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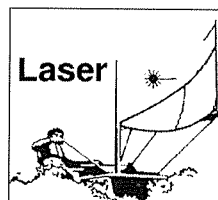
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2004 Calendar

February 2004		
7-8 February	2004 NSW State Championships Notice of Race	South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club
28-29 February	Metropolitan Championship Notice of Race	Bayview BYRA
March 2004		
April 2004		
1-8 April	2004 Laser Radial Open and Women's World Championships	Royal Queensland Yacht Club Info
10-17 April	2004 Laser Radial Youth World Championships.	Royal Queensland Yacht Club Info
July 2004		
17-24 July	2004 Laser 4.7 World Championships	Riva Del Garda, Italy Dinghy Solutions Training and Support

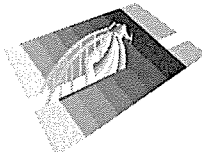
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Chairman's Message

Hi to all fellow sailors

This is my first report as chairman of the NSW Laser Association and the last few months have been very busy. First off, there were the Masters to organise with great haste as this event was coming upon us quickly, the whole weekend turned out to be great.

The golfers had a good day on the Friday in a lead up to the regatta then the serious side of things took hold and Saturday and Sunday saw some very competitive sailors take to the water.

Munmorah sailing officials set fair courses with a good understanding of the conditions helped by Nick Skulander.

I am very lucky this year to have a strong committee to assist in running the association and the regattas to be held over the next 12 months. We have the States at Sunshine, Lake Macquarie in February closely followed by the Metro's late February at Bayview, Sydney. The planning for both of these events is well in hand and appears to be running smoothly.

The Nationals at Belmont, Lake Macquarie has a dedicated steering committee to ensure

this event runs well but anyone who feels they have some spare time to offer please feel free and don't hesitate to contact myself or any member of the committee, we would be only too pleased to have you along for the ride.

Teams racing has a change of venue this year, we will be venturing to Gosford Sailing club - time and date to be posted on the website and through Lasernews. The Coasts next season will be at Belmont 16' Sailing club where we will have on water coaching for those who desire and also debriefings at the end of each day.

At the moment we are looking to move the Metro's back to a pre Christmas date and negotiating with the AYF to make SIRS a follow on regatta.

A reminder to all sailors that to compete in association events you must be a member of the NSW Laser Association or affiliated Laser Associations.

Lastly. congratulations to all who attended the Nationals held at Geelong this month, there were some great results, including Michael Blackburn's, record equaling, fifth victory at Senior level.

Yours in sailing - ENJOY

Mark Skelton



Welcome to the first Lasernews of 2004 from your new look committee, the makeup of which I'll get to later.

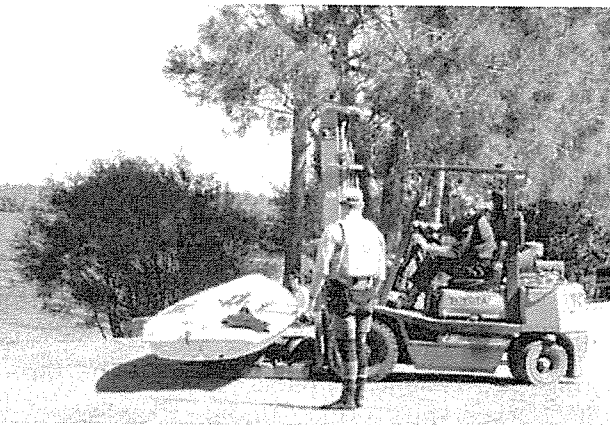
Hope you all had a fine yuletide and can still get into your wetsuits, although with the temperatures we are seeing lately you could leave them at home and go out without one.

A couple of rib-tickler photos this time. The first is of a Big River Sailing Club member who is filthy rich and feels embarrassed to ask his club mates to give him a hand to get his boat into the water. Or, his Laser weighs too much to ask them for help. I hope there was protection between the Laser and the forklift truck!? Sent in by Harriet Woodrow of Big River SC.

The other photo across the page was seen from the corner of my little eye whilst doing 100 k's on the way back

from the Masters at Lake Munmorah. It's just south of Coffs Harbour in a field alongside the road and I quickly did two U-turns to get a picture of it.

