

## JOHN DINGEY YACHTING REPORT JULY 2010

G'day Yachties,

There hasn't been as much yachting lately as there usually is. Work commitments, unfavorable tides and howling Easterlies have all taken their toll. Not to worry, there's always next week and the week after....Speaking of the week after (July 17th and 18th), that's the weekend of our regatta. It is approaching rapidly. We are expecting boats from Exmouth, Broome and Port Hedland as well as our local contingent. There may also be boats from Onslow and Carnarvon. Hopefully we will get a good turnout and nice weather and have a great time. Both of the clubs Hobie 14's and the Tasar have been reserved but if anyone wants to sail a Laser we still have a couple available. Get in touch to put your name on one for the weekend.

Our newly acquired fleet of Pacers is due to leave Perth by truck on Wednesday so they should be here by the end of the week. They should be ready to sail almost immediately after arrival so stay tuned for news of their availability. We may run an adults course with them soon after the regatta so if anyone is keen to join in, or if you know someone who is, let me know so we can gauge interest. It also shouldn't be long before some of our more advanced juniors are ready to jump into the Pacers. The juniors have a course using Firebugs coming up in the second week of the school holidays.

A bit more work has recently been done on the Hobie 14's. They both have their new trampoline decks fitted and one has just had a new mainsail halyard and jib furler installed as well as some minor repairs to its traveller track. We have aquired several large pvc tubes to store sails in to protect them from dust and keep them sorted and will soon label them to identify which boat they belong to. This will make it easy to pick a boat and gather its gear together for a sail and to know where it all has to go back to afterwards.

I dusted my own Laser off last Thursday and Ben sailed a club Laser. We sailed in the very gusty Easterly, heading over towards Kaiser Marina and back again getting some good speed, planing readily each way. Then we headed out of the harbor towards Sams Island. As you'd expect, out there the wind was stronger with a bit of wave action as well. It was hard going upwind with several near capsizes along the way but once we turned around it was all spray and action back to the club. What took about 15 minutes to do one way, took about 3 minutes to do going the other way. We were side by side, planing and surfing all the way, sitting as far back in the boat as we could to keep the bow from burying in the next wave. Great fun, so much so we went back out and did it again.

As always, any queries or suggestions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Cheers,

**John Dingey.**

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