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## Welcome Dear Readers

The newsletter is back! It will be coming out monthly now, at least until the season winds up. I will keep it going after that, too, so don't despair, you will still be able to get your MYC news fix! Many thanks to our previous and tireless editor, Steve Fox. He'll be helping me to learn the ropes over coming months - thanks, Steve, for all your past hard work.

Chris Holyday, Editor.

## Commodore's Report

### Minnow State Regatta - 28 February – 2 March

The Maylands Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Minnow Sailing Association of WA, is hosting the 23<sup>rd</sup> Western Australian Minnow Championships over the Labour Day long weekend.

This is a **terrific opportunity for young sailors** as it includes events that will suit the full range of sailing experience by offering the following race divisions:

#### Novice:

The aim of the Novice fleet is to encourage participation

**find out.**



## **Nick's back in town**

Nick Holthouse is back, for a break away from work, just in time for the Minnows State Regatta on the upcoming long weekend, Feb 28/March 2nd. He jumped straight back into his 125 on Sunday, 8th Feb, for the 4th Club Heat, and showed good pace with his daughter Lilly up front. Even though he was outpointed at the start by son Dylan (in his new Bic), he still managed a second place over the line. Welcome back, Nick.



## **Feature Club**

and enjoyment of the State Championships for inexperienced sailors. Sailors will be supported as they race by experienced coaches, such as Matt Clark-Massera.

### Open:

All sailors not competing in the Novice Division will compete in the Open Division.

### Junior:

Any sailor under the age of 12 years on the day of the first scheduled race of the regatta and who is not competing in the Novice Division.

MYC had a good fleet of Minnows from other clubs for a practice race on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, in preparation for the regatta.

The Club is expecting a fleet of 30-40 boats for the Championships, with up to 8 coming from MYC.

**Volunteers** are required to make this event run smoothly. This includes sailors' families and longstanding Club members. So, please let Nick and Adrienne Holthouse, or Les Mack, know if you're able to assist.

**To register** for the State Minnow Championships click [here](#).

## Member - Brian Plumb

Read about Brian and the new support boat in the Commodore's report.



## Mirror Magic

Doug and Rolna have 2Pudd moving beautifully as usual. Great to see spinnakers flying at Maylands.



## Start Minnows 15 Feb



## Start Lasers 15 Feb



### Juniors Learn to Sail

Matt Clark-Massera, with assistance from Maitlyn Hansen, ran a very successful Junior Learn to Sail course over four days last month.

This involved 12 enthusiastic boys and girls, most of whom had not sailed before. They were a great bunch of kids who were willing to pitch in and assist when required, support each other and, most importantly, had no fear. The Club plans to run a similar program again over the October school holidays just prior to the beginning of the 2015-2016 season. People can register online expressions of interest via the Club's website.

### Brian Plumb Support Boat



## Start Mixed Fleet 15 Feb

Thanks to Steve Fox, our roving shore reporter, for the race start photo sequences.



*Les assists with the formal launching while Adrienne Holthouse christens the 'Brian Plumb' on Sunday, 15th February.*



## Don't Forget the MINNOWS are coming!

If you have not already done so, please contact Les Mack and put your name down to help with this event over the long weekend - Feb 28 to March 2. The success of these events is measured by the amount of support we receive from our members.



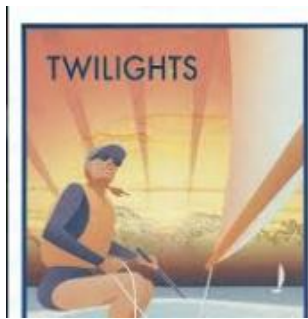
Brian Plumb's association with Maylands Yacht Club began when he was 13 years old, hanging out on the foreshore as boats were rigged, hoping to be invited to crew on a Vee Jay. His father eventually bought him one. From then on there was no looking back. As a teenager, he and other Club members towed their Vee Jays downriver for the Australia Day regatta. Later, as a Moth sailor, Brian would race at South Perth in the morning and race again at Maylands in the afternoon of the same day. All that sailing led to him achieving six state championships, runner up in three national championships and winner of the Pan-Pacific Championship in New Zealand.

Over six decades later, Brian continues to be an active sailor and member of the Club. Always available to lend a hand, always generous with his knowledge. He has served the Club in an array of capacities including Commodore and as a long-serving member of the management Committee. Currently, he is the Power Yacht Captain, ensuring that the support boats are in good order for training and racing.

It was Terry Gaunt Snr who proposed that the Committee name the new support boat "Brian Plumb", an inspired gesture that received unanimous Committee support.

## **Presentations Sun 15th Feb**

Great to see so many sailors, both members and visitors, stay back for drinks and presentations last Sunday. A good fleet of Minnows, together with our sailing club members, enjoyed a perfect sailing day. Thanks to the support teams on shore and in the support boats for making the day so successful.



## **LAST TWILIGHT T SAIL - This Wed 18th - the LAST ONE FOR SUMMER**

Please come down and join us for a sail, something to eat, social. Aim to be on the water by 5.30pm.

On Sunday it gave me great pleasure to assist with the formal launching of the “Brian Plumb” and witness the members’ support for the awarding of this honour to a very good and generous man who has made, and continues to make, a tremendous contribution to our Club.

Les Mack, Commodore.

