



Newsletter Two 2016-17

From the Commodore

Welcome to our second and final newsletter of the PRSC 2016-17 season. While we are currently in the grips of winter, let's take a moment to reflect on the wonderful season that has concluded. We've had some excellent racing, read on to see the details.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make the club the special place that it is by donating many hours of their personal time, our most precious commodity these days.

Summer and Long Course Series Results

The season's six race summer series saw the fleet keenly battle winds from all directions of the compass, typified by race one which commenced with a two knot nor-wester, had a sou-easter mid-race and finished in a 30 knot westerly.

In Division 1 for the summer series the ever consistent Etchells22 Axis of Evil (Geoff Dempsey) with two wins won by one point from the Ross930 Resurgent (Rob and Phil Widders) carding three wins, and League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (Bruce Wilson) a further four points adrift and the other heat winner. For the long course three race series up to South Head and back, League of Extraordinary Gentlemen with two wins pipped the Adams10.6 Still Festering (Pat O'Brien) by one point, with Resurgent in third carding the other heat win.

In Division 3 for the summer series, the Farr727 Farrago (Barry Heaton) carded the perfect five heat wins score after discard to see off the Crossfire20 Xena Warrior Princess (Carolyn Howe), followed by the Compass750 A Fine Balance (Noel Wallis) in third and snaring the other heat win. For the long course series up to Taylors Bay and back the Catalina 320 Windfalls (Sandy Hume) with two heat wins edged out Xena Warrior Princess with a heat win, followed by Farrago in third.



Both divisions have expanded yacht numbers this season, and members have totally enjoyed sailing and the club dinners, not to mention the regular post-race wash-ups on the veranda and over the bar. In Div 3 the Hutton 24 Memphis (James Patterson) has done all three tasks with aplomb and recently carded a well-deserved win.



Autumn, Special Trophies, Club Championship and Twilight Series B Results

In Division 1 for the autumn series Still Festering (Pat O'Brien) with two heat wins won from Axis of Evil (Geoff Dempsey) with Resurgent (Rob and Phil Widders) in third. These positions remained for the whole season club championship, with only four points between the placings. For the special trophy series Still Festering won with four wins, from Resurgent and Axis of Evil, both chalking up a win.

In Division 3 for the autumn series Farrago (Barry Heaton) carded two heat wins to head off Xena Warrior Princess (Carolyn Howe), followed by the Memphis (James Patterson). For the special trophies series and the club championship the first two places were the same, with A Fine Balance (Noel Wallis) in third.

In the twilight combined fleet series B the Jarkan925 Addictive (Bruce Nicholson) won with three heat wins from Still Festering (Michelle Dudgeon) and the Cord32 Hot Stuff (Len Player).

Still Festering capped off a rampant season winning the six heat combined west harbour clubs summer series against a crack fleet, and including on their card a scratch and handicap win. It was obvious after the Pymont Cup win earlier in the season that they would be a serious threat in this series. Entering two series heats as visitors, Resurgent carded a win and fifth, and Farrago a second and eighth.



Presentation Night

The presentation night 6th May was another sell-out as expected, and a superb mild autumn afternoon and evening greeted us. Again great thanks to all club members for their efforts during the season, especially to our starters Anne, Carmel and Peter, and twilight starter Bruce, as well as all at the working bee the week before the presentation.

As usual our caterers Typical Spanish served up a sublime three course dinner.

See some photos overleaf including special awards.

Coming up.....

The winter series concludes with the final race on 29th July.

Season 2017-18 safety inspection day is Saturday 26th August 11am-2pm.

Season 2017-18 Opening Day Race 1 Spring Series is Saturday 2nd September.



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The photos speak for themselves.....

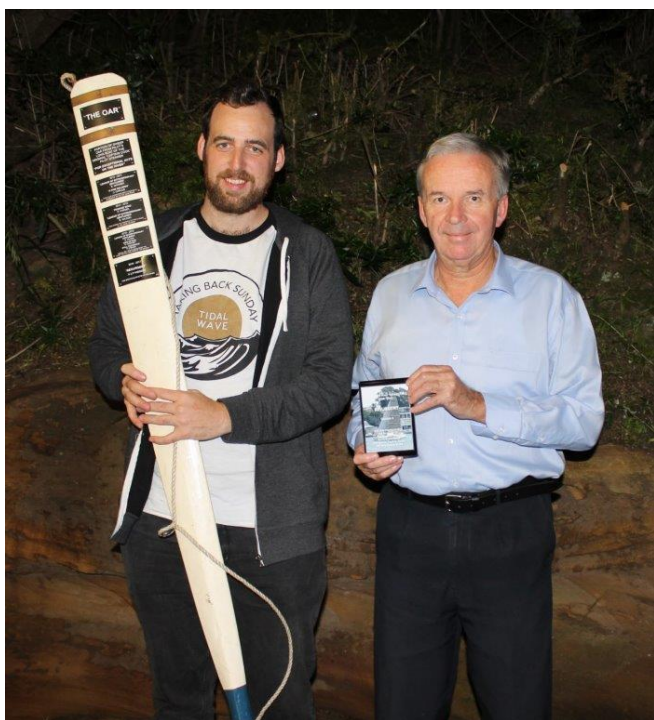




Above is the Flotsam Trophy for coming upon hard times – in this case running into a mangrove tree as per the trophy.....Memphis.



Most improved – Memphis.



The Oar Trophy for spectacular acts to Resurgent for having the 11/2 race in the bag for both scratch and hcap, and then ran straight over the top of the Abbotsford club flag buoy, got it fully tangled around the fin keel and bulb.....who was steering ???



Services to the club – Carmel and Peter.



Australia Post sponsored Division 3 Spring Series winners....Xena Warrior Princess.



Australia Post Division 1 Spring Series winners.....the three tenors.....aka Axis of Evil.

PRSC welcomes new skippers and crew - see www.prsc.org.au for details - or attend the club at the end of Wharf Road Gladesville any Saturday afternoon scheduled races are on. July 2017.