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Picture: the latest artwork creation from Peter V. This new boat for Kylie V is going to turn heads in the rigging yard!.

Hello to all Heron sailors and friends, and welcome to the July 2020 issue of the Heron Newsletter. What an unusual year we've all had with the global pandemic affecting our lives and the sailing season. We hope everyone in our community is staying safe and taking the off water time to tinker and make improvements to our boats. We all look forward to hopefully getting back to sailing in September. Included in this issue are the minutes from the AGM, hints and strategies for tracing the provenance of older Herons and the latest news on plans for the 62nd Nationals in South Australia.

Make sure to check out the new video series on sailing a Heron by three times National Champions, Rohan and Aidan Nosworthy. Lots of great information about rigging, maintenance, set up, tuning and technique. Link

See you all on the water.

Join in discussions and 62nd Nationals News on Facebook

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Tracing Older Herons

by Richard Gibson

There is a lot of interest in tracing older Herons as boats come up for restoration and folks like to look back on Herons that they sailed in their younger days. We have now finished scanning and uploading the Registrar listings all the way back to 678 - Deekay. You can now access the listings here http://heronsailing.com.au/tracing-older-herons/

For those that are interested there are now several ways to search, and hopefully find a reference to your beloved Heron from the past or present.

Newsletter References:
All of the Heron newsletters from 1963-present are posted on the net in pdf format. Google has now indexed the newsletters. To find newsletter references to a particular boat name or number, simply put the name or number in inverted commas followed by Heron Sailing into Google e.g. "9515" Heron sailing. The issues in which the boat is mentioned will come up. The find function will then work for some of the newsletters – when the pdf is open, hit control F and enter the name or number in the search box. The references to the boat in the document will be highlighted. Other issues will require a good read to find the references.

Registrar Listing:
All original registrar listings from boat number 678 through to 10241 have been digitised and loaded to our national web site. This will provide the last references that the association has for this boat number. http://heronsailing.com.au/tracing-older-herons/

The Heron Register printed in the June 1970 Newsletter contains information for tracing older boats. Boats can also be traced through the past results posted on the National Championship page

And finally, John Deshon can often supply a digital copy of the original measurement form for Australian Herons up to #10000. Contact John at johndeshon@johndeshon.com

This lovely photo of Herons at Double Bay Sailing Club in Sydney was found on Sailing Anarchy.

Richard Gibson did some sail number digging and came up with these names to match the numbers.

6983 Allambie P Wiley (Allambie - hence the A on the back of skipper and crew tops).
7300 Beau A Carpenter
4660 Su-Ellen J Benjamin
5888 Delos R Young

Measurement Committee

A quick note from the NHSAA Measurement Committee for all Heroners.

There has been a little confusion around measurement rules and procedures, so here is a brief summary /update for Members.

All Herons need to be measured and issued with an "A" class certificate to compete and be eligible for prizes at NHSAA sanctioned regattas. This used to be a paper certificate but now the Registrar is advised by the measurement committee when a boat is eligible for "A" class status, and a list of these boats is available at regattas should there be any questions. Fees must be paid before a boat will be measured and classified. The committee are also working on making the boat register available on the national web site to make it easier for us all to know the registered status of our boats.

New boats arriving at regattas for their first sail must be measured before competing and if they comply with the rules may sail as a provisional "A" class Heron.

A Heron must be registered with the NHSAA to maintain its "A" classification. If registration lapses the boat will need to be remeasured to again be "A" class. This is not as onerous as it might sound, a boat that has previously been "A" class and has not had any major changes will need a cursory measurement to ensure there are no performance related anomalies. Boats that have had major work undertaken will be measured as if they are new boats.

A list of class measurers is available on the NHSAA website via a link on the Building and Measurement page, link. Measurers are not allowed to measure their own boats, nor sailmakers their own sails. Measurers are not paid for this work, but a cold beverage or two might be appreciated.

