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# **SAILING ASSOCIATION Inc**

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# NEWSLETTER

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# **President's Report**

Nearly the shortest day and we are heading back towards SUMMER, when sane people start sailing again. Mind you, we have had a relatively mild winter, and the winter series at Sandringham has been well attended, and if I weren't building a boat I would probably be having a sail.

The boat building is well under way. Rick's boat is all but finished and will be in the Melbourne Boat Show next month. My boat is out of the mould, and has the deck on. Will's boat is just being started with the gel coats going onto the moulds. If I may say so myself, I think that they are looking very good. They are light, but not to the extent that the rumour mill anticipated. They are strong, very strong. We have come up with two versions the "GP" and the "MP". "MP" stands for "Markee Proof". They all incorporate a few innovations that hopefully will prove successful, but we will have to wait and see what happens on the racetrack. Exciting stuff!

At the end of the day, it will add up to 6 new boats on the water in 12 months, plus the sale of the second-hand boats. Does this mean there is a resurgence of interest in "E's"?

We put the new "Moo" in the sailboat show at Sandringham Yacht Club. This is quite a big event with the focus mainly on Keel Boats. Of the few dinghy classes on show, the "E" gained more than its fair share of interest. A lot of people didn't know what a National E (or a Lazy E) was!!!!! Others that did know, thought that the class was DEAD, and were surprised to learn otherwise and to view the "new" Fibreglass model. We will have another go at the BIA Boat Show next month

There is interest out there; we just have to promote the class. Boat shows are one avenue of promotion that usually are free of charge to class associations, but require a bit of organization and a roster of people to man the stand. What are you doing to promote the class? The simplest form of promotion is to sail your boat at your club and also to visit other clubs as a class association.

The National Executive is getting up to speed. The various files have been forwarded to Victoria now, and we have had two meetings and organised ourselves into various working groups.

The National Measurer has sent out e-mails with the class rules and requested us all to review and advise comments. If you haven't been included in this communication it is because we don't have your current email address, so please contact Rick and he will forward the documents to you. The "rules sub-committee" will be reviewing the rules with the view to eliminate the anomalies (eg Black Bands on Black Masts), and also suggest rule changes for the betterment of the class. This is an important task that will affect us all, so if you have an interest, and wish to be involved, do so NOW. The time frame is to review and document changes in the September Issue of the newsletter. The sub-

committee has a meeting scheduled for July 17; to discuss all issues so please have your comments into Rick or myself before this meeting.

Still on Measurement issues, <u>all boats will comply with the rules</u>. In Victoria, we have organised two measuring days – one in September and another in November and ALL boats will be scrutinised. I recommend that all other State branches and measurers do similar, as it is the National Executive's aim to have measurements checked and boats scrutinised at the Nationals in Adelaide. To make this process easier, and save boat owners disappointment and heartache at the Nationals, preliminary scrutiny is recommended.

Class Promotion is another key subcommittee, and looking for assistance in all states. State bodies – what are you doing to promote the class? What should the National Executive do to assist? The class Website is terrific, but needs up dating – this was discussed at the AGM, nothing has happened, yet. We are almost out of "E" brochures and we will need a new one – any good photos of "E's" around? Should we also have a "pdf" version? ALL suggestions and offers of expertise will be gratefully accepted.

If there are any matters that you believe the National Executive should look into, please advise me and I will table your matter at our next meeting.

In the March Newsletter, I raised the matter of the class name, and promoted the concept of changing back to "Lazy E". I have received some support for this concept. I again raise the issue for the purpose of promoting our class, most people recognise the class as "Lazy E" why persist with "National E" particularly since the class is only active in 3 States?

Also in the March newsletter was the South Australian report written by David Wise. In particular the account of events at the SA State Championships at Miningie, wasn't quite the way I recalled the same events. The issue that David raised was who is in control of the conduct of the racing the Class Sailing Committee or the Club's Race Officer. The issue was that the Class Sailing Committee had decided to abandon the last heat. They

had done so without discussion with the competitors or I believe, without holding a meeting of the committee. Some of the competitors wanted to race, and raised issue with the Race Officer. The club and the Race Officer took the matter to the State yachting association who confirmed that the decision was that of the Race Officer. The race officer conferred with the competitors, and checked the wind gauge and weather and confirmed that the conditions were suitable and that a race would be started.

