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**Scene from day two of Mirror Worlds Albany
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Rik our president has been hard at work and created a wonderful new site layout

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46th INTERNATIONAL MIRROR CLASS SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

The Williamstown Sailing Club in conjunction with the Mirror Class Association of Victoria would like to warmly invite you to join them for the 2011 / 2012 Mirror Nationals.

KEY DATES:

28 Dec 2011: Registration and measuring
29 Dec: Registration and measuring (AM) Racing (PM)
30 Dec: Racing (PM)
31 Dec: Racing (PM)
2 Jan 2012: Racing (PM)
3 Jan: Racing (AM)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT JUNE 2011

The highlight of the last 3 months was undoubtedly the State Championships held at Mandurah Offshore & Sailing Club during their Easter Regatta. It was sailed in challenging conditions including a large swell that the Mirrors often disappeared between. This made some of the achievements even more remarkable. Rex Henderson became the first single-handed entrant in a States and soldiered on manfully, I'm sure he was hoping for flatter seas. James Stout skippered in his first States and landed the Sub-Junior Championship. Also hats off to Peter and Aaron Todd from Sun City in their first States and with not many sailing miles under their belts. I was in awe of them sailing in just t-shirts and life jackets, they are tough guys. Congratulations to Liam Wilson and Mick Malla on taking out the title. It is extremely well-deserved after all the effort Liam has put into Mirrors over the last decade.

Mirrorsail is being held on 17 and 18 September. This is the best opportunity for all Mirror sailors to improve their skills regardless of where they are at. We especially invite those that have not sailed a Mirror before to get involved. We can assist with finding boats, skippers and/or crews, so please sign up when you get the registration details.

Also, to coincide with Mirrorsail, we will be holding a Travellers trophy presentation and social get-together for all Mirror sailors and their families on the Saturday night.

Another recent highlight has been Travellers heats at Maylands and Sun City Yacht Clubs. We were made extremely welcome at both clubs and it was great to involve the young sailors at these clubs. The short course inside the Sun City Marina was unique and had its own challenges. Local knowledge paid dividends with Barry Newell leading the rest of us a merry dance at Maylands. I must say that these two heats showed how enjoyable and relaxing the Travellers series is – they are such fun social events and a change from the normal routine.

I am pleased to advise that the 2012 States will be held in Dunsborough over the Labour Day long weekend in March. Richard Rowell has taken on the role of coordinating the event for Dunsborough Bay Yacht Club. This promises to be a great loca-

tion and should appeal to the non-sailors as well.

The National Championships will be held at Williamstown in Melbourne over the New Year. I had the pleasure of sailing at the Nationals there 5 years ago. We turned it into a family holiday adventure towing two boats across the Nullarbor. So it comes highly recommended.

Planning for the 50th Birthday Mirror Reunion is about to step up a notch. We hope to be able to confirm very soon that 12 February 2012 will be the date. We will be seeking help with spreading the word and getting hold of Mirror memorabilia for a display. There are over 40 years of Mirror sailors in WA that need to be tracked down.

For me this year's States marked the end of the four year "tour of duty" for my crews Scott and Lucas. It also brought an end to 8 seasons of sailing with all four of my children. To say they have been special times would be an understatement. I hope your Mirror sailing leaves you with equally special memories.

Keep warm.

Rik Thornton



MIRROR CLASS ASSOCIATION OF WA

Lollyhead's trip from Albany to Wanneroo

to Mandurah to Dunsborough!!!

Lollyhead is a Mirror dinghy that was built by the Association for the Albany Worlds. She was known as Phi 70597 Charter Boat 3. This account is written from her perspective. Ed.

I was relieved to finish the Albany Worlds and Nationals, Don and Gabriel were great charterers. I longed to be North!!

Next thing I know I am in a shed in Wanneroo. A guy with a sore back and a mo and his son with glasses stripped me back and then put me back together...good as new.

Every now and then the shed would be opened as the son with glasses worked on his boat...a lot... and I got to glimpse horses and trees and stuff. Those horses need a lot of care!!

Then one Friday (Easter it was) these two bald blokes turned up with a big blue van....well they walked around me and asked all sorts of questions. Next thing I know I am on my back, on the roof and on my way South (again!!).

