



Newsletter: Mosquito Catamaran Association of SA INC



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Next MCASA committee meeting: September 19, 2016

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Editorial

After some months of delay, the 'End-of-Season' *MossieNet* has been released from the press. It contains reports from clubs, information for the 2016-17 State Titles, National titles and some personal experiences. Although there are other sources for information about the mosquito class such as websites, Facebook pages etc., the *MossieNet* is sent to all members of the MCASA association, some of whom may not receive information from those other sources. Thanks to those who submitted reports, photos and/or articles. I trust you will find an article within of interest. Ed.

MossieBytes

Congratulations to the following competitors at the 2015-16 season's presentation night.

Sloop: 1st Peter Dunk and Kirsten *Thomas Sixth Dimension* 1782
 2nd Simon Hallsworth and Ben Clark *The Young Mariner* 1800
 3rd Phillip Flaherty and Martin Flaherty *To Be Sure Two* 1818

Cat: 1st Phillip Pearce *Aldebaran VI* 1827
 2nd Mark Pfenning *The Matrix* 1786
 3rd Steve Thomas *Cat-titude* 1819

Handicap: 1st Hubie Tucker *The Ancient Mariner* 185

Wooden Boat (first wooden boat on handicap): Hubie Tucker *The Ancient Mariner* 185

PHOTOS

- *Fast Lane* 1739 has changed hands as it was not being used. It is now in possession of some Somerton YC mosquito sailors. It is a timber boat with a strong racing history and is in superb condition. After the 'cooling off period' and some minor refit, the new owners will decide the boat's next stage in its use/ownership. If you know of any prospective buyers such as in your club membership, be aware of *Fast Lane* as it would be a great investment.

South Ossie with Mossie

Adelaide SC

Season 2015-16 would have to be one of the best seasons of sailing at ASC. We experienced all wind conditions and there were no lost weekends due to poor sailing conditions, only when we had events that took us away from club sailing. The mosquito fleet is relatively small but we had 3 boats consistently over the 13 weeks of sailing. We welcomed two visiting mosquitoes to the club, both crews having their boats setup by the experienced sailors at the club. With 2 starts each Saturday afternoon, all skippers experienced tight starts and intense racing. Records show out of a possible 25 races, members of the mosquito fleet completed 16. That allows for plenty of practice and experience for the fleet. With such close racing within the fleet, all skippers and crews experienced wins during the season's competition. Congratulations to 1st Warwick Kemp and Kalahni *Atreus* 1788, 2nd Phillip Pearce *Aldebaran VI* **1827**, 3rd Hubie Tucker and Martin Flaherty the *Ancient Mariner* **185**. Phillip Flaherty and Mark Stillman *To Be Sure Two* **1818** were also successful in some feature races.



Adelaide SC remains a premium location for competitive sailing and we are excited the mixed catamaran fleets will be expanding in the coming season. Please feel welcome to sail at our club and tap into our wisdom of sailing, especially in the Mosquito catamaran.

If you are seeking a great work-up to the season, remembering the Mosquito States are very early in the season, come and join us in the Hot Up Series, details below.

Phillip Pearce, *Aldebaran VI* **1827**

Series Results [Class Elapsed] for Mosquito up to Race 25 (Drops = 4)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Sers Score	Race 25	Race 24	Race 23	Race 22	Race 21	Race 20	Race 19	Race 18	Race 17	Race 16	Race 15	Race 14	Race 13	Race 12	Race 11	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1	
1	1788	Atreus	Warwick Kemp	53.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0C	5.0C	1.0	1.0	5.0C	5.0C	3.0	5.0C	1.0	1.0	5.0C	1.0	1.0	5.0C	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	2.0	2.0	[5.0F]	1.0	
2	1827	Alderbaran VI	Phillip Pearce	53.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	5.0C	2.0	1.0	5.0C	2.0	3.0	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	
3	185	The Anciengt Mariner	Hubert Tucker	74.0	2.0	3.0	5.0C	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	5.0C	1.0	2.0	5.0C	3.0	2.0	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	2.0	4.0	
4	1818	To Be Sure Too	Phil Flaherty	97.0	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	2.0	2.0	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	5.0C	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	[5.0C]	3.0									

Adelaide SC September Hot Up Series

- September 3rd
- September 10th
- September 17th
- September 24th.

