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Pacer Sailing with Triabunna School

During Term 4, a group of Triabunna District School senior students enjoyed three sessions at Raspins Beach with the Pacer dinghies and members of SBBC sailing group to learn, practise, improve and really come to grips with some of the essentials of dinghy sailing, an experience which will give them confidence and stand them in good stead for any sort of sailing they might choose to undertake in future years. Mr James McKean (Triabunna School) and Mr Malcolm Fergusson (SBBC) have both recently qualified as Dinghy Sailing Instructors with Australian Sailing so, with the help of other school staff and our willing Club volunteers and with the co-operation of the weather over three Fridays, the students received an excellent introduction to sailing. Several students became confident enough to take boats out by themselves and acquitted themselves admirably.

Congratulations to all involved. The students were extremely courteous and well-behaved. And so were the old fogeys!! The Club Rescue Boat was deployed on all occasions and put to good use with coaches and helpers on board, but, fortunately, was not needed for any serious rescues.

Committee Notes

Your SBBC Executive Committee has quite a few tasks to perform on a pretty regular basis. In order to be as efficient as possible when undertaking these jobs, we tend to rely on sub-committees to take responsibility for managing certain aspects of the work or for investigating certain details of an issue. These sub-committees then report back and/or make recommendations to the main Committee. Sub-committees can co-opt other members with expertise and/or keen interest and can exist indefinitely or just for a finite period of time.

The sub-committees which are operating at the moment are:

The Social Committee (Leanne O'Brien, Jane Forbes, Pam Keygan, Heather Wilson, Vonda Hall)

The Safety Committee (Tim Geard, Carl Bresnehan, John Hall, Geoff Davidson)

The Sailing Committee (Bob Wilson and a rep from each vessel)

The Audit Committee (Pam Keygan, Leanne O'Brien, John Hall, Peter Smith)

We have had one change of personnel on our Committee since the last *Bay Spray*. Unfortunately Deb West has needed to retire from the Committee and resign as Vice Commodore (Sail). The Vice Commodore's role has been picked up by Tim Geard, ratified at our November Committee meeting. We are sad to see Deb leave the Committee as she did an outstanding job with the sailors and was an organisational powerhouse. We will still see her about, however, as she continues to skipper *Kooranya* in club racing.

Notices

- ♦ **Upcoming events** include: Christmas Party - Friday, December 15th, 2023
- * Pacer Sailing and Sausage Sizzle - Sunday, January 7th 2024
- * Cruise in Company—Commencing January 21st (details when weather predictions are known)
- * February Social night— at the Club; Friday, February 9th
- ♦ **Go to the SBBC Website and download our annual Calendar of Events in order to keep up with everything we have planned for the coming year. It's a handy thing to have on the fridge.**
- ♦ Don't forget.... if you want to know what's going on at the Club, the **Minutes of Committee Meetings** are always available on request and are also displayed on the notice-board in the West Wing. Invitations to major social events are always emailed to all members.
- ♦ Our **Facebook** page welcomes new supporters and "likers". Feel free to post your own stories there as well. It's called (unsurprisingly) **Spring Bay Boat Club — @boatinginspringbay**
- ♦ **Please ensure your contact details are up to date on our Club data-base. If you have had any recent changes (address, phone number, preferred email etc), please inform us via sbbccontact@gmail.com**
- ♦ **"Older" members still using swipe cards** — this system is now virtually redundant and has been giving a lot of trouble. Please ensure that you have downloaded the **Palgate App** onto your smartphone so that you can enter and exit the site using Bluetooth. If the App doesn't appear to be working for you, please contact the Secretary at sbbccontact@gmail.com. It's possible your phone number has not yet been entered on the system or we only have an old one—another reason why you need to keep your details up to date with the Club.

Trivia Night at SBBC



A most enjoyable night; nine teams; 6 rounds of questions and activities; creativity, movement, mirth and prizes!!

Meet some of the Trivia teams who competed at the Club on November 10th. To our left, the winning team, **Mixed Bag**, Below, **The Un-thinkables**, who performed a rather unique rendition of *Botany Bay*. At the bottom of the page, the measuring of the tallest newspaper tower, constructed by the CCGs.

Some **Nautical** questions (answers on Page 7 — don't cheat!):

1. In what year did the America's Cup start?
2. What is the name given to the depth of water needed to float a boat?
3. What is the generic name of a narrow body of water connecting two larger bodies of water?
4. Who wrote the famous book, "*Sailing Alone Around the World*"?
5. What is the name of the scale used to measure and describe wind force?
6. Can you list these wind strengths in order, from lightest to most severe? Have a go!