Now, the new committee. Three new faces to get used to and there are mug shots of Chairman and Vice chairman below. It's being Chaired by Mark Skelton of Belmont 16ft S C who will also be one of the driving



forces at that Club for the 2005 National Championship over next Christmas/New Years. Mark has been Lasering since Noah was a boy, well, not quite, but he has seen many years in the class.

His offsideer Brett Beyer has also been around the Laser scene for at least 12 years to my knowledge, and has been running his own business for many years as a sailing coach; world Apprentice Master

Welcome Aboard New Members

Cathie Elsworth	Belmont 16ft SC
Steven Holford	Belmont 16ft SC
Nathan Outteridge	Belmont 16ft SC
Alan Pierson	Belmont 16ft SC
Brad Quiggin	Belmont 16ft SC
Greg Sharples	Belmont 16ft SC
Darren Hoppe	Abbottsford F S
Hugh Butler	Abbottsford F S
Matthew Durvea	Avalon SC
Richard Meech	???
Eryn Natrass	Hunters Hill SC

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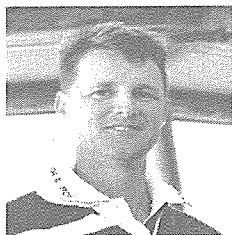


Champion a couple of years ago, professional fitness trainer etc. etc.

Our new Treasurer is Andrew Finney of Georges River 16ft S C. Although we are both members of the same club I can't fill you in much on him. Bit of a long starboard tack to get down there for the Saturday races on Botany Bay from where I live. We would like to extend a welcome and a thanks to him for stepping into the breach after Phil Lucas, who carried the position for 3 or 4 years and did a great job, asked for another to take up the cash box. Years worth of thanks also to Phil.



Mark Skelton



Brett Beyer

Next, congratulations to Michael Blackburn for taken out his 5th National title in Geelong in early January. Boating Oz claims that this equals Glen Bourke's long standing

record, I don't know, but he didn't have it all his own way this year as Brendan Casey pushed him from the beginning of the series and only two points was the margin at the end of race 9. Tom Slingsby of Gosford SC rounded out the top three Australians, although a long way back, after a host of international competitors. In fact, there was only nine Australians in the first 25 places of the Gold fleet.

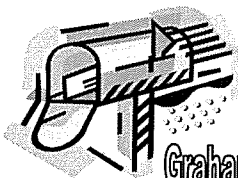


Seen in a field near Coffs Harbour. I didn't know this model Holdens came with a shaded sunroof?

Finally, I had a sort out of old copies of newsletters from around the globe the other day donated to the association by Warwick Thompson of Lane Cove SC and came across an interesting article in the 1991 winter edition of 'The Laser Sailor' from the North American Region. It has some relevance as 21 people from NSW & ACT thought they could turn up at the Geelong Nationals this year without being Association members!! It's on page 8, also some old photos on page 18 from 1978/80/1.

Hang by your toes,

Paul Hargan



Mail n' e-mail

To Membership
Secretary,

Graham Read writes:-

I am Sorry my cheque is a little late but would appreciate it if you could post the boat sticker and receipt to my above address, as I rarely race interclub these days having retired from all of that two (2) years ago at age **70**.

This must be my 24th or 25th year of continuous membership and I have enjoyed all the friendships and championships in Australia and World events in England, New Zealand, and in Melbourne.

It is my hope that I will be able to continue sailing a Laser a few more years at the Vaucluse Yacht Club (Sydney) where I enjoy Wednesday practice and Saturday racing on a regular basis. With best wishes for 2003/4.

Yours sincerely, Graham Read.

Thank you Graham for your kind words and a quarter-century of membership. I'm sure you'll get a few more nautical miles in under the transom yet-a-while, and keeping them honest at V. Y. C. Ed.

Richard Howard writes:-

Hi Bob (Ross),

The following is a great idea for an article for Australian Sailing.

Laser 4.7 INTERCLUB CHALLENGE 30 Nov. Hunters Hill Sailing Club - 2 races (1330 hours start) 7 Dec Woollahra Sailing Club - 2 races (1330 hours start).

