

SPRAY TALK

PERTH DINGHY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

COMMODORE'S COMMENT

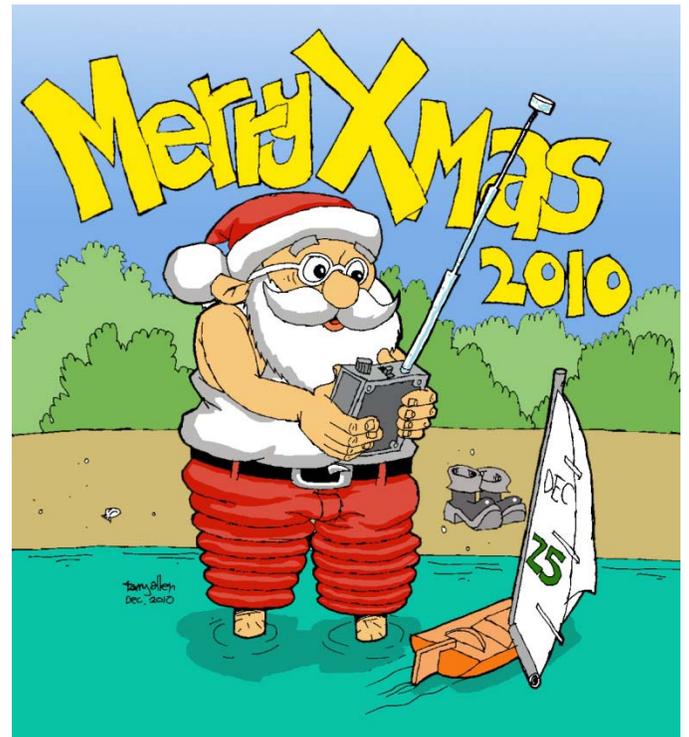
Members,

Our 108th opening day has come and gone. It was an enjoyable day and was fantastic to see so many current and past members come down to help celebrate the day. Thanks to all who contributed to the afternoon tea and celebrations. It was also great to have a pleasant breeze come in for the sailors

I would like to thank all the members who came down to the Club to help with our annual busy bee the week before our opening. Most of the identified jobs were completed on the day thanks to the good turnout of both recent and long standing members.

As the final event for Celebrate WA Week, Yachting WA and PDSC organised a regatta on Sunday, 24th October in Matilda Bay. The WA Sail Classic regatta was open to 13 class associations, with up to 60 boats competing for the unique trophies. A fantastic display of sailing was provided by International 14s, Flying Ants, O'pen Bics, Javelins, Cherubs, Jay Dees, Sabres, Signets, Herons, Mudlarks, 49ers and several other classes. The wind was strong and provided an excellent spectacle of the large number of skiff type classes flying across Matilda Bay under spinnaker. The regatta was supporting a colourful display of entertainment provided for the public along the foreshore adjacent to PDSC and UWA.

Go Sailing Day' was held on Sunday 7th November and once again there was good representation from many



classes. Thanks to all who helped out by speaking with visitors and to all the skippers who took people out for a sail. The Friday night speed trial scheduled for the 19 November received quiet a bit of attention, but the lack of wind only saw a couple of boats leave the beach to try their luck. Eight knots was the quickest speed measured, and I'm sure this was helped by the tide. Thanks to David Lugg for organising the water Police.

I have received positive feedback regarding the season's first catered meal night held in 20 November in conjunction with the 2nd Club Heat. The Flag Officers have decided to run another catered meal following the Christmas celebrations planned for children. The Club

Christmas Tree and Presentation of State Shirts will be held on Saturday 18 December and I encourage everyone to join in. The annual Christmas Charity Box is in place in the hall near the canteen and I ask you all to think of those less fortunate than ourselves and donate some non-perishable food. Your donations go to the St Vincent de Paul Society and they are always thankful for our help.

The Club is not hosting any Championship event over the Christmas – New Year period, which will allow our members and volunteers to actually have a break this season. I would like to wish all sailors travelling to and competing in National Championships have a safe trip, fair winds and great sailing.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Sailing commences again on the 15 January with a handicap start.

Drew Farrar
Commodore

CHERUB CHATTER

The Cherubs only have one more weekend of sailing before the container is being packed for the Australian National Championships to be held at Largs Bay Sailing Club in Adelaide.

