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Front Cover:

The Fleet of Herons on the beach at the 46th Heron Nationals Safety Beach, Victoria.

NATIONAL REPORT

John Veale
President

There were many exciting things happening at this year's National Titles at Safety Beach in Victoria. Although the weather could have been kinder to us, the sailing was close. Congratulations to Don Jamieson and Elise Brennan-Smith on a closely fought win over Rob and James Brewer. This is Don's 10th Heron National Title, a remarkable achievement. It's a lesson to the rest of us watching (often from a very great distance) how he does so well in heavy breezes, light breezes and fickle breezes. But the best is when you see him in fifth or sixth place after a relatively ordinary start (for him that is) and then you look around and he's moved right back up to the front. Back to another winter of reading the book for the rest of us I guess. Particular thanks to the team from the Victorian Heron Association and the Safety Beach Sailing Club for all their hard work in making the series a success.

Another highlight was three new stitch and glue boats and one new conventional timber boat on the water. Congratulations too, to the builders and to Katrina Ham in particular who was given a special prize in recognition of her work. Thanks to all those who have worked on the stitch and glue project. They said it was a good way to get more boats on the water and so far they have been proved right.

Members of the Measurement Committee were busy in Victoria working with measurers and builders from all round the country (after all, they had one or two days with the alternative of just standing around hoping that the wind would drop a bit). But a lot of work was done thinking and planning for stitch and glue plans and kits and tidying up plans for conventional timber boats. This is all part of the work of making it easier for Association members to build their own boats and have them competitive when they are finished.

There was also a good deal of discussion about how we can more directly involve members from all states in the running of the Association and active participation in decision making. The Association is run by the Management Committee which is composed of elected members – President, Secretary, Treasurer etc, other positions specified in the constitution and representatives from each state. Following discussion at Safety Beach, the February meeting of the Management Committee was held by telephone conference with representatives from all states sailing Herons participating. Those participating voted it a success and we plan to continue the format each month.

There is no reason why any member should not join the meeting and it would be good to involve more. At a practical level we will need to keep the phone cost to one call per state, so if members wanted to gather at one place they could all hear what is going on. As a further practical matter, until we get better practised at conference calls, it will be more manageable if, as a rule, only one person speaks from each state, just so that we don't end up in confusion.

Over time, or if there is an important matter someone should speak on, there is no reason why more members should not participate. If we can figure out how to hold meetings by phone over the internet, so that the marginal cost of extra callers is much lower, more people could call in directly. For now, talk to Fraser Galloway in Queensland, Tony Pearce in Tasmania, Leigh Brennan-Smith in Victoria, Ian Cole in SA and Peter Carroll in WA if you would like to be more involved. We will also be posting the minutes of meetings on the Association's website http://www.heron.yachting.org.au . Drafts will go up a few days after each meeting and the final after they have been ratified the following month.

The gybe mark— 46th Heron Nationals Safety Beach, Victoria

NATIONAL HERON ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

ABN 79 884 913 220

NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 11TH AT 8:00 PM
At the home of President John Veale
1/157 Greenwich Rd. Greenwich

For the first time, the quorum will include interstate members present by teleconference.

Agenda

1. Welcome to all present
2. Apologies
3. Reading of last AGM minutes
4. Matters arising from those minutes
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Measurement Committee report
8. Registrar's report
9. Newsletter Editor's report
10 Election of new Office Bearers
11. Business as nominated

Nominations for the position of office bearers closed 1st February 2005
All Officers of the Association must be members of the Association.
Membership payment is due 01.04.05 and only those paid to date are eligible to vote on motions etc.
New members joining on or after 01.02.05 are deemed as current members for the AGM and the next season.
No resignations from the Executive Committee had been received during 2004

Executive Positions held are :

President:	John Veale	NSW
Vice President	Brian Smith	NSW
Vice President	Lachlan McLaren	SA
Vice President	John Nobbs	QLD
Secretary	Joy Gough	NSW
Registrar	Ian Cole	SA
Treasurer	Brian Smith	NSW
Editors	Kate Carey & Nicole Breadsell	QLD
Immediate Past President	Gary Brunton	NSW

The following are members of the **Management Committee 2004/5**

Chairman of the Measurement Committee: Paul Armstrong

Life Members:

NSW: Peter Macleod, Bob Murray, Don Jamieson, Ian Cook, Ray Brown.
VIC:
SA:
TAS: Dugald McDougall
QLD: Peter Carey, Tom Robertson
WA: Peter Carroll, Rudi Tiessen

The following are representatives as recommended by the State and Territory Associations at 31.03.05 in accordance with the Constitution.

Delegates 2004/2005

NSW (4) Sue Carrick, Peter Carrick, Bill Parry, Mark Barnett.
SA (3) Robin Frost, Francis Watson, Colin Gurr.
TAS (1) Steve Williams
QLD (1) Fraser Galloway
WA (1)
VIC (1) Tony Cope

Members are invited to submit, in writing to the Secretary, arguments for and against the following motion by 7th May 2005.

All correspondence will be printed in the June Newsletter which will include voting slip and notice of Special General Meeting.

Proposed motion

Moved	Ian Cole	SA
Seconded	P. Carroll	WA
	R. Frost	SA
	C. Gurr	SA
	B. Smith	NSW

That Clause 5.1 be deleted

5.1 Subscriptions

The annual subscription shall be payable on the 1st day of April, or on joining. The subscription of persons joining on or after 1st February in any year shall cover the period to the end of the following Association year.
Annual subscriptions for the time being shall be determined from time to time by the Management Committee.

and substituted by:

5.1 Subscriptions. (Fees/Membership and boat registration)

The annual Subscription/Fees/Membership and boat registration shall be due and payable on the 1st day of July, or on joining or re-registering a boat or boats. The subscription of persons joining on or after 1st May in any year shall cover the period to the end of the following Association year. Annual Subscription/Fees/Membership and boat registration for the time being shall be determined from time to time by the Management Committee.
5.1a Members who have been voted into official positions at the prior held AGM (State and National) should pay the appropriate fees as soon as practical after the election or at least by July 1st.

The rationale is that all 'current" members will be financial and eligible to vote at the AGM.
This will negate last minute payments and the embarrassing situations which could occur!

Clause 5.4 Registration Fee.

Upon the initial issue of a sail number in respect of a Heron Class Yacht in accordance with Rule 6 or upon transfer of registration by an owner to a purchaser as provided in Rule 6.4.3, a fee, as prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time, shall be payable by the new owner to the Association.

be amended by

5.4 Registration Fee.

Upon the initial issue of a **new boat/**sail number for each boat, in respect of a Heron Class Yacht in accordance with Rule 6 or upon transfer of registration by an owner to a purchaser as provided in Rule 6.4.3, a fee (Annual Subscription/Fees/ Membership and boat registration) , as prescribed by the Management Committee from time to time, shall be payable by the new owner to the Association.

Amendments required as follows: (in Bold)

6.4.3 All Certificates shall be issued annually on payment of the annual subscription. In the event of the sale of a yacht, the Certificate shall be returned to the Secretary**/Registrar,** advising the name and address of the new owner.

6.4.4 Where the Class Certificate is not renewed within **12** months of its requirement, the Classification of the Heron yacht concerned is automatically forfeited and re-measurement is necessary upon re-registration with the Association.

6.5 Sail Numbers. Sail numbers will be issued on application to the Secretary**/Registrar** of the Association.

46TH HERON NATIONALS SAILING REPORT

by Richard Gibson 9515– Rich & Famous

Early Bird Race

South west wind peaking in the high 20 knot region. Race postponed, then abandoned.

Sport Phillip Marine Invitation Race

Light 5-10 knots before the start. Wind died on the gun to nothing, leaving many boats fighting the incoming tide and sloppy chop to clear the line. A clash between **Kumale** and **Gypsy Sam** led to unfortunate damage with both boats struggling to get steerage. **Woodpecker** was the first away, with **Abracadabra** and **Two Fools Fumbling** also clear. Many boats overstood the windward mark the first time in the shifting breeze. **Woodpecker** built up a good lead. **Abracadabra** and **Touch of Class** slugged it out for the minor placings, with **Touch of Class** prevailing up the last work to take second. Back on the beach, many skippers seemed to be glad that it was "only the invitation race"!

