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Close racing on the Brisbane River at South Brisbane Sailing Club

62nd Nationals Postponed - Again

Hello and welcome to the November 2021 edition of the Heron Newsletter.

The National Management Committee has made decision to again postpone the 62nd National Championship regatta, which was scheduled to be held 8-15 January 2022 at Largs Bay Sailing Club, SA.

The new regatta dates will be 7-14 January 2023. The Committee consider that possible difficulties associated with cross boarder travel and regatta management in early 2022 warranted postponement until the situation with COVID-19 is clearer.

This will be a disappointment to many, but we hope that you can be patient and look forward to a cracker regatta at Largs Bay Sailing Club in 2023.

Our thanks go to the SA Organising Team, who have had to make preparations in uncertain conditions.

Message from the Registrar

The new sailing season is here and invoices have been sent out via the Revsport platform to everyone so it's time to pay your $40 annual fees. If you haven't already, just click on the "pay icon" on your invoice.

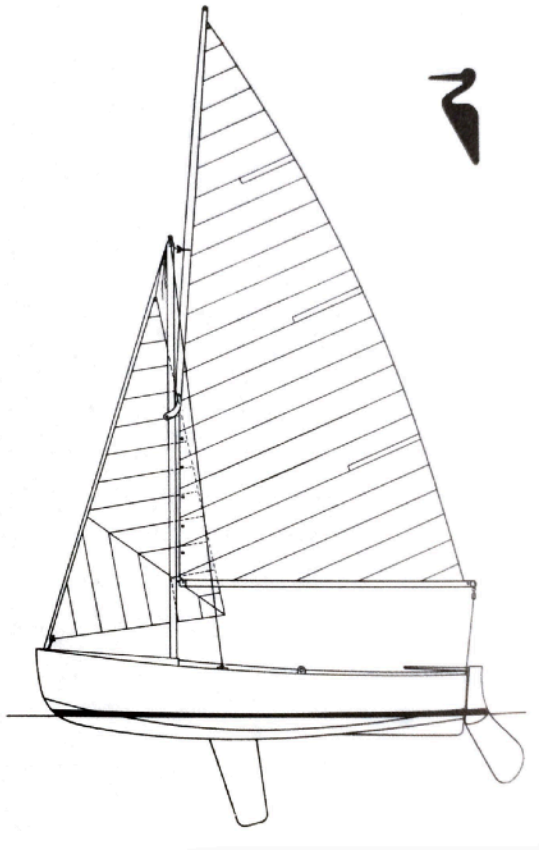
Members may log into the Revsport website to edit/update personal and boat details.

For new members in your club, please advise application for membership is also through our Revsport website.

The Revsport website is:

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/

If you are having difficulties or don't have your login details these can be requested from the Registrar registrar@heronsailing.com.au and I will try to help.



Jim Fairlie

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2023 Nationals

The 62nd Heron Nationals are re scheduled for 7 to 14 January 2023. For more information, contact saheron@heronsailing.com.au

Join in discussions and 62nd Nationals News on Facebook

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After COVID enforced "gap" years in 2021 and 2022 we are looking forward to welcoming a big fleet from all states to our fabulous shores for a great regatta.

So start planning your trip!

And send us a message if you need any help.

Correction to 2019 AGM Minutes:

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Motion - *That Life Membership of NHSAA be conferred on Gary Brunton*

This motion was put to the AGM following a nomination in November 2018 and passed unanimously at the AGM on 14th May 2019. The following is a correction to item 12 (Motions put to the AGM) from the AGM minutes. The details of the results of this motion were previously omitted in error from the minutes.

That Life Membership of NHSAA be conferred on Gary Brunton
Nominated by John Nobbs (Qld), John Veale (NSW), Paul Armstrong (NSW), Richard Gibson (SA), Steve Tyerman (SA).

Citation (John Nobbs): *Gary started sailing Herons with his son in 1980, and along with the sailing soon became very active on the administration side of things. He was most active from the late eighties through the nineties, culminating with the national presidency from 1997 to 2002.*
He functioned diligently as a measurer, and on the State and National committees, providing great support on the management committee even before he became President. Being National President can have its moments, dealing with fractious factions across the land, and Gary's fair and friendly manner ensured the calm running of the Association while he was at the helm.
Although actively sailing a Heron no longer, he still shows a keen interest in all things Heron, popping in to regattas like the recent Port Stephens Nationals, to see that things are continuing fine.
I encourage all members to support this motion as Gary has been a loyal and supportive class member over his long association with our beloved little boat. He has rendered notable contribution to the advancement of the Association.

