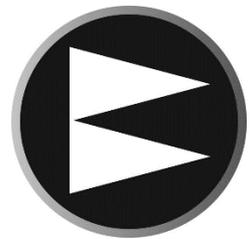


125 Newsletter

December 2016



President's Message

Despite a slow start to most clubs season due to the most extreme breezes I can recall 125ers are now getting into full swing around the State. Alas, Xmas now approaches fast so we must wish our two representatives at this year's Nationals best of fortunes. It's a pretty good team too actually!

Current State Champion helm Nic Mariani and twice State Champion Crew Alex Thomson will sail 3195 Going Gonzo.

State Junior (and past State Champion) Helm Felix Browning is teaming up with Mum, Cally, who is the current National Masters Champion Crew on 3137 SummerDayz! Talk about a star studded line up! Safe travels and best of "huey luck" to both teams.

The Rob Webb Travellers Series has had its first three legs and all teams involved are enjoying the different locations and regular catch ups....some teams also enjoying the local golf courses....If you're yet to sail in one of these events please make sure you get to the remaining 5 events in the second half of the season.

On the club front it is great to see the strength of numbers in Esperance and the re-emergence of Geraldton as a 125 Fleet. Numbers at some clubs in the Metro area are down a bit but I know there is work going on to drag people out onto boats post New Year.

The National 125 Class have been invited to the EFYC "Rumble in The Reach". This is an annual "stadium sailing" event where boats do short courses in front of a crowd, full commentary and tight exciting racing. We hope to be represented by 10 boats at least as this is an excellent opportunity to show off the class. The date is Saturday 21st January if you're interested in being part of a great day.

Planning for the 2016/17 State Championships hosted by the Esperance Bay Yacht Club is well advanced and if you haven't booked your accommodation please get onto it. We are expecting a 30 plus boat fleet and sailing in Esperance is a must do on the bucket list.

Finally, thank you to the hard working State Committee. These people put in many hours to keep the class running and deserve everyone's full support. It is no secret that the past 12 months have been challenging for this group but I am pleased to say that the key indicators for the class in numbers, clubs, finance and future growth looks strong.

Merry Xmas & Happy New Year to All.

Andrew Tailor
WA Association President/Life Member
3196 "One Too Many"

East Fremantle

East Fremantle Yacht Club is hosting the annual “RUMBLE IN THE REACH” on Saturday 21st January 2017. All races are going to be held directly in front of the clubhouse so it will be a great day to bring family and friends down to watch.

Fleets include: 125's, Pelicans and Sabres.

2-3 morning races for each fleet, off water by 1pm.

Stadium racing including live commentary.

Entry fee will be covered by the 125 Association (WA) and includes a T-shirt for each sailor. Registrations need to be in before the 16th January.

Notice of race is available on the EFYC website and also on the 125 Facebook page.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the 125 fleet, so we would love to see as many boats from all clubs coming along for a fun day.



Hillarys



Hillarys Yacht Club is working to develop a 125 fleet, as a new two-handed class with a spinnaker and trapeze. Currently, we have three 125s boats based at our club. We are always looking for more to join and sail alongside our Optimist, Laser and Tasar fleets. Our club races are held every Saturday morning throughout the Summer Season, with the first start at 9:45am. We usually run two to three races in the morning, with hot food available from the Snack Shack in the dinghy

clubhouse after racing. Pennants are presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and fastest boats at each race day.

Our premier sailing event for the season is the Pot of Gold regatta, which will be held on Saturday 25th February, 2017. The regatta features multiple dinghy fleets, including the National 125, Lasers, Optimists and Tasars. There are also several keelboat fleets that participate in the regatta, racing on a separate course. There are several races over the course of the day, with presentations held inside the HYC clubhouse following racing.

HYC Events:

- Australia Day Race & BBQ: Thursday 26th January
- Pot of Gold Regatta: Saturday 25th February

Please contact HYC 125 Representative, Jonathan Pang, at pangasaurus@outlook.com if you would like more information.

Nedlands

Each yacht club provides unique opportunities for competitive sailing. The 125's at Nedlands have enjoyed the privilege of having wide sandy beach front access for launching boats; with an extensive grassed area for rigging up. It also provides wide water for sailing, with courses designed to be mostly within sight of the beach area.

The club actively reviews courses and works within racing classes to best suit safe racing.

With regular sailing competition starting with opening day on 2nd October with, several events such as the HMAS Perth regatta on 19th February 2017 and the short course regatta. Recently we have hosted the sharpies and skates for their state championships

within our short course regatta event where 125's competed. Unfortunately strong winds saw the days racing cancelled.

Nedlands 125's gets around, participating in the traveller series at sailing days at other clubs including more recently the Mud classic and Crab classic.



South of Perth

I think we all agree that the dogged insistence of one of the coldest and wettest winters we've had in years to hang on, how dare it, into our summer sailing season has been a challenge – nobody minds a good blow but when it's freezing as well we all want to say "No more! Sun come out now!". But we are a hardy lot and have had a healthy fleet lining up for racing so far and the standard just keeps getting better so we are looking at some great on-water battles this season.