Bote Cote Epoxy Heat 1

Wind south east, 10-12 knots at start and building. Some big shifts, including one close to the start that saw the pin end heavily favoured. Several boats peeled off right on port, including **Abracadabra** and **Woodpecker**. Pin end boat **Kumale** was first to the windward mark, chased by **Abracadabra**, **Woodpecker**, **Freewill**, **The Cutting Edge** and **Rich and Famous**. **Woodpecker** asserted dominance on the reaches, building up a clear lead. **Touch of Class** and **Family Ties** came through on the next work. Large holes in the course and windshifts provided challenge and opportunity. **Woodpecker** recorded a good win, followed by **Abracadabra** and **Freewill,** giving a NSW trifecta. SA boats **Kumale** and **Touch of Class** followed, with Tassie providing the next two placings with **Family Ties** and **The Cutting Edge**. Queensland boats **Two Fools Fumbling** and **Little Red Rocket** were next, while SA's **Rich and Famous** rounded out the top ten.

The bigblow!
In 40 knots various survivors with boats laid over to save the sails after beaching.

Ryan Sails Heat 2 (part 1)

The fleet was greeted with another light breeze as it made its way out to the line on New Year's Eve for Heat 2. After a wait, the wind settled down to a light northerly. In the information provided to competitors at the regatta, Safety Beach SC stated that the only time tidal influence becomes apparent in the course area is in a light northerly in an outgoing tide……how right they were. Forward motion through the water was accompanied by little distance made good from the start line. The top mark proved difficult to round in the moving water. Despite all these issues, **Woodpecker** made the most of the conditions to lead out. **Freewill** was also doing well. With the lead boats on the second reach the wind died completely, leaving the race organisers with a difficult decision. Eventually, three sound signals were heard across the course, followed by cheers and groans, depending on position, and the fleet headed back to the shore, mostly under tow.

Nigel Darby, UK visitor & crew demonstrate new method of unrigging Butterfly 9902

While the boats were on shore, a lively northerly sprang up. The committee boat made its way out to the course area, and the fleet sailed out to do battle again. Unfortunately, the wind died. Many crews took the opportunity to have a swim in the hot conditions, and water fights broke out. At 3.30 pm, the abandon signal was again raised and the fleet was towed home. A notice advising a resail scheduled for 1300 hours on Sunday 2 January 2005 was posted, with heat 3 to follow back to back.

Ryan Sails Heat 2 (part 2)

Heat 2 finally got under way in a 15-20 knot southerly, again accompanied with patches of much lighter wind and big shifts. The fleet was away first time. **Abracadabra** took a lead on the first work, but **Woodpecker** came through the fleet on the reaches. **Woodpecker** then suffered the ignominy of a capsize while 400 metres in front, and lost the lead to **Abracadabra**. **Two Fools Fumbling** picked up a big starboard lift on the third work to get to third. **Little Red Rocket** and **Fleetwood Mac** capsized in close vicinity at the first wing mark, but recovered well to get to 4th and 8th respectively. **Family Ties** sailed a very good race to finish 5th, while **Kumale** and **Mr Magoo** came in 6th and 7th.

Helly Hansen Heat 3

This race was sailed back to back with Heat 2. The cold and wet conditions made the wait difficult for younger and older sailors alike. The wind was holding at a good 15-20 knots with seas increasing. Two general recalls held up proceedings further. The fleet finally got away, with boats on the left advantaged. **The Cutting Edge** led the fleet around the first mark, with **Abracadabra** close and in front of **Woodpecker**. **Sobraon** was in a good position until she went over on the second work. Subsequent rudder fitting issues saw her pull out. **Abracadabra** and **Woodpecker** made their way to the lead and maintained their positions until **Woodpecker** rolled in on the run – two capsizes in two races for the Brewer combination. **Woodpecker** suffered further when the jib clew shackle came undone at the second wing mark, but things could have been worse if James had not managed to catch the pin! **Abracadabra** won the race, followed by **Two Fools Fumbling** and **The Cutting Edge**. **Family Ties** was fourth, followed by **Freewill** and **Mr Magoo**.

The big blow, Safety Beach.

Aqua Cote Marine Paints Heat 4

This heat was sailed in an off-shore easterly of 2-15 knots, with noticeably flatter water. The holes and shifts in previous races were only babies compared with the wind changes in this heat. The pin end was favoured at the start, with several boats again tacking out on port to go right very soon after the gun. **Woodpecker** led this bunch. The wind died as the fleet reached the first mark. **Woodpecker** was first around, followed by **Family Ties**. A large bunch including **Freewill**, **Abracadabra, Fleetwood Mac, The Cutting Edge** and **Rich and Famous** followed. **Woodpecker** stretched her lead as the race went on, while **Family Ties** maintained position. **Sobraon** came through the fleet well, and **Jaws** was prominent at times as skippers took advantage of the shifts. **Abracadabra** was back in the fleet a little after a 720 on the run. **The Cutting Edge** sailed well to get into the top three. Skippers had to change gears as the wind increased. At the finish line, **Woodpecker** won easily from **Family Ties**, with **The Cutting Edge** 3rd. **Rich and Famous** squeezed out **Sobraon** for 4th, with **Mr Magoo** next, followed by **Abracadabra** and **Freewill**.

Golden Fox 9998 (MacLean/Hodgkins) at the 46 th Heron Nationals Safety Beach, Victoria

Ryan Sails Heat 5

A huge thunderstorm early in the morning ensured that crews were up on time for this race, especially the campers on top of Mt Martha! The fleet went out in a 10-15 knot south westerly, but the forecast was not good, with squalls predicted. The first start ended up with an abandonment signal being made, after confusion with recall flags. The next attempt saw a general recall signalled. The clouds to the west were becoming increasingly ominous, and the RO made the wise decision to send the fleet to shore. The squall broke as the fleet left the start area, with wind over 40 knots accompanied by rain. The fleet limped back, with no major damage apart from a broken gaff on **Kwika Mac** after a tumble in the shore break. Crews retired to lick their wounds and consider the resail scheduled for 10 am the next day.

As it turned out, the squall was the precursor of a strong south westerly air stream across Port Phillip Bay, and racing was again abandoned on the next day. The fleet turned up for racing on the last scheduled day to be greeted again by high seas and strong winds. Despite the best efforts of the Somerton (SA) sailors, who rigged on the beach and donned their sailing gear, the decision to abandon racing for the day was made.
Thus, the Ryan Sails Heat 5, Helly Hansen Heat 6 and Sport Phillip Marine Heat 7 could not be sailed, and the series was decided on the basis of the four heats sailed with all races to count.

The rigging yard at Safety Beach

Photos courtesy of Don Jamieson

46TH HERON NATIONALS SOCIAL REPORT

by Sue Carrick

Boxing Day 2004 we all headed off to the Nationals at Safety Beach on the Mornington Peninsula, Victoria. The sailors were staying in a variety of accommodation from caravan parks to motels, but the majority were at Mt. Martha Scout Camp either camping or in dormitory & lodge style accommodation. Then there was Bay Central, a group of old train carriages with a roof over the top to look and feel like a train station. The Scout Camp, only 5 minutes drive from the Safety Beach Sailing Club and booked exclusively for Heroners, made for an exciting place to return to at the end of the day's sailing.

The Opening Ceremony didn't have the usual politicians or minister of religion, but they did have the Tasmanians looking resplendent in the State's T-shirts. The ceremony was conducted by the Tony Cope, President of the Victorian Heron Association, and Leigh Brennan-Smith, Secretary of V.H.A. John Veale, President of the National Heron Association spoke and called upon Mr. Len Ralph and Mr Alex McClure (both Life Members of the Heron Association) to officially open the Titles. Also in attendance were Ken Bullen, Ken Tudball, Laurie Menogue, Dugald McDougall and his wife Cynthia (from Tasmania), together with Andrew Martin, Vice Commodore, Safety Beach SC, and Geoff Eldrige, Principal Race Officer.
After the Official Proceedings, morning tea was held in the Clubhouse. Laurie Menogue spoke to me of the hey days of Herons in Victoria in the mid 60's to the early 70's when they had 30-40 Herons racing competitively. his dream is to get some of these Heron out of the garages and back on the water racing again.