This is a new regatta that has been developed to promote the Laser 4.7 Class in NSW & ACT. It has been sponsored by the NSW and ACT Laser Association and is held over 2 days (this Sunday and next Sunday). It comprises 4 races and although an open regatta, will be dominated by youth male and female sailors. It is a great concept because it is directed at improving and sewing the grass roots of the Laser class in Australia and helps promote more girls into sailing. The 4.7 is a much less demanding boat to sail in terms of strength and weight than the Laser and Laser Radial but still has the one design elements of close rac-

ing/same equipment and the demand for sound tactics. The Laser National championships this year are being held in Geelong where there is expected to be a fleet on about 20 to 30 4.7 Lasers competing. The NSW and ACT Laser Association's real aim is to have 50-70 Laser 4.7's competing at the 2005 Laser National Championships to be held at Belmont on Lake Macquarie at Christmas/New Year next year (the 2005 Laser/Laser Radial/4.7 national championships at Belmont is shaping up as being one of the biggest in history, maybe 200-300 Lasers - in all divisions). I would love to see this event given some publicity in Australian Sailing primarily because it is promoting local youth sailing and would help the class to grow. I think that the kids would get a huge amount of enjoyment and satisfaction out of seeing their photos in the magazine and the regatta is a new and unique initiative that deserves to be known throughout the sailing community. If you would like any other information please let me know.

Regards Richard Howard

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Tony Mowbray sails to Antarctica

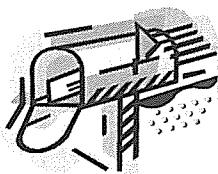
Solo, around-the-world sailor Tony Mowbray (*ex Association member*) set sail to Antarctica on Sunday in the 43ft Solo Globe Challenger, with a crew consisting of an ambulance officer, cleaning contractor, electrical engineer and a stand-up comedian.

'This is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things,' said Mowbray, who is looking forward to joining in 'the most southern New Year's Party' at Mawson's Hut. Media release and report from boat at:- <http://www.boatingoz.com.au/news03/1203c.htm>

Radio controlled Laser?

Paul,

We thought you might be interested to know about the Radio Controlled Laser which is now available in Australia. The RC Laser is a quarter scale model of the full-size Laser and was also designed by Bruce Kirby. Bruce is a keen sailor of the RC Laser - see the Image Gallery at our web-site for



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photos of Bruce at the recent US Nationals. The

RC Laser is terrific fun. It is enjoyed around the world by many who sail the full-size Laser. Our plan is to nurture the development of fleet racing of the RC Laser around Australia leading to regional, State, National and International competitions. If you are interested to know more, you might like to visit our website www.rudiosail.com.au or contact us by e-mail or phone. I hope this e-mail is not an intrusion.

Kind Regards, Cliff Bromiley

Radio Control Sailing Australia email: cliff@udiosail.com.au phone : (02) 9954-0755

Ian Ponton Writes:-

Hi Paul,

I have bought a second-hand Laser earlier this year and would like to join the association. Can you send me an application form. I am also interested in sailing at BYRA in Feb. Can you tell me how I go about getting the boat measured? It's registration number is 14020.

Thanks, Ian Ponton

Tony Mowbray has landed:-

KENNARDS HIRE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Tony Mowbray and 4 crew departed Hobart on December 19 for the Southern Ocean, Commonwealth Bay and Mawson's Hut, the Antarctic home of explorer Sir Douglas Mawson.

Team Mowbray came across their first iceberg on December 30. 'Unbelievable feeling, emotional, exciting, majestic, blue, white, pure

white, sun glistening. Wow, I said WOW!! If we had to turn around now and go home it has already been worth it.'

On New Year's Day they had been hove to with a storm tri-sail only for over 24 hours in a SSE gale with winds constantly between 40 to 50 plus knots. 'It is VERY, VERY cold with big seas, relentless blizzard conditions full of stinging snow and sleet.'

Team Mowbray arrived in Commonwealth Bay, Antarctica on January 4. Emerging from a big blow they came across "Iceberg Alley". For as far as you could see 50, 60, 70 or more 'bergs in all shapes, sizes and colours. This report is worth a read at [Jan 8 - Kennards Hire Antarctic Expedition](#) - Tony Mowbray and crew visit Mawson's Hut, which is a timber structure over 90 years old.

