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NACRA Newsletter #4 August 2008

Report from Geraldton Regatta

Seven Cats from Bunbury ventured to Geraldton for the June long weekend for the Geraldton regatta. Six Nacra's and the Hobie Tiger sailed in very light conditions. With 3 F18's, 2 5.8's and 2 16sq's competing from Bunbury we added to what was already a reasonable sized cat fleet.

Light winds prevailed for most of the weekend, with a rain squall hitting the fleet as the last race for the series was finishing. This saw a couple of good capsizes as the fleet headed for home in 20+ knots.

We packed up in the rain, but this is a winter regatta.

Socially a great weekend was had by all. We created a small tent village at the local caravan park and every one had a great time.

Over all results once again went to Leigh on the 16 square, Zulu winning his class. Ryan picked up the prizes for the open division.

16 Square fleet

This fleet continues to grow. Kevin Coote acquired a top 2nd hand boat from Brisbane last week and has already been seen practicing on Koombana Bay. This now gives us a five boat fleet all racing from Bunbury.

Kevin is an experienced Nacra sailor that has been in retirement from racing for the past 7 years. His last Nacra was a 14sq that he took to the Asian-Pacific Titles in 2000 at Yeppoon (Qld) and finished 2nd.

Previous to this he won a 5.8 National titles the last time the series was held in W.A. in 1990. He is also a multiple 5.8 and 5.2 state title winner from the late 80's to the mid 90's

There is 2 local 16 squares on the market in Bunbury with Leighs new boat #37 "Zulu" now on the market and if sold he will upgrade to another boat. Also looking to upgrade is Tim on #2 and both these owners can be contacted each week at Koombana Bay Sailing Club.

Both these guys are keen to see the growth of the local fleet before next years Nationals and this is your chance to get into a couple of very fast boats without the hassle of freighting from the East Coast.



Kevin seen training at Bunbury last weekend on the new boat





For sale 16 Square #37 "Zulu"
Boat and beach rollers only \$4000 ono
Or with Boat, beach rollers, licensed trailer and one sail box \$5500 ono
Contact Leigh at Goosemarine@aapt.net.au
Leigh will be acquiring another boat for Nationals.

Welcome to the Class

Last weekend Bunbury man, Paul Hinton Purchased Nacra 5.8 "Bunbury Fibroglass" #655 which was Michael Devereux's old boat.

Paul intends to sail with his teenage son and wife in Bunbury.

The Nacra's came to Pauls attention last weekend while he was having a social drink and enjoying the views of the bay, he noticed a 16sq, an F18 and a 5.8 ripping around the bay. An e.mail and phone call latter he was the proud owner of a 5.8.

So if you see these guys at the club, introduce your self and offer to assist with advice and tips. We need to get these guys up to speed for the Nationals.



Mark getting some tips from Leigh. Mark also is getting in a lot of practise over the winter period.

Nationals update.



Imaging the South have agreed to sponsor the dash for prizes race series to be conducted as a warm up and media event on January 2nd.

This 2 race series format is still to be determined but will be conducted as close to the shore as possible to allow us to gain media exposure for the title and the hopefully continuing media for the rest of the week.



Bunbury camera house in conjunction with Tasco binoculars will be providing the National Title



series prizes. We will have approx \$4500 worth of high quality binoculars as class trophies for the top 3 skippers and crews in each class. First prize in each class (16Sq, F18, 5.8 & 5.0) will be approx \$1000 worth.

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The above companies are sponsors of our national titles. Please support them if you have the opportunity.

Cat Classic

The next Nacra event is the Nedlands Cat Classic, Notice of Race is below.

CAT CLASSIC 2008

NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB

28 September – 29 September 2008

Venue & Dates

The Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia invites all sailors of under 6.8m



catamarans to sail in the annual Hobie Cat Association of Western Australia Catamaran Classic at the Nedlands Yacht Club, on Sunday September 28th and Monday September 29th 2008.

Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Hobie Cat Association of W.A. (Organizer), in conjunction with the Nedlands Yacht Club.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF, and the class rules of the yachts entered (except those altered by the sailing instructions).

Advertising

The regatta is classified as Category "C" event, excluding rule 79. All individual advertising carried by yachts shall be lodged for approval at time of registration. The committee reserves the right to refuse entry.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all catamarans under 6.8m.

Entries

Entries will be accepted on the September 30th and October 1st at the Nedlands Yacht Club between 8.30 and 9.30am.

Fees

Registration fees are non-refundable and are to be paid at time of entry.

Two-person yacht: \$50.00

One-person yacht: \$45.00

Late registration fees will be accepted at the cost of \$10.00 per race sailed.

CAT CLASSIC 2008

Schedule of races:

Sunday September 28th

Heat 1 start not before 10.30am

Heat 2 + 3 TBA on day

Monday September 29th

Heat 4 start not before 10.30am

Heat 5 back to back

Scoring System:

The low point scoring system, Appendix A.2 will apply. This is to be decided on a yardstick basis (VYC).

Sailing Instructions:

The Sailing instructions will be made available at Registration.

Prizes:

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be presented based on yardstick results. There will also be raffle prizes.

Social Life

The Hobie Cat Association will be organising sausage sizzle lunches for both Sunday and during presentations on Monday.



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Nacra WA Class Association 2008/09 Fees.

Just a reminder to all WA Nacra owners and crews that your 2008/09 class fees are due.

\$40 per crew member.

This money is used to drive your association.

We have expenses associated with YWA fees, which in turn gives us access to there support structure for the Nationals and travel grant money etc.

We are required to pay to the Nacra National body our State "Capitation Fee's" each year. This money is used to pay the national insurance policy, that covers all Nacra run events held by the National and State associations.

Should there be any left over then this will be used to run out Nationals and with transport assistance, and State title trophies etc.

Remember any WA boat planning on doing the Nationals "MUST" be a financial member of the WA. Nacra Association.

Direct Deposit: Account Name, NACRA Association of Western Australia
Account Location, Wespac Bank – Bunbury Branch
Account Number, (BSB No: 036122 Account No: 398349)

Please use the Name as your reference number.

National Titles Update

The event organisation is ticking along nicely at present. However we still need your help on several fronts.

We still need volunteer rescue boat drivers and crews for the week.

We still have to finalise Shirt design and numbers.

We still have to get the "Winery Bus Trip" organised with quotes, route, etc.

We still need matting for the ramps.

We still need a Spectator boat, some thing that women and kids can go on.



Ryan having some fun at the recent Fremantle Winter Series.





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Late News.

16sq #269 is available in Qld. Boat only \$8500 ono, available now or can be delivered in the Qld container for the Nationals.

16 Sq #309 is a Qld boat that will be available after the Bunbury Nationals. 2 Sails, one brand new. Owner doesn't want to take this boat home after the event as he plans on upgrading to an F18. \$9500 ono.

Both are keen to sell, contact me for owner details, I sure both will assist with freight and will make them available straight away if require.

goosemarine@aapt.net.au

Locally #37 is also available, as is #2. Both are priced to sell.

The dealer is also planning on using a new demo 5.0 at the nationals. This boat will also be available straight after the event at a demo price. This will be a good saving as it will already be in WA and you will have saved \$800 in freight costs plus any demo savings.

Again contact me if you are interested. goosemarine@aapt.net.au