The Welcome BBQ was held that evening. While the BBQ was being cooked downstairs the hungry hoards were upstairs, socialising and waiting to attack the delicious fare.
It is not unusual to have a separate competition within the Titles and this was the case with 3 NSW boats sailing out of Concord Ryde Club, they all had their wives as crews. Janette sailing with David McClean, Joan sailing with Warren Hodgkins, Sue sailing with Peter Carrick and they were all taking it seriously. But the best of plans can come unstuck as Sue became ill and Peter found a lightweight crew in Zoe McIntosh. Now that upset the other ladies who accused Peter of nobbling her, so all bets were off. NOT HAPPY JAN!

New Year's Eve Party at the Sailing Club was a good night to see in the New Year with music provided by a one man band who had everyone up dancing.
During Heat 2 there were a few casualties - Mike Arbon in **Mickey Mouse** and Peter Robinson in **Reprise** were back on the beach after completing Heat 2 – "old sailors never die they just can't manage two races in one day".

Young 11year old Jake Morgan, from Tasmania and skipper of **Boss Cocky,** copped a huge whack to the head from the boom. His crew, Dad Anthony, got him back to shore it was off to the hospital to have that head wound stitched. Mum, Julie, was shopping at the time and met them at the hospital. Unfortunately when she saw the wound she fainted hitting her shoulder and biting her tongue. Jake was back at the sailing club that afternoon, with the wound bandaged, but they kept Mum in for a couple of hours for observation.

The Trivia Night & International Food Festival was a success, Julie Brennan-Smith and Karen Cope and their band of helpers spent the afternoon at the Scout Camp cooking

Injured by the Boom, Jake Morgan, skipper of Boss Cocky still manages a smile for the camera. With Dad Anthony Morgan.

and everyone enjoyed their meal. The Trivia competition was run by Tony, as the evening went on he ran out of prepared questions so started reading the questions from the beer bottle tops, it all added to the fun atmosphere.
There were several celebrations during the series – Dugald McDougall celebrated his birthday and he and Cynthia celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Cynthia also won the "Tasmanian Shopper of the Series Award" by purchasing a fur coat for $10 which she proudly modelled for us.

Lleyton Hewitt is not the only one to become engaged at a sporting function. John Palmer from Queensland, sailing **True Colours** was spending a lot of time on his mobile phone to his lady in Antarctica. We can now say congratulations to them both on their engagement.

The lucky draw prize winners were **Jaws** John & Chris McKeown, **Crazy Daze** Jim Fairlie & Jason Brown – Ryan Sail Bags. **This is the Life** Tony Pearce & Philipa Szabo, **Gotcha Covered** Peter Carrick - Sport Phillip Marine gift vouchers.

The Committee Boat gave their awards during the series and the recipients of these were **Golden Fox** Lauren McClean and Julie Hodgkins for out foxing the opposition on the finish line with a port and starboard in the Invitation Race. **Family Ties** Elise Clark and Hannah Morgan for having trouble staying in the boat after the finish of Heat 2. **Sobraon** John Nobbs and Kate Galloway for being the prime mover in the two general recalls Heat 3. **Nautigal** Karen McIlvena and Ralph Williams for finishing a race within the time limit.

There are always a lot of ladies on shore who support their husbands and children throughout these titles. I was fortunate to realise that this year there were 5 "Sue's", so we had our photo taken together. From left to right, Sue Carrick supporting husband Peter in **Gotcha Covered**, Sue Fairlie supporting husband Jim in **Crazy Daze** and daughter Kate in **Waffles**, Sue Grima, (Mother of local crews, Rachael **Rich and Famous** and Michelle **Kwicka Mac,** Sue Harding supporting husband Peter and daughter Alyssa in **Kermie** and Sue Tyerman supporting her husband Steve in **Mister Magoo**. Go the girls!!

'The Five Sues' The Onshore Crew!
Sue Carrick (NSW) Sue Fairlie (NSW) Sue Grima (Vic) Sue Harding (NSW) and Sue Tyerman (SA)

Presentation Night and our MC for the evening was Leigh Brennan-Smith. Neil from the Sail Melbourne committee welcomed everyone to the evening. Gary Morland, Commodore from Safety Beach Sailing Club, together with Andrew Martin, Vice Commodore and Phil Carter, Rear Commodore SBSC thanked Brett Clark and Andrew Szabo (from Tasmania) for bringing their runabout for an extra rescue boat throughout the series. Then Daniel Smith from Concord-Ryde SC carried on the tradition of presenting the club's pennant to Gary, followed by Ted Moors who presented Georges River SC pennant. The Victorian Heron Association then presented the Trophy of Appreciation to the Safety Beach SC.

John Veale, President of National Heron Sailing Association of Australia, extended a vote of thanks to Sail Melbourne, Safety Beach SC, all the competitors and their families and finally to the Victorian Heron Sailing Association, to all their small band of helpers, especially Leigh & Julie Brennan-Smith & family, Tony & Karen Cope & family, Ralph & Christine Brown and Laurie Menogue and Paul Grima - a job very well done! Thanks from all of us.

Tony Cope, President of Victoria Heron Sailing Association responded by saying it had been a lot of hard work but seeing the end results and witnessing the camaraderie this series displayed it was all worthwhile. All the trophies presented tonight were handmade by the Victorian Heron Sailing Association.

Elise Clark, 1st Female Skipper and !st Junior, thanked all competitors and dedicated this win to both her Nan's.

During the series Brennan-Smith children ran a raffle to raise money for the Tsunami victims, raising $300. The winners were:
1st Prize Ryan Sail Bag – Brett Clark (Tas.)
2nd Bottle of wine donated by SBSC – Eric Szabo (Tas.)
3rd Bottle of wine donated by SBSC – Karen – Nautigal (SA)

Tony Cope thanked all officers, members and boat crews of the Safety Beach SC and the Principal Race Officer Geoff Elridge, who is actually from Davies Bay SC, as well as Ross Martin from Safety Beach SC who was down at the club early each morning to clean up. Thanks also to Laurie Menogue and Dugald McDougall who had the results for us each afternoon.

Encouragement Awards went to:
Angus Galloway – **Justa Breeze** - Qld
James Cope – **Black Pearl** - Vic
"Team Nautigal" - SA
Kelvin & Evan Taylor - WA
Nigel Darby - UK

All Junior crews were then awarded medals of participation in the 46th National Titles.

Victorian Inaugural Award – Heroner of the Year
Katrina Ham for her Year 12 Technology Project –
Building a Stitch & Glue Heron – well done Katrina.

Jim Fairlie, President of NSW Heron Sailing Association introduced the committee of the 47th Nationals to be held at Georges River 16' Sailing Club, wearing their National T-shirts, and invited everyone to get organised and be "Bound for Botany Bay". Information Packs were handed out together with a 47th National T-shirt to each state to be worn at their local clubs to promote the next National Titles. Then the band played the last bracket of songs and the final farewells were exchanged with a promise to "see you next Nationals".

Stayers Award!
Karen Mc Ilvena & Ralph Williams "Nautigal" 9299 from SA
Rain, hail or shine Nautigal plugged away at the course.
Good on ya guys and see you next year at Georges River.

UK Heroner returns. Nigel Darby ("Butterfly" 9902) receives his special Ryan Sail bag award
Nigel has now attended two Australian Heron Nationals (44th in Brisbane and now the 46th at Safety Beach).
Is it the weather? Siena, crew of Tuki 5996 assists.
Sailing bag prize supplied by sponsor Ryan Sails - many thanks!