'Green Fees' Seniors \$10 and Juniors \$5 per day. First start at 1.00pm and we head for shore around 3 pm.

2, 3 or more races on a windward leeward course.

Normanville SC:

Hello all fellow sailors, this is an overview of Normanville sailing results for 2015/2016.

Club championship:

First: Dave Overall on his fast Arrow, he loves the windy days.

Second: even on count back the result could not be separated with equal second going to Peter Nicholson *Spot 1773* and Roy Douglas *Rebel Without a Clew 1770* on their Mosquitos.

Third: was Matthew Ward on his Mosquito *Zapper 1736*. There are two other notable awards.

Firstly to our new member Matt Wright who won an award for capsizing his Mosquito *Patch 173* at least 5 times in two races. He has learnt fast on how to right them.

The other notable award was presented to Dave Overall the "demolisher". His prize was a Tommy Axe. Reason being that in one race he holed Roy Douglas' mosquito and also ran over Peter Hallsworth's mosquito.

Peter Nicholson

Spot 1773



Peter and Roy with matching trophies.



Matt Wright, *Zapper*.



'The demolisher.'

Somerton YC

Some photos of the Mosquito fleet on their opening day.

Peter Hallsworth, *Beyond Redemption 1770*



Mosquito class race start manoeuvres. Is that a fat head main?



Alan Pettman and Matt hail the commodore.



Peter Nicholson demonstrates his new foiling Mosquito.



Rick Verboon and Zoe.

Pt. Vincent SC

Pt. Vincent SC Mosquitoes is the largest club fleet in SA and featured highly in their presentation night with class skippers and crews receiving the following awards.

Club championship:

1st *Goodnight Nurse* 1769 - Greg Hackett

2nd *9 lives* 1766 - Shaun & Hamish Slater

3rd *Curlew* 1680 - Greg Illman

Handicap placings:

1st *9 lives*

2nd *Goodnight Nurse*

3rd *Curlew*

'Cock of the Bay' Trophy for most line honours wins:

9 lives 1766 - Shaun & Hamish Slater

MCASA Facebook:

Committee member Brad Spencer has created a Facebook site for the SA association. He has undertaken a mammoth task of uploading the majority of files from the association's hard disc. Congratulations Brad and thanks for your efforts as it's a great site for collecting historical photos and the records of some events. There are thousands of photos in the **Photos/Albums** section. Apply to become a member/friend and save it to your favourites. Link [here](#).



Greg Hackett and Shane Roberts of the Ventnor Hotel, PVSC's major sponsor.



PVSC: Shane Roberts, with Hamish & Shaun Slater proudly displaying their trophy and Ventnor Hotel voucher.



Please note Pt. Vincent SC is using this site to list current news for the 2016-17 nationals. See the latest entry concerning accommodation at the newly re-opened Pt. Vincent Motel. See their [link](#) here. See another source for information in the **Nationals** section below.

2016 Darwin Multihull Regatta

Around July each year, Kay and I trek north (last year as far as Alaska) to escape the worst of our winters in Adelaide. This time, it was to Darwin to coincide with their Multihull Regatta, where I was hoping to see a big fleet of A's and various other interesting boats.

The event was planned to run over 8 days from July 9th, with racing to occur on 5 of them and a Lay Day in the middle. In what is perhaps a sign of the times, a total of only 6 boats registered (3 A's, 2 Tornados and a Taipan 4.9), all of whom were locals, except Ian Johnson who moves there from Melbourne each winter for a few months anyway. As a result of the small fleet, the event was shortened to 3 consecutive days of racing, including their normal Sunday club race.

Conditions were perfect for the A's: 8-10 knot winds for the most part, 28-30°C days and warm flat water. At this time of year, even the feared box jellyfish are a rarity, so there is little risk of being stung in a capsize. I appeared on the Saturday to see what was happening and to ask if I could get involved. With that number of competitors, they certainly didn't need any help, but immediately made me feel welcome and promptly offered me a boat, if I wanted to sail. That had never been



on my agenda, but I happily took a place on one of their RIBs the next day, ostensibly on rescue boat duty.

The racing proceeded without incident over a total of 8 races. As expected, the A's dominated in those conditions, despite the Tornados all sporting huge spinnakers which ate up the A's downwind.