There is also a copy of the measurement form available through the same page.
The measurement committee are currently undertaking work to redefine and communicate measurement processes and procedures, making this process easier and clearer for boat owners and measurers. More will be sent out via the forum or email on this topic in the future. The committee is also in discussions around several of the current measurement issues and we will communicate more on this also as things progress.

Feel free to contact the Measurement Committee at any time with questions and suggestions. We are happy to provide guidance on any issue (Heron related of course). Our email address is measurementcommiteee@heronsailing.com.au

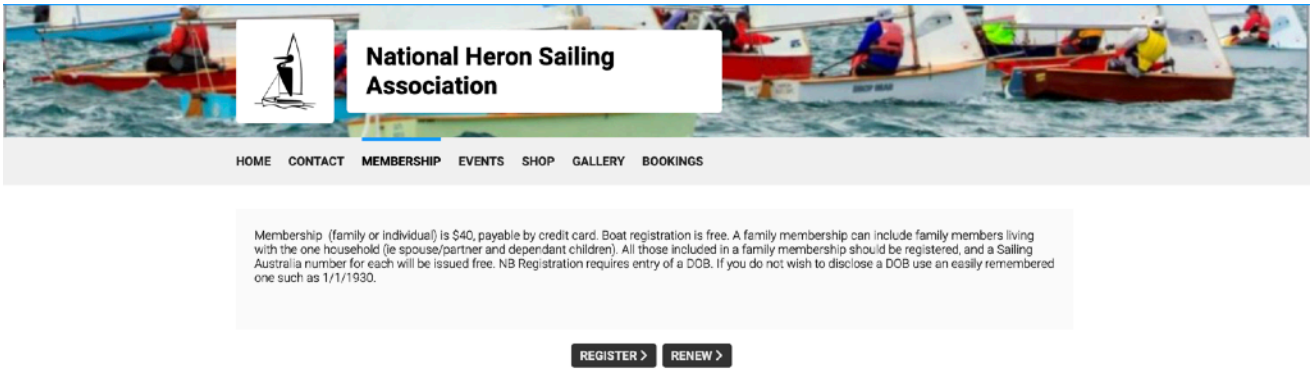
Here's hoping we're all back on the water soon.
James Gough

Chairman

Members' Registration

Coming soon!! - the NHSAA has made the decision to start using the RevolutioniseSport members register platform. This is the system used by Australian Sailing and in many cases by the individual sailing clubs to manage the membership register. The key to each record is your Australian Sailing number and this becomes common across the clubs and associations which use the system. Andrew Nelson *(past Registrar)* and Jim Fairlie *(current class registrar)* are working now to transfer all the existing membership records over to the new system before the new season. Using the new system will provide significant benefits to members and the association.

The key message is that you don't need to do anything and we will communicate through email and the forum once the new system is in place and new season registration is open. When the new system is open it will probably look something like below…



Heron Personality Profile

Paul Armstrong

Where do you sail regularly?

Port Hacking Open Sailing Club.

When and how did you get involved in sailing?

I started sailing at around the age of 12 at a place called Harwich on the east coast of England. My father enrolled me in a how to sail class and I learnt to sail in a beat up old Mirror dinghy. I joined the local sailing club and raced a borrowed Mirror for a couple of seasons before my dad bought me a new Mirror. I loved the racing and we sailed without wetsuits from Easter to Boxing Day. If it got cold we put on another jumper. Luckily I don't remember capsizing! Harwich is a major port and the club used channel buoys as course markers. I can remember taking liberties with large ships in order to get an advantage when racing! Harwich Town Sailing Club is still active as you can see at http://www.htsc.co.uk/.

What classes of boats have you sailed over the years?

