



Sabre Sailing Association of South Australia

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Message from the President

The season is nearly halfway through and unlike this time last year, I'm happy to say we have completed all races thus far in our State Championships and have already constituted a series. With three heats left to sail at Brighton & Seacliff in February, the series remains hard fought with many boats only points apart. Craig McPhee has shown great form and good boat speed and is currently leading the Championships.

The 34th Australian Championships will be held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron between 28th Dec 2011 & 3rd Jan 2012. At the time of writing this article there are 122 entries which include numerous past National Champions so the series is going to be tough but sailing in such a large fleet is going to be a fantastic experience for all involved. We have a great team heading over the border to represent SA this year including; Dean Francis, John Gratton, Bob Wright, Chris Juttner, Graeme McLeay, Peter Leader, Greg Warner, Craig McPhee, Rob Gale, Mark Soulsby and myself (I hope I have not missed anyone and if you are still contemplating entering...C'MOM, GO FOR IT!! It's not too late!). The Victorian Association and Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron have lots of social events organized and the surroundings of the Mornington Peninsula are just beautiful so I'm sure looking forward to the regatta and expect to have a few beers with friends made over my many years of Sabre sailing.

Good Luck and safe travels to all our members heading to Victoria. The Committee wishes you 'good winds and great sailing' and let's hope we get to bring home some silverware.

On behalf of the SA Sabre Sailing Association Committee I'd like to extend our best wishes to you all and your families over the festive season. Stay Safe, GET WET and be Merry.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Laura Baker

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1st State Heat: A hot 33 deg. day with 7-8 knots of breeze from the NW was forecast for the Port River and there was a good number of some 33 entries for the State Heat as well as the local PRSC fleet. The 1400 hrs start was delayed while a rather large ship exited the river and the fleet finally got away about around 45 minutes late. Laura Baker got the early break to be first around the windward mark followed by a pack of boats and a lot of shouting, however Craig McPhee sailed through on the next downwind leg to lead at the southern mark and from then it was all over and he went on to win from Laura with Mark Soulsby third. In the latter stages of the race the northerly breeze died to a faint zephyr and some two thirds of the fleet were ruled out for not finishing within the time limit.

1. Craig McPhee
2. Laura Baker
3. Mark Soulsby
4. Dean Francis
5. Greg Warner

2nd State Heat: The second and third State Heats were sailed as back to back races at Somerton YC, with a light 5-10 knot SW seabreeze forecast for metro waters. A good fleet of some 30+ Sabres rigged up on the beach with a number of skippers taking some passing interest in the shore break coming ...as it turned out several had a bit of trouble launching their boats, with Graham Small's Zen coming off second best after tangling with John Inns. (Perhaps we need some training by the Victor Harbor guys!!) With plenty of boats OCS at the start there was a general recall and for the restart the Black Flag ominously went up as the Race Committee got serious. The fleet got away OK but as it turned out five boats were black flagged and they were in for some bad news when they returned to the club after the days racing. John Gratton led narrowly at the first mark from daughter Bek and these two ended up having a good tussle around the course. In the light conditions the race was shortened to finish at the end of the square run with John just getting the gun ahead of Bek followed by Mark Soulsby, Laura Baker and Craig McPhee in fifth spot. However Bek and Mark had been black flagged and the first five finishing boats were recorded as:

1. John Gratton
2. Laura Baker
3. Craig McPhee
4. Dean Francis
5. Greg Warner

3rd State Heat: The seabreeze had filled in nicely for the second race of the afternoon. No problems this time and the fleet got away cleanly with Craig McPhee, working the right hand side of the course, squeaking around the first mark just ahead of Mark Soulsby, Greg Warne, John Gratton and Peter Leader and held that lead for the rest of the race. All in all a good days sailing at a club that many of the Sabre skippers in the fleet would not have previously sailed at. The SYC did an excellent job of running the two heats, with the added bonus of a barbecue sausages/lasagna and tractor towing being provided by the club.