Proposals to Amend the By-Laws of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia Inc (NHSAA)

The following proposals have been submitted to amend the by-laws of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia. These proposals will be considered in accord with the process outlined in paragraph 58 of the NHSAA constitution. The proposals will be formally distributed to Association members shortly.

After formal distribution, members will have 60 days in which to submit arguments for and against the proposals to the National Secretary, Wayne Spencer, at nationalsecretary@heronsailing.com.au

Discussion via the Heron Forum is also encouraged. A summary of the arguments received for and against the proposals will be provided by the National Secretary to each member after the completion of the 60 day period.

A ballot of members will be held not less than 5 months from the date of receipt of the proposals by the National Secretary.

Proposal 1: Centre Board lower forward corner curve radius.

Proposed resolution:

That sub-paragraph 22 (17) is added to paragraph 22 of the NHSAA by-laws Permitted Modifications for All Heron Yachts. Sub-paragraph 22(17) will read: The centreboard may be constructed with a lower forward corner curve radius that is not less than 30mm.

Proposed and seconded by:

Richard Gibson (Proposer) - SA 10187, Paul Ross Armstrong - NSW 10272, Justin Carey - QLD 10280, Paul Murray Armstrong - NSW 10286

Discussion:

The original Jack Holt Heron plans show a radius of 2 ½ inches for the curve at the forward lower corner of the centreboard. On metrification, a supplementary radius measurement of 64mm (equivalent to 2 ½ inches) for this curve was introduced to the plans. In August 1998, the Management Committee (in consultation with the Measurement Committee) voted to introduce a 30mm minimum radius for this curve. Reference to this vote can be found on page 4 of the September 1998 Heron Newsletter. This newsletter can be found at http://www.heronsailing.com.au/Newsletters/37-3_1998_Sept.pdf

After this decision, the 30mm minimum radius requirement was introduced to the measurement form (explanatory note D2.7). The 30mm minimum radius requirement was not added to the by-laws at the time.

The current motion is designed to add the 30mm minimum radius requirement to the by-laws. As it is a modification to the dimensions shown on the plan, I consider that the wording is best placed in paragraph 22 "Permitted Modifications To All Heron Yachts" rather than paragraph 13(1) "Centreboards". The motion seeks to clarify and confirm the status quo position, formalising the 30mm minimum diameter requirement for the lower forward centreboard corner that has been in place through the measurement form since 1998.

The numbering of the sub-paragraph associated with this motion depends on the success of other proposals submitted at this time. If the motion to introduce a new paragraph 22(16) is not successful, the new paragraph associated with this motion (if successful) will be 22(16).

If this motion is successful, I also propose that the 30mm lower forward corner radius minimum is moved from the explanatory notes to a check box in section D2 of the measurement form.

If this motion is not successful, the explanatory note at D2.7 on the measurement form should be removed. In addition, a measurement check to ensure a minimum lower forward centreboard corner curve radius of 64mm should be introduced in section D2 of the measurement form.

Proposal 2: Centreboard leading and trailing edge.

Proposed resolution:

That sub-paragraph 22 (16) is added to paragraph 22 of the NHSAA by-laws Permitted Modifications for All Heron Yachts. Sub-paragraph 22(16) will read: The centreboard may be constructed with a leading edge that lies between a straight line and the convex (outwards) curve shown on the plan and a trailing edge that lies between a straight line and the concave (inwards) curve shown on the plan.

Proposed and seconded by:

Richard Gibson (Proposer) - SA 10187, Paul Ross Armstrong - NSW 10272, Justin Carey - QLD 10280, Paul Murray Armstrong - NSW 10286

Discussion:

The leading and trailing edges of the centreboard shape shown on the original Jack Holt plans are curved. These curves were intended to allow the centreboard to fit inside the case when raised. The leading edge curve follows the rocker curve of the hull, while the trailing edge curve allows the centreboard to fit under the top of the centre case when in the raised position.