Photograph:Leigh Brennan-Smith

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWER OF THE 46TH NATIONALS RACING COMMITTEE

A brief observation from the National Race Officer Geoff Eldridge.

"From a race management point of view, the Heroners are the best group of sailing competitors I have encountered in my 15 years as a National Race Officer. All the race planning certainly paid off as the event went off without a hitch. A great credit to the organizers of the Herons and the many volunteers of Safety Beach Sailing Club. Off the water everyone helped each other with words of advice and even boat repairs seemed to be a communal effort. On the water, the Heroners displayed a level of sailing skills of the highest order making their Herons sail really fast. Indeed any fleet would have been proud to have skippers of that calibre sailing. However, here are exceptions to every statement.

There were a few skippers that were mentioned during the after the race presentation for demonstrating new and somewhat doubtful sailing techniques as well as tactics right in front of me while I was on the Committee boat. The best part—they all did their stunt with unprecedented flair, sometimes I wondered if the stunts were honed for my benefit.

It was a privilege to be part of the series.
well. It was a heart warming experience to be part of the event."

Comments overheard heard from other race officials who were not familiar with the Heron Class.

"When I checked the finishing times after seeing them sailing it was my impression that any of the top 10 skippers would have mixed their Herons with the best of faster classes that are 15-18 yardstick points faster".

"The race was over so fast I thought that they must have shortened the course by a triangle. I did a lap count just to make sure that the correct course was sailed. I had better stop making jokes about slow and heavy Herons, it's obviously a bad myth that's been flying around for years".

"I was very impressed with the Heron fraternity. Past Heron Champions and longstanding Heroners kept calling in to Safety Beach to catch up with their friends. Two of the past Heron Champions, Life Member Alex McClure is a past Laser world masters champion and Craig McPhee, a world champion in the Tasar class, called in as well. It was a heart warming experience to be part of the event."

Many Thanks

There were some difficulties collating the results on the new *Top Yacht* computer program, which would not allow changes to be made or calculate progressive results. Without the much appreciated assistance from our Life Member Dugald McDougall from Tasmania, we would have spent some long nights in the Tower doing the results. Dugald virtually produced the results by hand on the entrants cards within an hour of the last Heron finishing. A job well done Dugald. Thanks must also go to the Safety Beach race crew for a job well done.

Invitation race 46th Heron Nationals Safety Beach, Victoria

RESULTS OF THE SAIL MELBOURNE 2005
46TH HERON NATIONAL TITLES

Here are the first results of the 46th Heron National Titles held at Safety Beach Sailing Club Victoria and concluded Thursday 7 /1/2005.

Whilst only four of the seven heats were sailed due to poor weather, sufficient races were conducted for the Nationals to be decided and the results follow.

Our thanks must go to the following contributors who made this National Titles possible. The competitors, the volunteers from Safety Beach Sailing Club(our hosts), Geoff Eldridge PRO, Sail Melbourne 2005, Victorian Heron Sailing Association volunteers and our generous sponsors:

- Boatcraft Pacific, makers of Bote-Cote and Aqua Cote
- Sport Phillip Marine of Mornington
- Helly Hansen
- Ryan Sails

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1	10101	Abracadabra	Don Jamieson/Elise Brennan-Smith	NSW
2	10165	Woodpecker	Rob Brewer /J.Brewer	NSW
3	10195	Family Ties	Elise Clark / Hannah Morgan	TAS
4	10161	The Cutting Edge	Matthew Pearce/Eric Szabo	TAS
5	10228	Two Fools Fumbling	Fraser Galloway/Robert Galloway	QLD
6	10119	Free Will	Bill Petersen/Aiden Visage-Taylor	NSW

VETERANS

1	10194	Nan	Des Clark/Rowan Clark	TAS
2	10157	Cirrus	Ted Moors/Jenny Overton	NSW
3	10166	Wiz	Frank Whitehouse/Micky Whitehouse	NSW

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1	7814	Sabraon	John Nobbs/T.Duhig /F.Galloway	QLD
2	10182	Crazy Daze	Jim Fairlie/Jason Brown	NSW
3	10120	Waffles	Joy Gough/Lisa Fairlie	NSW

FIRST LADY

	10195	Family Ties	Elise Clark / Hannah Morgan	TAS

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	10195	Family Ties	Elise Clark / Hannah Morgan	TAS

HEAVYWEIGHT – UNPLACED

1	10212	Mr Magoo	Steve Tyerman/Matthew Burford	SA
2	10194	Nan	Des Clark/ Rowan Clark	TAS
3	10184	Grumpier	D.Maclean/J.Maclean	NSW

46th PLACE

	5723	Sarie	Ralph Brown / Christine Brown	VIC

RESULTS OF THE SAIL MELBOURNE 2005
46TH HERON NATIONAL TITLES

Final placing	Sail No.	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	State	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Final Score
1	10101	*Abracadabra*	Don Jamieson	Elise Brennan-Smith	NSW	2	1	1	7	**11**
2	10165	*Woodpecker*	Rob Brewer	James Brewer	NSW	1	2	10	1	**14**
3	10195	*Family Ties*	Elise Clark	Hannah Morgan	TAS	6	5	4	2	**17**
4	10161	*The Cutting Edge*	Matthew Pearce	Eric Szabo	TAS	7	9	3	3	**22**
5	10228	*Two Fools Fumbling*	Fraser Galloway	Robert Galloway	QLD	9	3	2	11	**25**
6	10119	*Free Will*	Bill Petersen	Aiden Visage-Taylor	NSW	3	11	5	8	**27**
7	10225	*Little Red Rocket*	Peter Bailey	Josh Bailey	QLD	8	4	7	9	**28**
8	9515	*Rich and Famous*	Richard Gibson	Rachel Grima	SA	10	10	13	4	**37**
9	8981	*Touch of Class*	Francis Watson	Imogen Loftes	SA	5	14	8	13	**40**
10	6165	*Kumale*	Neil Burford	Emily Burford	SA	4	6	12	20	**42**
11	10212	*Mr Magoo*	Steve Tyerman	Matthew Burford	SA	26	7	6	6	**45**
12	10194	*Nan*	Des Clark	Rowan Clark	TAS	12	12	11	18	**53**
13	10184	*Grumpier*	David Maclean	Janette Maclean	NSW	15	15	14	10	**54**
14	9282	*Fleetwood Mac*	Locky Maclaren	Sam Moulden	SA	23	8	9	15	**55**
15	10157	*Cirrus*	Ted Moors	Jenny Overton	NSW	11	23	17	19	**70**
16	10166	*Wiz*	Frank Whitehouse	Micky Whitehouse	NSW	16	27	15	16	**74**
17	9998	*Golden Fox*	Lauren Maclean	Julie Hodgkins	NSW	14	13	23	25	**75**
18	7814	*Sobraon*	John Nobbs	Tom Duhig / Fergis Galloway	QLD	13	18	DNS	5	**83**
19	9700	*Jaws*	John Mc Keown	Christine Mc Keown	QLD	19	25	27	14	**85**
20	9969	*Hornet*	John Veale	Kalilla Taylor	NSW	27	16	21	22	**86**
21	10182	*Crazy Daze*	Jim Fairlie	Jason Brown	NSW	31	19	20	17	**87**
22	8588	*Sea Saw*	Steve Lucas	Scott Lucas	SA	18	20	22	30	**90**
23	9587	*Pardon Me*	Ian Ham	Kelly Pattison	QLD	21	21	26	26	**94**
24	10226	*True Colours*	John Palmer	Bettina Palmer	QLD	30	17	30	23	**100**
25	10185	*This is the life*	Tony Pearce	Philipa Szabo	TAS	20	29	16	36	**101**
26	10215	*Splash n Dash*	Rob Davy	Sam Davy	SA	22	26	25	37	**110**
27	9628	*Gotcha Covered*	Peter Carrick	Sue Carrick	NSW	34	32	18	27	**111**
28	10120	*Waffles*	Joy Gough	Lisa Fairlie	NSW	29	30	34	21	**114**
29	10224	*GG*	Katrina Ham	Jessica Higgs	QLD	33	24	29	32	**118**
30	10150	*Uputu*	Warren Hodgkins	Joan Hodgkins	NSW	32	22	28	39	**121**
31	7265	*Cheeky*	Matthew Loftes	Hamilton Loftes	SA	17	DNF	24	33	**121**
32	9902	*Butterfly*	Nigel Darby	Vanessa Palmer	UK	38	31	19	34	**122**
33	6616	*Gypsy Sam*	Rob Duhig	Edward Duhig	QLD	24	40	DNS	12	**123**
34	9965	*Justa Breeze*	Angas Galloway	Shannon Pattison	QLD	25	41	35	24	**125**
35	10128	*Mickey Mouse*	Mike Arbon	Rachel Leurs	SA	28	28	DNS	28	**131**
36	9952	*Ko-2-ku*	Kelvin Taylor	Evan Taylor	WA	35	38	36	35	**144**
37	10112	*Outcast*	Tony Cope	Anthony Cope	VIC	DNF	37	31	31	**146**
38	9692	*Reprise*	Peter Robinson	Kate Galloway	QLD	36	36	DNS	29	**148**
39	9728	*Kermie*	Peter Harding	Alyssa Harding	NSW	40	35	32	41	**148**
40	5996	*Tuki*	Leigh Brennan-Smith	Stuart & Siena Brennan-Smith	VIC	39	34	37	40	**150**
41	9917	*Kwika Mac*	Jane Mc Laren	Michelle Grima	SA	43	33	33	43	**152**
42	8765	*Boss Cocky*	Jake Morgan	Anthony Morgan	TAS	37	DNF	DNF	38	**169**
43	9766	*The Black Pearl*	James Cope	Adam Schofield	VIC	DNS	39	DNS	44	**177**
44	6201	*Lost in Space*	Nick Smith	Daniel Smith	NSW	41	DNF	DNF	42	**177**
45	5723	*Sarie*	Ralph Brown	Christine Brown	VIC	42	DNF	DNF	DNC	**183**
46	9299	*Nautigal*	Karen McIlvena	Ralph Williams	SA	DNF	DNF	DNS	DNF	**188**

