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## MIRROR REUNION 50 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONGER

**Yes it has been fifty years and over 70,000 boats later and we are having a reunion.**

### **WHEN;**

**Sunday February 26, 2012 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

### **WHERE;**

**Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club**

### **WHO IS INVITED;**

**All past and present Mirror sailors are invited to get together and celebrate 50 years of the Mirror.**

**Join us between 4pm and 6pm on Sunday 26th February at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club dinghy clubhouse.**

**Please register your name under the "2012 Reunion" menu option on the MCAWA web site, so we can keep in touch with you. Please let all your old Mirror-sailing friends know about it.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I say it every spring, “where did winter go”? Mind you, looking out the window as I write this, it still feels like winter with a strong breeze blowing off the sea and bringing with it a few showers on a grey old day. Oh well won't last long I'm sure.

Opening days at the clubs are beckoning in the coming weeks so hope you are starting to ready yourselves.

Mirrorsail was held on the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September with 20 enthusiastic sailors taking part. It was wonderful to see so many new faces keen to advance their sailing skills. It was definitely the best turnout of “new” sailors since the inception of Mirrorsail a number of years ago. Sadly the wintry weather kept everyone off the water on the second day but there was still indoor learning to be had. Read the full report in the coming pages.

With the completion of the Worlds earlier this year there have been a number of sailors move on to other classes having reached the “pinnacle” of Mirrors. The result is that we need to focus on recruiting new sailors to the class. Your MCAWA Committee is working hard to achieve this but needs your support. Please spread the Mirror word at every opportunity and encourage others to have a go on a Mirror. Your regular participation on the water, especially events like RPYC Mini Series, Indian Ocean Regatta and RFBYC International Classes Regatta, will also be invaluable in attracting others and promoting the class.

The association still has two charter boats from the Worlds for sale. Please feel free to contact Geoff Wilson to see if you can negotiate a great deal on one of these superb boats. We are also able to arrange payment terms if that would be of help.

There are some experienced Mirror sailors who are happy to help those keen to move into skippering or those looking for a crewing position. There is a lot to be learned and much confidence to be gained by having an experienced skipper crew for you a few times. If this might be of interest please let me know.

The Mirror 50<sup>th</sup> birthday reunion is now confirmed for the afternoon of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February and will be held at RFBYC (Freshie). We need your help to promote this to all past and present Mirror sailors throughout the state. Please refer people to the website and forward any emails you receive to others.

Next year's States will be held in Bunbury on the March long weekend. It has been a few years since we had the States on Koombana Bay and it is a superb location. There is also a lot for families to do. Please start thinking about giving it a go and booking some accommodation now.

Anyway, start strengthening those hiking muscles and we look forward to seeing you back out on the water.

Have a great season.

Rik

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sailors interested in competing in this seasons National Championships need to make their bookings now.

Hosted by the Williamstown Sailing Club in Victoria from the 28 December to 3 January.

Measurement commences on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December and the final presentation is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January.

We can help those wishing to compete with boat transport etc. There is also a spot for a skipper or crew to jump in a boat with another WA sailor.

Phone Mark Pitt 0409 112 769

## MIRROR SAILING IN CHINA



Mirrors have been introduced to China by Mr Sonoda (Sonoda San), a Japanese businessman working in China. Sonoda San's hobby is building wooden boats. The boat in this picture is his first Mirror which he built from sketches, pictures and a copy of the official rules. The sails have Sonoda San's logo on them not the official Mirror emblem.

Sonoda San then obtained a set of plans and has produced a Mirror that has been officially measured. He now hopes to build quality fibreglass Mirrors as well.

Australian sailors were really impressed when they saw the Mirror on Lake Tai in Jiangsu. They took it for a quick triangle in the boat harbour which was a special treat for the Aussies.

Sonoda San and his friend Mr Matsumoto in collaboration with Chinese colleagues will launch a sailing club on Lake Tai (Tai Fu) next northern hemisphere summer. Although they are only sailing for pleasure we hope they may take up racing and join in some international events.