Back in Black, Fine Mess, Serenity Now and Ben Laurie's newest Mathews hull will be making the trip over to South Australia.

The first two State Heats were held at Koombana Bay Sailing Club in Bunbury. The winds both days were off-shore and very shifty, ranging from 5-15 knots with nine boats competing.

Heat 1 was won by Cunning Linguist, sailed by Cam Rule and Cain McVee, followed by Serenity Now sailed by Steve and Blake Vance, and in 3rd Dumfounded Dipshidts sailed by Luke Coppins and Chris Jahn. The course was quite long with the lead swapping a few times until Cunning Linguist managed to lay a wing mark over the front two boats and held the lead from there.

Heat 2 was won by Fine Mess sailed by Brennan Stead and Josh Leslie, 2nd was Cunning Linguist and 3rd Dumfounded Dipshidts. Only 15 seconds separated the top 3 finishers in a downwind finish frenzy.

Best of luck to all classes sailing in a National Championships and the Cherub's wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Blake Vance.

HERON HAPPENINGS

Not a great deal to report on Heron activity with numbers still down. The try sailing day has not produced any new Heroners even though we had a couple of fairly likely starters. Last week a lady was very interested in buying a Heron to sail with her family hopefully this will come to something.

We held a state heat on the 20 November and apart from the dinghy club fleet it was great to see Paul and Miles from the Shelley Sailing Club. The heat was won by Paul Green with David Horn second.

We have also just had a state heat at Shelley Sailing Club with a good fleet of nine Herons competing. Also sailing at Shelley was Peter Sticklands Heron which has been bought by a Shelley club member.

Last Saturday the 27 November was the "Margaret Depiazzi Memorial Trophy" in memory of a wonderful friend, wife, mother and nana. It was great to catch up with Tom and Eileen Depiazzi who made the trip from Australind for the presentation of trophies.

Anthony took out first & fastest with a first time crew Sienna Zugard.

I mentioned last newsletter that the Stickland family will soon be off home to Melbourne and last week our young sailors had a sausage sizzle to farewell Dirk Stickland. At presentations Virginia and Rebecca both gave an excellent farewell speech and presented Dirk with a framed photograph of all the "JD" sailors.

Remember the Christmas tree on the 18th. December and don't forget to book for Bunbury regatta in March we need more Herons in the regatta fleet.

That's all for this month,

Iain Kane

INTERNATIONAL 14's

The 14's have had a fantastic start to the 2010/11 season, averaging 14-15 boats each week.

So far Brad has handed down a few lessons in how to sail a 14 by spanking everyone in anything over 12 knots. He hasn't had it all his own way and the lighter crews have been able to keep up and occasionally pass him when the wind is a bit lighter.

The young Vance boys, Phil and Andrew have been sailing very well once the wind goes light and are steadily improving in the heavier winds. Dave Von Felton sailing with Little Blower has been very fast in what's now an old boat, and are punching way above their weight division. Ian and Drew are enjoying their new boat and are getting some excellent results.

Current State Champions (Stuart and Mr. Love) are consistently second but with the world's most expensive 14 rig on the way things are sure to go up a notch. Dave Lugg and Goose have shown good performances along with Cammy one wire and new crew Drew Malcom, but with a broken mast on the weekend they have a lot of work to do to make it in the container on time. Luke Devine has been on the pace when he gets the chance to get out and is looking forward to crewing for Ben Austin in the Adelaide nationals.

WA will be sending nine boats to the Nationals and there's a good chance that Footy and Brad will win their 4th title. This is the best sailing I've seen from them and I'm sure there will some good results in Adelaide.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Cammy One Wire

SABRE SCENE

The Sailing has been interesting with strong winds one day and nearly calm the next. Racing has been tight with a number of boats getting fastest times. Ian James has been a welcome addition near the front of the pack most days. Louis (the fly) Suriano from EFYC has made a few guest appearances and has been on the pace. Rob Depiazzi seems to be working out his boat. Bill Gillham and Ray Martin still continue to sail consistency as well as Chris Blackburn. Peter Wheatland is also hanging in and Terry Allen can't sail for a while, due to an injured foot.