Dear Editors

The December Heron Newsletter was received and read with much interest. The format remains the same but the presentation has certainly improved from the time when I stood at a Gestetner machine and manually turned the handle to provide 2000 members with their quarterly edition of their favourite sailing journal. Long before computers and printers!!!

As happens to everyone from time to time I recently went through the archives and discovered a number of negatives of Herons taken over many years—including the Australian Heron Championships held in NSW, at Woollahra in 1969 and won by Mike Fletcher (editor for many years of Seacraft magazine) sailing NOOK 7472. 103 Herons on Sydney Harbour was a sight to behold.

I was very fortunate to be present at most Nationals, either sailing or on Committee boats, which gave me a great opportunity to take several photos, many of which graced the pages of the Heron Newsletter over my 23 years of service to the Association.

Sincerely,
Mary Clarke
Life Member

Mary has been a very prominent part in the history of Heron sailing in Australia. She has given us a lot of old negatives which we will be printing from time to time as a blast from the past!

Thank you Mary, we have actually used some of your old magazines as a guide. Wouldn't it be wonderful to increase our membership to have a fleet of over 100 boats at a Nationals again.

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Our Apologies

In the last edition of the December Heron Newsletter we ran a great article on starting tips, written by Ian Cook.

We incorrectly printed that this article was written by Ian Cole, our National Registrar.

Our apologies go to both these gentlemen and to you, the reader, for the misprint.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The editors email address was incorrectly published in the last edition. The correct address is:

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THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE HERON NEWSLETTER.

Coming up in the next issues are some exciting articles including.

** High Flight - Another of Ted and Jenny's Excellent Adventures!*
** A 1964 newspaper article about building a Heron*
** How to build a Heron Trailer*

Please forward us any photos and interesting news about Heroners both on and off the water.

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DEADLINE DATE FOR JUNE ISSUE IS 18TH MAY 2005

STATE NEWS

South Australian News

40th S A Heron State Championships

Report by
Richard Gibson
9515
Rich & Famous

SA Heroners sailed the first three heats of the 40th SA Heron Championships at Wallaroo Sailing Club on 27 and 28 November 2004.

The breeze on Saturday morning was strong, but it died out to a fitful south westerly that rarely reached 10 knots. The first two heats were sailed back to back in very hot temperatures. A long starboard tack deep under the jetty quickly emerged as the best way up the work, keeping out of the strong tide run out to sea. In the first race, **10212 Mr Magoo** (Steve Tyerman) headed the pack early, but **8981 Touch of Class** (Francis Watson) wore the leader down and took first place. **10216 Last Crusade** sailed by Don Rantanen was third. In the second heat, Locky McLaren in **9282 Fleetwood Mac** took off from the pin end of the line and was never headed. This was Locky's first ever state title heat win, and the grin on his face after the race was sight to behold. **Mr Magoo** claimed second, while Peter Nicholson in **10218 Splash** completed a clean sweep of the top places for Somerton Yacht Club by finishing third. Carolyn Butcher, relishing the light stuff in **9948 Uni Directional**, was a good 4th, backing up from 5th in the first heat.

Sailors gathered at the Club on Sunday morning to be greeted by a light nor- easter. While we were sailing out to the start, a weak sea breeze came in from the south west. The fleet got away well in the light conditions, with **10216 Last Crusade** leading the pack. **8981 Touch of Class** was in hot pursuit, and the two boats swapped the lead on numerous occasions, with **Last Crusade** faster off the breeze and **Touch of Class** enjoying an advantage to windward. In the end, this advantage was to prove slightly more telling, as **Touch of Class** took the gun by 4 seconds in an increasing sea breeze. Peter Beaumont in **10186 Blu-Tack**, which had shown great boat speed in the earlier races, put in a good third.

The fleet is bunched heading into the second round of heats, to be sailed at Grange Sailing Club on 27th and 28th February 2005. **Touch of Class** will take a slim lead into the next round.

Wallaroo Sailing Club provided a great venue for the heats and provided race management, canteen and bar facilities and a friendly atmosphere that were second to none.

Number	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Total Points	Place After Heat 3
8981	Touch of Class	Watson, Francis	1	6	1	8	**1**
10216	Last Crusade	Rantanen, Don	3	8	2	13	**2**
10212	Mr Magoo	Tyerman, Steve	2	2	9	13	**2**
9948	Uni-Directional	Butcher , Carolyn	5	4	5	14	**4**
9282	Fleetwood Mac	McLaren, Locky	6	1	7	14	**4**
10186	Blu-Tack	Beaumont, Peter	4	10	3	17	**6**
10218	Splash	Nicholson, Peter	8	3	6	17	**6**
9620	Green Apple Splatters	Emery, Daryl	7	5	8	20	**8**
8588	Sea-Saw	Lucas , Steve	14	9	4	27	**9**
6165	Kumale	Burford, Neil	9	11	11	31	**10**
9515	Rich and Famous	Gibson, Richard	10	12	12	34	**11**
7265	Cheeky	Loftes, Matthew	13	13	10	36	**12**
9917	Kwika Mac	McLaren, Jane	11	14	16	41	**13**
9947	Neptunes Ark	Ramsey, Chris	12	7	DNS	42	**14**
10220	Lost in our Reflection	Kelly, Ryan	16	15	13	44	**15**
6776	Pet Food	Topperwien, Kym	19	17	15	51	**16**
10227	3rd Time Lucky	Thompson, Wayne	18	20	14	52	**17**
9786	Ardea Pacifica	Mackinnon, Richard	17	16	23	56	**18**
9513	Pod Racer	Powell, David	15	18	23	56	**18**
7801	Eos	Wenske, Ric	20	19	17	56	**18**
6716	Sharob	Glasson, Ian	DNS	DNS	DNS	69	**21**
6634	An Enigma	Goble, Jim	DNS	DNS	DNS	69	**22**
9908	Magpie	Flint, Tyler	DNC	DNC	DNC		
9429	Stargazer	Murphy, Scott	DNC	DNC	DNC		

S A Heron Fleet Race – Henley Sailing Club

The SA Heron fleet gathered at Henley Sailing Club on January 22. With the Nationals fresh in the memory and the next round of state title heats looming, skippers were keen to use the Fleet Race to settle old scores and tune boats and minds. 17 boats rigged on the beach, a great advertisement for the class at Henley, which hopes to re-establish a Heron fleet. It was especially pleasing to see Ian, Mike and Jim in three boats from the Grange Sailing Club and Bronte Flint sailing **10108 Bugga** (ex **Boy-zone**), who came all the way from Port Lincoln to compete.

