

# The LOG

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## What's On



- **Every Friday BBQ from 6pm**

### PLUS

#### Sailing Sundays

(usually fortnightly)

- **Thurs-Sat 18th–20th of Sept**

Sail Training Course

- **Friday Sept 19th & 26th Paddling @4pm**

- **Sunday Sept 21st 1st Points Race**

- **Sunday Oct 5th**

1st Sunrise Classic Race

- **Sunday Oct 12th 2nd Points Race**

- **CLOSED FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH**

- **Saturday Oct 18th OKTOBERFEST**

- **Sunday Nov 2nd 3rd Points Race**

- **Saturday Oct 18th OKTOBERFEST**

- **Sunday Nov 16th Bundegi Race**

- **Friday Nov 21st Cocktail Party**

## Commodore's Corner



*Hello fellow ship mates and friends.*

**Opening Day** on Sunday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> was a great afternoon of sailing and fun. Visitors who took advantage of the chance to try sailing were so keen, they went out several times as well as having a go at the land racing. Thanks to the sailors who had to delay sausage eating to satisfy the customers! Line honours for the race went to Rob van Leeuwen despite forgetting to tack around the buoy whilst whale watching.

Thanks to all those who made the sailing possible, especially James Chapman and John Hynes. Check the calendar for sailing events until December.

Next on the agenda is the **sail training course** commencing this weekend being run by Brett Stevens and James Chapman. If you need to practice your skills, this Saturday between 9 and 2

could be a good time whilst the rescue boat is on the water.

**Friday nights** continue as usual and seem to be becoming more popular. The informal pool comp last week created a few laughs and being able to sit comfortably inside when the wind comes up, created a happy atmosphere. Debbie has emailed a calendar asking for helpers to volunteer for bar duty. If you don't have email and would like to help, please contact her (4329) or ask down at the club.

**Oktoberfest** is on again October 18th. Please let Deb know if you can help on the night and spread the word.

Also a good time now if you know members who haven't renewed, to remind them to do so as ticket prices are discounted for members.

Peter and Vicki Eves have **donated 2 windrushes** in need of repair for club use. If you

can help out there, please contact James.

Rob has contributed a great article on **sailing the Monte Bellos**. We'd like to continue to include sailing articles, so if you have any to report, please email the editor.

Our **new website [www.exmouthyachtclub.org](http://www.exmouthyachtclub.org)** is being used quite frequently and is a good way for us to give you the latest news, so please check it out. Thanks Alan. Alternatively, check the IGA notice board for late developments.

Please note the **monthly meeting date has changed to the second Monday of the month** and is open to all members. There is also a suggestion box on the bar counter. Feedback and suggestions mean we keep in touch with members' wishes, so please keep us informed.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club, Suzie

**Next Meeting: –Monday 13th October -7.15 PM @ the club house  
MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

## New EYC Committee 2008-2009!!!

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Committee	Pancho Ridley	9949 2273
Committee	Jan Van der Schaar	9949 4964

# Sailing News

## SAILING COURSE

This weekend is the third sailing course.

It is being run by Brett Stevens, James Chapman and Peter Versteeg.

If you have a chance to come down and see them sail or meet them, check out the times below. If you want to practice your own sailing skills, take advantage of the rescue boat being in the water and come down. Please make the participants welcome as we hope they will continue to come down and sail.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 7-9 pm	Theory, knots, rigging
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 4-7 pm	Theory & practical in water
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9 am-2 pm	Practical in water

## OPEN DAY FUN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Have a go at sailing and land races followed the racing with the Adamson family from Bowen Mountain near Sydney joining the locals in all the activities including the free sausage sizzle.



## OPEN DAY RACE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7th

With James in the rescue boat and setting the course, 6 yachts headed off in choppy waters in pursuit of the Open Day Cup.

It was great to see relatively new sailors Roge and Mandy now in their own yacht battling it out and trying to avoid ropes and buoys as well as new members Debbie and Doug Ross racing well in their Whitey!

Rob Van Leeuwen in club yacht Priscilla lead all the way despite detouring to get a closer look at the whales.

Alan Brockman followed in second place until the last few minutes when Pete and Suzie Lalor in Foot-loose, took a different tack and crossed the line to take second place ahead of Alan on Andromeda.