When we finally stopped we were in Mandurah...and there was a little girl who was going to be my Skipper. The younger bald guy was going to sit at the back and steer!! Baldy - huh!! Skipper was a little upset with me, because the last time she had seen me I had a pole launcher...now I was back to end to end poles.

Anyway we went out through the Hook and lined up against some of the boats from Albany and Perth. All went well and Skipper and Baldy seemed to work me out ok. Baldy kept muttering something about "it's not like an Etchell" what ever one of those is!!

They seemed happy!! Then a small bald bloke asked Baldy if he wanted to buy me!!! Nooooooo I want to stay up North...pleeeeeease!!!! Luckily Baldy was not too keen (or so I thought - the cad!!)

Next day it was grey and sort of windy - sort of not - lumpy and well - all a bit confusing. Baldy and Skipper went ok and got better as the day went on. Baldy just did not know how quick I was. He jumped starts and turned in to marks and all sorts. I was dizzy and I think they were too!! They were learning fast but!! The Skipper was not happy with the spinnaker pole so we just cruised downwind. That did not stop us doing a wicked wipe-out after a pretty good gybe (I must say), but

to those Southerner's credit they had me back on my feet in no time!!

Two 9^{ths} and two 6^{ths} for the day.

The next day it was wet...I got all that horse dust really well washed off and was feeling all sparkly and fresh. Then the Skipper came over and says that Baldy has bought me!!! Well I thought:

Dunsborough's not too bad and some of my older relatives are down there...it would be good to show them my speed!!

Then we were off racing, I reckon Baldy had had a good night as we were in fine form, two 4^{ths} for the morning. In the afternoon it fell apart a bit...maybe too good a night eh Baldy?

More broken starts, more touching marks, a Port and Starboard (*sorry again Transom Note*) and so:

here we go loopity loo here we go loopity lah!!

All good - at least we did not go to the Protest room!! Two 8^{ths} for the arvo. Old Baldy and Grandma were great at helping Skipper and Baldy - that helped me too!!

That afternoon the guy with mo and the little bald guy came over and gave Skipper and Baldy all the details about me. Then it was back on my back, on the van and off to Dunsborough (after a good night's sleep).

On the way to my new home I could hear Skipper and Baldy talking about names: *Alice, Tinkerbelle, Goldseeker too* and some that had all the Skipper's sisters names like *RoMaTe* and her Mum's and Baldy's too: *KaRoMaTeRi*. I thought: *Oh well, this lot are a bit dull!!*

When we pulled into the carport, Skipper's smallest sister asked her:

How did you go Lollyhead?

Lollyhead was the name that the sisters use for each other. It kind of appealed to me so it was given to me too! Now I have three sisters!! J.

Baldy has done some tinkering: a new pole launcher, some groovy sign-writing, bottle holders and some new blocks and the like. Skipper says he always does that. I have not sailed down here yet, but I did spend the day in the carpark, flirting with all the people who came to the DBYC for a Garage sale J

I will get wet in the Polar Bear series and be travelling when ever I can convince Baldy to let me out!!!

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Skipper says we will do Mirror sail and hopefully the Indian Ocean Regatta at FSC, International Classes at RFBYC and the mini-series at RPYC as a warm up for the States. Hope Baldy gets a bit trimmer and Skipper likes the pole launcher!

Ciao for now

Lollyhead

In the mean time I am hanging out in the nice dry warm carport looking out at the bush and kangaroos!!

TRAVELLERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010-2011

This year the Travellers Championship was more strongly contested than most over the last decade. A total of twenty one Mirrors competed as the event moved around the state from as far south as Albany to Two Rocks in the north.

Simon Barwood with daughter Sidonia as crew was an easy winner on six points being two first places and two second places. Also crewing for Simon were Beth of Mayland and Aaron Shepherd of Sun City

Second place was taken by Mark Pitt sailing Taking Off. Mark had Nick Willis, Calvin Myers and Simon Bird crew for him.

Third place getter was Rik Thornton who had sons Scott and Lucas crew for him as well as Alexandra Utley at SCYC.

.We will present the Travellers prizes at Mirrorsail.