Report by Richard Gibson 9515 Rich and Famous

The breeze was piping in at a solid 15 knots with a promise in the forecast of more to come as the boats left the beach. The start was clean, with **6165 Kumale** (Neil Burford) leading a bunch of pin end starters into shore, while **9282 Fleetwood Mac** (Locky McLaren) and **10212 Mr Magoo** (Steve Tyerman) went out to sea. There was nothing in it at the first mark. The wind and sea height increased as the race went on, with enough movement in the wind direction to ensure that good tactical sailing was rewarded. **Fleetwood Mac** had an advantage on the reaches, while **Kumale** was the faster boat to windward. Further back, **Mr Magoo** and **8981 Touch of Class** (Francis Watson) were also swapping positions by the minute, while **9515 Rich and Famous** (Richard Gibson) shook off **10218 Splash** (Peter Nicholson), **7265 Cheeky** (Matt Loftes) and held **10186 Blutack** (Peter Beaumont) at bay. **Fleetwood Mac** took a good break into the last work and covered **Kumale** to take the gun. **Touch of Class** was 3rd, followed by **Mr Magoo** and **Rich and Famous**, which held off a fast finishing **Blutack**.

The increasing wind took its toll on many competitors, with several withdrawals. Juniors Ashleigh Emery and Hayden Trenorden toughed it out in **9620 Green Apple Splatters** to record a finish. The shore break at Henley, probably etched in the minds of many who have sailed at Heron Nationals at the Club, also took its toll, with **7801 Eos** (Ric Wenske) suffering a broken rudder blade and bent mast in the surf.

Final Results:

1.	9282	Fleetwood Mac	Locky McLaren
2.	6165	Kumale	Neil Burford
3.	8981	Touch of Class	Francis Watson
4.	10212	Mr Magoo	Steve Tyerman
5.	9515	Rich and Famous	Richard Gibson
6.	10186	Blutack	Peter Beaumont
7.	7265	Cheeky	Matt Loftes
8.	10218	Splash	Peter Nicholson

Somerton Yacht Club

The season has been reasonably kind to us in SA with only a few weekends lost to poor weather. The Heron fleet has varied in size each week due to broken gear (**9476 Sea Ya**, **10223 Icarumba**), illness and Heron fleet races, now held on Saturday instead of Sunday. It has been reassuring to the SYC handicappers that the placings get spread around the fleet. Our youngest members (**10177 Machine Head**, **9945 Aphrodite**, **7175 The JacqCol**) continue to improve and win ribbons. The heat results so far show that, with more races still to go, it is anyones! **6165 Kumale** leads the running at the moment with **9282 Fleetwood Mac**, **10212 Mister Magoo**, and **10218 Splash** all chasing good results in the remaining races and looking to drop some rather nasty points!

Report by Sue Tyerman 10212 Mister Magoo

Club Heat Results (so far)
Peter Nicholson has been rather busy repairing **9915 Turning Point** and **9476 Sea Ya**. Terry is especially hopeful to get **Sea Ya** onto the water for the next club heat this coming weekend (Feb 12).

On the way back to SA, **10212 Mister Magoo** joined other boats from SYC including **10218 Splash** at Kingston SE for the Lobster Regatta. This is a two day event held in the first weekend of January after the New Year. I crewed for Steve (which is rather brave of him) and had a ball. The Saturday was rather eventful, with us ditching just before the finish (letting Peter slip by to win), but Sunday was perfect with wonderful blue skies, flat water, light breeze – perfect for a long race between Cape Jaffa and Kingston. We had a BBQ breakfast on the beach (organised by the club) then started at 9.30. It took 3.5 hours but was a wonderful relaxing sail. Not often a Heron races with the finish line over the horizon! It was a lovely end to two weeks of sailing!

SYC is celebrating its 60th birthday this year and we have had some interesting sailing events to remember it by! The dinner on Feb 19 will bring together many former sailors, including many ex-heron sailors, so it should be an interesting evening and lots of fun! The SYC Heron Fleet is also looking forward to the second half of the State Titles to be held at Grange a week later.

The four SYC boats that attended the Vic Nats (**6165 Kumale**, **9917 Kwika Mac**, **9282 Fleetwood Mac**, **10212 Mister Magoo**) would like to extend a thank you to the organisers for their hard work. See you all in Sydney next year!

Western Australian News

Heron sailing is going well in the West! Numbers are up at both Perth Dinghy Sailing Club (venue for the 2006 Nationals) and Shelley Sailing Club. We now have 14 Herons competing regularly at PDSC and 8 or more at Shelley. Although there is a healthy interest from potential Heron sailors, we have a shortage of second hand boats for these sailors to purchase. Our committee are working hard to locate herons that are not being used and encourage their owners to sell (OR SAIL!).

Report by Janet Jerwood The Blue Pearl

We have 16 entrants in this seasons' State Championship Series. The State Championships and Junior Series are providing close racing throughout the fleet. There are numerous races within the race and personal victories and losses! The remaining two races shall be held at Koombana Bay over the March long weekend. The Koombana Bay weekend is one of the highlights of the year for many of the WA fleets and the herons certainly make their presence known in matching team tee-shirts and by the noise level.

In recent weeks, 4 Herons have changed hands and the Western Australian Herons would like to welcome the following new owners; Mark Allen, **Scallywags 9567**; Doug and Martine Firth, **Firebird 5956**; Ivor and Linda Preece, **Double Entry 10145**; and Cameron Blyth, **Western Comfort 9470**. We hope to see these new owners on the water at the various Clubs as members of the Association in the not too distant future.

Herons enjoying a WA State heat at Perth Dinghy Sailing Club.

The Western Australian Heron Association has been able to attract a major sponsor to enable us to be well represented next year at the National Championships in Sydney. ***Stratco***, the major supplier of steel products has agreed to sponsor the Association for the fuel costs of getting 6-8 boats to Sydney. We have a "mega trailer" that will be able to transport the boats. Planning with regard to accommodation and transport is well under way - with only ten months to go we need to start serious preparations!

Queensland News

JACK HOLT MEMORIAL MAY DAY REGATTA

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club

30th April–2nd May

The Annual May Day Regatta is on again, and hopefully it will be as successful as last years event.

The Mirrors and the Puffins have been invited to compete so it should be a good fleet. Book your accommodation early to avoid disappointment.

Full details will be posted on the Qld Website. Any queries please contact Fraser Galloway.

EASTER STATE TITLES

The State titles this year will be sailed at the Cleveland Yacht Club.

Friday 25th March
10.30 am Registration
12.00 Briefing
Afternoon race

Saturday 26th March
Morning race
Back to back afternoon races.

Sunday 27th March
Morning race

All details will be available on the QHSA Website
members.optusnet.com.au/deakinsharpe

Including Sailing Instructions,
Entry Form and Notice of Race.

Please consider spending your Easter sailing on the beautiful Brisbane waters.

It promises to be a series of good weather, great company and superb sailing competition.

Victorian News

Report by Tony Cope 10112 Outcast

It was 4 years ago at the National Championships in Hobart that I first put a suggestion that Victoria host a Nationals. The Chair of the meeting had his doubts because of the fact that I was the only Heron sailing in the state, a state that had built so many of the little boats. We didn't have a committee nor anybody to rope in. In fact the past President had written a letter to the NHSAA just before I had come along saying that there were no more Herons sailing in Victoria and as he now sailed an Impulse, "he was the last one out and was turning off the lights".

