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Mirrors on the road to Nationals in Victoria

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COACH CHAT

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By Toby Hodgson

“Carpe Diem”, “Seize the day”, yes now is the time to look over your rusty steed and make sure she is ready for the first race of the season, or sailing camp of your world championship campaign. I have nmmade it easy, approach your boat with clip board whilst wearing a scientific white coat mind set and ask it these questions:

Is your centreboard straight?, projecting to maximum depth?, does it vibrate in any way?, does it stay down?, is it even on both sides?, is it strong enough for capsized recovery?, is it correctly aligned with your boat and rudder?

Does your rudder stay down ?, is the leading edge vertical in the water?, is it shaped correctly?

How much does your mast, boom, and gaff deflect, under what loads?

Is your boat measured and stamped?

What are the chord depths of your sails off the boat and on the boat and in each breeze?

Have you marked your jib sheets for perfect upwind setting ? have you marked your kite sheets?

Do you have a pole launcher system like the state champions?(remember that he is fast and you want to be just like him !!) do you have a purchase on your kite halyard? Does it work or get caught?

What is your mast rake and do you adjust it, when, why and how much ? is your mast vertical ?, even side stay lengths?

Is your boat heavy light or on minimum weight ? do all of your pulleys work ? are they encrusted with salt ?

Are you fit enough for hours of hiking and sailing, mental challenges and excitement ?

See what I mean, you better start today !

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and Merry Christmas and that you are looking forward to a fulfilling 2012.

The season is rapidly progressing but as always there is heaps happening in the second half of the season.

As you would likely know, 2012 marks the 50th birthday of the Mirror and we are holding a reunion at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Sunday 26th February. All current and past Mirror sailors and their families are invited to attend. Thousands of Western Australians have sailed a Mirror over the past 40 years and I hope that you'll help spread the word and refer people to the reunion info on the association website.

I came across some interesting trivia relating to the popularity of the Mirror over the years. In 1976 there were 247 Mirrors recorded in the YWA census and there were 98 yachts participating in the 1979/80 Nationals at Nedlands – probably a record fleet for a Nationals held in Perth.

A week after the reunion I hope we'll see a lot of us converging on Bunbury for the State Championships on the Labour Day long weekend. Koombana Bay is an excellent venue that provides calm waters, steady breeze and usually nice warm weather. If you are keen to enter but need help with transport, accommodation, a crew or skipper etc don't hesitate to contact myself or any other committee member. Keep an eye out for the registration form which will be circulated shortly via the website.

Mirrors also have the privilege of being invited to

Nedlands Yacht Club's HMAS Perth race day on the 19th February. This is a very historic event and the Mirrors are only one of the few select classes that participate. Please make an effort to enter and fly the flag for Mirrors there. Again, there is plenty of help available from us to get you there.

I am also pleased to report that there has been a great deal of interest in Mirrors from new sailors over the last few months. Freshie has gained a number of new crews and the fleet is at record numbers for recent times. Also, word is that there may be production of Mirrors in China commencing this year. The association is very supportive of establishing Mirrors in China and has even discussed sending a few boats and crews there to race in some major regattas, now that would be ground-breaking!

Congratulations to Andy and Rex Henderson, and Mick Malla and Mark Pitt who travelled to Melbourne to compete in the National Championships at New Year. It was both Andy and Mick's first time helming in a Nationals and they performed really well coming 6th and 9th respectively. Rex is a Nationals junkie and Mark isn't far behind. Their commitment to the Mirror continues to impress.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the reunion and down in Bunbury. I'm sure that both events will be well worth the effort.

All the best.

Rik

SAFETY BAY SAILING CLUB

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

Have you ever sailed a Mirror? We're having a reunion to celebrate its 50th Birthday.



Yes, the mighty Mirror is turning 50 and we're having a reunion to celebrate.

Sunday 26th February 2012 (4pm-7pm)

Thousands of West Australians have sailed a Mirror over the years and we would love to find out who you are so we can invite you to WA's biggest ever class reunion. It is on Sunday 26th February (4-7pm) at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club Dinghy Clubhouse. You can help make the event something special by spreading the news to your "old" Mirror comrades.

