



“THE DE-BRIEF”

PRESIDENTS PEN

It has been a great season for the WA Sharpie fleet with one notable highlight being the strong showing of 25 boats at the state titles. It is particularly pleasing seeing all the new and familiar faces returning to the class with a growing number of boats being purchased, pulled out of sheds, dusted off, restored or somewhere in between and now back on the water. This is all a testament to the culture of our great class and what it represents to us and the broader sailing community; a highly competitive, yet affordable, undeniably friendly and inclusive social class. Our brand amongst the local sailing community is unique and something we should all seek to protect and promote, both on and off the water, as doing so will ensure a strong fleet for years to come.

With next season now in our minds and traveling overseas limited there is lots of talk about the nationals in Canberra. The WA association will be looking into affordable container transport as a part of our plan to encourage participation by the local fleet at a national level so make a plan and get amongst it. BTW: Scott Morrison said we can all crash at his place

David Lightfoot

AROUND THE CLUBS

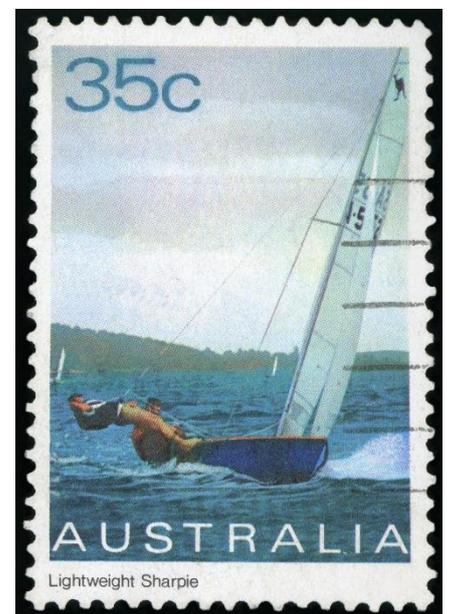
MOUNTS BAY SAILING CLUB

The latter part of the Mounts Bay season has been notable only for a continued lack of a decent seabreeze on a Sunday, with it seems like the majority of club heats and short races happening in light and shifty winds. After a late season boat reshuffle the Short Race series looks to have been wrapped up by Dave Mann in *DPTB/ Wise Magic*, with Conor in *Sea Sea/DPTB* consistent all season for a comfortable second place.

With the last club heat still to come on Closing Day this coming Saturday, Ash looks to have done enough to keep his name on the club champion's mug **as long as the boys show up**, while it will be all on for minor placings with Dave Mann, *Bullit* and Matt Jahn in *Origami* all within a couple of points of each other. It will be all on in the bar afterwards for the traditional closing day ale as well, so see you there.



NEWS FLASH
BOATS CHANGING HANDS
OUT OF DATE
KIEREN & LUKE ABBOTT
DON'T POKE THE BEAR.
CONOR SMITH





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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

BLATANTLY OBVIOUS

Vern Tidy | Joel Mathews | Al Tidy

A “Tidy” clean up at the WA STATE CHAMPS



State Champions
20/21





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EAST FREMANTLE YACHT CLUB HOSTS A NAIL BITER FOR THE WA SHARPIE STATE CHAMPS

Navigating the times with COVID yet again affecting racing series and our community in 2021 saw a reschedule of the State Champs this year from a stormy blustery weekend in Feb to a light flukey weekend in late March.

Sailors were geared up for a serious “rumble in the reach” with 25 boats taking to the line in a nail biter of a series.



Series scores came down to the last two races to determine placings finishing with a tie for third.

Saturday racing was conducted as planned in the “drainpipe” for all our legends, family and friends to watch on in the comfort of the East Fremantle Yacht Club.

Race 1 was led and won outstandingly by one of the youngest skippers in the fleet Scott Fallows, steering Vanquish, huge credit to Pete Ivanac for rallying a group of young guns, Scott and Daniel Bowers, into the class to

give the big guns a run for their money.

Scott went on to win the Junior championships and a close 6th place overall.

It was “Blatantly Obvious” Vern and his “business class crew” Joel Mathews and superior sheethand Al Tidy had the series under wraps with great skill and knowledge of the reach Vern put on a clinic for the association showing us all how you get the job done!

Second place was taken out by Dave ‘the Pres’ Lightfoot, with Dion Alston and skiff legend Grant Rollerson up front.

Third was tied with Dave Mann, Steve & Marty on Wise Magic and season late comer Vicious hitting the water only two weeks prior to the states with gun sailor Murray Smith at the helm legend John Suriano on sheet and Kurt Johnson on wire.

Only three points separated third to sixth place.

In true Sharpie style there was eagerness on the start line with a record 5 starts for Heat 4, a black flag and a few DSQ’s. It

certainly gave the photographers on the cliffs of Black Wall Reach and Mosman park some great start line footage capturing the frustration of those “great star” opportunities missed!



The bar and band was cranking on Saturday night. Joel “business class” Mathews belted the beats and kept all entertained. East Fremantle showed us why they are the club the party at with great food, great service and cold beers for all the punters.

A huge thank you has to go to Race officer Helen Suriano and crew for their fantastic efforts in achieving all 7 desired races in what posed as a difficult shifty breeze with limited water space.