In our sport there are many rules and procedures that must be followed. It is easy to get them wrong, but that's why we have protest hearings and have the ability to check with higher authorities to resolve disputes. For mine, the correct processes were followed at Miningie, and the correct result was obtained. If you think something is wrong – stand up and say so as there will be two possible outcomes

- 1. You are wrong, and you can be <a href="mailto:shown">shown</a> that you are wrong by either reference to the rulebooks or discussion with higher authorities net result: you (and others) will learn something new and the incident is handled correctly but always ask to be shown the rule.
- 2. You are right, and are backed up by the rulebooks or higher authorities net result: others have learnt something new and the incident is handled correctly.

For mine, I would rather be wrong and learn something.

Of the 6 boats at Miningie on the Saturday, two were Victorian. The conditions were quite windy but the lake was flat. Rick & Darren in *Miss Tickle* blitzed us all and won the 4 heats easily. *Toothache* didn't finish a race and swam 3 out of 4 at the gybe mark. The conditions were sailable, but I think only *Miss Tickle* didn't have a swim that weekend. The Miningie Sailing Club were terrific in both hospitality and also in race management, and I will be happy to go back to sail any time. It was also great to catch up with the SA mob and have one or two quiet ones and a few laughs.

Regards Mark Foster National President E230 Toothache

PS: The mighty *Toothache* is For Sale to a good home. Various options available upon request.

## **Editor's Jottings**

Sorry for the late despatch of this issue .Have had some problems, the main one resulting in not being able to check my e-mail for a few weeks.

Mark Foster's reference to the name of the class in the March Newsletter has resulted in replies from some Life Members. Llew Bowen's gives the story and is supported by Stephen Dearnley. I shall probably publish a third letter in the next issue, after getting the author's permission to do so.

Mark's President's Report for this issue provides a mass of information on moves to promote the class. Here's hoping all Branches can have the same success.

My thanks to the contributors to this issue, their efforts are greatly appreciated. By the time you receive this issue I shall have a new and far more modern computer and look forward to making life more simple.

Dick Owen E 534 *Expo's E* 

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The "National E" Thoughts from Two Life Members

## Llew Bowen

Mark Foster asks why our boat is called a National E instead of Lazy E.

Years ago, the Balmoral (Sydney fleet was blessed with a President who worked tirelessly to build our fleet. He was Jim Lamb.

Jim moved in sailing circles and did his best to attract sailors to leave their class and embrace the Lazy E. He reported that the young blokes were not interested in a boat with a "lazy" in the name as it was presumably not fast and lively.

After discussing various possible titles for the Class, the usual monthly meeting settled on "National E". This had merit as as a National

Class had boats registered in every state of Australia and was therefore of substance. It also dispensed with "Lazy".

I recall that back in the days of Bob Pollock and Bill Youll, it took a lot of effort to have the class officially named "National". This required a registered boat in Tasmania, and this was achieved.

The title change did not do great things for the class. I expect many of us still consider "Lazy E" a quaint and satisfactory title.

Llew Bowen

## Stephen Dearnley

In response to Mark Foster question about the name of the class, I myself could never understand why the name was changed from 'Lazy E' to 'National E' some time after I retired. I can only assume that some overly serious person then on the Committee thought that the adjective 'lazy' applied to the boat's performance, not realising the irony of the description of the class insignia being in total contrast to its actual ability.

As the original founder of the class in

Australia and past owner/builder of E1, *Eaglehawk*, nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see it revert to its original name: **The Lazy E**. (If desired, this could be preceded by the word 'National' for the sake of accuracy.)

Thanks for all the good work you put in with the newsletter – it's always good to be kept in touch, especially as the years stretch out to leave the past behind.

All the best Stephen Dearnley

# NOTICE OF RACE NATIONAL E SAILING ASSOCIATION (S.A. BRANCH) 38<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2002/2003

## SOMERTON YACHT CLUB, ADELAIDE SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The South Australian Branch of the National E Sailing Association invites entries for the 2002-2003 Australian Championships to be conducted by the Somerton Yacht Club over the period 28 December 2002 to the 3 January 2003.

