 2 2 Nov 2014	Race 3 2 Nov 2014	Race 4 2 Nov 2014	Race 5 31 Jan 2015	Race 6 31 Jan 2015	Race 7 1 Feb 2015	Race 8 1 Feb 2015	Score
1	1782	Sixth Element	MkII	Peter Dunk	LBYC	1	1	1	1	1	8 (DNS)	2	1	6.0
2	1800	The Young Mariner	MkII	Simon Hallsworth Ben Clark	SYC	8 (DNF)	2	2	2	2	8 (DNS)	1	8 (DNS)	17.0
3	1676	Both Barrells	MkII	Rick Verboon	SYC	8 (DNF)	4	4	4	8 (DNF)	8 (DNS)	3	8 (DNF)	31.0
4	1766	9 Lives	MkII	Shaun Slater	PVSC	2	5	5	5	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	33.0
4	1818	To Be Sure Two	MkII	Phil Flaherty	ASC	8 (DNC)	3	3	3	8 (DNF)	8 (DNS)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	33.0
6	1561	Endaka	MkII	Steve Launer	PVSC	3	6	6	6	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	37.0
7	185	The Ancient Mariner	MkII	Hubert Tucker Martin Flaherty	ASC	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	8 (DNC)	3	8 (DNF)	4	8 (RET)	39.0

7 entrants. Please check the order of tied scores

States reports

Weekend 2: January 31 & February 1, LBSC, Largs Bay

Cat rigged fleet:

Peter (Dunk) and Phillip have both been observed consulting their long range weather forecasters with one forecaster predicting State weekend #2 will be drifting conditions, no wind. The other has predicted just the opposite, wind strength above 22knots, a total blow-out. Either way; no racing that weekend!

“One has to be careful what one wishes for.”

Phillip’s long-range forecaster got it right for Saturday, strong winds eventually gusting to excess of 27knts. But racing went ahead anyway. Sunday was lighter but still considered strong conditions.

So the course was set, the fleet of seven boats left the shore with skippers exercising the ‘decision to compete’ rule. After the weekend at Pt. Vincent the overall placings were very much undecided, with three boats all figuring in the gold medal position. And considering the weather conditions it wasn’t out of the question if others could be involved.

Saturday’s first heat was strong conditions with most skippers enjoying the ‘push’ around the course. *Rebel Without a Clew* withdrew early when completing a tack required ‘trap-to-trap’ gymnastics. Roy went ashore and wrapped his troublesome ankle in ice. Allan and *The Ultimate* followed soon after, wisdom being the greater influence. Warwick gave a racing lesson to the fleet demonstrating his smooth helming abilities. Heat two was marginal before the start but definitely a case of ‘sailing replacing racing’ as it progressed. (The sloops all went to shore.) Five boats crossed the start but *Atreus* bucked Warwick into submission when he suffered a ‘Dicky Knee’ incident and so headed to shore. The remaining four completed the course. *The Matrix* revelled in the conditions with Mark demonstrating awesome skill, control and speed.

Acknowledgment must be noted of all the skippers’ skills demonstrated in the conditions, and not only to those who finished. It was great comradeship on the beach as all competitors assisted the very tired skippers and their boats from the water.

Topic of discussion at the bar included stories of sailing in similar conditions. Phillip described an incident during the final tack to the finish in that second heat where a slight error of timing resulted in a tangle of arms, legs, trap gear, mainsheet and ego. No tack! As trying to complete the manoeuvre only ended up head-to-wind and back onto the original starboard tack, a successful tack was eventually completed by heading off again on starboard, climbing out and being full stretch on trapeze, then applying the usual tacking procedure. It was just impossible to get sufficient forward momentum to turn the bows through the wind and breaking waves whilst sitting inboard. He managed a distance second with *Go Nads II* sailing very efficiently and closing.

Sunday gave the fleet much better conditions, but still challenging. But it was a case of the walking wounded. Warwick was on one leg, the other in a knee compression brace. Roy was nursing a very tender ankle, also wrapped up in a stretchy bandage. Phillip was limping with a previous injury flaring up after Saturday’s gymnastics. Steve was making noises of doubt. Only Brad was bubbling with youthful enthusiasm. So six boats headed to sea. Roy couldn’t ignore the protests from his ankle and wisely withdrew soon after the start. With manageable conditions, very close racing was being experienced. Order at the first buoy, Mark, Warwick and Phillip followed very closely by Steve and Brad. Nothing in it and mistakes were going to hurt. Phillip was the first to disintegrate under the pressure capsizing on the first reach when the ratchet was too efficient and gripped the mainsheet as he came in off the wire. So *Aldebaran* lived up to its Arabic translation and become *The Follower*. *The Matrix* shredded the mainsheet allowing *Atreus* to pass and take the gun. *Go-Nads II* and *Just Do It* had a close tussle right to the finish, as witnessed by Phillip trying unsuccessfully to make amends.