As I got older (and heavier) I started to look around for something else to sail. The sailing club had an active fleet of Cherubs and one of the members (who was also a sail maker - sound familiar?) won the UK National Championships in 1970 and I decided to give the class a go. I was still at school and had a holiday job. I remember paying 300 pounds that I'd saved for a one year old Spencer 7 called "Intrepid". After a couple of seasons I was lured across to the OK fleet and built my own boat and remember going to the Nationals at Herne Bay (on the Thames estuary one year). I then travelled to Australia and lived in Perth for a while. I worked for Rolly Tasker and sailed as a main sheet hand on a Light Weight Sharpie for a season at the Royal Perth Yacht Club. When I returned to the UK I bought a Laser and sailed a couple of seasons on the "open meeting" circuit. It was about the time a new rule came in limiting the weight of wet clothing you could wear (I was around 75Kg at the time) and I got disqualified from a race at the Nationals having finished in the top ten when I got selected for a random weight test which involved dipping all your clothes in a bin of water and then weighing them after 30 seconds.

When did you start sailing a Heron?

Lynn and I migrated to Australia (my second trip) in 1980 and immediately started a family. Unfortunately I drifted away from sailing and it wasn't until around 2014 when I came across a fleet of Herons sailing on the local waterway (Port Hacking). By this time I had grandchildren and I thought it would be a great idea to get back into the sport. I chose the Heron because there was a local fleet and it looked like a great boat for kids.

Can you describe your first few seasons sailing with family?

I knew nothing about Herons so I went out and bought an old timber boat called Magic Dragon (9157) without any concern for condition or weight. I initially sailed with my eldest grand daughter Charlie, and spent the first few races at

Paul and grandson Xavier, winners of the 61st Nationals Invitation race, in 10272 O for Awesome.

Personality Profile - Paul Armstrong

the back of the fleet. As we got used to the boat (and each other) we began to do better and I realised that an 85Kg boat with an old rig was not exactly helping our competitiveness. I started looking around for a more competitive boat and met up with Steve Watts who lived close by. He sold me Flat Chat (10250) and Charlie and I immediately became more competitive and won the club championship in our first year with the new boat. I've subsequently fallen in love with the class and have sailed with my other grandchildren (variously Xavier, Harvey and Ollie). I also developed a taste for buying and selling Herons and have subsequently owned 'Heronasaurus' (10269) and now 'O for Awesome' (10272). I have also renovated an old Mk1 fibreglass Heron (Carnaby Street - 9932) now renamed 'Gone Bananas' which will be sailed by Xavier next season.

How many nationals have you competed in?

My first nationals was at St Leonards in 2016/17 where I sailed with Xavier. I've subsequently competed in every nationals since, including driving three Herons across the Nullabor to compete at the Perth Nationals two years ago.

What do you like about sailing a Heron?

There are many things that make Heron sailing attractive with the following being just a few:

- The friendliness of the Heron sailing community;
- The family orientation of the class, especially at the Nationals. The kids love it.
- The competitiveness of the class. I find it harder to win races in a Heron than in any other class I've sailed; many of our top sailors are national champs in other classes and choose to sail a Heron with their kids.
- Money is not a major factor in being competitive. Despite the recent "gentrification" of the fleet, there are many older boats that are super fast.

Tell us about the importance of teamwork and how you work with your crew?

This depends on the crew. If Ollie (7) is crewing, teamwork involves waking him up before tacking! On the other hand, Xavier (13) teamwork involves long discussions about whose fault it was that the jib pole didn't get set quickly enough or why it was we capsized! Charlie (16) isn't into teamwork; she's too busy on her iPhone.

Any funny stories from Heron adventures?

The first inter-club challenge race last year was held on Lake Macquarie and I was sailing with my super light weight crew Ollie (then 6). The conditions were reasonably light but just before the start there was a huge gust and we got blown flat. It was young Ollie's first capsize and before I knew it, he was about 20 metres from the boat swimming after his thongs (I had told him to wear proper shoes but he didn't listen). He suddenly realised where he was and was freaked out by all the other boats that were also trying to stay upright whilst positioning themselves for the start, most not realising there was a 6 year old bobbing around in the water amongst them. In the meantime, I've managed to right the boat on my own but to get back to Ollie I had to initially sail away from him before tacking round and coming back. This of course freaked him out even more and once I had him back in the boat no amount of bribery would convince him to continue with the race. He still talks about this and I suspect he'll need counselling when he's a bit older!