#### 1. RULES

The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions and Safety Regulations Addendum A Part 2 of the Australian Yachting Federation, the sailing instructions and the rules of the National E Sailing Association Inc.

# 2. ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES NIL

#### 3. ADVERTISING

All races are classified as Category A Events in accordance with Appendix G3 and the prescriptions of the AYF.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Races are open to Registered National E Yachts, which comply with rule 39 of the National E Sailing Association Inc.
- 4.2 Eligible yachts may enter on the attached entry form to be lodged with the Race Secretary or his delegate not later than 11am 28/12/02.

#### 5. FEES

5.1	Entry fee for lodgement by 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2002	\$220 per boat
5.2	Entry fee for lodgement after 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2002	\$260 per boat

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACE

Invitation Race	28/12/02	2pm
Heat 1	29/12/02	2pm
Heat 2	30/12/02	10.30am
Heat 3	30/12/02	2pm
Heat 4	31/12/02	10.30am
Resail	31/12/02	2pm
LAY DAY	1/1/03	
Resail	2/1/03	10.30am
Heat 5	2/1/03	2pm
Heat 6	3/1/03	10.30am

#### 7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 Measurement and Registration will be between the hours of 10am and 4pm on 27/12/02 and also 10am to 12pm on 28/12/02.
- 7.2 The S.A. Measurer or his assistant shall inspect each yacht and the sails will be stamped and signed for the series.

# 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Available upon receipt of entry

#### 9. SCORING

- 9.1 The State Championship series will consist of 6 races of which 4 must be completed to constitute a series. When only 4 races are completed each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.
- 9.2 The low point score system, Appendix A A2.2 of the AYF racing rules shall apply.
- 9.3 Each boat's Championship score will be the total of her race scores, discarding her highest score. Subject to the provisions of 9.1 and AYF A1.3.
- 10 PROTESTS

The South Australian branch of NESA denies the right of appeal, subject to rule 70.4 (b) RRS

11 PRIZES

**Invitation Race 1**st place, personal trophies for skipper and crew

Championship 1<sup>st</sup> place, (Skipper) Stephen Dearnley Perpetual Trophy and personal trophy

(Crew) Mike Sherlock Perpetual Trophy and personal trophy

Championship  $2^{nd}$  place, Personal trophy for skipper and crew Championship  $3^{rd}$  place, Personal trophy for skipper and crew

**Division 2, 1**<sup>st</sup> **place**, Stephen Cole Perpetual Trophy and Personal trophy for skipper and crew Wally Tonkin Memorial Trophy and Personal trophy for skipper and crew

Masters (combined age 85-99yrs) Wayne Scott Memorial Trophy
Grand Masters (combined age over 99yrs) Wise Family Perpetual Trophy

**Female**, Personal trophy for fastest female skipper **Junior**, Personal trophy for fastest Junior skipper

Jock Lawler Memorial, (member selected for outstanding service over the previous 12 months),

Personal Trophy

Nil Desperandum, (Highest points boat having completed all races) Personal trophy for

skipper and crew

<u>Dirty Tips trophy</u> <u>Lucky break award</u> Battered crews award

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## A Message from the National Measurer

As a member of the National E Association I have attached an electronic copy of the N.E.S.A. Rule Book. It has latest updates included in these Rules.

This email was sent to those whose e-mail addresses were know as the Victorian Branch so that all boats comply with these rules for the coming season and of course future

seasons. As the state and national measurer l will stress that there will be **no exceptions** 

made in respect to these rules

<u>It is in every boat owners interest to make</u> <u>sure his/her boat conforms with these rules</u>

if you have recently replaced sails, spars, foils etc. Please insure that you state measurer has checked the new equipment and provided the updated measurement form to the National Measurer.

A class measurement certificates will no longer be automatically be forwarded on renewal of fees if it is believed that replacement parts have not been measured by

the proper state measurer.

Feel free to contact me should you require

further info

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State & National measurer

If there are members who I have missed please forward this email on to them ,also please email me with their email address so as I can update the register

Regards and see you on the water.