## SAILING DATES 2008/2009

September Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	<b>1st Points Race</b> (high tide 1.81 @ 1446)
October Sun 5th	11am	<b>1st Sunrise Beach Classic Race</b> (HT.82 @ 1416)
October Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>2nd Points Race</b> (HT1.80 @ 9.29)
November Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 am	<b>3rd Points Race</b> (HT 1.94 @ 1340)
November Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	<b>Bundegi Race</b> (HT 2.03 @ 1324)
November Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	<b>4th Points Race</b> (HT 1.97 @ 1306)
December Sun 12th	12 noon	<b>SANTA Stakes</b> (HT 2.00 @ 1243)



4th Platypuss  
(Jan Van der Schaar)  
5th Whity  
(Doug & Debbie)  
6th Rollin 'n Tumblin  
(Roge & Mandy)

Rob sails across the finish line in first place whilst James and rescue boat crew sound the siren.

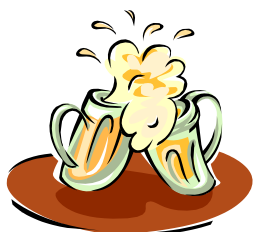


Doug takes Mandy for a try at sailing.

# The Social Scene

## OKTOBERFEST

October 18<sup>th</sup>



**Always a great event on the Exmouth calendar!**

Start getting ready, as there will be **prizes for best costume, feats of strength to win a beer stein, and even more varieties of German beers, wine and food.**

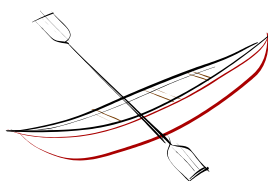
**Free bus service and entertainment will also be provided as well as the traditional collector's item stubby holder.** Tickets go on sale at Corner Bazaar and Mini Golf early October. Special discount price for members.

Not only is a great social event, it helps raise funds to run the club.

A special committee has been set up and is already planning the event.

Helpers are needed before and after the event, during the day to set up

and on the evening for smooth running. **Please contact Debbie ASAP on 4329 to help.**



### WANT TO PADDLE?

Some members like to paddle and have suggested we give it a go on Friday afternoons as a group.

So for the next two Fridays (**September 19th and 26th**), paddlers can meet at the club at 4pm and paddle out south around the marina and back. If you wish to start later, you can meet up with us and then join us for a drink at the club afterwards.

Interested but don't have a canoe? Contact Kim on 9949 4644 at the Mini Golf for a really good hire deal. For more information, contact Suzie 9949 4075

### COCKTAIL PARTY



Take the opportunity to dress up in your finest gear and sample a variety of cocktails at the cheapest prices in town! Stay on for dinner

Put Friday Nov 21st in your diary now!

### WELCOME

#### NEW MEMBERS!

Always great to have new members join us.

Please meet and make welcome new members

Chelsea Ward

Debbie and Doug Ross

Aaron Levy

Mandy Merlin

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Alan and Oo are now the proud parents of little Mia Rose born last month in Queensland. A sister for Thai Kelly. Welcome to Exmouth!

Jane and Aaron Wroe had a baby girl last week, making baby number 6! Many will remember Jane's beautiful voice and keyboard playing. Jane and family live in Tasmania.

*The August 2008 edition of "Yachting Activities" can now be downloaded from the Yachting WA website - [http://www.wa.yachting.org.au/default.asp?MenuID=News/13105/0/Yachting Activities/13119/0/](http://www.wa.yachting.org.au/default.asp?MenuID=News/13105/0/Yachting%20Activities/13119/0/)*

**CHECKOUT the EYC website at**

**[www.exmouthyachtclub.org](http://www.exmouthyachtclub.org)**

## SOCIAL CALENDAR 2008

DATE	TIME	EVENT
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT	6pm	Friday BBQ night (EXCEPT OCTOBER 17th—closed for Oktoberfest org)
Friday Sept 19th & 26th	4pm	<b>Paddling</b> in front of the club, followed by drinks afterwards
Sunday 21st Sept, Oct 5th & 12th	5- 9 pm	Social Sunday Drinks ( sailing am)
Saturday October 18th		<b>OKTOBERFEST</b>
Sunday Nov 2nd, 16th & 30th	5 -9 pm	Social Sunday Drinks ( sailing am)
Friday Nov 21st	6 pm	<b>COCKTAIL PARTY</b> (and BBQ)
Sunday Dec 14th	12 noon	Santa Stakes Race
	5-9 pm	<b>Santa and Christmas Party—then close until January</b>