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MAYLANDS TRAVELLERS HEAT

We had eight Mirrors compete in the Maylands Travellers championship heat. There were six visiting boats and two Maylands boats. When we rolled up it looked as if there was going to be no wind. Seabreeze suggested an easterly dropping out as it went more south. BOM suggested a south wester would come in.

Word arrived that further down the river the south wester was in blowing with all the force of a slap from a limp lettuce leaf. The able start finish crew laid out marks for a windward leeward course with a boat start. The top mark was down stream in anticipation of a south west breeze.

The faint vespa of southwest wind arrived and we sailed the couple of hundred metres from the club house to the start in about twenty minutes. The breeze freshened and we had a start. Most boats followed the south bank of the river which was an excellent choice as they got to the top mark first rounded the mark and several raised spinnakers. No sooner than the spinnakers were set the breeze changed by about 100 degrees and the wind was on the nose. This was proving to be a windward windward course.

The three boats greeting the changed breeze first extended their lead. By the bottom (or was it new top) mark the wind had swung more north and it was an interesting sail back to mark one. To make the course more interesting the start/finish line was mid course and was used as a gate in all legs. As the boats passed the mid course gate the wind fluked around further leaving patches of river with little or no wind. If you were caught here it was good bye race.

Around mark one back to two via the gate and then into a freshening southwester to the finish line.

First boat over was Simon Barwood with Maylands junior Beth as crew. They were followed Barry and Ella Newell in Buzzin then Brad Stout and Jack sailing Taking Off. The racing was close with only seven minutes between the first and last boats

Race two was a much easier sail and resulted in much closer times with only four minutes between the first and last boats. This time Barry and Ella were first over the line one second ahead of Rex Henderson who sailed fantastically all afternoon. One minute later Rik and crew crossed in third place. Some excellent upwind work on the last leg to the finish put Simon and Beth into fourth place. Brad and Jack followed in fourth having managed to elbow son James and crew Mary out at the bottom mark. James and Mary had sailed a great race up with the leaders but this one problem rounding and subsequent 360 penalty ruined their chances of a place.

The race officer was very complimentary about the excellent start and the quality of the sailing. The return of colourful spinnakers to the river was an added bonus. We all had a great time and the wind changes make for good sailing experience.

Overall for the day
First Barry and Ella Newell
Second Simon Barwood and Beth
Third Rex Henderson



SUN CITY TRAVELLERS HEAT

Seven Mirrors contested the last heat of this years Travellers Championship which was hosted by the Sun City Yacht Club. For good spectator viewing and close racing the event was sailed within the confines of the Two Rocks Marina.

The wind was gusting from the east swinging south and then sending bullets just to make sure the crews reflexes were sharp. Race Officer Geoff Wilson did a great job of getting four races before lunch.

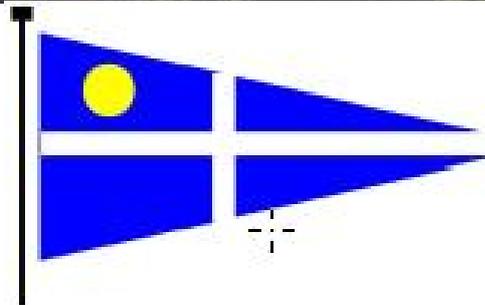
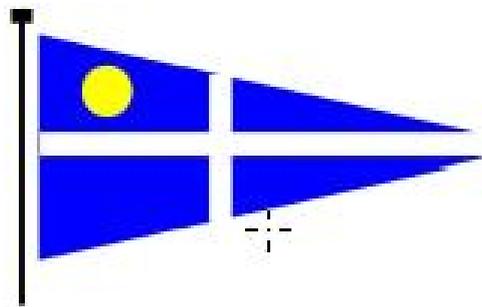
Experienced sailors took less experienced Sun City juniors as crew. The first race was a settle down and get to know your boat and crew. Taking Off sailed by Mark Pitt and Simon Bird settled too much and tipped over giving the rest of the fleet a great lead. Simon did a great job of climbing up the boat and didn't even get wet. Impact sailed by Aaron Todd and James Shave also bottled but recovered well to come in ahead of Taking Off. Liam Wilson sailing with Mikaela Allen in Aussie Larrikin fought hard with Simon Barwood and Aaron Shepherd in Bulletproof managing to hold onto first place. Rex Henderson and crew Sophie Bird had a great race following into third place.