I was inspired by the support shown by the competitors in Hobart, especially a man who said if I can get the titles to Melbourne he'll be there to give us a hand. That man was Dugald McDougall.

It wasn't until the next Nationals meeting in Brisbane that I put up a proposal and then after some consultation with the Management Committee we were granted the honour to host the 46th National Championships. Once again the support of the membership was overwhelming.

We went to South Australia and they truly raised the bar doing a great job.

Then it was Victoria's turn. Laurie Menogue, a long time Heron sailor became interested again, Leigh Brennen-Smith, an enthusiastic contributor, a terrific organiser, and I reformed the VHSA. Later Paul Grima and Ralph Brown joined the team. We went on to host the 46th National Championships that, despite the fact that we were light on organisers, was a success. I attribute this partly to the hard work of the VHSA but mostly to the inspirational, encouraging, friendly, group that we sail with, 'The Heroners" and people like Dugald a man true to his word.

I lost track of how many times I said "the weather's much better than this normally". Well it must be El Nino or something. The weather was shocking. We ended up sailing just four races in the series, the rest were blown out, except for one day, New Years Eve which was the other end of the scale, no wind. (I shouldn't mention the scales).

Despite trying to start in the morning and the afternoon on New Years Eve both races were abandoned. We are a very sociable mob though, we all enjoyed a chat whilst we bobbed up and down, the kids went for a swim, and then we all got towed in. An outsiders point of view, apparently we look like ducklings following motherduck home.

The other extreme was 30 knots all day and not letting up. Then there was the squall. The tower recorded 65 knots, the start was abandoned and it was all hands to the beach to help get the boats off the water and sails down.

Congratulations must go to Don Jamieson, his crew Elise Brennan-Smith for once again showing us the way around the course. However it was close, Rob Brewer and his son James certainly deserve recognition. Apparently the Tasmanians chartered another ship to get their trophies back home. Well done Elise Clark and her crew Hannah Morgan.

Without question the Queenslanders won the most new boats category with three S&G and a conventional frame boat. The beard growing competition went to Steve Lucas as Richard Gibson and myself conceded defeat before presentation night. (I was told to shave it off otherwise I'd have to walk there). We should recognise those who have travelled long distances to make this event even more special. Nigel Darby from England and Kelvin and Evan Taylor from Perth. I don't know about going to England in the near future but I am looking forward to sailing on the Swan River 06/07.

The greatest success story of the event must have been the Scout Camp. I will remember those mornings and evenings for a long time. The atmosphere was fantastic, from greeting everybody at breakfast with my coffee in one hand and weetbix in the other, to discussing 'what else but Herons' to the wee hours of the morning. Not since year 12 had I played so much 500. The kids didn't miss the television, too many other kids around, too many activities, and too many yabbies to be caught.

Thanks again to those who made the journey to Safety Beach, I hope everybody had an enjoyable time.

Tight action at the gybe mark
46 th Heron Nationals Safety Beach, Victoria

New South Wales News

Report by Sue Carrick

All the Heroners who travelled to Safety Beach for the 46th Nationals would like to thank the Victorian Heron Association for a great series. The weather was a little unkind to them but they did a great job and the weather was out of their control. As someone said "After all it is Melbourne". A big thank you to Sail Melbourne and Safety Beach Sailing Club volunteers who went out of their way to accommodate us. You can all have a rest now and get ready for Sydney.

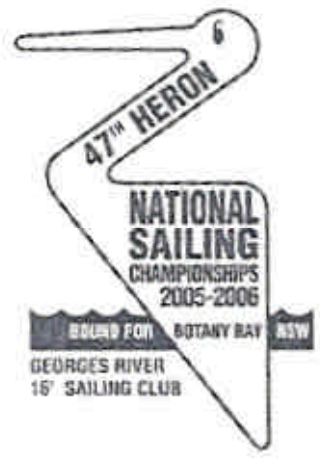
The 47th Nationals "Bound for Botany Bay" is the catch cry. So haul up the anchor, put in your request for holidays, make the commitment and book your accommodation. We have included an updated accommodation list, *but unfortunately the Cronulla Carapark, with 50 self contained cabins (which was on the original list) is closing down in August, 2005 due to the cost of NSW land tax.* However, the NSW Heron Association is presently investigating the possibility of group booking camp/conference facilities, and there will be more details in the June Newsletter.

NSW so far have had a successful sailing season with 4 of the 5 heats of the Travellers Trophy sailed at Georges River, Byra, Narrabeen and Middle Harbour, with Concord Ryde to follow. Attendances have been fair but next season we are expecting larger numbers due to the fact that we are hosting the Nationals.

The last event for this season on the NSW Sailing Calendar will be NSW Junior State Titles. This event will be held over 2 weekends, Sunday 6th March at Concord-Ryde SC and then the following weekend 12th and 13th March, 2005 at Narrabeen Lakes SC.

NSW 2004-2005 State Titles
Final Results

Our 5 Heat State Titles have finished, the last two heats being sailed at Toukley SC on 29th & 30th January, 2005 while the first three were held at Georges River SC before Christmas. As always the weather was a mixed bag, so what's new! The eventual winner was Rob Brewer with his son, James in Woodpecker, 2nd Peter Vee and Nick Peate, in Two Goats in a Boat and 3rd Don Jamieson and Kylar Louissikan in Abracadabra.



BOAT NO.	BOAT	SKIPPER	CREW	Place
10165	Woodpecker	Rob Brewer	James Brewer	1
10205	Two Goats in a Boat	Peter Vaiciurgis	Nick Peate	2
10101	Abracadabra	Don Jamieson	Kylar Loussikian	3
10157	Cirrus	Kylie Mara	Phoebe Junk	4
10125	Will Power	Ian Homan	Ben Leaver	5
10167	The Duke	Brian Jenkinson	Ellen Jenkinson	6
10119	Freewill	Bill Peterson	Angus Gallaway	7
9955	Excelerayson	Ray Brown	Oliver Baker	8
9983	Sublime	Joel Gunn	Max	9
10150	Uputu	Warren Hodgkins	Josh Passofaro	10
10211	10 to 11	Craig Homan	James Leaver	11
9783	Leap Frog	Charles Homan	Maddie Baker	12
9737	Gecko	Yvette Toufan	Tom Taufan	13
7987	Magic	Geoff Palmer	Andrew Palmer	14
9969	Hornet	John Veale	Jenny Overton	14
10182	Crazy Daze	Jim Fairlie	Jason Brown	14
7804	Bruiser	Doug Surmon	Diarmait Surmon	17
9628	Gotcha Covered	Peter Carrick	John Burwood	18
10120	Waffles	Joy Gough	Lisa Fairlie	19
9965	Justa Breeze	Fraser Galloway	Robert Galloway	20
9960	White Wash	Bruce Hilleard	Kate Hilleard	20
10178	Alarmed Not Alert	Aurora Paterson	Nova Paterson	22
9728	Kermie	Peter Harding	Alyssa Harding	23
9749	Thunderbolt	Paul Riley	Claire Riley	24
9997	Appauled	Paul Armstong	Victoria Armstrong	25
9283	Nutty	Sonia Burwood	Kristina Burwood	26
10140	Smoko	Jeff Finnigan		27
10166	Wiz	Frank Whitehouse	Mickey Whitehouse	28
10193	For a Reason	Peta Stott	Judith Mitchell	29
10169	It Happens	Peter Ray		30
8800	Red Bird	Tony Doyle	Trent Billington	31
6201	DJ	Nic Smith	Daniel Smith	32
10200	Malats II	Peter Walden	Giles Ditchfield	33

IN PREPARATION FOR THE 47TH NATIONAL HERON TITLES ON BOTANY BAY NSW HERE IS A LIST OF SOME OF THE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE IN THE ST. GEORGE DISTRICT & SUTHERLAND SHIRE – RATES LISTED AS AT AUGUST, 2004 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