Ian James and Bill Gilham will be flying the flag at the Nationals in South Australia held at Brighton Beach. We wish them the best of luck and tell them to do "WA Proud". Brian (Mr President) and Jenny Jones (Secretary) will be flying over towards the end of the championship and will be attending the AGM of the National Sabre Association to report on Sabres in WA and gain knowledge on how Sabre Nationals are run.

Go Sailing Day was successful with a lot of interested sailors attending. Brian and Jenny held the fort for the Sabre class, managed enquiries and setup a static display and Dennis Thompson sailed his Sabre to show interested sailors. Follow ups are now underway to see if we can convert the interest into new members.



The growing Sabre fleet

The hamper raffle was a huge success, thank you to all Sabre Members who contributed to the hamper and sold raffle tickets. Monies raised are for the coming Nationals in Perth in 2014/2015. We also like to thank Vicki and Jenny for organising the hampers and raffle tickets. Remember the 18th December there will be a Xmas Tree at the Club with Father Christmas attending after the race. Feel free to bring a meal down and join in the fun & festivities of Christmas.

Finally we have some excellent near new boats for sale (Mums the Word 1, Goin Solo II, and Lite Sabre). We also have 1 naked (bare) hull ready to be decked out. If interested in purchasing a Sabre, please contact Brian Jones for further details.

Merry Christmas to all Sailors in all Classes and for those travelling to National Carnivals have a safe trip and see you all in the New Year.

Remember to keep these dates in mind

- Season returns after Christmas – 15th January 2011
- Port Bouvard Invitation Race – 13th February 2011
- Bunbury Long Weekend 5th – 7th March 2011

Sabres WA

SIGNET SIGNPOST

It is that time of the year where everyone is planning their Christmas holiday break. Family, friends, a couple of unlucky turkeys and chilled antidote for the Perth summer heat. This distraction could explain some of the strange phenomenon that has occurred in the Signet fleet. We had the Lost Boys Race, where admittedly one boat actually sailed the correct course. We have had good winds which played havoc with the fleet with numerous retirements. In races with moderate winds, there has been a spate of equipment and sail damage. All very exciting stuff but you would not want to place any bets on the results.

The racing has been exceptionally close, as seen in the second State Heat, where the first three finishers crossed the line within 30 seconds of each other. Congratulations to Dennis Thompson on **The Menace** and Peter Wagener on **Double Trouble** for their first handicap wins of the season. (I hope the handicapper is reading this) **Chaos**, with the Kunzli father and son combination proved too good for the rest of the fleet on the 13 November, taking line honours and a well deserved first.



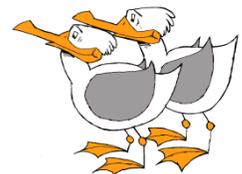
Generally, the honours have been well distributed throughout the fleet with no single boat dominating. This promises to develop into a very interesting battle over the rest of the season.

A special congratulation goes out to Guin Hodges and Peter Murray on their upcoming wedding. Guin will unfortunately, for Peter Harffey, be away for a few weeks and we wish them all the best in the future.

Thanks to Norm for supplying archival documents for the Signet history project. We are still looking for old pictures and information from 1995 to 2005. If anyone can assist please contact John Glisson or one of the Signet sailors.

John Vivian, a past Signet sailor has made a very generous donation to the Club for Junior Sailing. Thanks John and I believe that it will be used to provide the Juniors with an additional boat.

John Glisson



MUDLARKS

The season is in full swing and we have had strong numbers each week. The children have been learning about tacking, gibing, mark rounding, capsizing and recovery.

The parents have been very helpful when it comes time to rigging, carrying boats in and out of the water and even standing waist deep in the water to help the newer sailors. The coaches and the children really appreciate their help.

A few weeks ago the children had to work together to complete a swimming and recovery exercise, a great team building activity. They had to swim from the beach to two rescue boats, once at the boat they had to clamber on board and then help others to get in. They needed to work out how to get in without capsizing and deciding when the boat was full. Once full it was a race back to shore. Some great co operation, encouragement and the ultimate cheers for the winner were displayed and heard.

Next weekend the Mudlarks, O'pen Bics and JDs will be sailing from the club to Matilda Bay for a 'picnic'. Then a 'marathon' sail back to the club. This was great fun last year and everyone is excited about the trip this year.

The Club Christmas Tree will be held on the 18th of December. For more detailed information see elsewhere in Spraytalk or ask Jan on Saturday.