1. Craig McPhee
2. John Gratton
3. Mark Soulsby
4. Greg Warner
5. Laura Baker

4th State Heat: Held at ASC, but with a good sailing breeze of 15-20 knots from the SW forecast and with 20-25 knots expected north of Grange some skippers were a bit dubious of what might lie ahead! Subsequently, of the 29 boats that nominated only 20 completed the course, with plenty of DNS's and DNF's in the fleet. At the start the breeze was hovering around 20-22 K however after a short delay the PRO got racing underway and Jackson Digney starting at the Committee boat end sailed well to lead at the first mark from Craig McPhee, Mark Soulsby, Peter Muirhead and Chris Juttner. However Craig grabbed the race lead at the end of the first triangle and won the heat. A tough race that got a bit easier when the breeze dropped a few knots in the latter stages of the race.

1. Craig McPhee
2. Jackson Digney
3. Mark Soulsby
4. John Gratton
5. Laura Baker

5th State Heat: The fifth and sixth State heats were sailed at ASC in the afternoon and again there was a good fleet of Sabres in attendance. Same forecast as for the previous day however the breezes ended up lighter than expected with 10-15 knot SE winds for both races. A general recall for the first heat start saw the black flag go up. John Gratton had a Seniors moment and started on the one minute gun so was disqualified. Rob Gratton, in only his second sail for the season, worked the shifts well to have a handy lead at the first mark. As the race progressed he looked in grave danger of getting a rather unexpected win however Craig McPhee eventually got through late in the race to take out another win in the series, with Rob getting a good second not that far behind. Laura Baker and Greg Warner continued their consistent form once again.

1. Craig McPhee
2. Rob Gratton
3. Rob Gale
4. Laura Baker
5. Greg Warner

6th State Heat: No black flag for this race as the fleet got away OK at the first start. On the first work the fleet split fairly evenly to each side of the course however those boats that went left got the break at the first mark rounding. Craig McPhee and Mark Soulsby had a good contest around the course with Craig prevailing to yet again to get another race win (five out of six). Greg Warner did well again to get third over the line.

1. Craig McPhee
2. Mark Soulsby
3. Greg Warner
4. John Gratton
5. Jackson Digney

Progressive results (worst heat dropped)

Open

1832 Basic Nightmare	C Mc Phee	5pts
1856 Therapeutic	M Soulsby	17pts
1773 Still Miss B Haven	L Baker	18pts
1817 Escape Route	G Warner	22pts
1653 Eye of the Tiger	D Francis	31pts

Handicap

1635 Grey Nomad	J Cobb	21pts
1832 Basic Nightmare	C McPhee	24pts
1181 Koluna	P Richardson	45pts
1736 Spiky Jane	C Juttner	55pts

Boats for sale

1047 Patricia \$1700 \$1700 Ply, A Class 2 C/bds, 2 Masts, 2 Rudders 4 Sails Road Trailer Good Racer (4 th SA States 2011) Contact Lesley Roberts 8356 6159	1482 Sabre Tooth Ply A Class (to be confirmed) Hardly sailed and kept undercover on trailer Contact Denise Wangel 8338 1123 wangel@internode.on.net	1757 League of Shadows \$6800 (no offers) Ply, A Class 1 C/bd, 2 Rudders, 2 sails Dolly on Road trailer. Contact Kylie Murcutt 8339 4466 (w) 0402174053 (m)
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Have you been chased by the Paparazzi?

Over the last couple years I have taken a few Sabre pictures and at present I'm trying a new platform that will allow the purchase and download of digital files. Please note : ONLY DIGITAL DOWNLOADS AVAILABLE – NO PRINTS. I have put up one album and will put more up over time. Whereas you could only order prints previously thru the www.paparazzi.com.au website I have had many emails asking to purchase the digital file so as people can either make screen savers or print as they see fit. Can you please circulate this to members who may be looking for something special for Xmas ?

Thanks,

Greg Pratt

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please forward application form 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/wth Bank – Sabre Sailing
Assoc of SA Inc
BSB 065-128
Account No 00900895

NB. Please provide

Reference Detail.....

Date paid/...../20.....

Signature

Date