7. What is the old nautical term for STOP?
8. Which famous early explorer was killed in the Philippines after his involvement in local politics while on a sailing expedition?
9. Which sea monster from Norse mythology was said to terrorise sailors?
10. What does EPIRB stand for?

Some of us learnt some new facts! **Did you know.....**

- Australia is wider than the diameter of the moon?
- The average human produces 1 litre of mucus per day?
- When exiting their cave bats always turn left?
- Borneo is divided into 3 nations: Indonesia, Malaysia & Brunei?

Limericks

Each team wrote a limerick about one of their members, incorporating specific nautical words:

A **dinghy** driver named **Dennis**

Gave up his **paddle** at tennis

He sought out the sea

For so nautical was he

But prone to be a bit of a menace. (The Unthinkables)

Bob went out for a sail one day

And soon went aground in the **bay**

He tried going **astern**

But he couldn't return

He was rescued—but then wouldn't pay! (Vite)

There was a young lady called **Jane**

Who liked to **race** hard in the rain

She attempted a **knot**

But all that she got

Was a **knot** in her knickers again! (Easy Tiger)

Dr **Geoff** from the 'Bunna

Was a **mate** of Roy the gunner

Who shouted **ahoy!**

We think it was Roy

And said the sail is a bummer. (Old Bartonians)

There was a young sailor called **Ray**

The best fisherman in Spring Bay

His **ship** was the Baiaame

Cream cake and parmy

Was his choice of food every day. (Elle McNinos)

There once was a man called **Tim**

Who was always keen on a **swim**

They threw him in the **sea**

To see if he could climb free

But alas there was no saving him! (Kooranya)

More Trivia at SBBC



Jane and Leanne—quizzers par excellence!

There once was an old man named **Pete**

Who ran aground on a **reef**

He got out the **oars**

And without even a pause

Rowed back to shore with no grief. (Oarsome)

There was a young man named **Crossie**

Who looked really good in a **cossie**

He learnt how to **surf**

But looked like a **smurf**

And rode a good **wave** like an Aussie. (CCGs)

There was a young lady called **Shirley**

Whose outline was never burly

She sat in the **bow** of the **boat**

It did not float

So she went to her grave too early. (Mixed Bag)





From your Commodore:

I am certainly not scratching my head wondering what to put in my report as there has been quite a lot going on this Spring.

During the Winter, MAST contracted Tas Marine Construction to dredge the channel approach to Triabunna harbour adjacent to Parkers' jetty where there was some rock obstruction causing a tight bend and narrowing of the channel. Taking a close interest in this process was Ben West (our volunteer Marina and Hardstand Manager). He suggested to our Committee that we take advantage of the equipment being in the vicinity and do some deepening of our Club marina. Once the Council agreed to the spoil being dumped close by on the reclaimed area north of our Club, the decision was made to go ahead. Many truck-loads of silt, heavy clay and some rocks were removed in early November. I must thank Ben for spending many hours overseeing the project including removing and replacing the hinged arms on the fixed marina and organising temporary berthing of vessels. Access has been greatly improved.

Three piles were also driven by the contractors, two of which were driven on the north side of the boat ramp and they will support a floating jetty of the same type that exists at the public ramp next door. This will be our next major project.

People may have noticed that the Club entrance gate has been open during daylight hours. This is a temporary measure due to a technical failure involving the swipe-card system. The problem has been hard to pinpoint amongst the electronic wizardry but progress is being made and "business as usual" is about to resume. The phone app system is working, however, so I do urge all members to download the **PalGate App** to your phones and get familiar with using it as, although we have hopefully fixed the card system, it will eventually be phased out.

Unfortunately, Deb West has resigned as Rear Commodore (Sail). We thank Deb for her excellent devotion to the job over the past two and a bit years and hope to see her regularly on the water and around the Club. Tim Geard has generously agreed to take over the Rear Commodore's responsibilities. So thank you, Tim!

Recently our Club received a document from Australian Sailing, "*Sailing Safety in Tasmania*" which is the result of a collaboration between Australian Sailing and MAST. The document has given yacht clubs around the state information about safety equipment, navigation light requirements for coach boats and sailing boats and much more as regards safety around clubs. In response, our Committee has nominated a sub-committee to deal with safety, more generally. Tim Geard has also generously offered to chair this sub-committee which will summarise and identify regulations that we will need to comply with. Already we have added some equipment to our Rescue Boat.