Sailing as a sport is starting to take off in China since

the fantastic Olympic sailing in 2008.

The Chinese have built commercial sailing craft for hundreds of years. The 68 foot Dubois yachts used in the round the world clipper races were built in Shanghai in the early 1990s.

In 2011 Chinese sailors expressed an interest in competing in the Albany World Championships but unfortunately it clashed with their school exam timetable. Perhaps we can encourage them to compete in Ireland in 2013.

Located in the southern part of the Yangtze River delta, Taihu Lake is the third largest freshwater lake in China. With a surface area of about 2,338 square kilometers (about 902 square miles), Taihu Lake is a famous scenic spot in China and is famed for its lake, its hills and its splendid man-made scenery.

Taihu Lake is just like a bright pearl set in the Yangtze River delta. It crosses Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces, where 48 islets of different sizes and 72 peaks and peninsulas along the lake combine to form a panorama of great natural beauty. The best place to view the beautiful Taihu Lake is on the Turtle Head Islet. Turtle Head Islet is an islet stretching into the lake, whose shape is really like the head of a turtle protruding from the water. Taihu Lake and the surrounding magnificence will bewitch your eyes when you climb onto Turtle Head. When the soft breezes blow, waves roll and the hills in the distance look like an overlapping landscape painting. The scene is really captivating. Turtle Head Islet Park is mainly made of the natural landscape, augmented by man-made additions. Flowers and trees can be seen everywhere. Various kinds of architecture are strategically placed among the trees and shrubs. All conspire to make the park graceful and elegant.

Besides the natural scenery of Taihu Lake, there are many ruins of historic sites, such as the Grand Canal of the Sui Dynasty (581-618), the Islets in the lake along with the coastal places in the east, the north and the west both of which are the cradle land of the culture of Wuyue (this culture touches on traditions that flow from or refer to Jiangsu, Zhejiang and the southeast part of Anhui Province today) and so on.

Taihu Lake is an abundant source of fish. Traveling there, you can taste the famous delicious food known as 'Taihu Lake Three Whites', including white shrimp, whitebait and whitefish. It is very well worth a visit.

Description of the lake from [TravelChinaGuide.com](http://TravelChinaGuide.com)



## MEASURERS REPORT



During the Worlds measuring a number of issues were uncovered in how things were viewed differently around the world.

To fix some of these uncertainties a number of rules have been changed. These are basically seamless to a boat owner and does not require anything to be done here in Australia as basically UK and Ireland are changing to fall in line with what we are doing and to our requests.

Basically – allow wider tape on luff

Allow stopper in mast track in top black band

Allow core of GPS rudder/dagger board to be of any material as previously it was impossible to verify without drilling holes in them.

Also clarified through ISAF the class can set a regatta weight for boat weighing without breaching class rules.

Measurer - Geoff Wilson

## TRAVELLERS HEAT ONE

The first of this seasons travelers heats was held early at Hillarys Yacht Club. We only had a small fleet of five boats on this morning of difficult sailing.

It was great to see Roberto and Clara Wust sailing in their first Travellers. Sorry folks it was such a difficult morning.

It was supposed to be several short races but due to a dying wind it turned into one slow race.

And as we struggled ashore the breeze turned south west and blew beautifully but too late.

The Mirrors started in a mixed fleet of Lasers and Contenders. Most boats got a good start in a ten knot easterly. However as the fleet spread out the wind weakened.

Simon Barwood showing his winning form established a good lead early. It became a case of pick the patch of wind on the water. Some remarkable changes in position occurred as Mirrors either gained a lift or suffered from a bad nock or a hole in the breeze.

As most Mirrors rounded the bottom mark for the last time to head to the line the breeze progressively dropped out altogether. This resulted in all but one Mirror being timed out. Well done Simon who now has a first place to start the series.



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# ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY MIRRORS



The winter series has been run and won.

Typical of winter with some weeks too much wind, some not enough and in between perfect sailing conditions.