Race two and Liam and Mikaela took another easy win. Bulletproof and Taking Off had a tough tussle for second place with Bulletproof crossing the finish line just ahead. Race three and the result was the same. Bulletproof and Taking Off contested hard around the last two marks but better upwind sailing saw Bulletproof take second. Bulletproof sat well in the water and looked good as the hard bullets of wind fired across the small course. James Stout skippering with father Brad as crew sailed very well taking another fourth

Race four and the result looked set. Liam and Mikaela won the start but Taking Off managed to squeeze them out by the first mark and hold the lead to the bottom mark. However once again excellent sailing saw Liam take a convincing lead. On the last leg Rik Thornton and Alexandra Utley caught up a lot of distance. Taking Off hit the finish line mark and had to do a 360 degree penalty dropping to third place.

It was a great day for John Collova with the first three placed dinghies being his Vasco brand. Overall for the day Liam Wilson and Mikaela Allen sailing Mk3 Mirror Aussie Larrikin came in an easy first. They had the minimum four points with four wins. Simon Barwood and Aaron Shepherd in Mk3 Bulletproof were second with three seconds and a fourth. Mark Pitt and Simon Bird in Taking Off came in third with three wins and a seventh.

A sausage sizzle and presentations in the clubhouse rounded out a fun days sailing



MIRROR SAILING AT SAFETY BAY

Red sails have dotted the beautiful Safety Bay every Sunday during our season. We have had great sailing weather with only a few 'heavy' sea breezes. Bill Osborn and his kids Chelsea and Harry sailing in MISHCA have been lively opponents for Richard Usher and Wade Chamberlain (BUSTER).

The two boats have been regulars every Sunday but one or two Mirrors have made guest appearances. All have been impressed by the pristine waters and great winds in the bay. On several occasions we've been graced with a couple of dolphins swimming around the boats, which was really wonderful. Richard and Wade even experienced two playful sea lions frolicking around their boat one day – what a pity we did not have a camera.

Bill and Chelsea ventured to Albany after Christmas in their (old) boat OSSI 11, and learned heaps from the experience in sailing with so many other Mirrors. It was unfortunate that Bill's boat suffered damage to its transom, but it was fortunate that he was able to purchase MISHCA immediately afterwards and continue sailing. Bill now says he has a wonderful winter job ahead of him re-building the stern of his old boat. Sailing on the Bay starts again in mid October, and you can be sure of a warm welcome at SBYC.

TESSA PARKINSON GOES FOR GOLD

Tessa Parkinson and Belinda Stowell flew out of Perth in late May headed for Weymouth, England. They will compete in their first International regatta together at 'Skandia Sail For Gold' being held in Weymouth at the 2012 Olympic sailing venue. This event, 5/6/11 – 11/06/11, is also the sixth round of the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

Tessa and Belinda, having only recently teamed up, have just completed two weeks of training together off Fremantle under the experienced eye of coach Arthur Brett.

Following Weymouth, the girls will ferry across the channel, to Kieler Woche, Germany and home of the biggest summer festival in northern Europe. Here they will compete in the seventh round of the ISAF Sailing World Cup, 18 -26 June.

These events and others following in Europe are all valuable preparation for the girls preparing to compete in our own Perth 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships at the end of this year, December 3 -18th.

Tessa from Fremantle Sailing Club sailed her first international event in her Mirror Crescendo. It was the 2001 Mirror World Championships in Ireland. In this event she showed her ability to handle the stress of tough competition at the top level. Tessa went on to win an Olympic gold in the 470 class at the 2008 Olympics.

Belinda who is well known to the Royal Freshwater Bay Sailing club members was the 2004 winner of gold in the 470 class.



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THIS SEASON AT ROYAL FRESHWATER BAY

The season kicked off with Mirrorsail. This was a great opportunity for those who didn't sail the over the winter season to polish their rusty sailing skills.

The International Classes Regatta was held at the beginning of December 2010. Although only Freshie boats competed, it was another opportunity to practice some competitive racing before Worlds.