The spaghetti mainsheet on *The Matrix* made it impossible to compete so the fleet was down to four in race two. But the competition was just as intense with conditions becoming stronger. All boats were quick off the line with Phillip leading Warwick, Brad and Steve. Two laps required. The first went without incident, finding the top mark after the first race was easier. Finding it the second time resulting in an error of navigation by Phillip with the fleet following. Unbeknown to any of the skippers, another buoy of the same shape and very similar colour had been dropped within our course by the CYC and the fleet mistakenly sailed around it. The correct buoy was further out to sea amongst many power boats that had gathered to watch the ‘big’ boats. The only sloop to complete the second race realised the situation and used the correct buoy. Amazing what a difference a second head and pair of eyes makes on the boat. So the fleet completed the race with Phillip first, followed by Warwick, Brad and Steve. It wasn’t until the skippers were ashore and

washing down their boats that we were made aware of the error. As we all made the same error and no one protested the results remained as recorded on the finish line. Now that's sportsmanship!
 So it was off to the showers and up to the bar to crunch the results. Warwick was convinced he was second overall as he had calculated he had to win the final race to win the championship. Mark's mainsheet situation had not helped his overall result. So it was between *Aldebaran* and *Atreus*. Over an appreciated hot lunch (thanks again to the LBSC canteen staff) Brad entered the final placings. Phillip and Warwick could not be separated. So it was down to the last race and where they were placed. As it was agreed that race would stand, and Phillip defeated Warwick, *Aldebaran* was placed first overall.
 That would be the closest result for a State Title experienced by any of the skippers. To have various sailing conditions of wind and water that offered all skippers favourable conditions, close racing where mistakes proved costly, heats being won by three different boat and skipper combinations, then for the series decided in the last heat demonstrates the competitiveness of the cat rigged fleet. Awesome!

Aldebaran VI.

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Phillip Pearce

💰 Dash for Cash 💰

Weekend #1 results: Lake Bonney YC 68th Opening Regatta, Barmera

Provisional Results															
Opening Regatta - Lake Bonney Yacht Club															
Results by Division Low Point Scoring															
Printed 4:27pm Sunday, Oct 05, 2014															
Division 1															
Scratch Results															
Progressive															
Pos.	Sail No.	Class		Skipper	Boat Name	1	2	3	4					Points	Pos.
1	1785	Mosq Hk1	Lake	G Johnstone	Bear Talk	1	1	1	1					4.00	1
2	1782	Mosq Hk 2	LBVC	P Dunk	Sixth Element	2	2	3	4					11.00	2
3	1787	Mosq Hk1	Lake	T Kennedy	Try Again	4	6	4	2					16.00	3
4	1786	Mosq Hk1 S	LBVC	M Pfennig	The Matrix	3	8	5	5					21.00	4
5	1800	Mosq Hk2	SYC	S Hallsworth	The Young mari	5	5	2	DNC					25.00	5
6	1733	Mosq Hk1	Lake	M O'Halloran	Touch & Go	9	4	12	3					28.00	6
7	1732	Mosq Hk1 S	LBVC	S Thomas	Just Do it	6	10	6	6					28.00	7
8	1734	Mosq Hk1	SSC	B Spencer	Go-Nads	7	3	8	11					29.00	8
9	1773	Mosq Hk1	NSC	F Nicholson	Spot	8	7	11	7					33.00	9
10	1805	Mosq Hk1	Lake	I McAlister	Just A Toy	DNF	9	9	8					39.00	10
11	1676	Mosq Hk2	SYC	R verboon	Both barrels	DNF	11	7	9					40.00	11
12	1658	Mosq Hk1	LCSC	T Luitjes	WorkInProgress	DNC	DNC	10	10					46.00	12

(Results above Mosquito only - see LBVC Facebook site for full details: [LBVC Open Day results](#))

Weekend #2: this event was cancelled.

Successful winners from Weekend #1 will be contacted by the MCASA treasurer.

Prize Money: 1st outright, \$100

2nd outright, \$50

3rd outright, \$25

Same again for handicap positions.

Best clanger award: \$payouts on the water,
 Humiliating cheers from the balcony set,
 Sympathy from... be real! in your dreams buddy, what did you expect?!

