

Power Boat Section Report

Well the weather keeps on trying to punish us for some unknown reason; I guess at least we are not alone as it seems most of the clubs sections are suffering in some way with it.

The past month saw us FINALLY get to Cockburn Power Boat Association, and a very very good trip it was too..! Sadly the Boating 4 Kidz event that we had planned was cancelled due to insufficient numbers and also an increasingly bad forecast.

We had 9 boats travel down on Good Friday, which for a trip of this kind was a very good turn out! We had 1 more boat coming down to stay overnight on the Saturday with 2 more coming along for a day trip. The forecast for the weekend wasn't looking very good for boating, but we had been waiting for 2 years for this trip so there was no way we were cancelling!

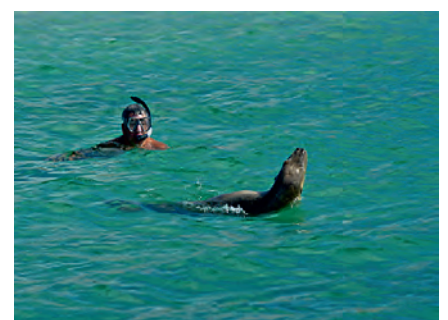
All 9 boats turned up over the day, and all being directed around the new facilities by the incredibly helpful Bosun, Thors.

A few of us headed out Friday afternoon as the wind had dropped and the water was glassy, we were trying to resolve an engine issue we had encountered the week before and Peter & Christine were hoping their running issues were sorted out too. Fortunately for us, our engine niggles were improved, unfortunately for Peter and Christine theirs weren't, David & Andrea (and Billie the dog) kindly towed them back in however and the quest for a solution continued... Steve & Dionne, Gary & Sue and Rachael & me headed for Rockingham for no other reason than we could!

Friday evening was warm and all of us headed for the excellently equipped under croft at the club. Loaded up with food for the BBQ and drinks for us, we were soon in the party mood! As per usual on the overnighters the evenings are great fun and this was no exception! We also learned that there was a total of 189 years of marriage between us all.. with quite a few couples heading for the 30 years!

A fuzzy Saturday morning arrived, as did a strong northwester trying its hardest to stop us heading to Carnac Island for a swim with the seals... no such luck! Trevor Tina & Zoe and Gary, Corrine & kids turned up nice and early and we headed out to Carnac around 10am with Steve & Dionne leading the way. It was a rough ride over but sheltered at Carnac. Terry and Linda had called to say that they had turned back as the sea was just too rough; from the bumps that we had hit on the way over to Carnac I can imagine they both didn't have much fun!

Carnac was great with lots of very sleepy sea lions around and one particularly energetic one that spent its whole time swimming around all of us and going from boat to boat! They seemed particularly interested in Steve



for some reason and very puzzled by Sindy in her dive gear (being bi-sectional again!) Its funny but we are quite puzzled by her too sometimes!! (Only joking)

Diving had made Sindy feel a bit worse for wear so they headed back with Trevor, Tina & Zoe following them. The rest of us, except Liz and Keith who were heading home, headed for Buchanan bay on Garden Island for a drink and a bite to eat! While we were relaxing my phone went with a very panicked Keith on the end of it. They had got halfway to Fremantle and had suffered an electrical fire so they didn't know if the radio was working, I radioed through to Fremantle to make sure the message had been passed. Sea rescue had picked them up to tow them back to Cockburn, but only after a rapid response police boat had dumped a huge high power powder extinguisher all over the boat!

The rest of us headed back to Cockburn to meet Liz and Keith and also to provide some patronage to the bar that was due to open.

Once again we were the only people in the bar! Once the bar had closed Keith & Liz, Peter & Christine and David, Andrea and Billie headed for home and for us, it was back to a repeat of the night before; a BBQ, a few drinks, a lot of talking and laughing... oh and lots of us saying 'poor Craig...' much to the amusement of everyone except Sindy!

Sunday morning arrived with a shower or 2 of rain and high winds, so we all decided that the best thing would be to pack up and head off after we had breakfasted. Keith and Liz turned up bright and early to load their 'powdery' boat onto the trailer, we all helped out (including once again the Bosun) and it was soon on.. and off.. and back on again!

Everyone else was soon out of the water, with the rain holding off for us. As per usual we said our goodbyes and all headed home!

Thanks to everyone that attended the weekend, the day trip and for making an attempt to come down, it was an excellent weekend for us (even with the dramas) at impressive facilities, with impressive staff, and I have sent our thanks and appreciation to the club for all of the help.

Upcoming events

- 11/06/11** **Evening cruise on Swan.** Visiting Flying Squadron and Swan Yacht Club.
- 26/06/11** **Shelly Beach or Mandurah,** day/overnight. Weather dependant
- 16/07/11** **Two Rocks**

For any further information regarding the Power Boat section or upcoming events or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Steve Oliver – RC Power Boat section at rachandsteve@googlemail.com or 0415569272

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