The measurement form requires the centreboard to be shaped to plan (D2.7). Centreboard dimensions were originally controlled by two measurements – depth when down (D2.5) and width at the keel (D2.3). After observations and discussion at the 1997/98 Nationals, a further measurement was introduced to control centreboard width at 500mm below the keel (D2.4). In addition, a minimum lower forward corner radius of 30mm was introduced via the measurement form (explanatory note for measurement 2.7), overruling the 64mm radius shown on the plan (n.b. this change was not incorporated into the by-laws. A separate proposal is being made at this time concerning the lower forward centreboard corner curve radius). It was recognised at the time that there was variation in the shapes of centreboards used in the fleet, including the extent to which the edges were curved. Consideration was given to the introduction of a template to control the centreboard profile. This option, however, was rejected as it was not considered practical to implement. In the end, no action was taken at the time to control leading and trailing edge curvature and use of centreboards with edge curves not strictly to plan continued.

Discussion of these matters can be found on pages 8 and 15 of the March 1998 newsletter http://www.heronsailing.com.au/Newsletters/37-1_1998_March.pdf. A note on the introduction of measurement D2.4 can be found on page 4 of the September 1998 newsletter (this note omits the 500mm depth reference but states the 285mm maximum centreboard width measurement now permitted at this depth). The September 1998 newsletter can be found at http://www.heronsailing.com.au/Newsletters/37-3_1998_Sept.pdf

Measurement D2.7 requires the centreboard to be to plan, apart from the lower forward corner radius variation. Technically, D2.7 requires strict adherence to the centreboard shape shown on the plan, including the curve of the leading and trailing edges. In practice, Herons compete today with leading and trailing edge curvature that varies from the plan, as they did in 1997/98. This motion introduces a permitted modification to allow the leading and trailing edges of the centreboard to lie between a straight line and the curves shown on the original plans. In my opinion, the motion essentially permits the status quo.

As this motion proposes a modification to the dimensions shown on the plan, I consider that the wording is best placed in paragraph 22 Permitted Modifications To All Heron Yachts rather than paragraph 13 (1) Centreboards.

If this motion is successful, I consider that the following sentences should be added to explanatory note D2.7 on the back of the measurement form: **The leading edge of the centreboard may lie between a straight line and the convex (outwards) curve shown on the plan. The trailing edge of the centreboard may lie between a straight line and the concave (inwards) curve shown on the plan.**

If this motion is not successful, I consider that check measurements should be introduced for centreboard edge curvature. Non-compliant centreboards will then need to be altered to allow them to meet the "made to plan" requirement.

Proposal 3: Centre-board Rotation.

Proposed Resolution:

That NHSAA By-law 13.(1) be amended by adding the text shown underlined as follows -

CENTRE-BOARD

13(1) The centre-board profile shall be shaped to plan but may be faired to an aerofoil section. In order to ensure correct position, the bolt hole must be placed in the position shown on the plan. The method of keeping the centre-board in the "down" position is optional. Permitted construction materials are wood, plywood, fibreglass and foam. The centre-board shall not be ballasted. Overall thickness shall not exceed 18mm. The centreboard shall not be capable of being rotated beyond a position where the angle between the keel forward of the centreboard and the leading edge is less than 90 degrees.

Proposed and seconded by:

Richard Gibson (Proposer) - SA 10187, Paul Ross Armstrong - NSW 10272, Justin Carey - QLD 10280, Paul Murray Armstrong - NSW 10286

Discussion:

Paragraph D2.1 was introduced to the measurement form to control the forward rotation of the centreboard in the 1990s. An amendment of the by-laws to reflect this requirement was never carried out. Insertion of the suggested wording into paragraph 13(1) of the by-laws aligns the by-law and measurement form requirements. This motion confirms the status quo.

Queensland News

Home to a strong fleet of Herons, South Brisbane Sailing club been awarded 2021 Australian Sailing Queensland Club of the Year.

As we all experience the ebb and flow of club numbers and resilience, we thought it would be interesting for other clubs to learn about a successful club formula that SBSC have managed to achieve in trying times.

In making the award, Australian Sailing presented the following citation about why South Brisbane Sailing Club was chosen for the award:

South Brisbane SC has seen a near tripling of their membership and they are still growing. The club is alive and buzzing with racing, training, and volunteering and has a fantastic 'all of family, all of club, all of community' feel. They provide boats for new participants to use and boats for seasonal charter at low rates to help people with limited finances to join in the fun.

There is now oversubscribed activity on multiple days of the week including after school weekday training. SBSC discuss inclusiveness with a critical eye as an agenda item at regular committee meetings. They work on encouraging every member of the family to participate in some way. They provide a welcoming environment to anyone interested in enjoying time at the club.