Sailors must be members of the MCASA to compete in the events listed above.

To join (or renew membership) follow the links at: [membership](#)

"The membership year is from 1st of August to the 31st of July the following year."

Nationals:

Congratulations to Mark Pfenning, *The Matrix*, Cat champ. Also Peter Dunk & Kirstie Thomas, *Sixth Element*, Sloop champs. All sailors are from Barnera/Lake Bonney. A small club with very competitive members!

Photos from the Nationals are posted [here](#)

See some photos of the competitors from SA below.

2016 Nationals: Rye Sailing Club? Mornington Peninsula, Victoria. Link will be inserted when details are displayed on the Mosquito website.

MCASA committee has had discussions for 2017 nationals in SA. Several options put forward.

Have your say at the AGM.



Club Events:

Adelaide: The mosquito fleet has had a variety of conditions in the New Year, mostly hot with no wind. We are hoping the conditions will improve as very little sailing has been experienced since the start of February (StateTitles). March 21 proved there is a wind god as we were blessed with beautiful conditions, perfect for the mossie, so may it continue. The only casualty for the day was *The Ancient Mariner* dropping their mast when the fore-stay bridle SS ring broke at the weld. Study of the break showed it was cracked for some time as there was corrosion across the weld end sections. So check all your welding of SS regularly as close inspection can reveal the cracks. Hint: look for surface rust stain where it has leached out from the suspect weld onto the surface. The weld should be smooth and clean with no discolouration.

The Adelaide Regatta proved to be light conditions, very suited to the junior fleet that experienced very close racing in three fleets. Eight races were conducted over two days and it was enlightening to see these young sailors compete and show experience and knowledge in the two classes of yachts. Many clubs were represented and the enthusiasm within the fleet was evident. Also it was the first time I have experienced the 'Black Flag' starting procedure and understand how it can impact on a fleet and make it sit back from the line and prevent general recalls. It really is sudden death!

Barmera: Facebook link [here](#) and invitation to their Easter regatta or contact Peter Dunk 0439 335 781 pjd001@hotmail.com

Milang: MRC are conducting a two day event over Easter. Racing Saturday and Sunday.

Somerton: The Screaming Reach is on Sunday March 29. Gone! Any results SYC members?

Normanville: Sailing continues on Sundays. Contact Roy Douglas 0431 131 303 rvdougset@hotmail.com for current details. Also!!!

Notice of Special Race The Wave Generator Folly Race Sunday 5th April 2015 (Easter Sunday) 11am

Following the success of last year's race, the Normanville Sailing Club will again hold this special fun race off Normanville Beach. There will be a Le Mans dry start off the beach just near the ramp on the south side of the jetty. Based on boat handicaps, the slowest boat will start at 11am followed by progressive starts by faster rated boats. The race is limited to off the beach dinghies and catamarans. The first boat to cross a finish line between our club house (a blue tent on the beach) and a black and white buoy just off shore will be the winner. The course will be from the off the beach start, around the permanent buoys immediately surrounding the wave generator which sits forlornly on the bottom off the coast to the north, and back to the finish line.

Bring some lunch for after the race. Starting at 2pm we will have our usual two back to back races.

After the racing, as soon as people have backed up, Peter Nicholson will be putting on a sausage sizzle at his place at 74 La Ronde Place Carrickalinga. It will be BYO.

All sailors welcome.

For more information please contact George Reeves, Secretary NSC - greeves3104@gmail.com

Pt. Vincent: Mosquito cats are always welcomed for Sunday sailing. Contact Greg Hackett 0428 292 315 greg.hackett@hotmail.com

Victor Harbor: the annual *Rum Race Regatta* is Saturday May 2 and Sunday May 3. Back to back racing Saturday, long race Sunday. See their website and information [here](#)

Web pages and Links

Mosquito Catamaran Discussion Group:

For sailors of the Mosquito Racing Catamaran link: [Mosquito Discussion group](#)

Mosquito Catamaran Face Book: [Mosquito Facebook page](#)

MossieNet Classifieds

See mosquito catamaran sales at the following locations. Please notify Ed of others as you become aware.

Links

The National Mosquito Catamaran website: [Boats for Sale](#)

Mosquito Catamaran discussion group (Catsailor.com): [List of boats on the Forum](#)

Locally

If you would like your sailing story to be in the newsletter (all contributions welcomed) or you would like to add something to be sold, looking for a particular item or seeking information on an item, please send an email to: ppearce@internode.on.net

Thank you, Phillip Pearce (Ed)

Aldebaran VI

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Now who was sailing *The Sting*? And where?