The 45th Mirror Worlds and pre-Worlds were held this year in Albany. The competition was hosted just after Christmas in 2010 and went over two weeks. This was a great opportunity for Freshie Mirror sailors to experience a world class regatta first hand and to compete against other sailors from around the world. The conditions were challenging with some days peaking thirty three knots. However, it was a rewarding experience for all involved. A memorable moment was when we found the English and Irish bathing in the near-freezing Albany estuary while the rest of us wore jackets and raincoats.

Sixty two boats competed in total, eight of them being from Freshy; Liam and Jess on *Game On*, Simon and Sidonia on *Bulletproof*, Alex and Annalise on *Transom Note*, Rex and Andy on *Vasco III*, Mark and Poppy on *Dash*, Rick and Scott on *Vivace*, Tom and Nicko on *Looking Glass* and Joel and Mick on *Dash*. There were another thirty four competing Australian boats, eleven from Great Britain, eight from South Africa and two from the Philippines. The Philippines won the first race which was a great surprise for everyone considering they are normally 470 sailors. A big thank you must go to Liam Wilson for coaching the boats leading up to Worlds.

The Mirror sailors from Worlds quickly settled back into club racing. Although the conditions on the Swan River aren't nearly as extreme, there were some valuable skills and special moments during the remainder of the season.

The Mirror State Championships were held at the Mandurah Yacht Club over Easter. Eight of the thirteen competing boats were from Freshie and we once again took out the top club trophy. Liam Wilson and Mick Malia came first overall in *Game On* followed closely by Simon and Sidonia Barwood who came second in *Bulletproof* in addition to the Family Trophie. James Stout was the Sub-Junior Champion, assisted by his father, in *Just Do It*. Peter Nelson and daughter Matilda and Charlotte were the silver fleet winners. Simon Carroll and Ethan Prieto-Low were the Grand Masters.

There have been many dedicated Mirror sailors throughout the club season. There was an average of eight Mirrors in the twenty one races.

Club Championship results are 1st Simon and Sidonia Barwood in *Bulletproof*
2nd James and Brad Stout in *Just Do It*
3rd Rik, Lucas and Scott Thornton in *Vivace*
Club Consistency results are 1st Simon and Sidonia Barwood in *Bulletproof*
2nd James and Brad Stout in *Just Do It*
3rd Angela Burvill and Clare Moran in *On the Wall*

It was also great to have some new boats in the fleet.





MEASURERS REPORT

Editor of Mirror Images has asked for a report and I have virtually no news.

We did see an experimental Asymmetric spinnaker fitted to a Mirror but net result was over a full course and a range of wind conditions it would not be as fast as the existing one and could well require changes to the mast rules also. That really the only excitement.

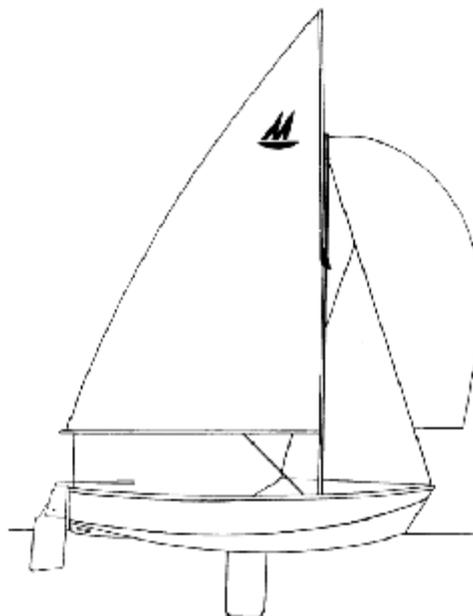
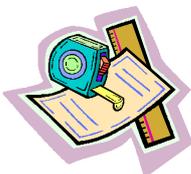
So for want of some reading for the statistical minded or anyone considering an upgrade the set up of the top 13 boats in the Worlds may be of interest.