The last 12 months have been the culmination of a great deal of planning, thought and effort. Their membership was small and shrinking, and they recognised as a management team that they needed to react or risk troubled times. They decided that all aspects of the club needed to be analysed leaving no stone unturned. They needed new members and that was to be achieved by redefining the way the club was managed and what it offered as a sailing venue for current, and new participants. Too much was falling to too few.

All members of SBSC are now effectively volunteers, and everyone is allocated a task. The theme was that everyone in the club had a role to fulfil and something to contribute no matter how small. Volunteers that go above and beyond are regularly acknowledged and celebrated and there are opportunities to up-skill and train volunteers provided, often free of cost to the volunteer.

The hardworking dream team at SBSC Back row, L to R: Robert Preston, Simone Dougherty, Steve Fletcher, Robert Graham. Front row: Kate Clifford, Mary-Ann Pattison, Bryan Clark, Kristen Wadley, Chelsea Clifford

With all the changes and refinements, the public offering was undoubtedly new, fresh, well supported and run with skill.

If you would like to contact SBSC about how some of their successful systems are contributing to club success you can contact them through the website. sbsc.org.au

New South Wales News

News from NSW – we are on the verge of something great!

It is with nervous enthusiasm that I have taken over from Paul Armstrong (South) at the helm of the newly incorporated NSW Heron Sailing Association (a big thank you to Paul for all his efforts).

Paul assured me that it would take up hardly any of my time and with the blessing of my long suffering sailing widow of a wife I agreed to take on the role. As it transpires Paul told an absolute porky pie! Only a few months in I am already zoomed out - its akin to running a small Island Nation! So you might have expected me to hand in my resignation immediately and run for the hills. No, no, quite the opposite is true. This peep into the inner workings of the NSW and National Associations as given me a proper understanding of the amazing care, energy and enthusiasm that goes into running and growing our amazing class in all corners of Australia.

Numerous people in our fleet in NSW and around Australia are putting in long hours to ensure that our class is healthy, growing and we have a fun packed season of competitive racing. On behalf of all the Heron sailors I extend a big thank you to all of you!

We held our first 'official' AGM in September and are very pleased to welcome Peter Connor (Port Hacking), and Chris Denman (Chipping Norton) to the committee. Chris is keen to grow the fleet at Chipping Norton and we will work hard to ensure that the Chipping Norton Interclub, originally scheduled for October, takes place later in the year with strong attendance. Peter has been educating us all about single handed heron sailing and the potential it offers for growing our fleet. Keep your eyes out for single handed sailing tips and put the Heron Single Handed World Championships in your diary now!

We have also welcomed representatives of all the Heron fleets around NSW to join our committee meetings, share ideas and assist with communicating back to their fleets. A big thank you to all of you who have attended, your involvement has enhanced the committee greatly. I think we will find that the increased information flow is a great benefit.

Other things that your NSW Committee are currently working on include:

- The possibility of purchasing a large 6/8 boat trailer to increase participation at hard to reach regattas.
- The logistics involved in getting as many NSW Herons as possible to the SA Nationals in January 2023.
- Establishing a NSW Junior Committee to ensure that the voices of the young are heard loud and clear and the numbers of Jr/Jr crews continues to grow.
- Enhancing communications between the NSW Clubs to help promote and grow the fleet in NSW and beyond.

We would welcome any ideas members have for the growth of our class. Also if you have a message, picture or video that you want posted on the NSW Association Face Book page then send it through - president@nsw.heronsailing.com.au.

I am not going to mention the C Word. Let's look to the future. The 2021/22 season is shaping up to be a cracker! The calendar is set out below. I encourage you all to put the ACT Dinghy Championships (13/14 November) and the NSW State Titles (27/28 November) in your diaries now.

Last year we had 37 boats at the NSW States. With all of your help we can break 40 this year. Saratoga is in easy reach for all the Sydney based crews so there is no need to book accommodation if you don't want to. It's a cracking location for the regatta and there will be good racing in all parts of the fleet. If you are a club racer who has not taken part in a regatta before, please come and join us, there is racing at all levels with the focus on fun for all. Come join us, you will not regret it!

See you on the water!

Chris Sacré (9637 Phar Lap)

New South Wales Calendar

NSW 2021/22 Calendar

Oct 16/17 – Virtual Interclub 1 – 'at-your-club' – simply send your club racing sign on/results sheet to rohan@mcsails.com.au and I will count all Herons sailing that weekend towards their club interclub score. Photos posted to the NSW Heron Facebook page of each boat competing on the day will get a bonus point!