The quickest of the A's was a Tool design, sailed by Brendon Dally, who won the regatta outright. Second in the A's was Ian Johnson's Mk4, with Peter Byrnes' flyer third. It was interesting to see the Mk4 go so well in the conditions, given the age of the design, but perhaps it is more a testament to Ian's skill---he has been an A devotee forever and what he doesn't know about them is not worth knowing.

The Tornados were both ex-Olympic Regatta boats, the most recent being from the Beijing games. Their prices have plummeted since losing Olympic status and I was told that €15,000 will buy you a superb example with carbon mast, kite, etc., etc. Glenn Neaves, who was also the principal organiser of the event, won the racing from Dirk Alber, but both looked highly capable. For Glenn, the event was something of a watershed. He broke his back in a serious accident some months ago and aggravated it when a chair collapsed beneath him a week beforehand. This was his first time on the water since the accident and a real test to see if his back could cope with the demands placed on it by the boat. His passion for the sport is something most of us are familiar with, so it was with great relief that he got through the event OK, sore but still standing

The final entrant was a Taipan, skippered by a guy called Peter Braken and crewed by Emily Wiltshire. Peter is in his 60's and is well known around the club as a keel-boat sailor. He has a fantastic attitude to life and thought he would give the cat a go for the hell of it. They took the boat out for practice the day before racing started, couldn't un-bleat the mainsheet in a nose-dive and promptly went swimming. Unable to right the boat by themselves, they eventually obtained help from a power boat and returned to the beach somewhat battered and with a torn mainsail. Undeterred, they had the sail repaired and were out the next day, whereupon they capsized again when the rope end of his trapeze broke. This time, they managed to right it after a bit of advice from us and returned to the beach without further incident.

While everyone involved in the regatta had a good time, serious questions remain about its future. The multihull association has held it every 3 years or so, but this may be the last one unless they can get more people to commit. Plenty said they would go, but then pulled out at the end.

From my perspective, there is something very special about sailing at the top end. The people are just fabulous--- laid back, very friendly and just great characters. The week before this event saw the club host the Minnow Nationals, where some 46 boats competed. About 32 of those were transported up from Melbourne in a container, making the cost for each family very affordable. Clearly it would take more organising to get a stack of cat hulls and equipment up there from here, but there is enough enthusiasm here to do it and in the depths of our winter, what better way to escape the cold. Alternatively, there are also enough cats lying around up there that you could charter at least 10 competitive ones for the event and still have a good time.

Regrettably, there was not a single Mosquito to be seen anywhere in the boat park, in the home where the boat was originally designed and where it once dominated the catamaran scene. Perhaps that is another reason to make an appearance, if only to remind the locals what a fantastic boat Neil Fowler designed all those years ago in their own back yard.

Peter Hallsworth, *Beyond Redemption 1777*

Regatta results are [here](#). Regatta Facebook page link is [here](#).

Darwin Sailing Club link is [here](#).



Peter Hallsworth sailing at Milang's Easter Regatta

Saltwater Classic:

With his passion for timber boats, Phillip Pearce on *Aldebaran VI* became an unofficial participant in the Saltwater Classic, a bi-annual gathering of timber vessels, both sail and power.

Boats gathered at Stansbury on Saturday, cruising to Pt. Vincent during the afternoon. Following an evening at Pt. Vincent and after breakfast catered by the local volunteer organisations, the Classic organisers conducted a sail past in front of the Pt. Vincent jetty and around the bay. Saturday's wind was very light as predicted and that made for very slow sailing south from Pt. Vincent to join the fleet, with Phillip



turning back north as the fleet cruised past. The sea condition was ideal for the power boats as some were quite small, their power ranging from steam to historical inboard fossil fuelled engines. Unfortunately many yachts in the fleet took a tow to reach Pt. Vincent before dusk.

After a refreshing sleep aboard Greg Hackett's Seawind 850 moored in the mariner, Phillip roamed the pontoons indulging in timber boat voyeurism. It was very exciting! The quality of (new) build or the restoration of older boats was stunning. The time and care was evident in every vessel presented.