'There is no doubt an aura shrouds the hut and surrounding area where the passionate young men of the Australian Antarctic Expedition lived together so many years ago.' Heading home they came across pack ice! An absolutely impenetrable barrier of the most tightly packed convoluted ice stretching in a crescent shape from west to east as far as the eye could see. Full reports at <http://www.boatingoz.com.au/news04/0106a.htm>

The latest reports on the website: www.tonymowbray.com.au
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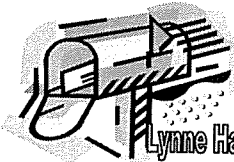
Membership and Regatta Entries to:-

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Thanks

Lynne Hayes-Wade



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Lynne Hayes-Wade writes:-

12th Jan 2004

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Thanks

Lynne

Blackburn's 5th:-

Jan 11 -- Australian Laser Championships - Royal Geelong Yacht Club, part of Sail Melbourne. Michael Blackburn NSW took out his 5th National Laser Championship, equalling Glenn Bourke's record. Media release at: <http://www.boatingoz.com.au/news04/0110.htm>

Membership...Pay or face the Consequences!

Yes, the famous membership column, 'What's he going to write about this time?' you ask, and I ask the same question. Well, this last few months I've studied how other organizations collect their fees, and it hasn't helped me a bit!

The gas, electricity, water, phone and cable TV companies have it made, you don't pay and they cut off the service. It's so simple, you get up one day wondering why the house is cold, no water, and the phone is dead. This certainly starts to convince people that they should pay the bill, but the clincher comes when you go to the

fridge and find the beer is warm! Oh no, go direct to the power company, apologize, pay the bill, plus the reconnection fee and penalties... anything but warm beer!

My conclusion from this study is that you must be stopped from sailing if you are not an association member. I have to create a situation where you arrive at your lake, reservoir or ocean and find no water. 'Oh my, this will never do' you'd say and immediately pop a cheque in the mail with a pathetic humble pleading message to please return the water ASAP.

My research has led to some insurmountable difficulties though. I have found that there are no plugs in lakes which I can pull out. Reservoirs are a possibility but the reaction by authorities to emptying them at my convenience was somewhat negative. I also found that publishers of tide tables were reluctant to accommodate my requirements. It appears that they do not even have the authority to change them, and refuse to tell me who does.

Realizing that this avenue of opportunity went nowhere I refused to be thwarted and considered another angle of attack. A stroke of genius, I would write to all the utility companies and get them to cut services to non members. Just send them the membership list, and a \$5 commission on each membership fee. Can't lose... so I sent hundreds of letters to all the utility companies in U. S., Canada, & Mexico about how they can make extra money by adopting my plan. I haven't heard back from any yet, but it's bound to work... it's so simple.

So, make sure your membership is current and tell all of your friends to join right now. After all, can you imagine next Christmas with no heat, light, water, phone or television..... even worse.... warm beer!!!!???

Allan boardribb

The Laser Sailor Newsletter

North America Region Winter 1991.

Coasts Results from Lake Wallis Oct. 2003

COASTS FULL RIG COASTS 2003

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Div	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
17708	NBLSales	TOM SLINGSBY		GSC	3	1	1	1	1	1
175074	SAILMASTER	RICKY IRONMONCER	Y	BYS	6	2	2	2	2	2
178039		SEAN FEENEY	A	MHASC	9	3	3	10	3	3
177095	SAILMASTER3	SIMON MORGAN	Y	RYC1	11	4	4	3	4	10
176896	ACTAS	JOSH PAINE	Y	CYC	16	5	5	16	7	4
177734	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	DAVID EDMISTON	GM	HHSC	16	6	6	4	6	7
165818	PARKBENCH	FRANK WALSH	GM	MHASC	20	7	7	8	10	5
163949	BUM STEER	GREG MARSHALL	GM	QLSC	22	8	12	5	9	8
177079	PLAN RIGHT	ROBERT PARTRIDGE	MC	HHSC	22	9	9	7	11	6
174356	VIVACIOUS	LEE DWANE		A12FS	22	10	8	6	8	16
167049	SAILMASTER2	ALEX GODINA	Y	MSC	30	11	16	16	5	9
55755	TANK	DAVID PARSONS	A	RMYC	33	12	13	8	12	16
177111	NBLSales	MICHAEL MILLS	GM	B16	36	13	10	13	13	16
167103	ALSO SAILING SCENE	JOSH CHANT		RPAYC	43	14	11	16	16	16
176151		BRAD QUIGGIN		B16	46	15	16	16	14	16

