

May/June  
2009

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**What's  
On**



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for a Private  
Function
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**Commodore's Corner**

It is great to see a few more faces at the club over the last couple of weeks! The club has been struggling to keep afloat with few interested in coming down on Friday or Sunday nights. However! Now that daylight saving has ended, the weather has become cooler and the tourist season is starting up again, I am pleased to report that attendance and hence enjoyment and viability of the club is looking up! We are also starting to have private functions which is a great boost to the coffers. Usually we don't have private functions on a Friday night, but unfortunately, May 8<sup>th</sup> is an exception. The club will be closed to members and general public for that night.

Please **support your club** when we are open and bring down family and friends to enjoy the great view and relaxing surroundings. To further encourage people to come on Sunday nights, we will be presenting the sailing results around 5.30 on Sunday evenings. Remember the member draw on Friday nights and the cheap bar prices. Money raised helps keep our club going.

The "have a go" sailing sessions run by Sail Commodore James Chapman and his offside Jan Van der Schaar with Pancho on the rescue boat have been very popular and hopefully will result in increased membership

and more yachts in races. The next one will be Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am – 1pm.

The **Learmonth overnight camp** with sailing to Bay of Rest and then back to the club the following day has been rescheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't sail, the weekend is lots of fun, so come along and join in. Contact James for more details.

The **40 year celebrations** are being organized and the date has been deferred (**July 25<sup>th</sup>**) to allow sufficient time to publicize it fully and get people making their own recycled craft out of any materials they like to parade and then see how well they float in the Recycled regatta. Get a team of friend together and be in the fun. We definitely need some EYC entries and we are looking for prizes, so if you know anyone who would be happy to donate a prize, please let a committee member know. If you have memorabilia from years past, or know someone who has been involved in the past, please spread the word and see if we can make it a great get together and sharing of EYC history. If you'd like to sift through documents the club has for the display, please contact one of the committee.

Early July will see the brief return of Gavin Walker and he and his **Lounge Lizards** band will be playing on **Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

A **busy bee** is organized for **May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** –so please look at the list and see if you can come down to help get things done. The more that help, the easier it is for everyone. It's also a chance to get to know other club members. There are still a few things to do to complete the building works from last year and to enhance the club aesthetically especially before the celebrations in July. Please note that the **May Committee meeting** date has changed to Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome.

*Sometimes arrangements need to be changed, so check your emails for latest information or special news or check on the notice board at the club or outside IGA.*

Combining the **Awards and AGM night** was a great success last year with dinner included for members and their partners. Please put **August 1st** in your diary now and come and make it an even bigger success for 2009. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked so hard this year to make it all work so well. Thank you for the support you have given me as Commodore. I will not be renominating for a position on the committee, but look forward to supporting the new committee as a regular club member. Best Wishes Suzie Lalor

**Next Meeting: —8th June 2009—7.15pm**

**MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**New EYC Committee 2008-2009!!!**

Commodore	Suzie Lalor	9949 4075
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Sail Rear Commodore	James Chapman	0409426215
Power Rear Commodore	Pancho Ridley	9949 2273
Secretary	Mandy Merlin	99492191
Treasurer	Susie Bedford	9949 2873
Ass. Power Commodore	Tom Clancy	
Bar + Function Manager	Renae Adamson	9949 4600
Supplies Officer	Tricia O'Donnell	9949 1381
Caretaker	Ken Hart	9949 4215
Membership Officer	Jan Van Der Schaar	99494964
Committee	Roge Kempe	9949 2191
Committee	Pancho Ridley	9949 2273

# Sailing News

## **6th POINTS RACE** **Sunday 15th March**

A goodly field but only two finished: James on Catapult and Peter on Footloose. The rest Did Not Finish for lack of a breeze. Peter took an hour and a half to round the last buoy, owing to the outgoing current driving him away. He gets 10 out of 10 for hanging in there!

1<sup>st</sup> James Chapman on Catapult

2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Lalor on Footloose

## **7th POINTS RACE** **29th March 2009**

The race field consisted of Footloose, PlatyPUSS, Rollin' 'n Tumblin', Andromeda and Priscilla, but there wasn't much of a race. As soon as Footloose had passed the South buoy as head of the pack, doing an excellent job there, the wind dropped completely. Nobody rounded any more buoys and all got a DNF behind their names.