Please leave your details at www.mirrorassocwa.org (see 2012 Reunion) or email <mailto:rik@fwamedia.com.au>

or **Mirrors WA**



Help with memorabilia, other historical information and ideas would be appreciated.

Contact Rik Thornton (0419 912475 or rik@fwamedia.com.au).

“Ever wondered what happened to the people you used to sail with?”

**The Mirror Class Association of Western Australia
State Championship 2012
Koombana Bay Sailing Club
3rd & 4th March 2012**



Koombana Bay Sailing Club (Inc.)

Saturday 3rd March 2012	Registration at KBSC Clubhouse	0830 to 0930
	Briefing at KBSC Clubhouse	0930
	Morning Races	First Warning Signal after 1000
	Afternoon Races	First Warning Signal after 1330
	The Annual General Meeting of the Mirror Class Association of WA (Inc.)	After 1800 hrs at the KBSC club- house
Sunday 4th March 2012	Morning Races	First Warning Signal after 1000
	Afternoon Races	First Warning Signal after 1330
	Presentation of trophies	After 1800 at the KBSC club- house
Monday 5 th March 2012	Cock of Koombana Yardstick Race (not part of the State Championship)	Warning Signal after 1000

Book your accommodation now. It will be a great event as it is part of the annual Koombana Bay Regatta.

Prizes will be presented in the following categories:

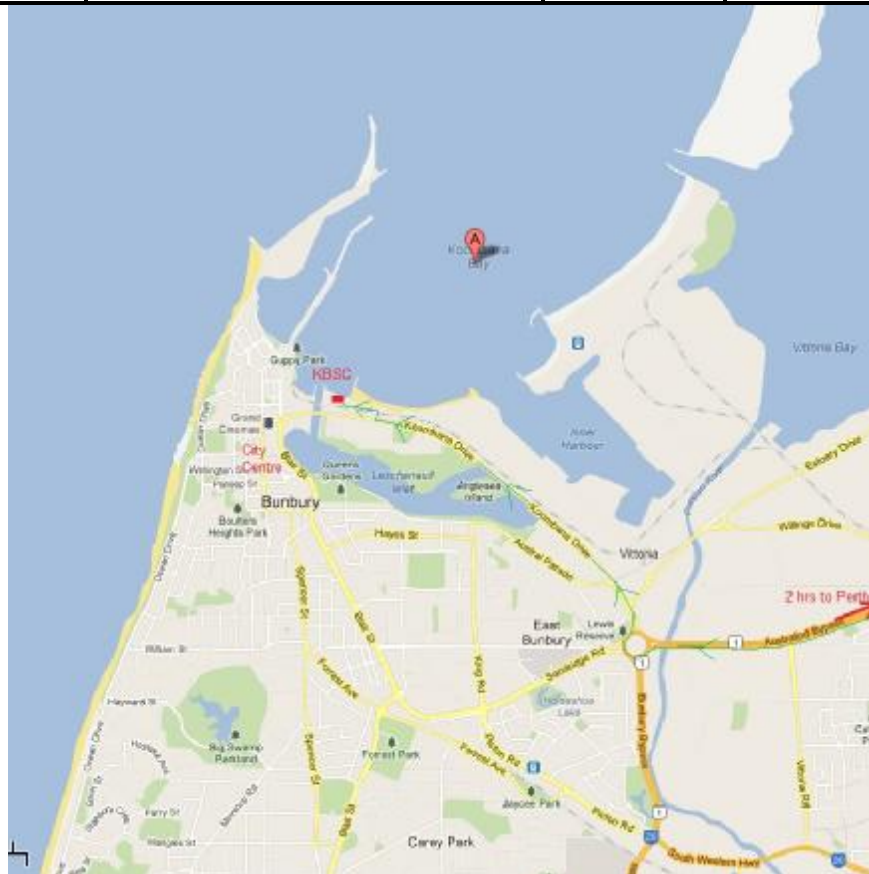
Overall State Championship	First, second and third - Skipper and Crew
Handicap State Championship	First, second and third - Skipper and Crew
Junior Champion	Skipper and crew both under 19 at 31/12/2012
Sub-Junior Champion	Skipper and crew both under 16 at 31/12/2012
Veterans Trophy	Skipper over 40 at 31/12/2012
Grand Masters Trophy	Skipper over 50 at 31/12/2012
Blockey Trophy	Skipper and crew same family
Cruiser Weight Trophy	Combined weight greater than 130Kg
Ladies Champion	1st Female Skipper
Top Club Trophy	Club with minimum points (best 3 crews)