Thanks for sharing your story with us Paul!

South Australia News

SA salutes new State Heron Champions

from Richard Gibson

Jarrod and Eamon Chaplin sailing 10257 Game On took out the 55th SA state championship sailed at Largs Bay Sailing Club in March 2020.

The regatta was sailed over two days in varying conditions. The first five races were held in light/medium conditions, while a pumping sea breeze came in for the last heat.

The racing was close over the weekend. Jarrod and Eamon won three heats and also counted a second and a third to win by a point from Richard Gibson and Therese Nolan in 10187 Firsty, who carded a first and four seconds. Veteran Don Rantanen crewed by grandson William Clough in 10230 Against the Wind took third. Don and William also won a heat, as did fourth overall (on a countback) 10212 Mr Magoo, sailed by Steve Tyerman and Ian Cole.

Jarrod sails at Largs Bay SC and is a former National TS16 champion. He campaigned 9282 The Outcast (ex Jim Armitage and Locky McLaren) a few years ago. After a break from Herons he has bounced back with 10257 Game On, one of the GRP boats made from the new "straightened" Association Mk 2 mould by Don Baker.

The Fair Go series, awarded to the first boat on handicap finishing outside the top three on scratch, went to Stuart and Jack Emery in 8531 Back To The Future.

10257 Game On – Jarrod and Eamon get the gun in heat six to clinch the 55th SA state championship

Herons Largs A – Rigging on the spacious Largs lawns – there'll be a few more Herons around in January 2021!

South Australia News

Final Scratch Results

Plc	Sail No	Boat Name (Boat Type)	Skipper/Crew	Race 1 7-Mar	Race 2 7-Mar	Race 3 8-Mar	Race 4 8-Mar	Race 5 8-Mar	Race 6 8-Mar	Drop	Total
1	10257	Game On	Jarrod Chaplin Eamon Chaplin	4	1	3	2	1	1	4	8
2	10187	~~Firsty~~	Richard Gibson Therese Nolan	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	9
3	10230	Against The Wind	Don Bantaneo William Clough	1	5	4	3	3	DNF (8.00)	8	16
4	10212	Mr ~~Magoo~~	Steve Tyerman Simon Cole	3	3	1	5	4	DNS (8.00)	8	16
5	8531	Back to the Future	Stuart Emery Jack Emery	5	6	5	4	5	DNF (8.00)	8	25
6	10232	Flaw Show	Paul Townsin Ash Townsin	6	4	6	6	6	DNS (8.00)	8	28
7	10259	On and On	~~Daran~~ Thompson Liam Thompson	7	7	7	7	7	3	7	31

Left:
10187 Firsty at the 55th states – Richard and Therese catch a great wave in the heavy weather heat six

Below:
Fleet Running at the 55th SA State Titles – Close racing in lighter conditions early in the series

62nd Nationals News

"I Don't Want To Be Offensive To South Australians, But Why Would You Want To Go There?"

So said Daniel Andrews, premier of Victoria, on June 17 2020. Obviously, Mr Andrews is not a Heron sailor. Everyone will want to be going to South Australia for the 62nd National Heron Championship regatta on 9-16 January 2021. The borders will be open and there will be lots of celebrating...and sailing...to do.

There have been a number of early bookings by keen groups eager to experience the wonderful conditions on the waters of Gulf St Vincent off Largs Bay Sailing Club, as well as Adelaide (and South Australia's) other attractions.

The locals will welcome you with open arms – or flippers, in the case of the dolphins in the pods that roam the area in which the sailing will be held. Watching vivid summer sunsets over the sea from the deck of the Largs Bay Sailing Club is one of life's great experiences.