Place	Hull shape	mast type	sails
1	Winder	super spar	all P & B
2	Dinghy Sports	goldspar 50ml 1.5 sleeve	Hill main/jib North Spinnaker
3	Winder	needle spar	all advance sails
4	Duffin/wood	super spar	all P & B
5	Dinghy Sports	Glodspar 50ml 1.5 sleeve	all Olympic
6	Winder	Goldspar 50ml 1.0 sleeve	Hill Main/jib North Spinnaker
7	Hart /wood	Goldspar 50ml 1.0 sleeve	All Walker
8	Dinghy Sports	Goldspar 50ml 1.5 sleeve	All Walker
9	Hart/wood	Goldspar 50ml 1.0 sleeve	All Olympic
10	Winder	super spar	All Lulam Robertsom
11	Dinghy Sports	Goldspar 50ml 1.5 sleeve	All Olympic
12	Dinghy Sports	Goldspar 50ml 1.0 sleeve	All Hill
13	Dinghy Sports	Goldspar 50ml 1.5 sleeve	All Olympic

Note- Winder and Dinghy Sports hulls are the same mould shape and all MK 3 boats.

AND The availability of 2 slightly used – Heavily discounted Dinghy SportsMK 3 for sale all of the shape and design that took 10 of the top 13 places at the Worlds. One of which came 2nd.

Measurer.
Geoff Wilson



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010-2011

Thirteen Mirrors contested this years State Championships on the Saturday and Sunday of the Easter long weekend. The two days of racing were held under tough conditions at the Mandurah Offshore Fishing and Sailing Club.

The Mirrors sailed on the Alpha course with the Optimists, Flying Ants and RS-X sail board fleet. The race management team were from the Hillarys Yacht Club and did a fantastic job of setting courses, starting and finishing races and supporting crews. The course was a trapezoid with the Mirrors sailing either two or three laps of the inside leg. There were separate start and finish boats which made the race starts smooth with little waiting time between race starts.

The breeze was quite brisk on day one blowing in at plus fifteen knots and there was a good steep swell making surfing the down wind legs quite fun. David and Tim Pilbeam took delivery of their latest boat V8 before the on Saturday morning and gave it a fantastic sail in race one with a brilliant first place. Race two saw Liam Wilson and Mick Malla sail a great race and put the first of three first places on the scoreboard. MCAWA president Rik Thornton and son Lucas showed their style in race three with a very commendable first place ahead of Liam and Mick. Race four and problems with the rudder locking pin saw the end of Mark Pitt and Bill Auslings regatta when they lost control and capsized near mark 4. Bouncing the mast on the bottom in waves while trying to right the boat resulted in a very bent mast

At the end of day one Liam and Mick were in first place ahead of Simon and Sidonia Barwood with the Thorntons, Brouchs and Paul Terry and Harry Sutcliffe-Woelders tied for third

Day two, Sunday and the forecast looked bad. Would there be sailing or a cancellation. Race officer Chris Kelly flew the AP flag and held the sailors on shore while two storm fronts blew through. Then it was excitement getting onto the water as the Hook launching area had quite a surge. Several volunteers did a wonderful job standing waist high in the water assisting sailors get their centerboards and rudders down and in control of their dinghies. Actually this launch drew the largest spectator crowd who enjoyed the excitement of many near misses with the sea wall and a few good looking capsizes.

Simon and Sidonia Barwood had the best performance on day two with two first places and two third places. Liam and Mick helped the rest of the field by going to a wrong mark in the first race of the day before realizing their error and pulling amazing recovery to finish seventh in the race. Paul T. and Harry SW had a very consistant day with three seconds and a third to bring their overall regatta score very close to the first two boats.

It was great to see a number of first time contestants in the State Championship. Richard and Rosie Rowell of Dunsborough Sailing Club, Peter, Matilda and Charlotte Nelson of RFBYC and Peter and Aaron Todd of Sun City Yacht Club.

State Championship results were

- 1st Overall - Liam Wilson and Mick Mallawarachi
- 2nd Overall - Simon and Sidonia Barwood
- 3rd Overall - Paul Terry and Harry Sutcliffe-Woelders
- Family Trophy - Simon and Sidonia Barwood
- Veteran Trophy - Paul Terry and Harry Sutcliffe -Woelders
- Grand Master - Simon Carroll and Ethan Prietor-Low
- Sub-Junior Champion - James and Brad Stout
- Junior Champion - Nathaniel and Ethan Brough
- Rookie Trophy - Richard and Rosie Rowell
- Cruiser Trophy - Peter and Aaron Todd

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MIRROR DVD FROM ALBANY

There is a project that is going on in Albany. Paul Pietersen is the ex-pat South African who looked after the South African team that came to Princess Royal Sailing Club for the Mirror Worlds.