Any skipper and crew combination will only be declared winners of one of these categories

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Koombana Bay Regatta accommodation. .

★★★★☆	The Sanctuary Resort	9725 2777	1800 677 309
★★★★☆	Quest Bunbury	9722 0777	1800 334 033
★★★★☆	Bunbury Village Holiday Park	9795 7100	1800 007 100
★★★★☆	Quality Hotel Lord Forrest	9721 9966	1800 097 811
★★★★	Riverside Caravan & Cabin Park	9725 1234	
★★★★	Bunbury Glade Caravan Park	9721 3800	
★★★★	The Clifton	9721 4300	1800 017 570
★★★★	Koombana Bay Holiday Resort	9791 3900	
★★★★	Ellens Cottage c1878	9721 4082	
★★★★	Joy & Peter's Bed & Breakfast	9795 8336	
★★★★	Comfort Inn Admiral	9721 7322	1800 677 720
★★★★☆	Lighthouse Beach Resort	9721 1311	1800 216 226
★★★★☆	Colomberie Bed and Breakfast	9795 7734	
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HMAS PERTH REGATTA SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY TRAVELLERS CHAMPIONSHIP HEAT NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB

Nedlands Yacht Club, in association with the HMAS Perth Survivors Association and the Naval Association of Australia (Fremantle sub-section) will conduct the annual HMAS PERTH MEMORIAL REGATTA as a tribute to the memory of Captain Hector Waller, DSO, RAN, and the crew of HMAS Perth, lost in action on 1st March 1942.

Join in this fantastic event. Entries close at 13.00hrs (1.00pm) on the 19th Feb but the club would appreciate earlier notification to help with the planning. Opening ceremony ant 14.00 hrs racing at 14.30 hrs (2.30pm)

WARTIME DIARY HMAS PERTH

The page shown here has been reproduced from a notebook that was kept by a sailor who served on the HMAS Perth during World War 2. His name & rank was ERA Charles Thomson. Charles was down in the engine room on that fateful night of February 28th 1942 during the Battle of the Sunda Straits and survived the sinking of the ship, along with 329 others. 352 went down with the ship, including its captain, Hec Waller.

The excerpt shown here details the mode of transport the prisoners were subjected to from the time of the sinking to their arrival in Bangkok in 1944. The most interesting entry is of their arrival at Sangian Island 'via swim' (the men were floating around for over 24 hours). Several entries can also be seen where the prisoners went 'via foot' for over 130 kms to get to the next working camp. Charles, who had been the President of the HMAS Perth Survivors Club, was a regular guest at the yacht races held every February at The Nedlands Yacht Club. He died in Perth in 1996. This page has been kindly reproduced here by his daughter, Denise Williams of Kalgoorlie.