Make your booking now and join us at Largs Bay Sailing Club for the 62nd National Regatta!

Since this article was written expected state border reopenings have been postponed due to an upsurge of COVID-19 activity in Victoria and NSW. The NHSAA Management Committee has established a position that the 62nd Nationals will not proceed unless the regatta can be attended by sailors from all states. A decision will be made later in 2020 and will be widely communicated to all members. If the regatta cannot proceed in January 2021 it will be rescheduled for January 2022. If this takes place, the normal Nationals rotation will be set back by a year.

A spectacular panoramic pic from the deck of the Largs Bay Sailing Club.
We're looking forward to seeing lots of Herons there in January 2021!

Queensland News

The team up in Queensland have given the big rolling clubhouse a makeover, gearing up for the long haul in January to Largs Bay, Adelaide for the 62nd Nationals.

With the 2019/20 season wrapping up in March due to Covid-19, unfortunately we didn't get to contest the State Championships and Jack Holt regatta this year.

Plenty of renovations and restorations have been underway in garages and backyards in the off season.

Twin makeovers for 9649 Dooney's Fiddle and 9671 Little Aussie at Casa Carey.

8011 - Bluey gets a new deck - Mark Smith and family have been hard at work through the winter.

Heron President John Nobbs and Mollie Carey admire the fabulous new artwork on the Queensland Heron trailer.

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2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date	Tuesday 12 May 2020
Time	8.00pm AEST
Venue	By teleconference
Chairperson	John Nobbs
Present	
By Phone	John Deshon, John Nobbs, Richard Gibson, Kate Carey Justin Carey Wayne Hales, Jeremy Brown, Chis Sant, Peter Vaiciurgis, Paul Armstrong (PHOSC), Ian Ham, Robert Preston, Dougal McDougal, Jim Fairlie, Paul Townsin, Fraser Galloway, Michael Armstrong, Cameron Lloyd, Glenn Wilson, James Gough, Andrew Nelson, Wayne Spencer, Peter Connor, Rohan Nosworthy
Apologies	John Veale

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
1	**Minutes from 2019 AGM**		
1.1	Motion: That the 2020 AGM meeting minutes be accepted as correct. Moved: John Deshon Seconded: Richard Gibson	Note	
2	**Business arising from 2020 AGM**		
2.1			
3	**President's report**		
3.1	Motion: That the President's Report prepared by John Nobbs, refer attached, be accepted. Moved: John Deshon Seconded: Dougal McDougal	Note	
4	**Treasurer's report**		
4.1	Motion: Richard Gibson provided a summary of the report. No particular issues noted. That the Treasurer's Report prepared by John Veale, refer attached, be accepted. Moved: Andrew Nelson Seconded: Jeremy Brown	Note	
5	**Measurement**		
5.1	James Gough read the measurement committee report. Motion: That the Measurement Report prepared and presented by James Gough, be accepted. James noted that the centreboard issues are being looked at by the committee. Also		

Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
	discussed issue of consistency between the by laws and measurement form. Moved: John Nobbs Seconded: Paul Armstrong		
6	**Registrar's report**		
6.1	Andrew Nelson noted that after eight years as registrar he felt time to let someone else to the role on. John Nobbs noted on behalf of committee and Association Andrew's diligent and thorough work. Richard Gibson thanked Andrew Motion: That the Registrar's Report prepared by Andrew Nelson, refer attached, as amended, be accepted. Moved: Richard Gibson Seconded: John Deshon		
7	**Newsletter**		
7.1	Kate Carey - Four Newsletters went will, always looking for more articles and photos. John Nobbs commended Kate's work and the excellent newsletters. Also 187 of the Heron tee shirts have gone out during the year. Motion: That the Newsletter Report by Kate Carey be accepted. Moved: Andrew Nelson Seconded: John Nobbs	Note	
8	**Website**		
8.1	Richard Gibson steady with the website after uploading Nationals and Newsletters, a few small changes this year, in particular the link to Rohan Nosworthy's Youtube content. Has a lot of contacts through the website, e.g. noted Paul Foster was able to help a Heron sailor on LMac, contact for plans from Croatia. Always open to improvement suggestions. John N noted Richard's efforts with the website and contribution. Motion: That the Website Report prepared by Richard Gibson be accepted. Moved: John Nobbs Seconded: Jim Fairlie	Note	
9	**Election of Officers for 2020/21**		
9.1	President John Nobbs Vice President (NSW) Paul Armstrong (PHOSC), noted thanks to Jason Groves. Vice President (SA) Richard Gibson		