O'PEN BICS

The Bics have been getting a lot of great coaching from Brien Hennessy and their skills are steadily progressing as a result. We still have two Bics available for lease if there is someone out there interested in a robust high performing and FUN boat.

Last weekend Ashleigh entered the International Classes Regatta at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. This was her first regatta and consequently she was a little overwhelmed at first. However with some typical 'yachtie' support from other Bic sailors she was underway.



An O'pen Bic ready for fun.

Ashleigh was able to compete against a fleet of 12 O'Pen Bics and learnt a lot about regatta sailing. She was pleased with the races she finished and I am sure she will go ahead in leaps and bounds. Well Done Ashleigh from all of the junior sailors.

Jan Thomas

JAVELIN JIVE

With the new season well underway racing has been tight as always in our fleet.

The first three club championship heats are now complete with three different winners, this all goes well for another tight club series.

The boats that are travelling to Victoria for the Nationals and South Pacific championships are almost ready to pack away with a strong contingent of seven travelling

this year we hope that one of our fleet will return both trophies to the PDSC.

The South Pacific championship has not been won by a boat from PDSC since 94/95 season so it's about time the trophy returned.

A few boats have shown great speed along with good sailing, those being Greg and Rohan (Carbon Copy) whose handicap is about to be slashed, and Kim and Katie (The Green Dream) who are continuously improving their speed each week, it won't be too long before they are up at the pointy end of the fleet.

Congratulations should also go to the boys sailing Kamikaze Cousins who are sticking it out and improving all the time, it's not easy when you first start on these boats and the guys are doing a great job.

The javelin association would like to wish everyone traveling this year to have a happy and safe Christmas and hopefully with some success on the water, failing this I am sure all will have a great time.

