



Sabre Sailing Association of South Australia

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Annual General Meeting

With no sailing and the Power and the Crows not playing in Adelaide what does a Sabre Sailor do on a Sunday? Why not attend the South Australia Sabre Sailing Association Inc Annual General Meeting on the upper deck of the Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club on Sunday 30th May 2010 commencing with lunch at 12.30pm followed by the AGM and presentation of the State Championship trophies.

This year will be a little different from the past few years where the Association has provided lunch free to all those members and partners who attended the Annual General Meeting. Reluctantly, due to increasing costs, the Association this year has decided that it will no longer provide free lunch but will subsidize the lunch. In this respect each person will be asked to pay \$10 towards the roast lunch. Limited drinks will still be supplied by the Sabre Association.

The Committee hopes to see as many people as possible attending to support the Committee and State Championship trophy winners.

For catering purposed please advise the Secretary if you will be attending. (0419120845 or on the e-mail address at the bottom of the page)

Change to Membership Application Form

The Membership Form has been updated and now has provision for direct debit for those wishing to use that form of payment. Please supply the date payment is made in the place provided. Provision for entering the State Championships has also been incorporated into the form for those wishing to enter at the same time.

What's in a Name

Not to sure if Sabre Sailors can't write properly on nomination forms or some people can't read or type properly but during the year these are some of the boat names that have appeared on result sheets picked up by the Sabre Association from various clubs.

The correct boat names are in brackets:-

(Get Real) Get Rear, (Almucantar) Almucantat, (Funky Fossil) Funk Fossil, (Harassment) Harriscent, (Bookalookaloo) Bookaldokaldo and the best one of all (Day out with Dad) Dads big day out.

33rd National Championships update

The Committee has been working towards the National Championships to be held at Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club over the Christmas New Year period 2009/10. The program has been finalized and will take a different format to previous Championships in that most days have two races back to back. The courses will be slightly shorter to accommodate the two races. In the past we have run an Invitation race and a seven heat series but this championship will be have an Invitation race and nine heats.

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are currently being prepared for approval by YSA and Sponsors are being sought.

The program is:- 27 December 2010 Measuring / Registration,
28 December 2010 Measuring / Registration and Invitation Race,
29, 30, 31 December 2010 and 2nd January 2011 two short course races
3rd January 2011 one long course race and Presentation night.

He bought a boat and

He just bought a new boat and decided to take her for the maiden voyage.

This was his first boat and he wasn't quite sure of the exact Standard Operating Procedures for launching it off a ramp, but he figured it couldn't be too hard.

He consulted his local boat dealer for advice, but they just said "don't let the trailer get too deep when you are trying to launch the boat".

Well, he didn't know what they meant by that but he could barely get the trailer in the water at all!

Anyhow, here's a picture below.



Proposed Rule Changes

The Committee has supported two proposals from members to Change the Rules of the Association and these proposals will shortly be forwarded to the National Association for consideration at a Special General Meeting.

No 1. Recently a number of new FRP boats have passed measurement for “A” class but have been built, at the request of the owners, so that they meet the minimum weight without the need to add ballast to the transom stern post. The first proposal being put forward is to change rule 2.10(b) to read “If necessary to bring weight of boat to its minimum tolerance, extra ballast must be positioned on transom stern post section *or under the thwart adjacent to the centre board case and be visible by inspection.* The weight of the extra ballast must be within the tolerance specified.

No 2. At present there is no rule to define the material used in a mast plug but by inference the rules indicate aluminium or timber as the preferred materials and with new technology (such as plastic mast plugs now available) it is felt that the rules need clarifying. It is proposed that a new Rule be introduced by amending Rule 6.1d (currently not used) by adding “*Base and mast head plugs may be constructed of any material provided they meet the requirement of rule 6.1e.*”. The Measurement form would then be amended by deleting Measurement No 101(a): *Base and masthead plugs - timber, aluminium*

Members will be kept informed of the out come of these proposals.