CARAVAN PARK ACCOMMODATION

THE GRAND PINES TOURIST PARK
289 The Grand Parade, Sans Souci
Phone: (02) 9529 7329
One site vans $66 sleep 2 people only
Site Fees for Campervan/Vans $45 for 2 people
Standard Cabin $88 (Max. 3 Adults) OR
Family of 2 adults & 3 children
Air-con Deluxe Ensuite Cabin with sofa
Sitting room, separate bedroom $137 OR
2 double bedrooms, 1 with single bunk over
double bed OR 2 Queen size bedrooms OR
Sofa sitting room $166 – most suitable for two couples
All rates per night – has a total of 60 sites only
www.thegrandpines.com.au
1 kilometre to sailing club

SYDNEY TOURIST PARK
215 Port Hacking Road, Miranda
Phone: (02) 9522 7143
2 Cabins sleeps up to 6 people
$90 per night for 2 people $6 each extra person
On-site vans $50 per night sleeps 4 people
Powered Sites $30 per day
Camp Sites (no power) $24 per day
Prices current Dec. 05 Jan. 06
No checking in or out 24th or 25th Dec. or
31st Dec or 1st Jan.
7 kilometres to sailing club

WORONORA CARAVAN PARK
1 Menai Road, Woronora
Phone: (02) 9521 2291
3 Ensuite Cabins $75 per night
Budget Cabins $60 per night
6 Powered Sites $27 per night
12 kilometres to sailing club
20 minute drive

BACKPACKER ACCOMMODATION

KRISKINDL GUESTHOUSE
22A Hillcrest Street, Tempe
Phone: (02) 9558 3332 Freecall: 1800 646 013
Rooms are small but neat & tidy.
Single Room weekly $210, Twin $164 weekly,
Family Room $155 (family room based on 3 people,
Proportional increase thereafter) – Note Family
Room can have one double bed with 4 single beds
Or changed to suit individual needs (No alcohol)
Includes breakfast & 5 dinners Mon-Fri.
Has laundry & hills hoist
10 kilometres to sailing club

BACKPACKER ACCOMMODATION

CRONULLA BEACH YHA
40-42 The Kingsway, Cronulla
Phone: (02) 9572 7772 Freecall 1800 090 200
Shared 6 bed dormitory weekly $160 per person
Shared 4 bed dormitory weekly $170 per person
Private – Double/Twin/Single weekly $420
Private Room (Triple) weekly $570
Close to beach (could be noisy)
Fully equipped self-catering kitchen
www.cronullabeachyha.com
9 kilometres to sailing club

B & B ACCOMMODATION

SOUTH CRONULLA RETREAT
54 Glashier Parade, Cronulla
Phone: (02) 9527 1327
Prices quoted for Dec. 05 – Jan. 06
Has one self contained, one bedroom apartment
With queen sized bed & soft bed for one child and kitchenette (not recommended for two children)
Rate: for 2 adults & 1 child including continental
Breakfast $140 (has water views)
www.cronullasouthbnb.com
10 kilometres to sailing club

MOTEL STYLE ACCOMMODATION

CARSS PARK MOTEL
384b Princes H'way (Cnr. Bunyala St) Blakehurst
Phone: (02) 9546 3306
Rooms Rates Weekly – 1-2 persons $550
3 persons $619, 4 persons $700
2 week and/or group booking discounts apply
Prices current Dec. 05 Jan. 06
self contained kitchenette
18 rooms available
www.carssparkmotel.com.au
6 kilometres to sailing club

BLAKEHURST MOTOR INN
Cnr. Princes Highway & Woniora Rd, Blakehurst
Phone: (02) 9547 2177
Double $110 per night, includes breakfast
($99 per double if booking on net)
www.blakehurstmotorinn.com.au
5 kilometres to sailing club

CRONULLA MOTOR INN
85 The Kingsway, Cronulla
Phone: (02) 9523 6800
Toll Free 1800 227 061
$135 - $240 per double
www.cronullamotorinn.com
9 kilometres to sailing club

METRO INN MIRANDA
Cnr. The Kingsway & Jackson Ave, Miranda
Phone: (02) 9525 7577
Toll Free: 1800 004 321
Prices quoted for Dec. 05 – Jan. 06
1 or 2 people $95 per night (except 31.12.05 $120
per night) then reverts back to $95 per night
Family Rooms (can sleep up to 5 people all bedding is in the one room two queens & one single bed) 2 Adults & 2 children under 12
$130 per night (31.12.05 $160 per night) then reverts back to $130
3 people $160 per night (except 31.12.05 $190 per night) then reverts back to $160.
4 people $190 per night (except 31.12.05 $220 per night) then reverts back to $190.
5 people $210 per night (except 31.12.05 $240 per night) then reverts back to $210.
www.MetroHospitalityGroup.com
9 kilometres to sailing club

AIRPORT SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL
35 Levey Street, Arncliffe
Phone (02) 9556 1555
Double Standard $104, Delux $130
Superior $144
www.airportinn.com.au
8 kilometres to sailing club

FINANCIAL MEMBERS AS AT DATE OF PUBLICATION

(Latest member list as advised by registrar—please supply any updated information on membership renewal form)

NSW
Paul Armstrong
Michael Armstrong
Oliver Baker
Madeline Baker
Paul Barnes
Mark Barnett
Colin Booth
Rob Brewer
Ray Brown
Gary Brunton
Robert Bryden
Ron Burwood
S & C Burwood
Bob Campbell
Peter Carrick
Kenyon Castle
Alex Cawsey
M.V. Clarke
Ian Cook
Ian Cull
Greg Deakin
Stephen Dearnley
E. Dill-Mackay &
Nick Malikides
Tony Doyle
Syd Dyer
Lynette Ellis & J Keane
Jim Fairlie
Douglas Finlay
Maurice Frost
Andrew Gough
Joy Gough
Charles Grimwood
Warren Grounds
Joel Gunn
Peter Harding
Evan Hatch
Bruce Hilleard
Warren Hodgkins
Kevin Hummel
Gloria Imlay
Don Jamieson
Brian Jenkinson
S & S Johnson
Devon Jones
Gordon Koch
James Leaver
Ben Leaver
Edward Leaver
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Kylie Mara
David McClean
Alex Milne
Howard Mitchell
WarrenMonaghan
Ian Mooney
Ted Moors
Keiran Mulcahy
Andrew Nelson
Leonard O'Riordan
Jennifer Overton
Geoff Palmer
Bill Parry
Glenn Patterson
Bill Peterson
Hans Pfeiffer
Robin Pidd
Peter Ray
Paul Riley
Don Robb
Gary Ryman
Brian Smith
KM Smith
Nicholas Smith
Alistair Stewart
Peta & Marty Stott
Ernest Stutchbury
Russell Sullivan
Douglas Surmon
Dai Suter
Ron & Alan Swindells
Slamet Taufan
Peter Vaiciurqis
John Veale
Ross Venner
Murray Virgo
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Peter W Walden
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Anthony Wood
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Paul Grima
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Andrew MacGregor
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Stephen Murphy
Brian Proctor
Len Ralph
Andrew Robinson
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Meridith Campbell
Peter Carey
Gerry Deakin
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Ian Donald
Robert Duhig
Fraser Galloway
Donald Grainger
Ian Ham
John Hockings
Tertia Hogan
Jimmy Jackson
Kevin & Ellen Jones
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Denzil McCulloch
John McKeown
Peter Milliken
Elizabeth Molner
John Nobbs
John Palmer
Faye Patrick
Mary-ann Pattison
Kelly Pattison
Peter Robinson
Mardi Smith
John Stannard
Michelle Taheny
Len Winwood

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Lane Bauer
Peter Beaumont
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Neil Burford
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Daryl Carter
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Ian & Jacqui Cole
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Doyle
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Daryl Emery
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Ian Glasson
Jim Goble
Shane Gubbin
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Graham Hiney
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Shane Kelly
Phil Kelly
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Ian Kirkwood
Ian Klingberg
Adrian Knoop
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Locky McLaren
Jane McLaren
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Bo Zacharchuk

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R Tiessen
Robert Thomas
Fiona Wilcox