On the social front, we have had several Friday night cosy gatherings, the Seafarers Memorial Lunch and a fun Quiz Night. Christmas Party coming up! Good work (as always), Social Committee.

Malcolm Fergusson.

From your Vice-Commodores (Sail): (immediate past and present)

Twilight Series 1. 2023/2024

First race: **Thomas A** was eager to get going in the short course they set considering the light east north-easterly. Midfield, **Baiame** and **Vite** had a tussle and **Madiba** had to concentrate to stop the pesky **Kooranya** from passing. First five corrected times were forty-six seconds apart! **Vite** winning on handicap by one second.

No wind for the second twilight made it a bit of a “cat and mouse” race. **Madiba** was left behind but sneaked past the pack in an outgoing tide. The race was shortened to one leg. **Vite** went out wide to cross the Eastcoaster finish line first in front of **Madiba**. This race of one leg took longer than last week’s full course.

Great hustling at the start of the third twilight. **Thomas A** led at the start in the fluky north-easterly winds between four and eight knots. **Baiame** came from behind to get line honours.

A tack to the One Tree Point mark was the start to the fourth twilight race. **Thomas A** started well in the fluky conditions from the south, south east, east and north east. **Baiame** sailed better to win line honours.

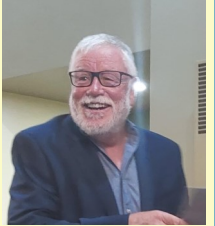
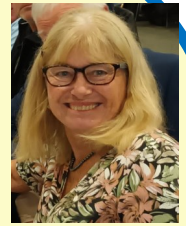
Four to ten knot south-easterly winds for the fifth twilight. All the fleet on the start line “raring” to go. **Zebedee** led the race to get line honours. **Baiame** and **Vite** both had a disappointing race which left an opportunity for **Madiba** and **Kooranya**.

Sixth and final race in Series 1 was an exciting one! **Zebedee** once again led the way over **Madiba** in a south, south-easterly wind of eight knots and dissipating. A few knocks and very close racing was the call of the day. **Thomas A** gave **Kooranya** a few scares - “just teasing”.

In this series we had **Vite**, **Baiame** and **Kooranya** each taking two handicap wins. This shows us how close the racing is at Spring Bay Boat Club! Results at our annual dinner but I bet everyone has worked it out!

Carolyn five, **Sagittarius** and **Vite** had a great night at our annual “raft up”. Music was provided by local Mitch Pyke on his cray boat and the dancing began!!!!!!!

Apparently the image on the right is Heather and Deb in dance mode on the deck of Carolyn 5. I'm glad this was explained to me! (Ed.)



Pennant Series 2023/2024

Our pennant series started on Sunday 8, October with a consistent ten knot east north-easterly. After a difference of opinion about the course, we settled down to head for the Spring Beach buoy. It was mainly a soldiers course and most of us finished under two hours. **Kooranya** thrived in the conditions to win on handicap.

The same course was set for the second pennant race with same conditions. **Thomas A** led the field all race. **Madiba** tried its luck with a spinnaker but to no avail. **Kooranya** did a swift turn around the Windlass buoy to push **Baiame** out. **Baiame** tried to do “payback” at Spring Beach buoy but lost a lot of ground to **Kooranya**’s advantage.

Unfortunately we were only able to sail two races this season.



...and from your Rear Commodore

The most significant social event in the past three months has certainly been the SBBC **Trivia Night**. Photos in this issue of **Bay Spray** attest to the vibrancy and success of the night. 55 contestants in 9 teams were put through their paces by Jane Forbes and yours truly with the aim of entertaining, enthusing, challenging and amusing. From feedback received, it seems that all goals were achieved! We had standard Q & A quiz questions, a newspaper tower-building competition, limerick writing, spot prizes, a match-the-photos section, singing, lucky door prizes and performances of various kinds. All just for the fun of it!

How lucky are we to be able to enjoy such an event in the warmth, security and peace of our Club, our community, our country?!

Other events to have taken place since the last issue of **Bay Spray** have been a social night in October (barbecue and pizzas) and a Club luncheon for attendees of the local **Seafarers' Memorial Service**. Our annual **Christmas Party** is coming up on December 15th. We will also be hosting the Happy Hour Book Club Christmas Party again this year.