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Ref.	Item	Responsible	Due
	Vice President (QLD) Justin Carey Treasurer John Veale Secretary Wayne Spencer Registrar Jim Fairlie Newsletter Editor Kate Carey		
10	**Confirmation of Public Officer**		
	John Veale agreed to continue.		
11	**Appointment of Auditor**		
	Alex Milne has agreed to continue		
12	**Motions put to the AGM**		
		Note	
13	**General business**		
	John Deshon noted the work by Paul Armstrong (PHOSC) and Justin Carey to realign the constitution with current legislation. Richard Gibson, update on SA Nationals. Still on track for Jan 2021 assuming interstate travel is possible. Largs Bay would like to make a call by July. Contingency plan is to delay by one year to Jan 2022 if necessary due to travel restrictions. John Deshon noted that national Championship had been held every year since 1960.		
14	**Meeting closed**		
14.1	The meeting was closed at 8.39pm AEST.	Note	
15	**Next meeting**		
13.1	Next AGM: **8.00pm AEST**, 11th May 2021	Note	

Attachment 1: Presidents Report 19-20

Dear Members,

What a way to end a season! I trust that you and your families are healthy and well, bearing up under the very strange, and sometimes tragic conditions we are living under for the foreseeable future.

I imagine most of you down south and west had finished your sailing for the year. Up here we lost the last few weeks, plus our beloved May Day long weekend. Up until then we had an excellent year, which culminated in a very successful Nationals at Lake Cootharaba, supported enthusiastically by the Noosa Shire Council. The Queensland crew did a great job, especially Kate Carey, whose initiative got the council funding.

Nationwide the class prospers, and the coffers are in good shape. Over the last few years the committee has been pondering ways to more efficaciously utilise our piggy bank, and initiatives such as buying the extra off the shelf boat and the $1500 state nationals grant have been most productive, although we have to be careful that the new boat doesn't become a perennial discounted item.

One of the biggest recent changes has been a generational change in the Measurement Committee. The old committee, led valiantly by Paul Armstrong (Appauled) for many years, has mostly retired. I'd like to personally thank them and especially Paul for their long and comprehensive service.

In their place is a new committee reflecting a more multi state representation that includes Ralph Brown from Victoria, Peter Vaicurgis (NSW mid coast) and Brett Buckley (Qld) as well as Bill Peterson, who is staying on for the transition. The new Chair is James Gough, who has been on the committee for some time, so is well aware of the procedures and will provide continuity.

I'd like to thank my fellow management members: John Veale, Wayne Spencer, Andrew Nelson, Richard Gibson, Justin and Kate Carey, and Jason Groves. They have all contributed conscientiously throughout the year, making for a most constructive and cordial process. I'd like to especially thank Andrew Nelson who is stepping down as Registrar. He has done an excellent job for a number of years in a role that can be demanding, given the variegated nature of the Heron class. Jim Fairlie has generously put up his hand to take over from Andrew. Jim is a past NSW president and is very popular and thorough, and will be a good fit with the rest of the crew.