Rick de Jong

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# National E Sailing Association Inc. 38<sup>th</sup>. Australian Championship Somerton Yacht Club Adelaide South Australia

### **Accommodation Guide**

**Glenelg Tourist Information Centre** 

Foreshore Glenelg **Ph:** (08) 82945833

**Adelaide Shores Holiday Village** 

ADDRESS Military Rd West Beach, SA, 5024 Australia

**Ph:** (08) 8353 2655

Brighton Caravan Park & Holiday Village ADDRESS

Burnham Rd Kingston Park, SA, 5049 Australia **Ph:** (08) 8377 0833 **Fax:** (08) 8377 0628 **Mobile:** 0414 844 503

Website: www.brightoncaravanpark.com.au

**Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort** 

ADDRESS 1 Military Rd West Beach, SA, 5024 Australia

**Ph:** (08) 8356 7654

Marion Holiday Park

ADDRESS

323 Sturt Rd Bedford Park, SA, 5042 Australia **Ph:** 1800 063 193 **Other:** (08) 8276 6695

The Accommodation Specialists

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Email: info@baybeachfront.com.au

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**ADDRESS** 

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Patawalonga Motor Inn

**ADDRESS** 

Adelphi Tce Glenelg North, SA, 5045 Australia **Ph:** (08) 8294 2122

Fax: (08) 8295 7331

Website: http://www.patawalongahotel.com.au



# News from the Branches

## Victoria

Well the season is over and all is in readiness for the coming season. Here in Victoria it is the hive of activity. The National Committee is now in Victoria and has a view of making everyone play on a level playing field. It has been decided that promotion is a productive method in raising the profile, and hopefully numbers in Victoria, and hopefully interstate as well. To achieve this we in Victoria are actively promoting the class, which we did at the Sandringham Boat Show in April, which developed a great response, and we are going to the BIA boat show in July.

Mark raised an interesting concept in the last newsletter about changing the name back to "lazy E", it may not be stupid as you think, after all if people don't know the product, why would you buy it? I know the name changed upteen years ago, but every regatta you seem to go to, the class yardstick still seems to read National E ( Lazy E ). Either delete the Lazy E all together and enforce the various yachting authorities to delete it, and promote the National E name properly, or just revert back to the name everyone outside the E fraternity seems to know.

The other thing that has been brought up at our last state titles and seems very relevant nationally, is the enforcement of class rules. Over the past years I believe we have become very slack within our group of class rules. I for one, have noticed a fair amount of silly little things that have been allowed in the past to get through. They may be only minor, but if you get booked for doing 103 kms on a 100km road, that might also be

We are currently going through the rule book, with a view to clean up a few rules, ie black bands on black masts, numbers on spinnakers etc etc, Most of you would have received an email from me with a rule book in it. I would

like people to respond to me with any clarifications and changes you wish to bring up, if you didn't receive the email, I don't have your email address and would be happy to send it to you if you could get back to me with your email address.

Now onto the more informative stuff!!! The next season is well into it preparation. As many people may know Miss Tickle" has been bought by John Weston. Now he has the current national championship boat we can expect John to be right up the pointy end of the fleet!! This has of course prompted another rebuilding plan in Victoria, My new boat " Miss Conception is 98% complete, and will be shown in the BIA boat show in July. Our new Pres, Mark Foster's new boat has come out of the mould, joined together and is not far from completion. Interesting name for Mark's new boat Mr.E I suggested he put a "d" on the end of it. then we can all call him Wilber. It looks fast, but I think it's only about a second place getting boat. Mark just loves hearing that comment.

Will and Emily Jones's new boat, I hope I get the spelling right, *Petronella* is also well under way and by the end of June will be out of the mould and joined together also. I must admit these three boats have all very interesting color schemes and all three will be very noticeable on the water, Will's especially. You might think he has two new boats, you will have to see it to believe it.

The season ended with Tim Dorning taking out the Victorian Championships in *Stealth* Look out for a name change of that boat next season and an ambition to take the National mantle off Rick and Darren 11 *Miss Tickle* won the Club Championship followed by Brian and Helmut in *Kaos*. John and Daisy in *Tangara* won the handicap award for the season, and put in some great results in the second half of the season.