I hope we get a good roll-up for our **Pacer Challenge** at Raspins Beach on January 7th. The social committee will be providing a free sausage sizzle for all competitors and their support crews. Food will be available from 12:00 midday; hot drinks too.

If you are one of those members who are wondering why the majority of items and photos in the **Bay Spray** seem to be focussed on the exploits of Club sailors, the reason is very simple. They are the only people who send me any items and images for inclusion! I would dearly love to put in some power boat stories and photos and include some fishing information, but, alas, I rarely get any.

Leanne O'Brien, Editor.

Season's greetings to you all!

Thank you to Pam Keygan for Trivia Night photography!

Answers to the MUSIC round from the Trivia Night:

1. By what name is band singer Farrokh Bulsara better known?
Freddie Mercury
2. Which rock icon was the founder of The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Long-haired Men? **David Bowie**
3. The song "**The Day the Music Died**" refers to the tragic deaths of which artists? **Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, The Big Bopper**
4. Which very famous rock star sings back-up vocals on Carly Simon's "**You're so Vain**"? **Mick Jagger**
5. Ozzy Osbourne was in which heavy metal band?
Black Sabbath

Answers to NAUTICAL questions, Page 3:

1. 1851
2. Draught (or Draft)
3. Strait
4. Joshua Slocum
5. Beaufort
6. Look them up!
7. Avast!
8. Ferdinand Magellan
9. The Kraken
10. Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon

Racing at “The Pond”

Members may not be aware that there is a second tier of yacht racing occurring in Spring Bay, and it has attracted both local residents, and those who visit holiday houses in Spring Bay from time to time. The competing yachts are the internationally popular “DF65”, a 65cm model designed under the rules governing the RG65 model yacht class. Racing of these amazing small craft is conducted in many countries of the world and winning skippers are recognised internationally. Local competitions are less formal and run by the “Spring Bay Radio Sailing group” in a picturesque local fresh water location. The competition is keen. Races are conducted under normal yacht racing rules, and whilst the boats are identical, handicaps assist those who are still getting the hang of operating a model via radio control. The DF65’s (version 6 Pictured and recommended) are available from Hobby Warehouse at around \$300.00, considerably less if they are supplied without the radio equipment.



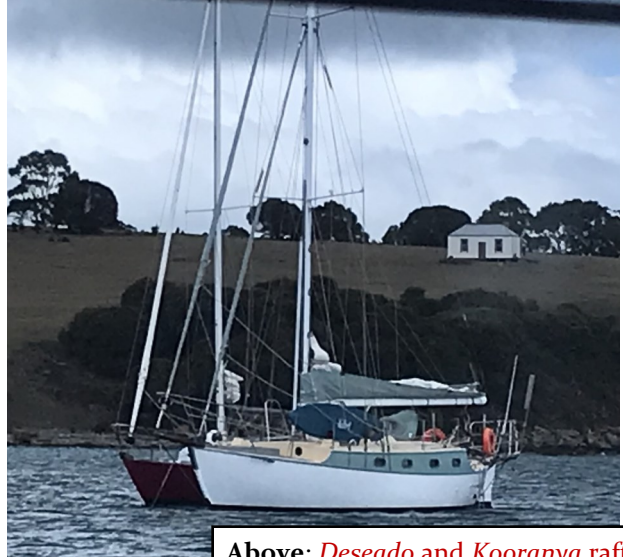
Sailing model yachts is a great pastime – if you are interested in joining us to take a look at model boat sailing, or to find out more about the DF65, contact David by email at daveonboard@outlook.com.

Article supplied by David Read. Thanks, David, we are always looking for additional boat-related articles! (Ed.)

Photo Gallery



Trivia Teams — Above: Oarsome Below Right: Vite Below that: Easy Tiger



Above: Deseado and Kooranya rafted up in picturesque Darlington on the Pennant debrief day.



More photos from the Pennant debrief day

Above: Vite in Darlington.

Below: Kooranya, a lovely sail home.



Photo Gallery



Above: Some of the crew members celebrating the finish of the Pennant series. David Catt, Roy Forbes, Bob Wilson, Annita Catt, Deb West aboard Madiba.

Below: More Trivia Teams.

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| 1. Elle McNinos | 2. Old Bartonians |
| 3. Kooranya | 4. CCGs |