Finally to EFYC for hosting us it was a great regatta, great organisation, great times. The WA Sharpie Association look forward to our next regatta. Thank you!





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JUNIORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Kiara Simms, Dusty Headly & Ben Horton
- sailing Meat & Two Veg at GBYC



Finn Manning
– sailing on Amber Dreams at GBYC



Ashton Schnider on Origami Underwear at MBSC

Scott Fallows & Daniel Bower
- sailing Vanquish at EFYC



James Newton
– sailing The Univited at GBYC



Marcel Spires & Harry Griffiths
aspiring sailors at EFYC

It is with growth and development in younger sailors that we will ensure the longevity of the class





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State Champs Continued...

This year saw WA Sharpie fleet grow dynamically with representation from two Junior skippers, two female skippers. Participants from the Moth association, 18 foot skiffs, 14ft skiffs, Javelins and the WA Skate association.

Special mention to the skippers and crews from GBYC, building growing strength and confidence in the WA sharpie sailors of the south west, so fantastic to see keen participation from such a diverse talent pool.

As a fleet we are also very lucky to have some keen, talented media producers in Lindsay Preece of [@Ironbark Photos](#) and Tim Putt of [@TP Nautical Imagery](#). These guys did an amazing job capturing the weekends racing. We would like to thank them for sharing the media with us. Be sure to check them out and give them a like on Facebook.



VALENTINES DAY CUP



The Valentines Day Cup is a new initiative supported by the association to build and grow awareness of the class. Encouraging growth and development of potential female sailors within the class.

The initiative has been led by Dave Mann and legend Peter Chappell and is intended to be an annual event allowing opportunities for female sailors to compete and get a taste for “flying a sharpie”

2021 saw four female skippers at the helm: Kaiella Taylor, Farrah Corrigan, Saskia McKay, Conor Smith

In a tight MBSC short course series Conor Smith sailing Sec Sea prevailed on top, with Saskia a close second.



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AROUND THE CLUBS

GEOGRAPHE BAY YACHT CLUB

All things must end and that is the case for the current season at Gbyc. In what has been a great year with five to six boats each week we were treated to some close racing and plenty of camaraderie and beers after.

With only the Presso night to go it will be sad to see it end! All looks good for the next year with a strong contingent of juniors lining up to crew each week, this rewards the effort to promote our class as the juniors can see the benefit of sailing a one design class with large fleets! Well done to all who did their bit!

I will report the trophy winners after presso night. There may be a possibility of some impromptu winter racing depending on the weather and enthusiasm!

Cheers

Till next season

Pete Cuthbert



WA Sharpie – Crew finder is working very well so get on board email v.president@washarpiers.com to get connected!

A LOST TREASURE FOUND

& AN OLD TREASURE NOT LOST

Datey finds his lost treasure in ‘A Date At The Races’ WA 688 after buying it 40 years in Melbourne from Neil Harrison ‘A Day At The Races’. Thanks to Snowy in Busso who sniffed it out from a farmer’s shed in Margaret River sitting for 18 years. It might not be the glossy cedar timber deck piano as we used to know it but the plan is to restore the old girl and give it away to dedicated junior Sharpie sailors. We’ve got rid of the possums and rats in the front bulkhead and have given it a good clean up as she’s structurally sound all over and a little overweight but with some hard yakka she’ll come up a treat. Datey can’t believe it’s in his garage with story’s already surfacing of acts of bravery when ‘Banana’ was in his prime, drop into Datey’s garage and get the full story but bring your sandpaper, say no more!





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HUCK SCOTT
WINTER SERIES 2021

SAT 29 MAY
SAT 19 JUNE
SAT 31 JULY
SAT 28 AUGUST

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MOUNTS BAY SAILING CLUB

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SUN 27TH JUNE
SUN 25TH JULY
SUN 22ND AUG

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WA SHARPIE SAILORS

Planning is about to begin for the next WA Sharpie Nationals in WA

Have your say...

We would like to give sailors the opportunity to vote on preferred venue to host the regatta.

The committee is focussing on growth and development and bear in mind it is part of our constitution to host a regatta in a country location every third round.

Email your response to nationals@washarpiers.com

A link to the official 2021/2022 Sharpie Calendar will be sent through soon...



WA SHARPIES CALENDAR 2021-22

EVENTS	DATES	EVENTS	DATES
MBSC--OPENING-DAY	2 nd October 2021	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--MBSC	TBC
EFYC--OPENING-DAY	TBC	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--GBYC	TBC
MOFSC--OPENING-DAY	TBC	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--EFYC	TBC
GBYC--OPENING-DAY	TBC	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--MOFSC	TBC
VALENTINES-CUP	13 th February 2022	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--PDSC	16 th October 2021
WA SHARPIE STATES	5 th - 6 th February 2022	TRAVELLERS-SERIES--PFSYC	7 th November 2021
RUMBLE-IN-THE-REACH	TBC		
3-OF-A-KIND	20 th March 2022		
AUSTRALIAN-SHARPIE-NATIONALS	27 th - 3 rd January 2022	MBSC-WINTER-SERIES-2021	30 th May, 27 th June, 25 th July, 22 nd Aug
		FSC-HUCK-SCOTT-WINTER-2021	29 th May, 19 th June, 31 st July, 28 th Aug

APRIL					MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST					SEPTEMBER																
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