Oct 30 – Interclub 2 - Concord-Ryde SC – Anniversary Marathon

Nov 13/14 – ACT Dinghy Titles – YMCA Canberra

Nov 27/28 – NSW Heron State Titles – Saratoga

Feb 26/27 – Heron Interclub 3/Camping weekend – Venue TBC

Mar 12/13 – Heron Singlehanded Titles – Port Hacking

Mar 26/27 – Heron NSW Junior States Titles – Narrabeen

April 23/24 – Coffs Harbour Sprint Regatta

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Narrabeen News

The Narrabeen Scene – seeing the light

It's late September and the Heron fleet at Narrabeen are itching to hit the water. There is only so much tinkering that can be done! As lockdown passes 100 days the light at the end of the tunnel is shining so bright that online purchases of sunglasses (and all other sailing equipment) have hit all time highs!

For the second winter running the Narrabeen fleet have been sharpening their skills every Sunday evening on Virtual Regatta. We have loved the online competition, racing Lasers, J70s, Nacra 17s and even AC75 in venues all over the world. The racing has been tight, collisions plentiful and VMG button over used. The internet really is a wonderful thing, who would have thought that a Heron sailor and a windsurfer could do battle in a Laser in San Diego without spilling their wine? Steve Walsh, Aymeric Cabuil and Akito Koike have shown consistent online pace all season and after 23 races there was only seven points between them with Steve edging out Aymeric in the final race.

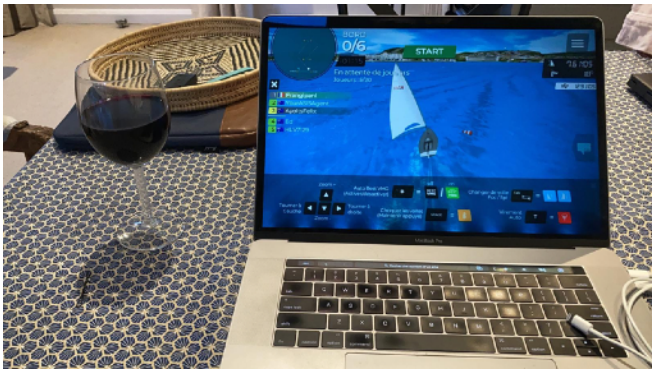
This winter has also seen the growth of our fleet. We welcome Chris and Will Mottram to the fleet (9984, Name TBA). Chris is an ex NS14 sailor and Will graduated from our learn to sail program last year. They will be formidable on the race track. We also welcome Nick and Tristan Davies who have purchased 9957 Appauled from Paul Armstrong (North). Nick and Tristan sailed our club boat Imlay last season competing well in a boat that weighs close to 90kg. They will be fast this year for sure.

We can't wait to get on the water and look forward to welcoming another massive fleet of Jrs to the Junior States in March.

See you on the water!

Team Narrabeen

Chris and Will Mottram with 9984



Virtual Regatta

AC19

	A	B	C	E	Y	Z	AA	AB
1	Rankin	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Total points	Race 20	Race 21	Race 22	Race 23
2	1	perpetual motion	Steve Walsh	61	4	1	1	1
3	2	Frangipani	Aymeric Cabuil	63	1	3	3	3
4	3	Akito	Akito Koike	68	3	5	4	5
5	4	Foghorn Leghorn	Ian McGregor	90	7	10	8	2
6	5	aLeXI	Alex Yates	99	19	6	5	6
7	6	YourASISAgent	Ethan Feng	109	8	4	7	8
8	7	Ed	Ed Yates	112	19	8	10	4
9	8	AyoItsFelix	Felix Feng	120	6	7	6	10
10	9	Phar Lap	Chris Sacre	129	5	2	2	12
11	10	HLV7129	John Veale	214	2	9	11	7
12	11	LaserIK	David Loomes	231	9	11	9	9
13	12	Eclair819	Claire Cabuil	248	19	19	12	11
14	13	Pizza32	Archie Sacre	260	19	19	19	19
15	14	Seayamate	Sam Huxley	289	19	19	19	19
16	15	Pacman1519	Alec Huxley	307	19	19	19	19
17	16	minecraft_nerd	Jack Voorderhake	310	19	19	19	19
18	17	Fred009	Fred Voorderhake	333	19	19	19	19
19	18	Rapscallion33150	Unidentified	341	19	19	19	19
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