Paul is producing a 90 minute DVD on the Mirror Worlds that will be called "Mirror Mirror on the Sea".

Paul knew nothing about sailing and did not have any family member involved in the Worlds, however one of his soccer players, Lachlan Butler, sailed in the Worlds. Paul produced a fund-raising DVD for Lachlan's soccer team last year and he was encouraged to do the same for the Mirror Worlds. He has done this completely on his own back. He went around town looking for 10 corporate sponsors at a charge of \$200 each and when the DVD is produced has decided to donate all nett funds to the Club.

Two original songs have been written for the DVD and the first has been posted on You Tube. The accompanying video is just a rolling slideshow of some photos of the singer and do not reflect what will be on the DVD. I encourage you to have a listen to it. You can find it at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-JpSi9HLZU>

The singer is thirteen year old local girl Brittany Freeman.

The second song is called "Spinnaker Chewing Gum Bubbles". Paul has an interesting take on what Mirror Spinnakers look like but they do look a little bit like chewing gum bubbles.

When this DVD is finished it'll be a fantastic promotional tool for the class.

If you would like to know more about this project and/or have some involvement then I'm sure Paul would love to hear from you. If any of you have any video content from the Worlds or know anyone who does Paul would gladly welcome it.

Paul was also looking for a good photo of Mirror creator Jack Holt. If you have access to such a picture please let him know.



MIRROR-SAIL 2011



This year Mirror sail is being hosted by the Claremont Yacht Club on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th September

Mirrorsail is for Mirror sailors of all competence levels. New entrants, club sailors and those aiming at State and National Championships.

Keep this weekend free, further information will be sent out to sailors over the next few weeks

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PAUL TERRY REPORTS FROM PRINCESS ROYAL SAILING CLUB

I'd love to say the Mirror season at PRSC finished off with a bang following the highly successful Worlds regatta but unfortunately, with a number of our younger sailors choosing to move into other boats, such as Laser Radials, 4.7's & 420's, or moving on, I'm saddened to say it finished with a bit of a whimper, however Henk, Josh, Nathaniel, Ethan, Harry & I enjoyed the tight match-racing when we did manage to get out on the water.

There is a new batch of Mirror Juniors coming on and I look forward to bringing them up to speed, so to speak, next season so we can start to build the fleet again. I don't think it'll take long to get numbers up again.

The last race of the season for the Mirrors was the Cock of the Harbour, which is a Handicap race involving all boats from the Club. The Mirrors start off first and this year Ethan Brough teamed up with Mani Giuntoli to lead the chasing fleet all the way around the 10nm course to take out the Cock of the Harbour, which was a fantastic effort on their behalf because they didn't have anyone to show them the way around marks on the other side of the Harbour that they'd never been anywhere near previously. Well done Ethan & Mani.

PRSC was a bit light on for representation at this year's States in Mandurah, but so was Freshie and Hillarys for that matter. However, that didn't deter from the quality of the competition. 2 boats from PRSC made the trek up the highway, Twixta & Knot too Risky.

The conditions on Friday afternoon for the coaching/training session were light and sunny and it was great to get out on the water after a 6am start from Albany. Saturday morning could not have been more different. Almost 100% humidity with heavy dew, and a building North Westerly with an accompanying building sea. The racing was tight amongst the top 7 or 8 boats with the top 3 very close. 4 heats were raced on the Saturday with 4 separate winners and that theme continued for the 5th race on the Sunday morning.

Sunday's weather was a bit stormy and after being under AP for nearly 90 minutes waiting for a frontal line to cross the coast, we headed out into quite a sizeable North Westerly swell & sea and a good 15 knot breeze. Some fun was had surfing down the 1.5m swells I can tell you!!