Congratulations to Bulletproof helmed by Sidonia and crewed by Simon taking out the series from Rex sailing single handed with Peter and Matilda Nelson rounding out the top 3.

Mirror sail followed and no doubt there will be a separate report on that. Great to see Sandy, Just do it and Vigelante 9 all taking part.

You missed the busy bee being at Mirror Sail. Thanks to the helpers who turned up with such poor weather conditions.

Unfortunately leaving the Mirrors after doing so well towards the end of last season is Angela and Clare from on the wall. The good news is the boat has been sold and new members will be joining us. Also leaving the Mirrors but not the club are Tom and Niko from Looking Glass. Tom has joined the 29er ranks and Niko to join the Lasers.

Next sailing is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 9am start, with training and racing, followed by opening day the next weekend.

In other news – It is great to have Alex Thornton back in Australia and back home with her family. And wishing her a speedy recovery all be it taking some time. Look forward to having you back sailing Mirrors and possibly vacation coaching again.

On closing – on behalf of the RFBYC Mirrors and Mirror sailors in general would like to express our sympathy to the Bryant family for the sad loss of “ Brian Hume” Father to Betty and grandfather to Annalease and Tom. Many may recall Brian’s visit to the Mirror Worlds in Albany to support family and sailing.

Thanks to Brian involving his family in sailing, Mirrors have gained a number of crews and some great volunteers. Thanks Bryants and thanks Brian RIP.

RFBYC the place to be.

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## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Mirror State Championships will be held at Koombana Bay Yacht Club in Bunbury on the March Labour Day long weekend.

Sailing is Saturday and Sunday leaving Monday free to relax.

Start thinking about having a great weekend at the 2012 States.

## JESS SAILORS BACK IN PERTH

The Western Australian JESS team (Junior Exchange Sailing Scheme) has returned home after spending over 6 weeks in Europe. JESS is a youth initiative managed under the auspice of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and provides young committed sailors each year with the opportunity to sail in Europe. This year's team included Virginia Horn (Perth Dinghy Sailing Club), Brad Luketina (South of Perth Yacht Club), Richard Thomas (Perth Dinghy Sailing Club), Niko Striega (Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club), Austin Taylor and Sienna Galante (both Princess Royal Sailing Club) and was coached by Scott Olsen and his wife Julie.

After intense training and earnest fundraising back here in Perth we finally headed off to Germany, France and Belgium. On arrival in Germany we were welcomed by Wolfgang and Marianne Stenz like many other JESS teams before. The three 420 boats had to be "dewinterised" before heading off to Kiel. Competing in the Kiel Week, the world's biggest annual sailing regatta, was the highlight of our trip. 5000 competitors from more than 50 countries were competing in 2000 yachts and dinghies. We learned our first lessons with shifty winds and inconsistent wind speed, poor visibility and a fleet of over 180 boats. The dry suits served their purpose when the rain pelted down but while we waited for the starts the two thermal layers were not enough.

From there our team left to Paris for some days of sightseeing. We also learned a lot about the French "cuisine" and quickly settled into a daily routine of baguettes and croissants for breakfast helped down with a generous serve of hot chocolate. After some days we were keen to participate in the



Flanders Regatta in Nieupoort. The weather conditions in Belgium were better than in Kiel but it still rained heavily at times and we had gusty winds. We struggled profusely with the tide and rolling waves. We all did some damage to our boats, capsized, and improved our swimming skills. At the end of the day we were still happy that we just got to experience some wild rides out on the race course.

Adjusting to the Northern European weather and sailing conditions we then headed off to Cherbourg (France) for the French 420 National Championships. Here we caught up with a former JESS member, some sailors from Perth and sailors we met earlier on our trip. It was a welcomed change to stay in a hotel instead of a self contained accommodation.

Without a doubt we had improved our sailing skills during the trip. We all had some good starts, brilliant races and were able to experience the feeling of being first at a top mark or even winning a race. Another highlight of the trip was Berlin, where we stayed in families. There was hardly enough wind for sailing but plenty of other things to do such as shopping and sightseeing.