I'd like to close on a positive note by suggesting that there may be an uptick for the class out of the corona virus. While the big sporting codes may take a big hit due to the virus, it's possible that the return to basics, which is on the cards for many Australians, could see a genuine resurgence of involvement in low key fleets like Herons.

Yours faithfully,
John Nobbs

Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report 19-20

Towards the end of the Association's last financial year, the Committee reviewed the Association's finances. Our bank balance was around $40000; membership fees had not changed for some years, but some of our costs had fallen, particularly newsletter production and distribution (now electronic) and insurance.

In these circumstances the Association's Committee decided to focus on initiatives to promote the Heron Class.

It was agreed that a new Heron dinghy should be purchased to be displayed and sailed at the National Titles to be held in Queensland. The first payment to Dinghy Sports was made prior to the end of the last financial year and reflected in those accounts which showed a bank balance of $31447 and an asset of "New Heron" $9900. The total cost of the new Dinghy Sports Heron fully rigged on a launching dolly was $14000. A double road trailer at $2500 completed the package. The result was much admired at a number of Queensland clubs and has a encouraged several new members. The boat is being shipped to Adelaide in preparation for the 2021 Nationals. And, as well as organising all this, the Queensland Heron Association raised so much funding locally that they did on call on the $1500 now available to states hosting a Nationals.

To further promote the class, annual membership fees for 2019/20 were lowered and new and renewing members received a T-shirt promoting the class.

As a result of these initiatives the Association still has over $25500 in bank deposits, and an asset in the form of a Heron dinghy and trailer valued in the accounts at cost at $16500, to give total assets of just over $41000. The boat and trailer are available for sale at any time. For details see the NHSA website.

Once again, I would like to thank Alex Milne for reviewing the accounts and suggesting some changes to their presentation which have made these points clearer.

John Veale

Treasurer

Attachment 3: Measurement Committee Report 19-20

There have been significant changes to personnel within the committee. Many thanks go to Don Jamieson and Paul Armstrong for their years of service on the committee. They are replaced by Peter Vaiciurgis (Secretary) and Brett Buckley.

The measurement form has been updated to reflect recent changes to the rules regarding floorboards.

Instructions to Measurers are being updated and the processes and lines of communication will be improved and clarified.

Some boats are awaiting confirmation of A classification

Peter Vaiciurgis has applied to be a builder for the class using a set of Mk2 association approved moulds.

Questions related to the measurement of foils are being considered by the Committee.

Regards,

James Gough

Chairman

NHSAA Measurement Committee.

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Attachment 4: Registrar's Report 19-20

This time last year I reported that the association had 101 members. I am pleased to report that this year the number has risen to 116. Factors that have led to this healthy number are:

- The good work a number of clubs have done in promoting the class through activities such as training;
- The return of a number of members who grew up in the Heron community, with children of their own;
- Reduction of the membership cost from $70 to $40, and the abolition of the boat registration cost of $10;
- Free T shirt offer for renewing/new members;
- Maintenance of a good Association website;
- An interest in "modernising" the Heron design, and voting on the Heron design motions during the year.

It is heartening to see membership numbers increase this year. However, the last factor mentioned above, which is a one-off factor, probably resulted in around a dozen additional membership registrations, identifiable through the timing of registration and the number of non-boat owners.

Seven new sail numbers (10295-10299, 10351-10352) were issued during the year, of which six were for new boats. Again, this is a heartening number. Having exhausted our old allocation of sail numbers we were issued a new series, 10351-10499 (inclusive).

While the reduced membership fee results in reduced income, this is to some extent balanced by reduced costs, e.g. electronic version of newsletter and distribution by email or from the website, and conduct of committee meetings via Skype rather than phone.

This is the 8th year I have served as Registrar, and I am very pleased to have been able to give back, through my duties, something to an activity that has (and will continue to do so) given me much pleasure and resulted in the development of many good friendships. A number of changes have taken place during this time, such as online payment of dues, and the trial of the Try Booking facility. I think these have been beneficial for everyone. Further improvements to membership database and renewal processes are being evaluated. I am stepping down as Registrar at this AGM in order to devote more time to other pursuits, and I wish my successor well in carrying on the role.