Going into the last race Liam Wilson almost had it wrapped up but Harry & I were within striking distance 3 points behind on equal points with Simon & Sidonia Barwood. Both Liam & us were over the line early so Simon got a jump start on us both and there was not quite enough runway on the course to reel him in. As a result we finished 3rd overall and Nathaniel & Ethan were the best of the rest and finished 4th. Well done to Nathaniel & Ethan who brought home the Junior Trophy this time and thanks to Harry for crewing with me.

Must also mention that Austin & Sienna were also at Mandurah sailing the 420. Of the JESS crews they performed the best in a quality fleet with at least 2 top 10 finishes. They learnt heaps and a lot of fun was had. Well done Austin & Sienna. Austin & Sienna leave for their JESS trip next week on 15 June and we wish them all the best and hope they learn heaps about themselves and their sailing during their trip. Same goes to Niko Striega as well.



WHO IS UP FOR AN ASYMMETRIC SPINNAKER?

Mirror sailor Andrew Chapman from Inverloch in Victoria has decided to experiment with an asymmetric spinnaker on his Mirror. He asked Mark Rimington and Sam Haines of Ullman Sails Melbourne to make a sail to suit. His aim with this experiment was to keep the spinnaker pole as short as possible and the asymmetric spinnaker size such that it was easy to pass over the forestay in a jibe and also was easy to manage.

Andrew decided to have a simple two meter long spinnaker pole which is half a meter longer than that presently allowed. The spinnaker is lifted using the existing spinnaker halyard and cleat and the tack is pulled out using a line to the existing topping lift cleat. The spinnaker was sheeted to dead eyes 300 mm behind the sidestays but would be more conveniently located and would probably give a better sheeting angle if placed next to the side stays.

Andrew reports that when he sailed it, over three days, the conditions varied from 2 -3 knots on the first day, about 6-8 on the second then 8 -15 on the third day. He found that as the wind speed increased so did the drag which was noisy and it appeared to be coming from the skeg or keel. His Mirror had a hole and he thought this was the source of the problem possibly along with a very blunt leading and trailing edge on the skeg. He has now filled in the hole and will also reshape it to give it a much finer leading and trailing edges and will see how that goes.

Andrew has not yet raced against another Mirror but says the asymmetric drives the boat a lot quicker particularly in lighter winds. He says that in his pictures you will notice the wind is not very strong and the boat is going very quickly.

It was suggested that the sail would perform poorly downwind on the Mirror. Andrew says on one occasion he sailed on a dead run with the jib held on the opposite side to the mainsail and found it caused the spinnaker to fill resulting in all sails operating.

Sam Haines of Ullman Sails says;

When asked to design a small asymmetric spinnaker to be retrofitted to an existing class Ullman Sails Melbourne looked at our extensive work with skiffs from cherubs, International 14s to 18' skiffs and came up with a simple to use asymmetric for training and getting used to the controls, as now it is more

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The sail is designed and cut using the latest computer aided technology, and constructed in our sail loft in Sandringham Melbourne.

We look forward to working with mirror sailors as they better their skills with the retrofitted asymmetric spinnaker.

Several knowledgeable Mirror experts have looked at Andrews work but consider that it is not really suited to the Mirror hull. However it could be good fun to try it out when visiting Victoria for the upcoming 2012 Nationals.



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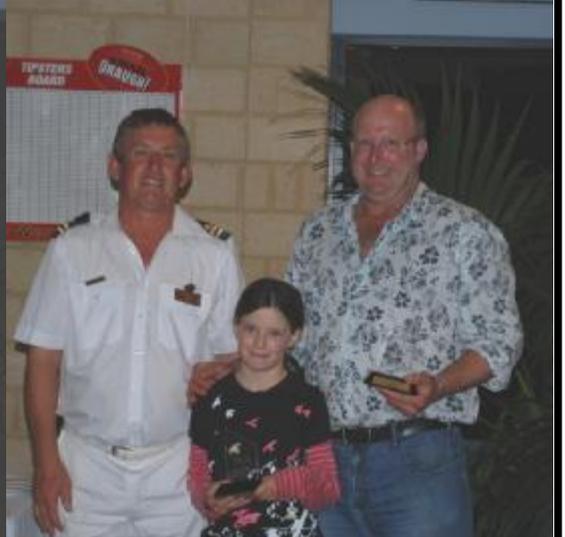
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