The last regatta for us was at "Steinhuder Meer" where we sailed again in strong westerly winds and short sharp chops. We got a shock with the really cold wind chill factor. All 38 boats struggled in the hard conditions however the race officers managed to get 2 races in. The day was finished off with a BBQ dinner at the club and socializing with the German sailors. The next day the weather was even worse and so the last sailing day for us was cancelled.

After all this time we were happy to go back home. We all have become very keen sailors and can't wait for the next sailing season.

We also would like to thank all our supporters and coaches. Without the generous donation of money and time the JESS 2011 trip to Europe wouldn't have been possible.

By Niko Striega

# VASCO BOATS CEASING TO BUSINESS MIRRO CLOSING DOWN SALE

The factory contents must go by Christmas

We are very sorry to loose John who we believe has produced the best fibreglass Mirrors in the world. However this offers a great opportunity for buyers to purchase Mirror parts and equipment.

## Items for sale include

Superspar mast semi rigged \$1200  
Goldspar 50mm mast blank \$1000  
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# MIRROR SAIL 2011



The forecast wasn't looking good and very few sailors had registered for Mirror Sail 2011. Would we have to cancel? Never say cancel Dean Caple at YWA was biting his nails.

So typical of the sailing fraternity at the last minute the entries rolled in 22 sailors in all. The forecast changed and we had sailing on Saturday.

Mirrorsail was hosted by Claremont Yacht Club over the weekend 17/18th September 2011. Sailors under 16 years camped at the club overnight and enjoyed after sailing activities and an early breakfast on the Sunday. Again this year there were several sailors from out side the Perth metropolitan area, many of them being newcomers to the sport.

Coaches Travis Burtenshaw and Steven Locke divided the fleet into advanced and newcomer categories and put in a full day of sailing. A number of

sailors availed themselves of the loan boats.

Stevens group learnt a lot of the basics, with several becoming quite skilled in righting a capsized boat. Travis drawing on his high level competition experience helped his fleet with race winning strategy.

Sunday morning and the wind was well over twenty knots with gusts kicking up a layer of white spume over the river. Time for some shore based activity.

Travis demonstrated his favourite keep fit exercises and bodies creaked and groaned as the sailors tried them out. Richard Rowell from Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club gave a talk on race strategy including starts and the important first leg.

An early lunch and the sailors headed home after a great weekend



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## A BRIEF CLUB ROUNDUP

### SAFETY BAY YACHT CLUB

SBYC season opens on Sunday 16th October.

Racing is on every Sunday either 11 am start or 2 pm start, or sometimes both. Visitors always welcome. More information phone Richard on 0404 979 176

Regards

Richard Usher

### SUN CITY YACHT CLUB

Sun City has opened the season with Saturday morning sailing within the marina area. Under the watchful eye of Commodore Peter Todd club sailors are improving their sailing skills.

Sailors living in the far northern suburbs are welcome at this friendly club.

### HILLARYS YACHT CLUB

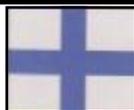
The season has opened slowly for Mirrors at HYC. However the addition of two new boats to the club we hope that our numbers on the water improve.

HYC is now one of the larger providers of training courses for all aspects of sailing. We have several training courses available over this summer holiday.