Andrew Nelson

Attachment 5: Website Report 19-20

The National Heron website has continued to develop during the 2019/2020 season. A list of the Junior and Lady National Champions has been uploaded. Some of the details in these listings are incomplete. Further information to help complete the lists is always welcome.

The original Build a Heron articles from the Melbourne Sun published in 1964 have been scanned and uploaded. The series of eight articles was written by Bob Ross in consultation with legendary Heron builder John Botterill.

Links have been put up to the excellent Better Heron Sailing videos posted on Youtube by the Nosworthy family.

A project is under way to scan and upload all the Registrar sail number lists. These have been placed in a new page named “Tracing Older Herons”. This will be a great resource for people tracking the history of boats under restoration and those tracing boats from the past.

Richard Gibson

Attachment 6: Newsletter Editor's Report 19-20

Over the last year we have produced four newsletters, the first in June focused on the AGM, the second issue in September included a roundup of state racing reports and our Personality Profile column. The third issue in December featured a great number of 'Restorations Around the Nation' stories. It's fabulous to see so many older boats given a makeover and back competing again. Finally, the March 2020 issue featured all the excitement, on and off the water, at the 61st National titles at Lake Cootharaba.

We would like to encourage Heron members who have an interesting idea, photos or an article to contact me on katedcarey@gmail.com.

The newsletters are an important historical record of the class and association. The newsletters record not only great stories from around the states but also document outcomes of the AGM and any other relevant general meetings and committee decisions throughout the year.

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and feel free to send feedback, either via the Heron forum or directly to me so we can continue to provide a newsletter that is enjoyable and informative for all.

Cheers

Kate Carey

10280 Little Miss Magic

National Heron Sailing Association Accounts 2019-20

Income	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-2020**
Subscriptions and Handbooks	7034.60	8196.50	6770.00	6743.00	5959.20	5799.88
Total Income	**7034.60**	**8196.50**	**6770.00**	**6743.00**	**5959.20**	**5799.88**
Current Expenditure						
Website	0.00	-129.25	-44.00	-93.50	-220.00	-99.00
Handbooks and plans	0.00	-463.43	0.00	-180.40	-440.03	-128.65
Insurance	-1419.00	-1419.00	-1419.00	-1229.20	-865.02	-880.00
Newsletter	-1353.04	-573.30	-188.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Teleconferencing		-67.85	-393.11	-655.48	-319.93	-872.39
Bank charges	-144.85	-128.23	-154.16	-142.18	-16.78	-16.68
Loss on sale of Batmobile					-250.00	
Transport of new Heron to Brisbane						-500.00
Promotion Expense				-1500.00	-1,500.00	-3059.17
Miscellaneous	-161.00	-87.00	-157.00	-275.00	0.00	-530.94
Total	**-3077.89**	**-2868.06**	**-2355.77**	**-4075.76**	**-3611.76**	**-6086.83**
Net Revenue	**3956.71**	**5328.44**	**4414.23**	**2667.24**	**2347.44**	**-286.95**
Assets						
Bank Deposits	26589.62	31918.06	36332.29	29499.53	31446.97	24560.02
Heron Batmobile				9500.00		
New Heron fully rigged					9900.00	14000.00
Double road trailer for new Heron						2500.00
Total Assets	**26589.62**	**31918.06**	**36332.29**	**38999.53**	**41346.97**	**41060.02**
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Total Liabilities	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**
Members' Equity						
Retained earnings	**22632.91**	**26589.62**	**31918.06**	36332.29	38999.53	41346.97
Net revenue	3956.71	5328.44	4414.23	2667.24	2347.44	-286.95
Total Equity	**26589.62**	**31918.06**	**36332.29**	**38999.53**	**41346.97**	**41060.02**