RADIAL RIG COASTS 2003

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Div	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
176026	SLICK OZ	KRYSTAL WEIR	YW	SYC	4	1	1	1	2	2
174341	ITCHY RICHY	RICHARD HOWARD		B16	4	2	2	3	1	1
8	BUTTFAST	JOHN SPAGUE	M	GSC	10	3	5	2	4	4
177080		SIMON MCGOLDRICK		RPAYC	10	4	4	5	3	3
178637	SAILING SCENE	JASON MARKS		HHSC	12	5	3	4	5	5
168169	NBLSALES	ALANA SLINGSBY	W	GSC	18	6	6	6	6	6
174347	KY	GREG BELL	M	GSC	25	7	9	9	8	8
148604	FRINGE BENEFIT	WARWICK NICHOLS	M	B16	26	8	8	11	9	9
176908	HELEN H	FRANK HILLIER	GM	GSC	29	9	7	12	10	12
167103	ALSO SAILING SCENE	JOSH CHANT		RPAYC	32	10	18	18	7	7
175292	KATHLEEN	BRIAN CONOLLY	A	HHSC	33	11	10	10	13	18
178645	PETITE BLOUSE	DIANNE SISSINGH	W	B16	34	12	13	13	11	10
141939	FAST AS	EDWARD QUARTLEY	SJ	RSYS	36	13	11	14	14	11
159145	FLIGHT V	PAUL HARGAN	GM	GRSC	37	14	18	7	12	18
151965	PIGLET	JOHN WOODS	GM	BRSC	37	15	18	8	16	13
168140	RACING ON	CHRIS MURPHY	J	GSC	41	16	12	18	15	14
103646	WINSOME	HARIET WOODROW	MW	BRSC	40	17	14	18	17	18

COASTS WOMEN COASTS 2003

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Div	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
176926	SLICK OZ	KRYSTAL WEIR	W	SYC,RYC	3	1	1	1	1	1
168169	NBLSALES	ALANASLINGSBY	W	GSC	6	2	2	2	2	2
178645	PETITE BLOUSE	DIANE SISSINGH	W	B16	9	3	3	3	3	3
103646	WINSOME	HARIET WOODROW	W	BRSC	13	4	4	5	4	5

4.7 RIG COASTS 2003

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Div	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
168151	STORM	JYF MURRAY	O	B16	3	1	1	2	1	1
88	NBLSALES	JACK SPRAGUE	O	GSC	5	2	2	1	2	2
114477	SHIMMER	GABRIELLE KING	O	BRSC	9	3	3	3	3	3

4.7 News from John Murray

Greetings

The NSW & ACT Laser Association 4.7 mail out list is up and running. The purpose of this list is to keep all NSW 4.7 Sailors informed of upcoming events and news.

NEWS 16 boats contested the 1st round of the 4.7 Interclub Championship held at Hunters Hill last Sunday. Heats 1, 2, and 3 were held under blue sky's with a variable 10 - 12 knot sea breeze on a series of short windward, leeward courses which provided fast, tight and fun racing for all. See: Preliminary Results on the website. All contestants are looking forward to the final round (heats 4 and 5) to be held at Woollahra this Sunday. An event not to be missed.

UPCOMING EVENT 4.7 Interclub Championship Heats 4 and 5 Heats 4 & 5 to be held this coming Sunday December 7th at Woollahra Sailing Club Rose Bay Sydney. With over

twenty, 4.7's expected, this will be an exciting event. Don't miss it. Bring your boat. BE THERE!

Sydney International Regatta (SIR) Laser 4.7's have been invited to compete at this years Sydney International Regatta. 4.7's will be racing at Woollahra Sailing Club R o s e B a y.