Whilst sharing breakfast with the boats' owners, Phillip realised he could also take part in the planned sail past in the bay. So it was a dash off to the yacht club where *Aldebaran VI* was sitting on his trailer, hoist some sail and mix it with some classic timber boats. The sailing was superb, greeting new found friends from the previous evening and that morning's breakfast. After the sail past some of the classic boats set up along the foreshore for the public to view and inspect. *Aldebaran VI* returned to the yacht club, with Phillip taking in the festivities and fair in the main street. Then they raced with the club in the afternoon, but that's another story.

Phillip Pearce, *Aldebaran VI 1827*



Victor Harbor Rum Race

The 2015-16 Rum Race followed the regatta format trialled last season. It again proved popular, with many boats nominating for both days; 2 races in the bay Saturday followed by the traditional long race around the islands programmed for Sunday. The weekend forecast may have influenced many city sailors not to make the journey south; Saturday, 20-25knot northerly (off shore), Sunday 17-22 SW and easing in the afternoon.

Rigging Saturday in the shelter of the land was pleasant; air temperature was warm, sea was flat close to shore with the back of white caps being evident out to sea. A triangular course was set, two races back-to-back.

10 boats went to sea to start race 1, 9 started, 6 finished. It is an indication the wind increased during the afternoon as only 3 boats started the second race. All 3 boats finished after experiencing very close racing in extreme conditions.

During the night the forecast cold front swept through Victor Harbor with a sustained wind gust of 51knots being recorded at The Bluff weather recording station. Fortunately by dawn the wind had eased and had become more favourable for yacht racing. But with the onshore wind overnight the sea state had become quite rough, read ocean swell, with multi-directional white-capped waves, classic 'washing machine' conditions. A wise decision was made to not send the yachts out to sea and around the off shore islands. (Sailors all realised the wisdom in this decision as they sailed to the first mark set near Granite Island, sloppy would be an understatement!!) A large triangular course was set "in the bay", multi-hulls to complete three laps.

The multihull division had 24 catamarans cross the start; the starboard work out to Granite Island was smooth and fast, until that first mark. Then it was a challenge of: bear away for speed with bows tripping into the oncoming waves, easing sheets to prevent a capsize when exposed to the full force of the wind as the boat hit the top of the swells, pointing for height to make the mark, keeping both feet attached to the bucking gunwale whilst balancing on the trap wire and finally.....bearing away to round the mark! And it had to be done two more times. Mumble mumble. Mosquito order, Peter and Simon Hallsworth sloop rigged, *The Young Mariner 1800*, Phillip Pearce cat rigged *Aldebaran VI 1827*, Peter Lewis and Josh Doyle spinnaker sloop rigged *Slipknot 2.0 1732*.

The following run to the next mark saw spinnakers being hoisted with exhilarating runs down the face of the swells. Some wisely sailed with just their 'working' sails to recover from the first leg. The first rounding of the buoy set off Chiton Rocks resulted in much vigorous discussion later as the lead boats could not find it. Fortunately the remainder of the fleet, like sheep, jumped through the same gate with the entire fleet rounding the mono-hull mark, one that was visible.

The final leg was a loooooong port beat returning to the 'club' buoy. (Some aging sailors found it played havoc with the arthritic neck!) If boats did not lay the mark on one tack, it was a very short starboard beat to reach it. And then it was off to that buoy set off Granite Island. Oh joy!

Two laps to go but with some consolation the conditions were easing. And the fleet all found the correct buoy off Chiton Rocks!

So what is usually a very interesting sail around the islands of Encounter Bay became the endurance of a 3 lap soldier's course. But most crews had a large smile after as the sailing was fast, was highly competitive, required a high level of skill to survive and required gritty endurance to finish. And it's always followed by a good time sharing the exaggerated stories over a refreshing beverage.

Thanks go to the Victor Harbor YC for another well organised regatta. And some rum was taken home by the Mosquito class again, father and son team Hallsworth, 3rd corrected in the Rum Race.

Phillip Pearce, *Aldebaran VI 1827*

Regatta results, Rum Race is heat 3.