Peter Seal in *San Toy* is back in the class and back in his old boat which he got back off Glenn Norton. Lets hope he gets back into national championship mode to help push the rest of us. Ben has promised his house building is almost complete and will push us in his new boat *Moo*. Dan Osinga, (our new State President for life), and Craig Fingers are still coming to terms with their new *Herb* but will surely be on the pace shortly.

The next season is certainly shaping up to be a cracker, with the newest fleet of E's around the country, with some stiff competition and a desire to keep the Championship trophy well and truly in Victoria. Now there's a challenge

for the interstaters. I'm sure that a few interstate trips by various Victorians during the season, to prepare for major events are in order once again. Not only for tune up purposes, but as Don Chipp once said, "to keep the bastards honest." (In the light of facts coming to public notice over the past few days July 3/4, the quotation has been attributed to its original author - Ed.)

See you on the water.

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#### New South Wales

The latest news flash from NSW is John Weston's decision to take up sailing in the 2002-2003 after some notable absences from the scene in recent years. He has even gone so far as to buy Rick De Jong's *Miss Tickle* E555 last year's Nationals winner. His old boat *N ep-E* has been bought by the NSW Branch as an interim measure but is for sale with a preference for buyers prepared to race at Balmoral. There are some other local boats for sale as well at very reasonable prices – contact your correspondent if you are interested.

The Branch will be focusing on building numbers of boats racing next season. For example we will be participating in the "Try Sailing" Day on Sunday,10 November at the club. We hope to see Laurie Alderton and Cathy Nuttall back on the water in the new season now that

Laurie's broken wrist is mended and there some new members should be competing.

As Commodore at Balmoral, Peter Nixey has been involved in the many administrative matters this involves with little time for serious "E" matters. If reelected this could continue for another season. By then the club should have a brand new state-of-the-art committee boat, the clubhouse cladding renewed (partially anyway), and risk management procedures as recommended by AYF implemented. Insurance and insurance premiums are of course big issues these days for club managers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Adelaide.

Peter Nixey E 521 The Fury

## South Australia

Welcome to Adelaide for the 2002-03 Australian Championships. Previous championships held here have been excellently run both on and off the water.

Included in this newsletter is an accommodation listing, and a sailing and

social program. This year the timing for the event sits nicely between 2 weekends and this will help interstate visitors who wish to take minimal time off work as well as those volunteers from the host club who freely give their time to run the series.

If you haven't sailed in Adelaide before you will find the sailing conditions very appealing with no other traffic on the racecourse. Morning races are <u>normally</u> sailed in winds of 10 knots and in the afternoon the breeze gets up to approximately 15 knots. The beaches are beautiful and sandy and the racing is easily viewed from the clubhouse

We aim to give you value for money and have included a total cost per boat as a requirement on entering. If you enter before October 1, you pay \$220 and this will entitle you to the following:

Nationals race entry and sailing fees Magnificent trophies 2 Welcome Night dinners (extra adults at \$10, children \$5) 2 Cocktail Party entries (extra adults at (\$10)

2 Presentation Night dinners (extra adults at \$25, children \$12.50)

2 quality, embroidered, souvenir polo shirts (extra at \$25)

You will also find the accommodation cheap. The Somerton Yacht Club is a friendly venue and it is easily accessible from all parts of Adelaide. Please use the accommodation listing to make your own bookings as soon as possible.

David Wise SA President

### Queensland

Season 2001-2002 was without doubt, the worst I have experienced since joining Humpybong in 1967. The number of Sundays when the Club did not even open, due to strong wind warnings and the threat of lack of insurance as a result, was amazing. Added to that, there were those Sundays when the Cats were away at inter-club competitions and David and I could not get his E out of the compound.

The good news is that a number of Corsairs have joined the Club so that there will be an

incentive for E owners to come along for competition. There is talk that the Bribie Island SC, north of Redcliffe, has folded and Humpybong officials are working to attract its members to come to HYC, the closest club. If successful, this will result in six or so 125s swelling the monohull fleet, and hopefully attracting more non Cat sailing bods to join us. Here's hoping.

Dick Owen E 534 Expo's E