A special mention must be made of PlatyPUSS who DNFed with a different skipper than she started out with. Pancho, manning DeMutt with Tom, saw PlatyPUSS very slowly approach the North buoy on a good course. Not seeing Jan aboard, he suspected him to play a prank and hang down in the water on PlatyPUSS' far side. Checking this theory on DeMutt, it proved wrong. Jan by then had nearly reached the shore. He had abandoned ship and paid the price: he had to swim ashore. Pancho then skippered the lonely PlatyPUSS back to



## **TWO ROCKS RACE**

***Sunday April 12***

Four boats competed in a good SE wind, Andromeda, PlatyPUSS, Catapult and Priscilla. The last one sailed well with a "casual" crew, a tourist named Oliver as skipper. Andromeda pipped him at the post after Catapult. PlatyPUSS, with Jan and new star Kelly North as crew, finished as close last. The whole race was a 90 minute affair, and a relief after the previous two rather dead race days.

**1<sup>st</sup> Alan Brockman & D-Ana O'Donoghue on Andromeda**

2<sup>nd</sup> Yling & Oliver M on Priscilla

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Van der Schaar & Kelly North on PlatyPUSS

Fastest: James Chapman and Karlina See-Ke on Catapult

## **HAVE A GO SAILING**

These sessions fortnightly on Saturdays is proving popular. The first session attracted 9 people, 4 of whom came back the next day and sailed in the Two Rocks race. The second session on April 25<sup>th</sup> attracted a total of 20!

Jan and James ably assisted both new comers and more experienced sailors to have a go in fairly choppy seas with easterly winds up to 15 knots.

A group of holiday maker families (including 7 year old triplets!) from in and around Perth came and tried their hand at sailing using our club yacht Priscilla and Jan's yacht PlatyPUSS. Earlier, four junior members had a go and then Karlina See Kee from Cairns who is living here for the whaleshark season went out with Jan.

Another group of locals came down for a go to finish up a very successful morning.

Congratulations and thanks to James and Jan. The next session is 11am - 1pm on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **3rd SUNRISE CLASSIC—April 26**

A very wet and windy day (20 knots!) with big



swell and lots of excitement! Four yachts competed, with another one tentatively joining in along the way. Leadership changed and despite one very good race, Alan managed to capsize three times, the last one resulting in rescue crew Pancho and Tom having to abandon fishing and to rescue and guide a rudderless Alan back in.

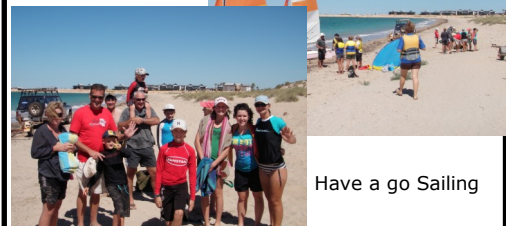
**First and fastest: Catapult** skippered by James Chapman with varied crew of Jesse Chapman, Indi Perrett and Michael White ( new comer to sailing)

Second: Footloose skippered by Pete Lalor, Suzie Lalor as crew.

Third: PlatyPUSS skippered by Jan Van Der Schaar, crew Chesna



Photos: From



Have a go Sailing

## **SAILING DATES 2008/2009**

<b>SATURDAY 9th May</b>	<b>Overnight Camp at Tamarisk Trees</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 10th MAY—8.30am</b>	<b>LEARMONTH RACE and overnight camp</b>	HT: 2.6@11.23
<b>SATURDAY 23rd MAY 11am-1pm</b>	<b>HAVE A GO AT SAILING MORNING!!!!</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 24TH MAY—12PM</b>	<b>8th POINTS RACE</b>	HT: 2.6@10.13
<b>SATURDAY 6th JUNE 11am-1pm</b>	<b>HAVE A GO AT SAILING MORNING!!!!</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 7th JUNE 12 noon</b>	<b>9th POINTS RACE</b>	HT: 2.4@10.17
<b>SATURDAY 20th JUNE 11am-1pm</b>	<b>HAVE A GO AT SAILING MORNING!!!!</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 21st JUNE 10am</b>	<b>TANTABIDDI RACE</b>	

**PLEASE NOTE:** Event dates and times can change due to weather conditions, so it is always advisable to check in at the yacht club the Friday before sailing and look on the notice-board outside the IGA for any last minute changes. We generally email changes as well.

## The Social Scene

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**BUNNY HUNT** Thanks to Kelly Chapman for organizing this

About 30 people attended and the children enjoyed hunting for eggs..... YUMM!!

**Memory Lane:** Pat and Brian

McDonald were down at the yacht club last Sunday night.

They had traveled from South Africa to revisit Exmouth having married here in 1966. They were eager to see the yacht club as Pat's father was Ian Connell, the first Commodore of EYC in 1969.

