



“THE DE-BRIEF”

PRESIDENTS PEN

The 2021/22 Season is off to a cracker start with all Sharpie clubs enjoying good fleet racing.

After enjoying the 2021 States with 75 competitors we can expect as large if not more for the WA state titles in Feb 2022 at MBSC.

GBYC and the fleet at EFYC are continuing the push for growth and development with juniors regularly joining the ranks. MBSC skippers including Matt Jahn, Luke Abbot and Craig Mann are regularly training new and up and coming sharpie sailors to maintain the diversity our association needs.

Opening Day at EFYC was enjoyed with a moderate 15 knot breeze. A short course and tight racing saw the four boats that took to the water race down to Dome Buoy and straight back to the bar. Once again Vern prevailed in some tight racing with Ivanaac a close second.

MBSC hosted its grand 125th Opening Day on the 2nd October, with 12 sharpies on the start line. It is lining up to be a great season of racing.

GBYC boats were blown off the water in week one, only to return to a short course series in 10-15knot NW with great racing and a good show from all boats.

Legends and families, we look forward to seeing you as part of Kids in Sharpies on the 13-14th November & Veterans Day at MBSC on the 5th December 2021

Wishing all sailors fair winds good racing!

Conor Smith

President WA Sharpies

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AROUND THE CLUBS

MOUNTS BAY SAILING CLUB

Sunday the 25th of October saw 11 boats turn out for the MBSC short course series.

Race 1 saw south of 10 knots with pressure coming from the left side of the course paying dividends. The Suburban Boys looking red hot went for a swim right before the finish to allow a few Bradbury style finishes from boats behind. Mona utilized a converted moth pilot and drew first blood for the day.

Race 2 Saw a building but inconsistent breeze, Purple circle crossed the finish line in 1st, the only problem is they crossed the

start line a little too in front 🤔. MBSC opening day champions, Bullet looked fast continuing their red hot form. This time it was Don't Poke the Bear who was victimised by the dreaded extremely late race swim which added to the traffic on the finish line.

The breeze during Race 3 built to a gusty 12+ knots. The race began with Team Purple Circle so keen for a beer they started early and sailed straight to the bar. Picking up pressure from the left side of the course saw Origami Underwear take a indisputable lead leaving the peloton well behind.

Overall results

1st Mona

2nd The Muppet Show

3rd Bullet

WANTED

Tony Jones is chasing a retired sharpie hull for an important artwork/sculpture project for an exhibition in March 2022

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



EFYC has a solid fleet hitting the water in 2021.

Question is who's going to top the charts at the States at MBSC in Feb 2022



Opening Day Series - PDSC

A few of the MBSC sailors joined the Javelins for PDSC opening day. With yet another fickle westerly that at times packed a punch. It was a day of great racing Origami commanded the fleet with Don't Poke the Bear doing it the hard way, buried on the start line but working her way back through the fleet, SBD put on a good show as always and it came down to the wire for second place. A huge thank you to PDSC for hosting us, it's always a pleasure to rumble against the skiff sailors of the swan!





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WA 940 The Muppet Show

The newest addition to the WA sharpie fleet, watch this space to see how fast they can go!

Check out those new boat feels the even cracked a smile!



VALENTINES DAY CUP

The Valentine's 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”

This year will see a potential fleet of more than 10 female skippers looking to take to the water.

If you're interested be sure to get in touch with the main 'Mann' to discuss boat availability options.

RETURNING FEB 2022 @MBCS





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A word from the Vice President – Matt Jahn

It's been a good start to the season with all clubs generally having good numbers for racing. EFYC and GBYC have done extremely well in bringing young people into the fleet, so hats off to them. Time for MBSC to try and lift our game here, I think..

Experienced sailors looking for a ride

On a similar theme we do have some names that are good sailors who want to be a part of our fleet and it's important we keep them connected

- Britta sailed sheet for Mainy for the last couple seasons and has sailed with me several times now, it would be great to see her get a permanent role on a boat.
- Stephen Ferguson has sailed in the states with Keysie and sailed with Conor recently, a good forward hand who is also keen to be involved.
- Mitch Sale is also keen and being a younger bloke, it is important we match him up with the right team
- Jon Emerson has rolled in from the East coast and is looking to be part of the sharpie/moth crew
- Matt Keil and friend have relocated to Perth from Tassie and are keen to get a amongst the fleet and have queried boats for sale

Where possible, let's try and get these people out on the water rather than ringing up an old favourite who will just do an odd race here and there but generally isn't bothered about being involved....we'll get those types back when we keep building big numbers in our fleets!