Open day saw us being joined by Nick and Alex on Going Gonzo from Nedlands, and our very own bright yellow Hairy Canary renamed and now owned by our association President Andrew Tailor. The sail-by was a challenge with winds strong and shifty but we all made it by our esteemed leaders without incident and onto the course for a furious entrée into the season.

We have welcomed two new crews into the fleet this season. Although father and son Jarrah and Campbell Kilgour have gallantly faced some obstacles getting their new 125 built they have not let that stop them from getting out on the water for the start of the season and have leased Shockwave until their new boat is ready for its debut. Campbell takes the helm for the first time after a few seasons crewing and shows no fear or hesitation in the heavy winds so we are looking forward to some great sailing by both. We love the fact that our class is so great for all kinds of skipper-crew combinations, especially allowing for parents and kids to sail together which I'm sure most parents will agree is a very very special thing. You can't get a much more attentive teenager than one who is trapped on a boat with you in 25kts!

We also welcome Ferrie Lanter and Ryan Sherburn in Venom, which I'm told has been languishing sadly in Tim Cross's back yard for many years crying out for some love and attention. You wouldn't know to look at it – the lads have done an amazing job in resurrecting the boat and judging by their performances so far they are a force to be reckoned with. They bring lots of skill and experience to our fleet, and we are stoked to have them with us.

The younger members continue to improve – special mention to Scott Fallows giving us all a run for our money!

The Nationals are in Melbourne this year and we have Summerdaze going over with Felix at the helm so we are hoping to make a strong impression over there, and the 125 WA Association has added a traveller's incentive to this season so no doubt our SoPYC fleet will be flying the flag for the club and making a strong impression in the weeks to come.

- Cally Browning

Tips for New 125ers



With the start of the season being so windy there has been discussions on how best to set up a 125 for strong breezes. Especially for younger, lighter crews.

Here are some tips:

- Make sure your Vang, Cunningham and Outhaul equipment works well. Use them as its gets breezier until all are pulled on hard. (If its really breezy, start easing the vang slightly to take the shock of gusts out of the rig)
- Increase Rake and rig tension. For exact numbers have a chat to your local gurus but a good reference is 180kg of side stay tension (2.5mm Stays) and 5900mm of Rake (Measured from the bottom edge of the mast band down to the transom top. (Some measure to the floor so make sure your checking the equivalent.)
- Some crews can shorten their spreaders so that the side stays run as a straight line from hounds to chainplates. What this does is allows the middle of the mast to move to windward slightly in gusts. This opens "the slot" between main and jib and allows the mast top to drop to leeward. For lighter crews this can really help.
- As it gets windier ease the jib sheet a few centimetres. You will feel the rig pressure ease and the main will flog less. Don't worry about sailing slightly lower to start with, you will find the extra speed and control over time will give you the height.
- If its really windy and wavy, rake the centreboard a few inches.

As with all things practice in breezy conditions is always the best way to improve.

Cheers

Snodge



Rules Update

Now's the time to read up on the updated Racing Rules of Sailing, to take effect in January 2017. See link below to a PDF copy.

<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-%5B20946%5D.pdf>

Nationals Photos

For those who have not yet downloaded some photos from Nationals, please see the below link. The photos will be available for download until June next year, so make sure you check them out.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B73enHQPzD0zanBaQXMzSnlQNnc>

Guide to Setting Bridle Height

The bridle height on a 125 controls the shape of the back edge of the mainsail. The best way to see this is to stand at the back of the boat and pull the mainsheet in so that it is block to block.

In the first photo you can see that with the mainsheet pulled all of the way on, the back edge of the sail is very open. This will decrease the power in the mainsail.

The second photo shows a bridle that is too low. You can see that the mainsheet cannot be pulled all of the way on and also that the back edge of the mainsail is hooking inwards.

The third photo is a good example of the correct bridle height. The boom is in the middle of the boat and the back edge of the mainsail is straight.

Note that when you adjust mast rake or rig tension, you will need to reset the bridle height and also that older sails which have a bit of stretch will need the bridle to be lowered as the wind increases.



“Mum of a Gun”

Mothers and teenage sons walk that narrow line between all-out war and overwhelming pride. For many Mums it's enough for them to sit quietly in the back ground, supporting their sons and watching as they achieve their goals. For Cally Browning and son Felix, they tread a different path.

Felix Browning is an accomplished young National 125 sailor, having racked up a State Championship in 2015, followed by being runner up in the National Championship in 2016. He capped this at the State Championship at Easter hosted by SoPYC by teaming with Campbell Kilgour to win the State Junior Championship.

This season he has teamed up with Mum Cally and will be embarking on a journey to Victoria where they will compete in the 40th National 125 Australian Titles hosted by the Altona Yacht Club.