Chris Woodward

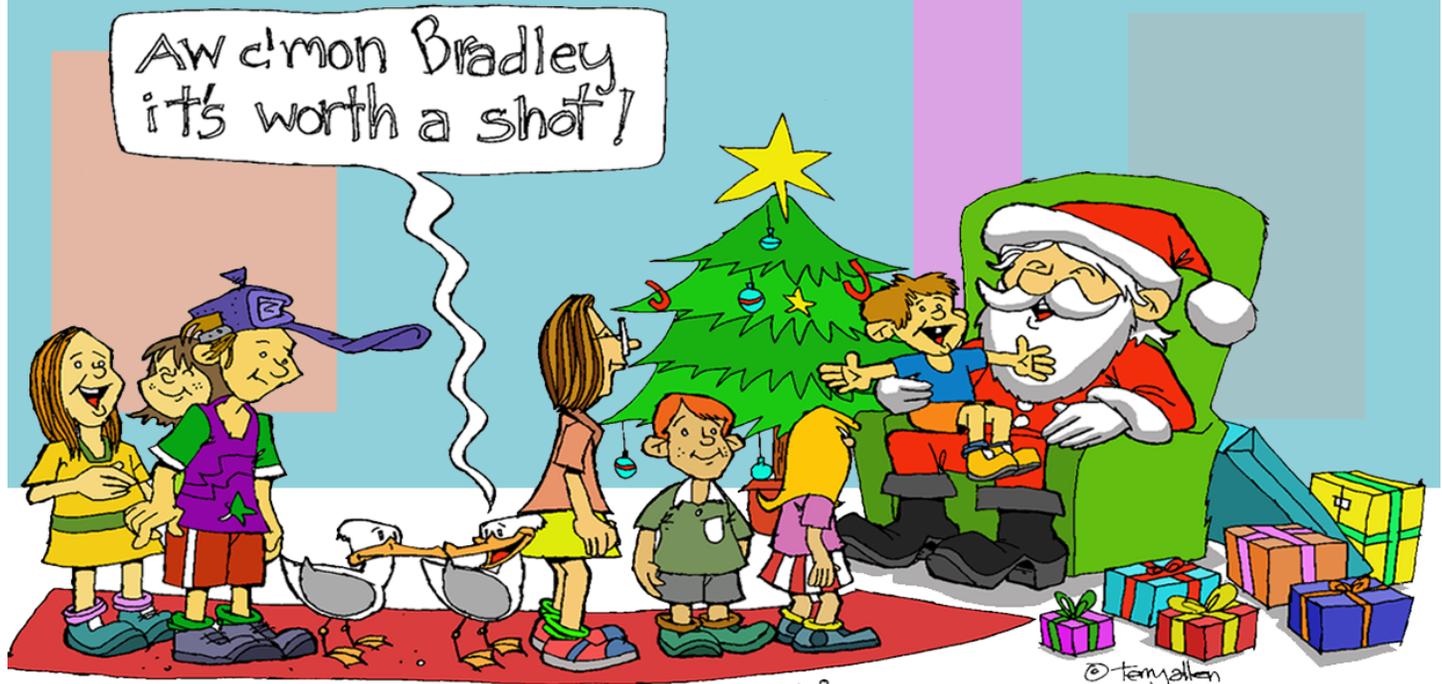
JD JABBER

For the JD's, this season has started with some fierce competition and very close racing. There are regularly four boats competing and we have a fifth boat in training. Dan, our coach, has been working very hard with us on Saturday mornings and we are working through our YA Logbooks. Unfortunately, Dirk is moving to Ballarat on the 17th of December. We formally farewell Dirk on the 27th of November with a sausage sizzle and presentation. We wish him well and hope he is able to continue sailing over east.

On the 11th of December the JD's will be joining with the other junior classes at PDSC for a picnic at Matilda Bay.

David Horn

Colin and Bradley



HEALTHWAYS & WOOLWORTHS COMMUNITY GRANTS

PSDC Management wish to acknowledge the generous support provided by the **Healthways** and **Woolworths** Community grant schemes.

The Healthy Club program, managed by Sports Medicine Australia, is funded by Healthways as part of their Sports Sponsorship Program. The Sport Sponsorship Program seeks to play a key role in the achievement of Healthways vision of a healthier Western Australia. By working with community organizations and others involved in sport and active recreation areas there is a significant opportunity to change behaviors and environments to improve health.

A “Healthy Club” is a club that ensures it provides a healthy and safe environment for competitors, coaches, officials and spectators as well as providing a healthy role model for junior members. It addresses the following issues:

- **Alcohol and other drugs**
- **Smoking**
- **Sun protection**
- **Sports safety/injury protection**
- **Healthy eating**

\$2,000.00 was provided by the **Healthways** Club Sponsorship scheme which will be directed towards much needed first aid equipment.

Since 2008, the **Woolworths** Fresh Food Kids Community Grants program has helped fund over 4,600 grassroots initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of primary school aged kids across the country.

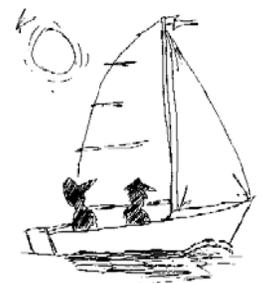
This year, the **Woolworths** Community Grants Program provided \$1,500.00 towards our junior training program. This grant has enabled us to expand our Open Bic fleet to provide an exiting opportunity for juniors to continue training as they progress from the Mudlark fleet.

We thank Healthways and Woolworths for their support and urge members to support our sponsors



RESULTS NOW ON SPORTSPAGE

Members, for your information, our weekly racing results are now being uploaded on to the Sportspage website at the conclusion of the days sailing. As a result, you are now able to access race fixtures along with progressive and individual race results by going to the website. www.sportspage.com.au then selecting “SAILING” from the top menu and then selecting “Perth Dinghy Sailing Club **Results**” from the list of clubs. Alternatively, on the home page of our new look PDSC website www.perthsailing.org.au select Results from the menu at the top of the page and you will be directed into the Perth Dinghy section of Sportspage.



OPENING DAY PHOTO ALBUM



They came from far and wide in all manner of transport.



Early training for the Flag Officers of tomorrow.

Thank you to Tom Burt and Oddette Glisson for capturing a little bit of Opening Day 2010

WAY BACK WHEN

1973 was the year that marked the end of the Vietnam war, the Sydney Opera House opens, Gough Whitlam was our Prime Minister, Slade and T- Rex were at the top of the charts and a Mars Bar set you back about 15c.

Long time sailor and club member Norm Wear remembers 1973 for other reasons.

Freeway Mishap

It was 1973 and I had been cajoled into taking up sailing and with a lot of help from my friend Brian Kerman we managed to build a Signet which became known as 'Intrigue' (ST673).

