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# SHARPIES

ON THE  
FLY!

Sharpies in  
action at the 2011  
Frostbite Regatta held  
in June at the Port  
Lincoln Yacht Club



## WELCOME TO THE 2011/2012 SEASON!

The 2010/11 Sharpie sailing season is complete and as the new season begins, there is change! Including new committee members and a new look Sharpie Newsletter!

### From the Sharpie Association

Season 2010/11 has come to a close and what a season it was!

Recently we have seen the 2010/11 State Championships be decided. We have also hosted the Annual General Meeting, the 2011 Frostbite Regatta and the 2010/11 Presentation Evening.

These events have all been great successes and a big thank you must go out to everyone who attended and everyone who made it happen.

The State Championships were won by Dave Higgins, Rob Turton & Mark Kretschmer on board "All Scooped Out". Dave and his crew sailed an excellent championships and did very well to come out on top. The team of Mal Higgins, Sam Sanderson & Andrew Chisholm on "Blur" were runners up and were unlucky to miss out on the title. Finally, 3rd place went to class legend Sam McCloud and his crew Sam Flint & Mark Beaumont. A very

honorable mention must go to Sam, who over the last one to two years has overcome some extreme adversity to once again find himself on both the State and National podiums. Well done Sam!

The Handicap Championship was won by Peter Kirk, Pete Duffield & Jamie Richardson on "Under The Radar", followed by John Heywood, Nick Fewster & Brett Littledike on "2 MC's & 1 DJ", and 3rd place went to Jason Heritage, James Davis & Harry Fisher on "Bread Run".

The Presentation Evening this year was held at the Seacliff Beach Hotel, and it was a very fun and enjoyable night. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and a big thank you goes out to all the staff at the Seacliff who were able to accommodate for all of us rowdy Sharpie sailors.

Now as the sun sets on season 2010/11, it dawns on a new journey... Bring on season 2011/12.

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Jason Heritage, James Davis & James Hughes in action at Frostbite on "Bread Run"



# FROSTBITE!



**Sharpies in action  
over Frostbite June  
Long Weekend!**

## Frostbite Regatta 2011

*By Andrew Chisholm*

June long weekend means only one thing for Sharpie sailors... "Frostbite!", and for the 28<sup>th</sup> year in a row it was on at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club. Boozy, Cold and Fun, as usual.

Most sailors making the trip over on the Friday and having an early start in the Funky downstairs bar at the Yacht club.

The Numbers for this year's event were excellent with 18 Sharpies on the water for the Saturday's 1st race. Many of the regulars made the trip, some new faces arrived as well, and it was very pleasing to see some young crew having a real crack.

The Saturday Heats were sailed in some medium to light conditions with pressure fluctuating all day, making position changes regular. Before we even got started in the first heat, Lincoln Local and chief organizer of the event, Phil Kelly who was sailing in a borrowed boat managed to come off second best in a game of chicken on the start line and crumple his bow. And just like a Richmond footballer with blood streaming from his head, he went straight to the bench and had a wonky looking bandage wrapped around before heading back to the start line. The first heat saw Blur get up, then Turts with Snoady in for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next heat we

saw "Super Starter" Mark Witter who after a long layoff was back in his trusty Techno bus with BA up front and mystery High School student Vicki in the middle. These guys used a tried and proven starting method when no one has a watch on board... Start on top off one of the quicker boats... Blur was lucky enough to be it, and had the Techno Bus reaching over the top with 5 seconds to go for a glamour start and a good 1st work. This race proving to be the only one they finished from 6 starts. Blur had a good fight with the Bear to just squeeze past them on the last run to win with Snoady in for 3<sup>rd</sup>. The last race for the day arrived and by now it was about 8°C and getting on towards 4:30pm, so all were pretty keen to get it rolling, including the PRO, who dropped a minute out of the start sequence to hurry things along. This race saw Blur, then Jacko in for 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Bear 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Saturday Night was the usual fare with delicious food put on and tons of beers. A good time was had by all.

Sunday Morning arrived and we were greeted with some wind. Cool wind but wind never the less so it was straight into the wet wetsuits and off we go. The National Association has recently purchased a carbon boom and two carbon spinnaker poles for evaluation with the idea that the Poles will be in next year and booms some time after that.