# Cruising the Montebello Islands by Rob Van Leeuwen



Late July I departed Exmouth with a moderate SE'ly wind and 3 weeks to kill – what joy!. The next 6 days only produced 5kt NE'ly breezes which made for slow progress but still an enjoyable time island hopping to Cape Preston. Close hauled in light breezes on a flat sea, it was easy to get my small Wharram catamaran to self-steer by lashing the tiller. Once past Cape Preston the freshening breeze moved back around to the SE enabling a quicker sail into Dampier.

The Montebellos lie north of Barrow Island some 65nm east of Dampier. I decided to spend a few days checking out the western islands of the Dampier Archipelago whilst waiting for some strong E'ly winds that would hopefully allow me to make the Montes in one big day. Three days later the

strong winds arrived just as forecast (thanks BOM) so after a big breakfast of porridge and scaling tea I literally threw caution to the wind and headed out into the big blue yonder. I spent a thrilling day surfing down the front of 2-3m waves whilst keeping a watchful eye out for migrating humpback whales. Some 6 hrs later a number of oil platforms appeared on the horizon which meant only one thing to me- I was getting close. At 3pm I sailed through the lumpy Northern Passage into the sheltered waters on the leeward side of Trimouille Island.

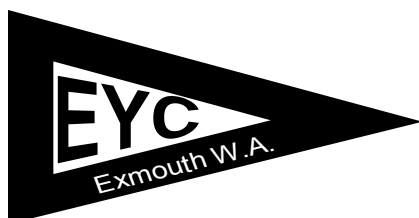
The Montebello Islands are most notoriously known as the site of 3 British nuclear tests conducted in the 1950's. Today you wouldn't know that looking at all the beautiful scenery; that is, until you read one of the many signs advising visitors not to stay ashore for longer than one hour per day due to the risk of elevated radiation levels. Makes you think twice about eating the fish! Now a Marine Park the islands are numerous in number but only 2 are substantial in size. Trimouille and Hermite may be similar in landmass but completely different in shape. Trimouille is oblong shaped like many islands, whereas Hermite is a convoluted series of peninsulas, channels and lagoons – perfect cruising ground for a shallow drafted multihull. Most of the lagoons all but dry out on a low spring tide and many sand bars can surprise the unwary skipper.



Strong easterlies persisted for the next 5 days, which was fine by me as I had plenty of sheltered waters to explore by boat as well as islands by foot (away from ground zero that is). After a very pleasant 6 days I went looking for a current forecast and found one aboard 'Peeble Mouse', a large motor cruiser with all the hi-tech comms money can buy. These good folk even allowed me to use their sat phone, supplied ice for my esky and included cobia and wahoo fillets for dinner.

The next day I sailed to Claret Cove at the southern end of Hermit, a good spot to start my journey south the next morning. Above this sheltered cove lies a rusting derelict building that I had seen from afar many times in the previous week – apparently, the remains of an observation post during the H tests. Departing the Montes the next day I sailed down the west coast of Barrow Island and anchored in the lee of a couple of small islands on it's southern coast. Again I wanted a full day to sail the 50+nm to Serrurier (Long) Island and strong easterlies the following day saw me making good time until passing to the west of Thevenard Island. Here the wind gradually dropped off until I was barely ghosting along into a rapidly approaching sunset. With my destination in sight Tommy Tomatsu (motor) came to the rescue. Soon I was sitting at anchor, cold beer in hand, admiring another grand sunset. **See club website for more information and photos!**

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The Exmouth Yacht Club strives to develop the sport of yachting and aquatic recreational activities and to promote sailing races in the Exmouth area.

The Exmouth Yacht Club endeavours to provide facilities and social activities for all members and affiliates.

## MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

Membership for the 2008/2009 season are now due. New members are very welcome.

**\$50 Ordinary membership,  
\$5 Junior membership**

Membership categories have been simplified to Ordinary or Junior for 2007/2008. **Please contact Rob Van Leeuwen 9949 4919 Or visit club.**