

Mirror Matters

May 2011

What a year for Mirror's in Tasmania!

After hours of training throughout the winter of 2010, travelling thousands of km's to attend the national and world championships in Albany, Western Australia, we returned to almost nonexistent and fickle winds and continued competition with 'lots of growth' in all involved.



As most would be aware: There were 9 yachts from Tasmania that went to the Princess Royal Sailing Club in Albany W.A. to compete in the Australian National and World Titles. The Tassie contingent consisted of the following crews:

Jessie Atherton, Katherine Maher (KBSC) Jenny Graney, Susannah Revill (KBSC)

Mark Barrington, Tom Howell (KBSC) Quentin Hunt, Mollie Hulton (KBSC)

Robbie Hunt, David McAully (KBSC) Ken Barnes, Carla Haines (MBYC)

Michelle and Lincoln Haines (MBYC) Roger Orr, Grace Edwards (DSC)

Max Davey and Nicole Erwin (DSC) (You can peruse results on the Mirror Tas website)

This year has also been exciting as we have seen a growth again in Mirror sailors with Deviot encouraging Scotch Oakburn College, Launceston to be part of competition bringing 3 yachts to the state championships at Austin Ferry this year. New Skippers James Cook and Lincoln Haines, with crews Daniel Briggs and Lachlan Green also attended the State championships building on experiences to grow for future skills.

At present, Max Davey is on an exchange program through his school, Scotch Oakburn and has travelled to Johannesburg, South Africa. He will return mid

July. Well done Max for attempting new challenges in life as a young person, a great inspiration to many who you will mentor along the way.

Club Chatter...

Kingston Beach sailing Club - 

Summary of results for 2010 -2011 - Congratulations to Mirror sailors:

Club person of the year: Jenny Graney (and Peter Gore)

Senior Sailors: Jessie and Kathyrn

Youth Sailors: Robbie Hunt and David McAully

Kingston is continuing to be active and growing with movement of new sailors into Mirrors

Phil, Joanna, Michael and Thomas Young; Jeremy, Suellen, Meg and Charlotte Young; Jacque de Mange and Michael Rowlands

Matt and Petra Westbury, with Earle, Victoria and Jessie (not sailing much) Simon Edwards has the blended family including his two daughters, Grace and Claire, and his partner Jan's children, Tom and Maddy Howell. There are also 2 other little girls who are/will be sailing as well.

Issac Smith was sailing with his sister Jessica, however they had a bad experience when Jessica got stuck under the boat after a capsized and both of them have sadly lost their confidence. Isaac is still doing coaching of the beginner Optis. Hoping that my crew Susie will sail their families Mirror next season.

Molly Hulton also seems keen to sell her Sabot and buy a Mirror.

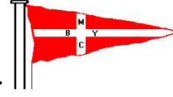
A chap called Anthony Stoner with his 7 yr old son, are also looking to buy a Mirror.

So any Mirrors for sale anyone?

Next season KBSC are also looking to allow single handed Mirror Sailing officially, designed for those who have access to a Mirror but no regular crew, or are too big to race 2 up. A "Mobilise your Mirror" Campaign is planned to get all those old boats out of garages. There will be more details on this later.



Montrose Bay Yacht Club -



Our presentation and trophy night will be AGM night Friday 24th June -

After several years as crew Lincoln Haines is now skippering Shadowfax with new crew Lachlan Green. Carla Haines is preparing to skipper Norme Deane's mirror Rethoth with new crew Mahilia Kingsley next season, after Carla gained lots of experience crewing 3 years for Ken Barnes. Mahilia's brother Alex will be Ken's new crew for next season, Ken has been training Alex throughout the past summer in the mornings, so watch out for Storefresh next season'

Sailing seems to have become a little more competitive at Montrose, after Albany, and Mirror against Sabre and Miracle Mirrors - been some close racing.

Great to see more families participate.

The occasional viewing of Norme Deane on the water, training new crews in 'AAA' has been a delight on settled days.

Deviot Sailing Club



No specific information has been sorted from Deviot relative to this newsletter, We believe Scotch Oakburn has been training in Mirrors from this club which has brought many new sailors into the club.

Austins Ferry

Austins Ferry club hosted the state championships for 2010/2011. Listening to many of the younger sailors most were pleased to have come together in such a

relaxed place - even though wind was non-existent over that particular weekend, they seemed to have enjoyed the fellowship together once again after Albany.

FAMILY SAILING by Mr Geoff Doolan - Cygnet



Three Mirrors were acquired about '82 onwards sailing as a family at Cygnet. The Club's fleet grew to thirteen before a decline set in and junior sailing ceased at about 1992/3. A dozen or so NS14's also raced at Cygnet at that time. As a family we sailed in the McIntyre Cup on the Tamar in 1985.

In 1987 we took the yachts to Canberra and apart from Lake Burley Griffin transported the boats to regattas at venues that included Wyangla Dam (Cowra), Swan Lake and Sydney.

Geoff remembers writing an instruction for the ACT Mirror Association detailing a procedure for repairing "holed" Mirrors that included repairing complex chine problems. It's still used.

We sailed in the National Championships conducted at Kingston 1987/8 and had an occasional race at Montrose.

Our son Craig bought an NS and a year or so later we bought the "Isis" which for the time concluded in many ways our association with Mirrors.

OTHER DETAIL

Port Cygnet Sailing Club conducted the McIntyre Cup in 1986. The Club owned three Mirrors at that time that were in average condition and were used occasionally by St James College for training. At about the same time i.e. 2003-2006 the Club used to conduct a "Mirror Madness" event in mid-winter but with the advent of nine new Pacer Dinghies Kate and I facilitated the sale of the three Cygnet Mirrors to the Dunalley Community Boat Club.



Geoff was pleased to report after contacting the Commodore of that Club, Mr Simon Brooks, that Dunalley have five Mirrors that sail regularly during the summer months usually on a Friday evening (twilight series) they also have a couple of sabots and three "Puffins".

Mr Simon Brooks, Commodore
Dunalley Community Boat Club

(I have the details for those who may need to contact Dunalley's commodore)

They also have a close association with the club at Nubeena.

We all enjoyed the Mirrors greatly and developed some special friends wherever we travelled. *Among the more spectacular achievements was losing a Mirror off the roof of our car between Batemans Bay and Canberra. To be overtaken at 100 kph by a Mirror is surely a rare achievement.*



