



**December 2019 Mudlark**

## **World Moths Special**



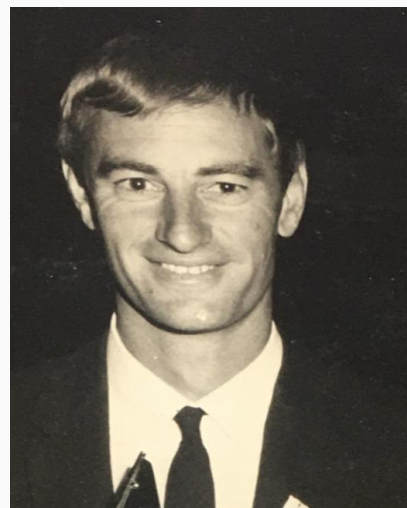
***Tom Slingsby (#4696) in full flight on the Swan River, Dec 2019 – with fluttering moths following!***

Congratulations to Australians **Tom Slingsby, Kyle Langford, Tom Burton and Scott Babbage** for their recent World Moth Series success in Perth – taking out the first four placings.

Maylands Yacht Club has a rich history of Moth sailing too. We can boast our own World Champion in previous club member **Rob O'Sullivan**, who started sailing at Maylands at age 14 in the 60s - a protegee of our own Brian Plumb, Rob went on to win the World Moth Title in Sweden in 1974. **Brian Plumb** had earlier won a Pan Pacific Moth Title in New Zealand in 1968.



**Rob O'Sullivan**



**Brian Plumb**

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***Above - Rob O'Sullivan flying - with wings,  
but no foils, on the Swan River***

**Read all about Rob's fantastic win [here](#)**

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## **Brian Plumb - The Life of Brian**

**Brian started at Maylands YC eleven years before Rob O'Sullivan, in 1954. Brian used to hang 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 five state championships, runner up in three national championships and winner of the Pan-Pacific Championship in New Zealand in 1968.**

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***Above - Brian fighting hard to try and win a Nationals, Perth 1967/68.***



***Above - a young Brian Plumb is a picture of concentration***

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**Read all about Brian's sailing career [here](#)**

*My thanks to both Rob and Brian for the pleasure of being able to tell their fantastic stories to coincide with another Australian World Moth Titles win.*

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*Chris Holyday  
Ed.*

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## **FROM THE COMMODORE**

**JUNIOR INTRODUCTION TO SAILING  
COURSE**

**(See Announcements: [HERE](#))**

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**Maylands Yacht Club is running an Introduction to Sailing Course over 5 days during the school holidays.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**9am to 1pm daily**

**\$180 one child (freakishly good value). Discount on 2<sup>nd</sup> child same family.**

**Please pass this on to friends and family who might be interested in this short course.**

**Places are limited. Go to trybooking at the following link:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BHEOP>**

**Any questions; contact James 0417 188 845 or Doug 0437 493 013**

**Or**

**email [secretary@maylandsyachtclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@maylandsyachtclub.org.au) for more information.**

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**Mimi Secco**  
**Commodore**

## **LATEST SAILING RESULTS**

**Results are published regularly in the *West Australian* Sports Results section each Tuesday:**

**See also the club website for all the 'Results'; click [here](#)**

## **Handicap System**

**How handicaps are set**

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**Club handicapper/all round race results man, Alan Benn, explains how our handicaps are adjusted:**

**A handicap system is used to adjust the actual race time of a boat. In its simplest form, the race time (elapsed time) is multiplied by the handicap to calculate the handicap time. At MYC we are using a form of handicap where each boat has a handicap value between 1 (the fastest boat) and 0.8 (the slowest boat).**

**We generally aim to finish races at MYC in about 100 minutes, so that the maximum difference between handicaps is  $0.2 \times 100 = 20$  minutes. For example, a 3% change in handicap means a time equivalence of 3 minutes in a typical 100 minute race - so its quite a severe change. E.g. If Mimi finished 9**

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minutes behind Chris in a race, her handicap difference would improve by 6 minutes relative to Chris.

See your latest handicap [here](#).

## Training

Resumes on 2nd February ....



**Below: 'Lost Maylands' training pic from the 1970s - training in the wonderful Herons, with a bare-looking Bardon Park in the background:**



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## **UPCOMING SAILING DATES:**

**WE HAVE A BUSY 2020 Summer Program.**

**Please note some changes to the rest of the 2020 summer program have been made as follows:**

**1. Two short races days have been set down for the last sailing Sunday each month, ending in March, so we can encourage trainees/bronxies to race in the afternoons - and for the months of February and March to enjoy a social meal after the racing with fellow members.**

**2. Club Championship Heat 5 has been moved to 2 February, the same day as training resumes after the summer holidays.**

**3. Important Club sponsored events are still to come:**

- [Mirror State Titles](#) (more info to come): 21st and 22nd March**
- [City of Bayswater Regatta](#): 5th April**

**Next Events - January/February:**

- [Sunday January 5th: 9.00 Crawley Cruise leaves MYC 10am.... NOTE destination](#)**

- **may change to South Perth.**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020: INTRODUCTION TO SAILING COURSE**  
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**9am to 1pm daily (see Web Page Announcements [here](#)).**
- **Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> - afternoon club racing resumes.**
- **Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> - 2 short races at 2pm.**  
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- **Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> - NO RACING (Aust Day Weekend) - Why not come down to the Club to see the fireworks?**  
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- **Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup> - morning training and Bronze Fleet resumes after summer holidays plus Club Champ Heat 5.**

## **2019/2020 Summer Program**

The full summer sailing program is on the MYC web site - [click HERE](#)

**Next Newsletter - March 2020  
Mirror State**



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