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Let's talk tactics

Jahny's top tips for his pre-race routine taken from a book written by Mark Rushall an Olympic level So, to start it off in this edition, I have included a small part of the pre race strategy.

Take from it what you will or take nothing at all!

Pre Start: Developing a Routine

“My pre-start routine helps me to make most use of the short time before the start. For an evening club race, I miss out some of the steps, but the list still does the same job. It helps me to focus on what's important, and ignore things which are out of our control.”

Timeline	Pre-start checklist	Thought process
-20 mins	Line bias	“Once I have a transit, I use one of the techniques described in chapter 5 so that I am able to recheck the bias right up to the last minute.”
-15 mins	Beat strategy	“it's time to commit: how would we ideally play the first beat?”
-15 mins	Starting objective, wind check	“Now I can decide what my starting plan is, making the most of any line advantage without compromising my race strategy. The plan will develop around other boats, but it's still a plan! Will the tide add to line sag, or encourage a bulge in the fleet? How fast is the slow-speed drift in today's conditions? How long will it take to hit full speed?”
-10 mins	Start laylines, wind check	“I try to find a transit to identify my start laylines. If my final starboard approach is above starboard layline, I'll be in danger of being squeezed to windward of the committee boat. I'm looking for an approach transit that allows for cross tide and drift. If my final starboard approach is below my port-end layline, I'm highly unlikely to get around the pin. Even worse, I could catch my foils in it's mooring line.”
-7 mins	Weed check, boat check	“One last chance to check for weed, and get any double ended control lines down to the port side (so they are even when I pull on the vang on the start approach); also, any specifics like lining up the prop. If they are on my list they will get done! Are we wearing the right kit? Last chance to put right or put up.”
-5.5 mins	Ready for the warning signal	“Boat is set, mind is set. We have done our homework, we are happy with the plan and can't wait to try it out.
-3.5mins	Final wind check	“Checking for last minute surprises”

Taken from Mark Rushall's book “RYA Tactics”. If you are reading it and thinking we don't have weed or tide in the river etc...then you are missing the point! What steps will you put into your routine which is relevant for your sharpie sailing?!

Matt Jahn





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GEOGRAPHE BAY YACHT CLUB

GBYC

Hi all the first few weeks of the season has seen conditions from both ends of the weather spectrum! From almost nothing to gale force! But in true sharpie fashion those were taken in the fleets stride!

Amber Dreams has once again started as the one to beat but has the fleet hit on its heels and is only a matter of time till someone else breaks through for victory



With a good mix of juniors and females the class is in a strong position going forward!

Already talk from a couple of juniors about the state so a good sign!

The “Tree of knowledge “ has been adopted by the pelican fleet on Saturdays and sharpie fleet for post race debrief (beers) in the afternoon!

If you are in busso on a Saturday drop in Always welcome
Cheers



NSW Sharpies still committed to hosting Canberra nationals this summer

NSW Sharpies invites you all to the 78th Australian Sharpie Nationals to be held on Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra, hosted by the YMCA Sailing Club from 28 December 2021 to 3 January 2022.

The link to the Notice of race and general information is:

<https://www.sharpies.com.au/2022nationals/>

As many of you would be aware these championships were rescheduled from last year due to the COVID-19 situation and we wanted to assure all competitors that both the YMCA SC and NSW Sharpies are progressing on the basis that we will be able to hold this event at the end of the year.

The Organising Committee is very keen to be able to host the event this year, but all potential entrants need to be aware of the limitations that may impact the ability to host the event during a global pandemic.

Further information, please contact:

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MOUNTS BAY SAILING CLUB HOSTS VETERANS SKIPPERS DAY SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021

If you are interested in skippering a sharpie please register your interest with

president@washarpies.com.au

We welcome the opportunity to get you on the water!

The WA Sharpie Association would like to invite all of our legends to enjoy the afternoons racing and reminiscing with friends on your memories of racing at MBSC and on the Swan.



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@washarpies.com