We need more than 8 entries lodged before the closing date December 10 to have our own start otherwise we may have a combined start with another class or have our start cancelled altogether. Times running out, get your entry form in. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO SAIL IN AN INTERNATIONAL REGATTA.**

Please feel free to forward this email to other interested 4.7 sailors. To be added to or removed from our mailing list send request to johnmurray@netspace.net.au

Laser 4.7 ...the exciting new youth class!!

NSW & ACT District Laser Association Laser 4.7 Interclub Championship Open 2003/04

Sail No	Boat	Helm	DIVISION	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
168151	Storm	Jye Murray	O	B16SC/HHSC	5	1	2	1	1	1	2
168134	Burnanator	James Burman	O	HHSC	6	2	1	2	2	2	1
168656	Jeremy's Laser	Jeremy Wawn	O	WSC	13	3	3	8	3	4	3
168092	Scream Seaman	Marc Jarvin	O	WSC	20	4	11	3	4	9	4
172259	Simply Red	Eryn Natress	W	HHSC	22	5	6	7	7	3	6
167016	Blue Peter	Peter Uther	O	HHSC	22	6	8	4	9	5	5
119933	Dubiety	Samantha Chalmers	W	HHSC	25	7	5	10	6	6	8
176180	Effloresce	Bonnie Nixon	W	WSC	25	8	9	6	5	7	7
172265	With Attitude	Skyo McFadyen	W	WSC	41	9	4	5	11	21	21
160209	Nauty Girl	Ellie Brunning	W	HHSC	43	10	14	11	10	8	21
141946	Zephyr	Melanie Brown	W	WSC	45	11	7	9	8	21	21
145492	Fully Worked	David Chapman	O	RSYS	45	12	10	12	12	12	11
161227	Whirlwind	Gabrielle Hunt	W	RSYS	52	13	12	14	13	15	13
167112	Kate	Kate Riddington	W	RSYS	59	14	15	15	15	14	21
167077	Slippery Little Sucker	Simon Wubben	O	RSYS	61	15	21	21	21	10	9
36260	Touchdown	Ashlen Grant	W	HHSC	61	16	13	13	14	21	21
175980		James Theodore	O	WSC	62	17	16	16	16	16	14
166700	Flying Venison	Kander Wheaton	O	RSYS	65	18	21	21	21	13	10
165862	Hazmat	M Perini	O	RSYS	65	19	21	21	21	11	12
169087	Spunky	James Linacre	O	DAC	78	20	21	21	21	21	15

Never Again! From Nik Skulander

Hey Paul, you can publish this.

I have some concerns regarding the NSW & ACT district Associations decisions over the past year about the locations of regattas. This started when the Association decided to cancel the metro's on Sydney Harbour. This regatta was cancelled at about 8:00pm the Friday night before the regatta. This would have to be one of the most stupid decisions in sailing I have heard of.

The regatta was cancelled because of the bush fires around the F3 and the possibility that it could be closed not letting some sailors through from the central and north coasts. An absolute maximum of 15 sailors would have been disadvantaged. The association did not take into account that about 10 people had travelled from Victoria, international sailors had planned their trip to Australia around the regatta and a lot of Australian sailors were using this regatta as a lead up to the Australian Titles (Olympic Selection). On the Saturday morning the F3 was open and in lieu of the metro's a small, poorly managed regatta was conducted.

The association gave the interstate competitor's free entry to the next metro's in the new year. That regatta was scheduled on the same weekend as the Victorian States??

Next, NSW regattas should not be held at venues further north than Newcastle or south of Wollongong, unless sailors from outside these areas constantly attend regattas. It is just not acceptable to expect 97% of Laser fleet to travel, when a small number of sailors don't bother to travel to the Sydney area. The majority of sailors refuse to travel large distances to race against the same people they race against every weekend.

This is backed up by the poor turn out for the coast championships at Forster.

At the NSW Masters states at Lake Munmorah, Paul Hargan made a request that everybody must join the Association and that we only have 40 something members signed up at the time out of 300. The first regatta of the year

is the coasts, this must be in a popular venue to sign as many members as possible.