## **Tackers Tales**

The number of enrolments in the second half of the Sail Training Season has been much closer to what has been the case each year during the previous decade or more. Our early numbers were sometimes exceeded by the numbers of members willing to give up their Sunday mornings to assist. From the trainees' point of view this has often meant there has been one-on-one assistance, so the learning curve has been a much steeper one than usual. During the holidays Matt Clark-Massera, ran a very successful week-long training school at MYC. This initiative resulted in a number returning as Club members to continue training either as ‘beginners’ or joining Matt’s Advanced Skills Development Group.





## More Minnows Action from Feb 15th



## Mug of the Day

One good reason to stay behind for an after race refreshment is to hear some of the tall tales, and occasionally, some true tales, too. There have been many worthy mugs won in the last month - running aground (two winners), leaving out their bungs and dropping boats off their trailers. But the gong for the month goes to Bob Jackson. It seems that Bob discovered it is possible to get your tiller stuck up your pants. Not sure if that was his tiller, you say? Well, you'll have to ask Bob about that. Someone was heard to say that at least he had a good grip on the situation.

*Angus with grandfather William.*

Together with Matt's group, as well as new enrolments, we are now seeing around 11 boats being rigged for classes each Sunday morning and 13 trainees registered. Both Matt and I have been very pleased with the rate of skills acquisition. Emerging from Matt's 'finishing school' we saw the Symons girls, Sandrine and Chantelle, participating in afternoon racing for the first time last Sunday and finishing the course - a fantastic achievement, girls!



*Sandrine (above) showing how it is done, while younger sister Chantelle (below) takes the helm.*



With the Minnow Championships just around the corner, we are promoting the use of the Club Minnows by the

younger trainees. We thank Murray Playne for giving Bluey a bit of TLC, and Nick for his work in giving Green 1 and Topsy Turvy some restoration work, too. We now have 4 Club Minnows in good working order.

It has been really pleasing to see some of the juniors participating in the Evening Sailing on Wednesday afternoons. Their experience has accelerated their rate of skill development. Last Wednesday, Chantelle Symons took the helm for the very first time and sailed competently up as far as the Bunbury Bridge marker. Both Sebastian Car and Angus Dodd are now managing upwind sailing with growing confidence and understanding and having a lot of fun in the process.

The group is indebted to the continued assistance from Commodore Les as well as Alan Benn, Bob Jackson, Nick Holthouse and Matt.





*Sebastian looking cool! ... and:  
Sebastian's friend Angus looking cooler!*



*Dylan Holthouse enjoying his amazing Bic.*

Ken Patterson, Rear Commodore  
Training.

## **New Sabres at Maylands**





We have had a stream of visiting Sabre sailors at Maylands. Pictured above, second from the right, is Craig Nylund from Rockingham CYC, who visited us on Feb 15 with his brand new fibreglass boat, built from his own mould. So we now have a local fibreglass boatbuilder in WA. Craig was the first-placed heavyweight skipper (over 90kg) at the recent Adelaide Nationals, in a fleet of 85 boats, and showed us how to sail fast in flat water, away from his usual open sailing water at Rockingham. He joined Chris, Bruce and Steve, above - Paul Maj, our other Sabre man, took this photo. Thanks Paul.

The fleet is now forming at Maylands. After I brought the excellent Estoile to MYC from EFYC in December, Bruce Lee has now purchased a real flyer from PDSC, a beautifully built and underweight timber boat. We now have 4 Sabres with only one to go for a fleet. Paul Maj has Extreme moving really well and Steve Rose is sorting out Tango, enjoying the space and comfort of a Sabre. Bruce got his new boat wet for the first time on 1st Feb - Dicostalotta Too. The boat looks fantastic (see photo below) and will be a top performer once Bruce sorts out his set-up and sail trim and some other Sabre secrets that we will only pass on to him **s l o w l y** because there will be no stopping him once he gets used to a Sabre. Although I have managed to keep in front of him in his first few races, I have already noticed his fast off-wind speed, so once he

gets his boat moving fast upwind, too, we are all in trouble in the Mixed fleet.

Chris Holyday



## Results Club Heat 4, Feb 8th

**Laser Full Rigs:** 1. Tupperware Boat (J Bolletter); 2. Water Taxi (R Hermans); 3. Slick Chick (K Patterson). Handicap (Consistency Heat 14): 1. Tupperware Boat; 2. Slick Chick; 3. Whichwayup (D Hogg).

**Laser Radials:** 1. Stuffabout (J Toonen); 2. Costalotta (J Wallace); 3. Include (B Jackson). Handicap: 1. Costalotta; 2. Stuffabout; 3. Include.

**Mixed Fleet:** 1. Estoile (Sabre, C Holyday); 2. Atomic (125, N & L Holthouse); 3. One Direction (Pacer, T Gaunt Jr-Tahlia Gaunt). Handicap: 1. Estoile; 2. Atomic; 3. Two Pudd (Mirror, D & R Stoeger).

**Hartley TS16s:** 1. Redback (J Gaunt-R Pagett); 2. Welsh Dragon (T Gaunt-A Carter). Handicap: 1. Welsh Dragon; 2. Redback.

## Coming Up

- **Wednesday, February 18:** Last Twilight sail, from 5.30pm
- **Sunday, February 22:** Club Championship Heat 5, Consistency Heat 17, 2pm.
- **Saturday to Monday, Feb 28/March 2:** Minnow State Regatta.
- **Sunday, March 8:** Consistency Heat 18, Handicap Start, 2pm
- **Sunday, March 15:** Consistency Heats 19 & 20, Short Courses 7 & 8, 2pm
- **Sunday, March 22:** Club Championship Heat 6, Consistency Heat 21, 2pm.

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