PLACES OF INTEREST (?)		
SUNDA STRAITS	VIA H.M.A.S. PERTH	
SANGIAN ISLAND	VIA SWIM	
PANDEGLANG JAIL	JAVA	VIA FOOT
SERANG JAIL		VIA MOTOR TRUCK
BATAVIA BARRACKS		
CHANGI BARRACKS	VIA "KIN KONG MARU"	
	SINGAPORE	
RANGOON	VIA "MABASI MARU"	
MOULMEIN JAIL	VIA "YAMAGATA MARU" AND BARGE	
TAMBUZIAT (BASE CAMP)	VIA BURMA	RAIL SALT VAN
TANYIN (JUNGLE CAMP)	(85 KILOS)	VIA MOTOR TRUCK
KUN KENIT KENAY	" (25 KILOS)	VIA FOOT
ANARKWAN (JUNGLE CAMP)	(45 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
TANZUIN	" (60 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
DERETAUIN	" (40 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
TANZUIN	" (60 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
"	" (70 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
"	" (80 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
"	" (95 KILOS)	VIA FOOT
"	" (108 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
"	(JUNGLE CAMP) (116 KILOS)	VIA FOOT
"	" (128 KILOS)	VIA FOOT
"	" (138 KILOS)	VIA RAIL
NICKI	" (135 KILOS)	VIA FOOT
KANCHANBURI		VIA RAIL
TANARKAN		VIA FOOT
CHUNGKAI		VIA FOOT
LINSON	(205K FROM THAI. SIDE)	VIA RAIL
CHUNGKAI		VIA RAIL
TAMUAN		VIA RAIL
BANGKOK		VIA RAIL
450 KILO - NORTH		VIA RAIL
BANGKOK		

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ROYAL PERTH MINI SERIES TRAVELLERS HEAT 3

We recommend that as a build up for the next States nationals and Worlds you compete in this event. Entries after 1700 hrs on the 9th february will attract a late fee

The Notice of Race can be downloaded from the Royal Perth Yacht Club website go to www.rpyc.com.au go to calendar and then February

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 11th February 2012 0730 to 0830 Registration
Saturday 11th February 2012 0830 Welcome and briefing
0930 Warning Signal and First Race of day,
subsequent races to follow.
Sunday 12th February 2012 0900 Warning Signal and First race of day,
subsequent races to follow.

The regatta will consist of up to 10 races over two days for all fleets except Laser Masters. Laser Masters fleet will consist of 6 races over two days.

Sailing Instructions will be available from 0700 on Saturday 11th February 2012, from the Royal Perth Yacht Club Dinghy Division Clubhouse.

TRAVELLERS RESULTS TO DATE

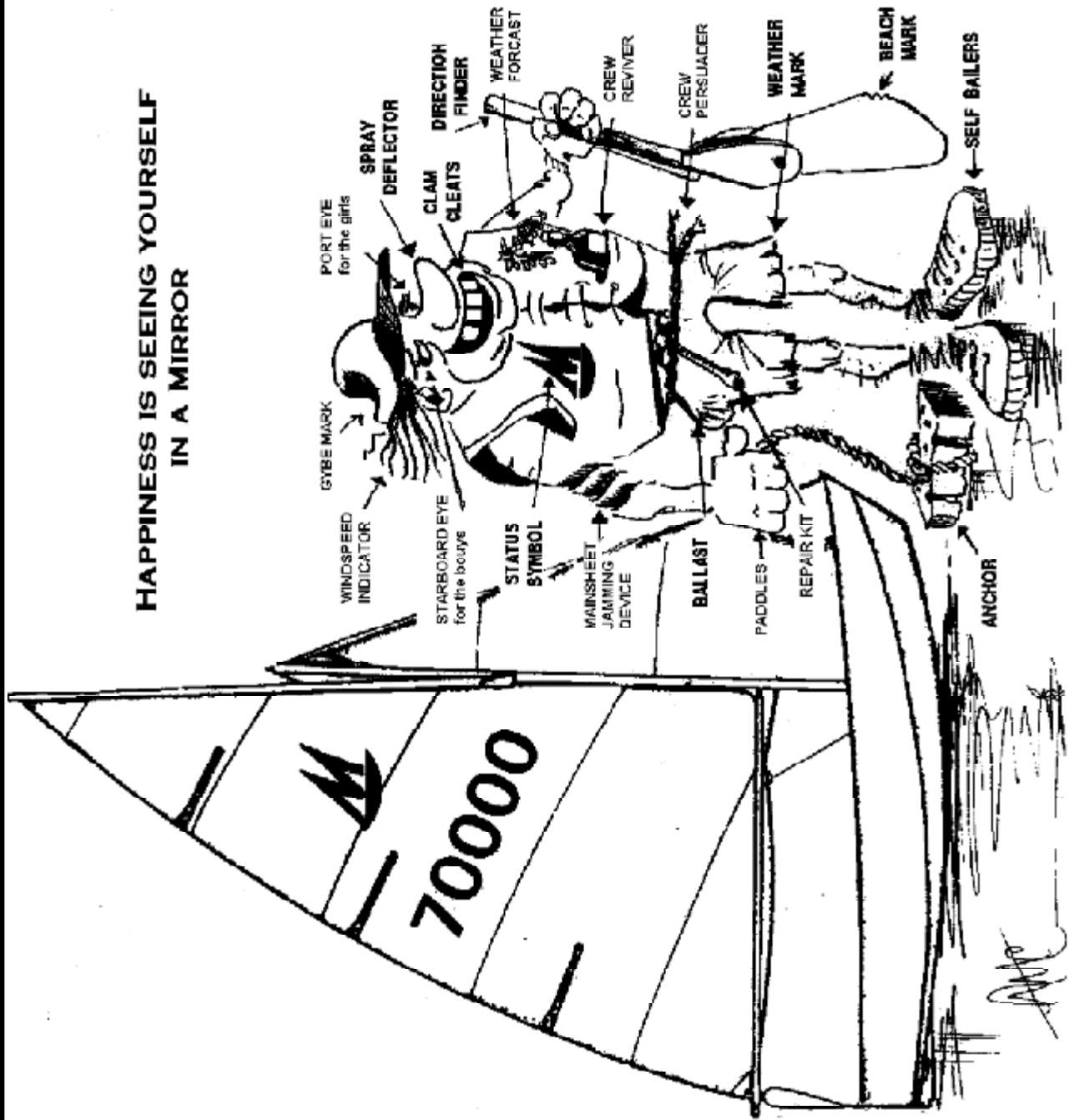
With only two heats completed in this years Travellers Championship the event is still wide open. Heat one was held at Hillarys Yacht Club but fickle winds resulted in only one boat completing the course before the fleet was timed out.