Cally is no novice. After a season pottering about with her sister she took up a crewing spot with local 125 Legend Kevin Robson. At the 2015/16 Nationals they finished 4th and won the National Masters Championship. At times, despite her initial fears of heavy breezes, she was soothed by “Robbos” wise words that no matter how windy it looks it's always “12 knots”.

So this season, with Felix a step away from adulthood, what better time than to take on the countries best... than together.

The National 125 Class is one of the very few classes around that can claim such a combination. Along with Fathers with sons and daughters we are now seeing more and more Mums just like Cally taking up the challenge on the water, and a quiet champers in the bar afterwards.....because that is what sailing is really about.

Good luck team Summer Dayz!



Photos from States...



More photos from States are available for purchase at:

<http://perthsailingphotography.weebly.com/the-national-125-states.html>

Upcoming Events



JANUARY	Saturday 21st	Rumble in the Reach	East Fremantle Yacht Club
	28th Dec - 3rd January	National Championships	Altona Yacht Club, Victoria
FEBRUARY	Sunday 19th	HMAS Perth Regatta	Nedlands Yacht Club
	Saturday 25th	Pot of Gold	Hillarys Yacht Club
	Sunday 26th	Three of a Kind	Mounts Bay Sailing Club
MARCH	Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th	Walpole Regatta	Walpole Yacht Club
	Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th	Applecross Cup	South of Perth Yacht Club
APRIL	Friday 14th - Sunday 16th	36th State Championships	Esperance Bay Yacht Club
JUNE	Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th	Batavia Regatta	Geraldton Yacht Club

RUMBLE IN THE REACH

Saturday 21st January 2017

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Sailing Instructions will be distributed before the event. For further information please email activities@efyc.com.au

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Captain Hector Waller, DSO, RAN and the crew of HMAS Perth, lost in action on

March 1st 1942. The regatta is a Yardstick event

Cash Trash



The National 125 Association (WA Division) Inc. has now successfully registered with the Australian Sports Foundation. The significance of this registration is any individual can now make a tax deductible donation to our Association for event or training funding purposes. Future fundraising opportunities can come from the wider community and no longer be restricted to businesses receiving a tax benefit.

If you or anybody else would like to make a donation, please visit our dedicated ASF webpage and follow the prompts: <https://asf.org.au/projects/national-125-association-wa-division/>

July saw our annual Quiz Night fundraiser in conjunction with the WA Skates Association. Not only was it a great night to socialise with like-minded friends, but it provided the opportunity to generate funds to assist with many proposed initiatives and travel costs for boats heading to Altona Yacht Club in Melbourne for the 2016/17 Australian Championships. Cheques were written and distributed this week for the two confirmed boats heading to Victoria. If anyone else does intend heading across to sail at this year's Nationals, you should let us know as soon as possible.

Association memberships have been slow to be renewed (many thanks to those members who have already paid up). I would remind sailors Association memberships actually run from 1 October to 30 September. To sail in any WA National 125 Association sanctioned events (and the National Titles), you need to be financial members of our State Association. It would also really help in our membership reporting and cashflow planning if your memberships could be paid up as soon as possible. I'm sure our Sailing Secretary would love to see an email from you requesting another Membership Form if it has been lost. Margaret's email is margaret.shiner@optusnet.com.au.

Over the next few months, your Committee will be considering how some of our funds will be spent to prompt the WA National 125 Association and the Class generally. Examples include a professionally produced promotional video and possibly our own website. We look forward to updating you as developments occur.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Festive Season.

Gavin Jones
Treasurer

For Sale

- 3189 Firefly: \$4700
- 3050 Consuming Passion: \$3000
- 3151 Vigilant: \$3000
- 3056 Slippery Lizard: \$4500

New Hulls available from Formula Sailcraft or MCQ Marine: Contact the Association or the Website Classified Page:

www.125assoc.com

Continued growth has seen the availability of boats for sale decrease significantly.

If you have or know of a boat for sale or one that is currently dormant in a garage/club shed etc. please contact the association via your club delegate or Andrew Tailor on 0437652035.



Some Safety Tips...



- Wear Trapeze Harness on the outside of the PFD so it can be removed
- The 125 does have significant buoyancy and a large air pocket when inverted. Crews should explore this in a simulated capsize so they know that it is there and available when the boat inverts
- Wear an Australian Standards PFD
- Ensure that your mainsail is capable of being lowered on the water
- All boats must have a towing ring at the bow
- Ensure mast is sealed (including rivet holes) to ensure there is a sufficient period that the mast will not sink when craft initially capsizes. This is also covered in the Class Rules
- Always be aware and call out for your skipper/crew post capsize so you know they are ok or if there is an issue
- In the first instances of a Capsize ensure your feet/legs etc are free from rope/line/systems
- Do not panic
- Carry a knife or similar on board

Wishing you all a
safe and very
happy Christmas.

We look forward to
seeing you out on
the water again in
the new year!

