



# CPSC Newsletter November 2008

## Up Coming Events

29th Nov. Knock Out Series Race 2 for all classes  
Club Championship 2 for all classes

6th Dec. Marathon Race

13th Dec. **A CHRISTMAS BBQ** and Sailing School presentation will be taking place after sailing, commencing at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

## Presidents Report

First Newsletter for the season and my first report as President. Thank you to all who have taken on the various roles necessary to run the Club, particularly to those non-sailor volunteers who turn up each week so that the rest of us can enjoy our great sport.

A special thanks to John McCathie for having done such a good job in his 3 years as President and for agreeing to serve this year as Vice President while I am still on L plates.

As usual, Lois has ensured that you have all been relieved of your annual subscriptions in good time so that we have money in the bank. I must say I was glad to see her return home from her holidays. I am also pleased that Chrissie has agreed to stay on as Secretary ensuring that our younger members have a representative on the Executive. She has already held one of her Youth Nights.

Thanks to the efforts of our previous committee the lease with Council has been finalised and signed. We still haven't seen a 'final' Management Plan for the overall Donnelly Park area, but according to the 'draft plan' there are some requirements the Club has to meet – nothing too onerous.

Sailing has got off to a good start. There have been a few changes in faces within each class. Good to see some new ones while some are transfers from one class to another. Membership numbers remain pretty much the same.

The Sailing School is well under way thanks to Tim, who seems to have co-opted the whole Dunstan family as well as his usual band of helpers.

Don't forget our Christmas BBQ after sailing on the 13th December. We hope to have the Sailing School and their families also participate.

Good sailing to everyone

John Bennett

## **Sabre Report**

As our sailing season is now in full swing, it is much appreciated by all Sabre sailors (both young and old), the assistance we get from the junior members. When we are duty crew, Matthew, Nicholas and Jonathon Dunstan, Nicholas Hobson and Dermot Surmon are always enthusiastic and willing to help us launch the pickup boats and retrieve the starters boat before the race. At the end of the day, there they are again to assist us. Thanks very much guys for your help.

The Sabre's would like to welcome Terry to the class. We hope you enjoy your sailing with us & look forward to seeing to you on the water each week.

We wish Wendy & John Atkins all the best in their NS14. Having noticed the odd bruising on Wendy's arms it would appear some fine tuning to the on board technique of a two handed boat will be appreciated by the crew.

At a recent event we were somewhat perplexed by the number of coloured flags going up on the starters boat. It was heading in the direction of the navy dressing their ships. Then low & behold we suddenly had a 4 minute start sequence which took a number of our fleet by surprise. Still trying to work out if there was a coded 4 minute message in the flag sequence?

John Brodie

## **Single Handed Regatta (25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 at Sunshine) South Lake Macquarie Yacht Club**

During last season, the Sabre Class was asked to support the Single Handed Regatta in promoting the Sabre, along with other Single Handers. The only exception was the Lasers (sorry guys) but lets face it, they don't need any extra promotion.

The Atkins ....John and Wendy had earlier made the decision to attend, and still wanted to, even with our last minute switch to the NS's. We do not intend to sell our Sabres and will sail them given just about any opportunity. The X Factor is on a diet in dry dock, and Second Wind, compliments of John Bennett, was offered up. It would have been nice if we had the bits that went with it, but hey we had the main part. John threw The X Factor rig on it and he said it felt as good as The X Factor. As it turned out, Sarah (and Jamie) arrived with Sarah's "Riverdance", which was a great surprise.

There were four races, two of which were sailed on both the Saturday and Sunday afternoons, back to back. The weather was perfect, the wind roughly about 8 – 10 knots on the Saturday. We were racing with the Spirals, and strangely enough an international Canoe (current Nat champion) being the same yardstick. Sarah had a brilliant start in the first race, which she held to the finish. John was 2<sup>nd</sup> with Wendy following, and all pretty much in contact with each other. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> race Sarah got a great start again and was leading for a while till John got his Second Wind. Wendy was able to overtake Sarah downwind, and held that position until the second last leg, when she hit the 2<sup>nd</sup> last mark and had to complete a penalty turn.

On Sunday morning, it was time for more promotion, then the afternoon races. The lake was lumpier and the wind a little heavier, but also more erratic. Sarah had a great start and led the race till John got his Second wind again. We ended up as such with Wendy 3<sup>rd</sup> and then retiring, leaving John and Sarah to fight it out in race 4. Sarah still got the best start and pretty much tussled with John all the way, but he ended up winning the battle, and a new pair of Zhik Sailing Boots. Sarah's great starts were noticed, and given special mention too, at the presentation.

Other single handers were the Moths on hydrofoils, which were absolutely awesome to watch as they screamed past, Ok Dinghies, Impulse and Contenders.

The presence of Sabres created quite a bit of interest at this regatta, and it really was a fun weekend. Highly recommended for attendance next year.