Seven Mirrors competed in the two day International Classes Regatta. The results of the Saturday counted towards the Travellers Championship. First place overall on the Saturday went to Daniel and Michael Judge sailing Posiedon with a first and second place. In Second place for the day were Brad Stout and Anna Alvemalm sailing Just Do It with a third and first. Third place for the day were Rex and crew in Vasco 111.

Over the two days Brad Stout and Anna Alvemalm were clear winners of the International Classes Regatta. They took three firsts and two thirds to end the series with a low nine points. Second were Annalise Bryant and Thomas Hume in Vigilante IX whose consistent sailing brought them in on twelve points overall. Vasco III came in third.



HAPPINESS IS SEEING YOURSELF
IN A MIRROR



IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE FOR THIS YEARS NATIONALS BUT THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE WORLDS

We have the offer of a container to the Mirror Worlds in Ireland in 2013. It will be a fantastic trip and event so what do you have to do to be in it?

Entry to this event will be easy to obtain. Let the MCAWA committee know that you wish to take part.

We suggest you sail regularly in the upcoming events here in Western Australia over the next eighteen months to assist in your preparation.

A trip to the Nationals in Tasmania next year will give some top level competition and will help with your build up to the event.

The MCAWA will help arrange coaching for those wishing to attend.

Remember the Mirror worlds have been the starting point for many of our top sailors. Can you pick our present International Champions from the Mirror team photo below? It was taken at the Worlds in Ireland in 2001.



SAILING PROGRAM

2011			
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 Championships	Williamstown Sailing Club Williamstown Victoria	
2012			
Sat & Sun 11 & 12 Feb	Royal Perth Mini Series Heat 3	Royal Perth Yacht Club	
Saturday counts as Travellers Heat			
Sun 19 February	HMAS Perth Regatta	Nedlands Yacht Club	
HMAS Perth Regatta counts as Travellers Heat 4			
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	
2013			
Dec 2012 / Jan 2013	National Championship	Tasmania	
July 2013	World Titles	Lough Derg Ireland	



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