5/1/2016

Sailwave results for Rum Race Series 2016 at Victor Harbor YC 2016

Rum Race Series 2016**Victor Harbor YC****RUM REGATTA****1 Division**

Sailed: 3, Discards: 0, To count: 3, Rating system: VY, Entries: 21, Scoring system: Appendix A

Boat	SailNo	Class	HelmName	VY	Heat 1 30/4/16 1300	Heat 2 30/4/16 1300	Heat 3 Rum Race 1/5/16 1300	Total	Nett	Rank
Camma	1684	Arrow	Craig Pearsons	90	0.47.42	0.54.49	2.03.28	7.0	7.0	1st
Aldebaran VI	1788	Mosquito Mk 1	Phillip Pearce	83.5	0.48.25	0.55.34	2.06.12	11.0	11.0	2nd
Slipknot 2.0	1732	Mosquito Mk 2 with spinakker	Peter Lewis	77	0.56.17	1.00.10	2.27.03	23.0	23.0	3rd
Mango Flavoured Hiccups	977	A Class- Classic	Neil How	67.5	0.49.08	DNS	2.11.20	34.0	34.0	4th
Ram Raider	1667	Nacra 5.8 NA	Jeff Southal	72	0.49.18	DNC	2.15.21	37.0	37.0	5th
Natural Born Killer	538	Yvonne	Marcus Towell	79	DNC	DNC	1.59.16	45.0	45.0	6th
Nemesis	1666	Arrow	Steve Rogers	90	DNF	DNC	2.01.43	46.0	46.0	7th
The Young Mariner	1800	Mosquito Sloop	P. Halbworth	82	DNC	DNC	2.02.47	47.0	47.0	8th
Sonic	1708	Arrow	Brett Pearsons	90	DNC	DNC	2.02.54	48.0	48.0	9th
No Pants Dance	AUS 60	F 18	Alex Blacker	66	DNF	DNC	2.05.00	50.0	50.0	10th
Mr Percival	2944	Paper Tiger	Neville Rowe	93.5	1.01.05	DNF	DNF	50.0	50.0	11th
Blue	11	Arrow	I???? Meyer	90	DNC	DNC	2.10.46	52.0	52.0	12th
Speed Racer	Aus 403	F 16	Emile Barret	69	DNC	DNC	2.12.54	54.0	54.0	13th
Not Enough Men	2018	Hobie Tiger	Simon Bath	67.5	DNC	DNC	2.17.27	56.0	56.0	14th
Five Two Four	2016	Yvonne	Simon Meathreal	79	DNC	DNC	2.19.33	57.0	57.0	15th
Double vision	425	F 18	David Morion	66	DNS	DNC	2.25.15	58.0	58.0	16th
Finnis Ferral	1188	Hobie Tiger	S. Houston	67.5	DNC	DNC	3.15.32	60.0	60.0	17th
Red Zeppelin	515	Yvonne	Kym Ayliffe	79	DNF	DNC	DNS	66.0	66.0	18th

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States:

The organisation for week-end 1 of the State Titles in October is well underway. The Notice of Race can be accessed on the Mosquito Website [here](#). The Sailing Instructions are being written now and after approval by the committee and PVSC, they will be posted on the website with some copies also be available at the club during race days.

Entry is also via the website and the entry form is [here](#). Before you complete the form, go to the 'Boat' selection box and check that your boat is listed. If it is not, send an email to ppearce@internode.on.net with your boat name and sail number and it will be listed. This simple process will ensure your boat's details will be recorded accurately on the States Title results sheet.

Weekend 2 is at Somerton Yacht Club in February. See the NoR for details. Separate Sailing Instructions will be written for the SYC races

Nationals:

Season 2016-17

Quote from PVSC commodore, Greg Hackett: *The club (members) are all positive about the event...excitement building.* Pt. Vincent SC has created a Facebook page for this event. It will be another source of information along with the website. Link: [here](#), send a friend request and save it to your favourites.



Web pages and Links

Mosquito Catamaran Discussion Group:

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

Mosquito - the Racing Catamaran Facebook: [Mosquito Facebook page](#)

MCASA Facebook page: [MCASA Facebook](#)

45th (2016-2017) Mosquito Catamaran Nationals Facebook page: [45th Mosquito Nationals](#)

MossieNet Classifieds

The Young Mariner 1800, follow link [here](#) to Mossie website. \$12,500

Please notify *MossieNet* Ed of others as you become aware of boats 'on the market'. It will be listed on the Mosquito national website and listed on Facebook.

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

1827

Adelaide Sailing Club

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