### Wendy Atkins—Infreako 1523



Single Handed  
Regatta

Sunshine  
Lake  
Macquarie

## We Recognise

In the time I have been at the club we have been very fortunate to have people who have been prepared to organise and run the junior sailing school. People who come to mind are Trent Wiggins, Ian Lisle, Karen Wiseman, Sarah Brodie and Tim Dunstan. In the main they have been young members of our club taking on a difficult, time consuming and very responsible job. A job that is of great importance to the survival of our club.

Once again a young member, Tim Dunstan has taken on this role. This year his numbers have grown to twenty two with a number of parents getting involved as well. Tim's expertise of course is his leadership skills displayed in his ability to get his whole family involved. Remember this is a family who come from Wollongong and have to leave home at about 7am. The job involves organising equipment, collecting fees, talking to parents, getting training boats and rescue boats on the water, organising and teaching the children, keeping everyone safe, organising helpers, putting equipment away etc. etc. etc. The Dunstans all sail in the afternoon and with the energy they have left manage each week to compete at a high level. They have 4, or is that 5, boats of their own to store or transport and rig, a task in itself. On duty crew days you will also see them doing at least their fair share and at times I see them helping other classes. Of course then there is the trip home. Can you imagine the conversation in the car on the way home with six people who have all just competed against each other. On second thoughts maybe the driver has the radio and air conditioner on full blast and sleep hits the other five 30 seconds after leaving the club.

We recognise Tim Dunstan and his family for the excellent job they are doing with the sailing school. I'm sure the work they are doing will help to bring more families and young sailors to our club.

Eric Wiseman

## **Connells Point Sailing Club Website**

Have you looked at the Club's website recently? There have been some excellent changes thanks to Tim Dunstan who has been diligently adding to the content and keeping it up-to-date. The NS14 results are added each week.

If you would like to see which boat you will be competing against in the next Knockout Event, then have a look now at the website.

Other classes could also have their results included on the website, so handicappers talk to Tim.

The website address is: [cpsc.org.au](http://cpsc.org.au)

## **NS14 Report**

The NS14 fleet has continued to build in numbers this year with 16 registered starters for the season so far. The new recruits to the class are Rebecca Wiley and Rhiannon Gill in "Road Runner", Bernard and Danielle Parker in "Extreme", and we welcome John and Wendy Atkins in "Lol and Rolf" after sailing Sabres at Connells Point for many years (more than I can remember!). Welcome back to all the sailors from last year for an exciting year ahead with 12-14 boats regularly sailing.

Tim and Chrissy have their new machine on the water, christening it "Dark Horse". A fantastic looking boat. Tim and co have been working hard to get the boat ready for the Nationals in Adelaide at Christmas. We wish Tim and Chrissy all the best for the regatta.

The club championship is currently being won by Karen and JB in "Mojo", closely contested by Mark and Sue in "Upbeat". Only one race has been sailed so let the competition grow. The pointscore is being led by Matt and Monique in "Mainly Guesswork", with David and Andrew in "Diabolical" in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Scott and Jonathan in "Don't Tell Mum" in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Several boats travelled to Callala Bay for the annual October Long weekend multi-class regatta. JB and Karen won in "Mojo", Eric and Lois in "Blue Moon" were 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tim and Chrissy in "Uproar" were 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Ian and Sue in "Jetlagged" were 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a great weekend sailing. We would love to see anyone who would like to make the trip next year come along. Tim and Chrissy travelled to Manning Point for the 2<sup>nd</sup> TT in Taree and finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

We look forward to some good sailing coming up to Christmas and in the New Year. The NS14's plan to travel to Eden in February and the upcoming MT's are Feb 7, Mar 8, and Mar 22. Check your program for details.

Happy Sailing  
Karen

## **Sailing School Update**

This year we have 22 people (a massive jump from the 6 last year!) take part in the sailing school. This has consisted of 20 children and 3 adults. They have all been learning to sail each Saturday morning from 9 until 12 for the last 5 weeks, and all appear to be loving it! Hopefully we can begin to increase the number of juniors at the club.

Special thanks to all the club members who have given their time to help run the school so far this year, they are:

Karen Hobson, Jenny Dunstan, Mark Millington, Bernard Parker, Scott Dunstan, Warren Almond, Chrissy Stewart, Nick Hobson, Matt Dunstan, Grahame Stewart, Martin Hobson, Sue Stewart, Doug Surmon, Nick Dunstan, Andrew Johnson, Jon Dunstan and Diarmait Surmon.

It has been great to see so many people, especially some of the clubs younger members, helping out this year! Anyone who would like lend a hand over the next three weeks is more than welcome. We can always do with extra help.

Tim Dunstan

## **The Editor**

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Newsletter at such short notice. At the time of printing I had not received a Laxer Report but while bike riding with John McCathie on Wednesday he informed me that this year they have 9 Lasers and the competition is close and fierce. Welcome to Ben Butler who has joined the Lasers this year sailing "Beats Working".

Eric Wiseman