Phone Mark Pitt 0409 112 769

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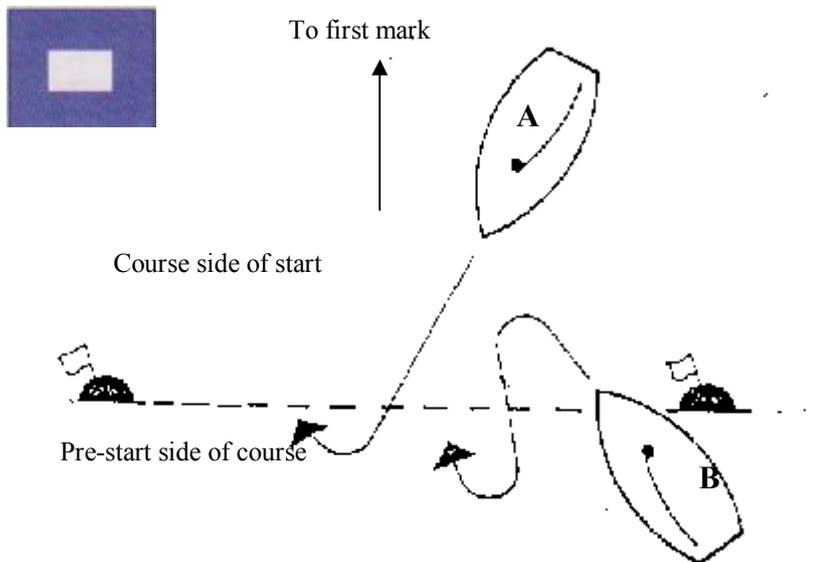
## RECALLS



### X Flag Individual Recall Rule 29.1

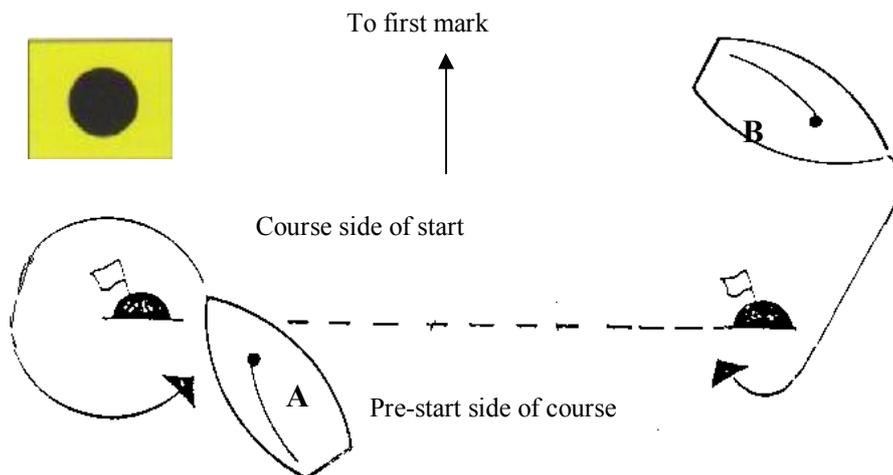
When at a boats starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line the race committee will promptly display the flag X which means the boat must return completely to the pre-start side of the starting line and restart her race.

### Individual Recall with the P flag Preparatory signal



If the P flag was displayed boats A and B when recalled can restart the race by simply returning to the Pre-start side of the starting line. However they have to give way to all boats starting the race.

### Individual Recall with the I flag Preparatory signal



If the I flag was displayed boats A and B when recalled can restart the race by returning to the Pre-start side of the starting line travelling around the end of the starting line. However they have to give way to all boats starting the race.

### First Substitute Flag General Recall rule 29.2

If the race committee displays the First Substitute flag it means all boats are recalled and the race will be restarted



# SAILING PROGRAM

<b>2011</b>				
Saturday 27 August 2011	09.45 am	Travellers Heat 1		Hilliarys Yacht Club
Sat 26 & Sun 27 Nov		International Classes Regatta		RFBYC
Saturday 26 result counts for Travellers Heat 2				
Wednesday 28 December 2011 to Tuesday 3 January 2012		National Championship		Williamstown Sailing Club Williamstown Victoria
<b>2012</b>				
Sun 19 February		HMAS Perth Regatta		Nedlands Yacht Club
HMAS Perth Regatta counts as Travellers Heat 3				
Sunday 26th February 4.00pm to 7.00 pm		International Mirror 50th anniversary BBQ and celebration		RFBYC
Sat 3rd & Sunday 4th March		State Championship		Koombana Bay Sailing Club
Sun 11 March		Heat 4 Travellers Championship		Maylands Yacht Club
Fri 6 to Mon 9 April		Easter Regatta		Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club
Saturday counts as heat for Travellers Heat 5				
Sat TBA May		Travellers Heat 6		Sun City Yacht Club
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