State Championship Results for 2009-10

Trophy winners

Open

1 st	1698	Get Real	John Gratton,
2 nd	1571	Therapy	Kylie Baker,
3 rd	1817	Escape Route	Greg Warner

Handicap

1 st	1632	Zen	Graham Small,
2 nd	1618	Pickle	Rob Gale,
3 rd	1775	Genie	Colin White

Divisions

Ladies

1 st	1649	Go Boat	Rebecca Gratton,
2 nd	1773	Still Miss B Haven	Laura Averay,
3 rd	1047	Patricia	Lesley Roberts

Senior

1241 Bookalookaloo Leigh Richardson

Master

1627 Almucantar Sean Hackett

Grand Master

1737 Day out with Dad Francis Watson

Veteran

1653 Eye of the Tiger Dean Francis

Grand Veteran

1709 Kinetix Frank Hackett

Teams

Pink Panthers

Lesley Roberts, Kylie Baker, Rebecca Gratton and Laura Averay

Sabre Sailing Association of SA Inc

Nominations are called for the following positions on the committee of the Sabre Sailing Association of SA Inc to be elected at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 30 May 2010 at the Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club commencing with lunch at 12.30pm.

Please DO NOT nominate persons unless they are willing to stand for the respective position.

President

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Vice President

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Secretary.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Treasurer.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

YSA Delegate.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Publicity Officer.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Measurer.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Auditor.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Committee Member.....

Nominated by.....**Seconded**.....

Nominations should be forwarded to The Secretary, South Australia Sabre Sailing Association, 7 Glencoe Road, Reynella East 5161 no later than Friday 21st May 2009

Victor Harbor Annual Rum Race

The 2010 Rum Race was held on 2nd May under ideal conditions. A total of 66 boats entered in different yardstick divisions.

John Gratton, Peter Howell and Dean Francis, all from Adelaide made the trip to Victor to bolster the local Sabre fleet for this exciting race. The course is a long race, consisting of a start in the bay near the Yacht Club and from there out to sea and through a gate located about 200 metres off Granite Island. After passing through the gate the next mark is quite a distance away, down off The Bluff. After rounding this mark you sail back to the gate off Granite Island then to a mark off Hayborough and from there to the finish off the Club.

The thrilling part is when coming out of the lee of Granite Island you encounter big Southern Ocean swells, rolling in unchecked all the way from Antarctica. It is quite an experience sailing in these swells and hearing the "boom" as the waves break on the outer islands. Completely different from the short sharp chop conditions we normally have in the Gulf and Bay sailing.

A clean start saw John Gratton and Dean Francis crossing tacks on the beat all the way out to the gate with Dean going through narrowly in front of John. Peter Howell was the next Sabre through. About half way down to The Bluff Dean still had the narrowest margin of a lead over John and at this stage they were still in front of Lasers and other classes who had to give them time on yardstick.

The breeze then swung from being hard on to more of a tight reach - the conditions that John excels in – and he went around The Bluff mark narrowly in front of Dean. Peter was still holding 3rd place amongst the Sabres.

John maintained his lead, surfing the big swells all the way back to the gate.

After passing through the gate it was a dead run to the mark off Hayborough and somehow Dean managed to sneak through underneath John to get back a narrow lead which he then held on the beat back to the finish. Peter was the 3rd Sabre to finish.

The race covered a period of approx. 1 and a half hours and the margin between John and Dean was never more than 15 seconds at any time of the race.

It was a good result for the sabre class, with Dean and John finishing 1st and 2nd respectively in the yardstick division and each taking home a bottle of rum.

Thanks go to the Victor Harbor Sabre fleet for inviting all Sabre skippers to compete and hopefully next year we may get more to sail in this unique race.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please forward to:-

The Treasurer, Sabre Sailing Assoc of SA Inc, 243 O'Sullivan Beach Rd, Morphett Vale, SA 5162

PERSONAL DATA

Please print

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SUBURB: POST CODE

TELEPHONE No:Home.....Work.....Mobile.....

DATE of BIRTH:...../...../.....E-MAIL:.....

SAILING CLUB:.....

BOAT DETAILS

BOAT/SAIL No: BOAT NAME

CURRENT MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE: YES / NO

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Circle appropriate Division. Age as at 1st May Season runs from 1 May to 30th April

Junior	Senior	Master	Grand Master	Veteran	Grand Veteran
Under 18	18 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70+

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY

I wish to enter the above boat in the State Championships and enclose the entry fee of \$20.
I understand that details of the State Championships will be distributed at a later date.

Note: A late entry fee of \$10 will apply to persons entering less than 4 days prior to the first heat.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Junior Membership (\$20) \$.....
Other Membership (\$30) \$.....
State Championships (\$20) \$.....
Total payment \$.....

Direct Payment Details:

C/with Bank – Sabre Sailing Assoc of SA Inc
BSB 065-128
Account No 00900895

NB. Please insert date paid

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Signature

Date