With a few lessons and instructions I was ready for my 'Maiden sail' and with great hope set sail with my brother-in-law Laurie Smith as forward hand.

All went well for awhile but things changed when I got Intrigue onto a plane and went racing off towards Heron. "This is great!" we yelled but as we tore past Heron I yelled "sh**", how do I stop this thing – or turn?"

On we went, out of control when there was a sickening crunch as Intrigue crashed into Pelican Rocks, smashing the rudder blade and tearing a fist size hole in the transom.

We pulled Intrigue through the soft mud to the foreshore where I climbed the fence and using an emergency telephone designed for stricken motorists, I rang for help. "Can you send a taxi?" I asked. "Have you broken down or run out of petrol?" asked a voice. "Neither" says I "I've just been bloody shipwrecked." Clunk went the phone – silence.

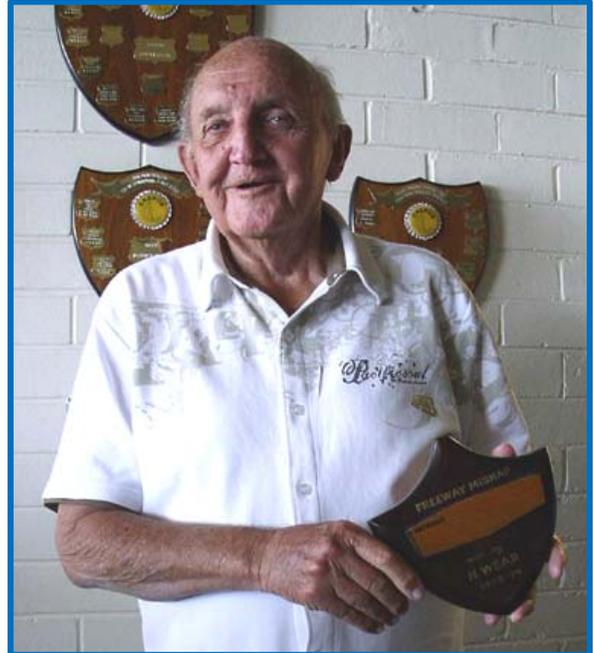
Obvious that no help was coming we managed to thumb a lift in a kombi van back to the club, but as the van drove away I realized we'd left our life jackets in it. Fortunately the driver found the jackets and returned them to the club an hour later.

'Intrigue' was repaired and sailed many seasons.

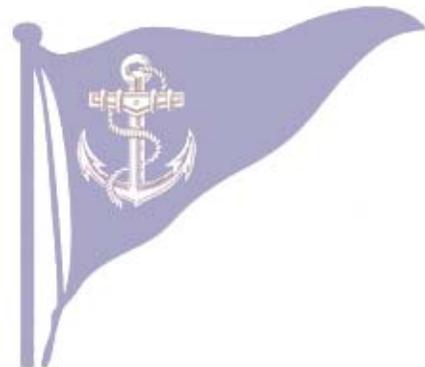
A trophy was presented to me, a jarrah shield with a transom fixed to it and the words 'Freeway Mishap'.

These days I spend my Saturday afternoons in the finishing box where I keep a watchful eye for any boats that may get into trouble.

Norm Wear



Norm Wear and his Trophy



PDSC NOTICEBOARD



CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa will be there to hand out presents to the kids (be sure to put a gift in Santa's sack for your child)

In the afternoon (2.30pm onwards) there will be games for the kids to play, giant snakes and ladders, chess etc.

In the evening, a meal consisting of prawns and salad or pizza and salad with dessert.

So come one, come all and kick off the silly season at the club, friends and family welcome

Christmas food and drinks hamper raffle drawn on the night.

CHECK THIS OUT!

PDSC website has had a makeover with lots to see and do, be sure to get involved and upload your classes photos, news and stories

www.perthsailing.org.au

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Donations for a Christmas Hamper Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Tree on the 18th, items could include Christmas pudding, fruit mince pies, gourmet items, chips, nuts, cool drink, beer, wine.

Donations and enquiries to Vicki Allen 0449 774 437

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed in the canteen and the bar, any persons interested in helping out in these areas please contact the following:

Jodee Mansell on 9409 2103 (canteen)
Graeme Everett on 0421 388 844 (bar)

REMINDER

Perth Dinghy Sailing Club will be closed from the 19th of December through to the 15th of January

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