They spoke of collecting shells on the low tide in front of the club, fishing and swimming and sailing and how there were turtles everywhere in season. They had not been back to Exmouth since 1972 and were visiting all the places and people they could remember. Apparently her father had donated a trophy but so far, we haven't been able to find it. If anyone knows what might have happened to it, it would be wonderful to let Pat know and to resurrect it for the 40<sup>th</sup> celebrations. It was all the more exciting to meet them and hear their stories as we are currently looking for the history of EYC. It's meeting people like that which make going down to the yacht club on a Friday or Sunday night such a treat.



## **CELEBRATING 40 YEARS July 25th 2009**

Please go through your old photos and documents for anything that we can display on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Speak to anyone you know may have been involved in the club over the years and spread the word so we can have as many as possible come and join in the celebration. Get together a team to make your craft and enter it in the Recycle Regatta and win a prize and have lots of laughs. See flyer attached for more information!!

### **DID YOU ENJOY THE RECENT REGATTA??**

**Do you want the challenge of sailing at another club??**

**Put 22-23rd August in your diary for the Port Hedland Regatta and check the website for more details. We hope to also get the Carnarvon sailing dates and put on our website so you can sail in Carnarvon as well!!!!**

***CHECKOUT the EYC***

***website at***

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

### **AWARDS AND AGM-Sat 1st August**

A great night open to just members and their partners. Last year was very successful with dinner at tables inside the club and "fines" for amusing incidents that have happened over the last year.

We also had a mad hatters theme **This year's theme is "Naughty or Nautical"** – the more that dress up, the more fun it is. Apart from celebrating our sailors, you can hear the report of the year's events and then consider being on the committee for 2009-10. The stronger the committee is, the stronger the club is – so consider how you can be involved. **WE NEED A COMMITTEE TO FUNCTION!!!!**

### **"New" LOUNGE LIZARDS 3rd July**

*Gavin Walker is coming up to Exmouth for the school holidays and will bring with him his "new" Lounge Lizards Band. They will play at the yacht club on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> which is the night school breaks up for second term holidays. Put this date in your diary and watch the notice board for more details.*

## **SOCIAL CALENDAR 2008**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 8th May		Closed for Private Function
Sunday 10th May	5pm	Bar and Snacks. Sailing at 8.30am
Friday 15th May	6PM	BBQ—till late
Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th May	8-11am	<b>BUSY BEE—Please volunteer to help where you can!</b>
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# BUSY BEE Sat and Sun 16th and 17th May 8-11am

## Help! We need somebody! Or rather bodies – so please offer your support.

Come either or both days. Bring gloves, brushes, trailers, ladders, drills, whatever you have.

Jobs to be done:

- Painting
- Cleaning out bin area north of old shed
- Removing rubbish and Palettes
- Digging in bollards to protect drains
- Removing club yachts from cyclone area
- Installing picture hooks – bring a drill if you have one
- Cementing step at rear of new door
- Cleaning behind the bar
- Taking down cyclone shutters for Boeing to paint

*It's always lovely to have someone offer to bring down the morning tea – might this be you?*

**Let's all get in and help and see how much we can achieve!**

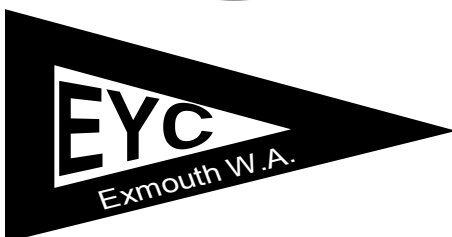
**Let's give the place a much needed birthday face lift .**

## Sailors Note -

To ensure the smooth running of sailing events, we kindly ask all sailors to;

- Come to the race briefing ONE HOUR before the event, so you can find out how the race will operate and any particular tips the sail commodore has for you
- Rig your own yacht FIRST and then offer to help others
- Assist race organizers IN ANY WAY YOU CAN to have everything ready on time
- Allow yourself PLENTY OF TIME to set your yacht up, allowing for any irregularities and particularly if using a club yacht with which you are unfamiliar.
- Come down to Sunday night drinks afterwards at 5pm for racing awards and a well earned refreshment!
- In the interests of recycling, if you have pennants or hats from previous wins you no longer wish to keep, please hand in to James so they can be awarded to other winners.

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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

Join now to get 13 months membership. Renewals for 2009/2010 are due in July. 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 Jan Van Der Schaar 9949 4964 or email [schaar@westnet.com.au](mailto:schaar@westnet.com.au) for your membership and nomination forms.**