The boom was rigged and set up on Blur and certainly had The "Bling" look that carbon provides. The boom felt very stiff and solid in the breeze we used it in. The poles we are testing are from CST and one was 1.5mm wall thickness while the other was 1.8mm. Blur used the 1.5 on the Saturday and we did have a couple of tight reaches to "give it to it". It was flexing a little whilst the 1.8mm was solid as Turts indicated there was no movement at all. It's early days but it would seem that size does mater!... As it always has with Mister Pole...

Heat 4 saw some young fellas in Dozenmatter cross everyone up the 1<sup>st</sup> work and sail very well to hang on to 3<sup>rd</sup>, well done boys! 2<sup>nd</sup> went to The Bear and 1<sup>st</sup> Blur. Heat 5 we had the best breeze of the weekend with 18 knots or so and everyone ripping in the flat water. Most went right and when we got to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark, Sam McCloud came flying out of the left to be comfortably 1<sup>st</sup> around. The breeze soon dropped sadly but it did put some smiles on some hungover faces. Bear 3<sup>rd</sup>, young Fritz on Rage Factor finally fired with the super crew and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> with Blur 1<sup>st</sup>. Heat 6 saw Blur round it out for 6 zip, then Kirky 2<sup>nd</sup>??? That's what it says here, It's on the results so it must be true. So Kirky 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sam McCloud 3<sup>rd</sup>. Turts dropping his bundle for 10<sup>th</sup>???

### Overall Results

- 1<sup>st</sup> Blur
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Don't Poke The Bear
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Moe's Tavern.

Again it was a very successful event and we all thank the Port Lincoln Yacht Club and the regatta organization team for another outstanding weekend of Sharpie Action.

### Standouts

Well known Sailmaker sacrificing his Friday night to help tutor a young Matriculation Student in her studies, a fine selfless act which didn't go unnoticed.

No State Champion... Again!!! Locals now claiming "He hates Lincoln"... What!

Awesome new Menu for Sunday Night, Bloody Great!

Lots of young crew sailing Sharpies, this is perhaps the best turn out of young crew seen for many years, very encouraging for the class.

See you next year.



## FROSTBITE!



*Frostbite Photos  
courtesy of  
Carissa Flint*

# SA SHARPIES ON FACEBOOK

The Sharpie Association has updated their Facebook page so “like” us today!



Cameron “Jiggy” Larkin

## SA Sharpie Association Facebook Page

The Sharpie Association has updated their Facebook page, and it now provides you with all the news on upcoming events as well as photos, important documents and much much more.

If you are a Facebook user, please visit [facebook.com/sasharpies](https://facebook.com/sasharpies) and “like” us today. This way you will be able to keep up in all the sharpie news as it happens without having to wait for the monthly newsletter.

## SA Sharpie Emailing List

Sally Linke is in charge of the Sharpie mailing list and through that she is able to send the newsletter to all Sharpie members through email.

If you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter, please don't hesitate to email Sally (See bottom of page for email address) to ensure that you receive the monthly newsletters.

## What to look forward to next month in “On The Fly!”

- Another one of our Sharpie Sailors is unravelled in their “Yachtie Profile”
- A potential draft of this seasons Sailing & Social calendar.
- Sharpie mould movement information.

## YACHTIE PROFILE: CAMERON LARKIN

**NICKNAME:** Jiggy The Jigmeister

**AGE:** 21 and Still Gorgeous!

**BOAT SAILED:** Sugar Daddy (SA 830)

**POSITION:** The Big Rig Sheet Hand

**HOME CLUB:** Adelaide Sailing Club

**OCCUPATION:** Electrician

**FAVOURITE PLACE TO SAIL:** Port Lincoln

**FAVOURITE WATERING HOLE:**  
The Pier on Friday Nights (Cougar Night)

**FAVOURITE BEVERAGE:**  
West End Draught 30-Block Cans

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Seafood

**MOST ADMIRER SAILOR:**  
Shane “Bouncer” Deussen

**GREATEST SAILING ACHIEVEMENT:**  
4-time Junior National Champion

**AMBITION IN SAILING:**  
Dominate in a senior class (preferably Sharpies) and eventually compete in a Sydney-Hobart

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