Also, at the masters states 2003, I was asked to be PRO, I had done this before at Gosford for the masters states in 2002 and agreed. Well, if I had known what I was letting myself in for I would have never agreed. First, this club is run by 2 people only! We had 90 boats! Neither of these people had seen or laid a trapezoid course before! Neither of the boats had radio communication and the mark laying boat, once the course was laid, anchored at the top mark and stayed there all day.

If the wind had come in as forecasted, I would have had no other option but to cancel racing if there was any broken gear or if anybody had got into trouble. Nobody should have given approval for this club to run a Laser regatta. In my opinion there are only 6 clubs with the numbers of people and facilities who can run Laser class regattas:-

Woollahra SC
Gosford SC
Belmont 16ft SC
Manly Skiff Club
Lake Illawarra SC
Georges River 16ft SC

The Laser Class in NSW is no where near as strong as it was in the early and mid nineties. We must have regattas at clubs that can handle the number of boats, and also encourage people to attend regattas by putting regattas in areas which are easy to get to. After all, don't we want as many members as possible in the association to keep the class strong?

I grew up and lived on the Central Coast and travelled constantly to regatta's from 1993 on. Then, every coast championship was at Belmont, every Metro was at RSYS and the states were at club's like Manly, Georges river etc. The class was very strong, this was before the class was an Olympic class! We used to have 40-60 radials at every regatta even more big rigs, in 1996 60 boats from NSW travelled to Perth for the Nationals! We get no where near this now!

I'm on the committee of the ALA, and if I hadn't had to spend 8 hours in a car in 1 weekend for 4 hours sailing I would have been at the coasts to put my hand up there also.

Nick Skulander

Michael Blackburn's Olympic Report

Hello,

Yesterday, thanks to the Sailing Scene of Mona Vale, Sydney, I took delivery of my 12th Laser. Fair enough too since I've been sailing Lasers since 1988!

My first boat was number 70065, a scratched red and cream coloured \$1400 model. I think it was made of wood. I remember quite clearly driving with that boat from Canberra to Sydney to do some sailing on the Harbour around Christmas time. I decided it might be fun to go out and watch the start of the Sydney-Hobart race and launched at midday on the 26th from Balmoral. I piloted by little Laser into the middle of the spectator fleet around Middle Head. I have never since sailed a Laser in such incredible chop – one metre high waves coming from all directions. It was very difficult sailing and staying in one place to watch any of the start was near impossible. A Waterways boat spotted this little sail boat among the mass of power boats and suggested I shouldn't be there – "If you fall over we won't be picking you up". So I splashed my way back to the beach.

A few years later I still liked sailing the Laser very much and saved up to buy a new one. So I turned up to Kerli Corlette's shop in Sydney (which would become Sailing Scene) with the aim of taking home a new Laser plus trailer. I had a certain amount of money in my bank account and no more. It was not quite enough but Kerli loves to get people into boats and after a bit of haggling I drove away with a new 'factory second' on a trailer.

In 1993 the Laser was 'selected' for the Olympics and in preparation for the Olympic trials in 1995 I asked

Kerli if he would help me upgrade to some new equipment again. I explained that I was a good candidate to represent Australia and he said "Yeah, why not?" And he has supported me ever since and that support is very much appreciated.

Last week, I was in Melbourne for the Go for Gold regatta, which I think is better named the Black Rock Yacht Club Boot Camp. The regatta bears a lot of resemblance to those boot camp experiences you can buy into these days – spending a few days flogging yourself because it seemed like a good idea before you started. The organisers packed 10 races into 3 days and this year we had at least 20 knots for all races with a temp of about 17-18 degrees. So it was quite cold and unusually hard on the legs. I was first, followed by Tom Slingsby.

Next up is another month at home, including the Sydney International Regatta in mid-December. Then it's down to Geelong for the Nationals early in the New Year, followed by Sail Melbourne.

Good sailing, Michael

December 20th
Merry Christmas,

I finished the Sydney International Regatta yesterday in first place. Second was Tom Slingsby from Gosford. I put Tom up front in this report because he reckoned it made him famous when I mentioned him in my last report! Tom's only 19 so it's great to have a young tiger nipping at my heels.

We had 50+ Lasers from more than 10 countries and the regatta was held in vintage Sydney Harbour conditions – shifty like a used car salesman and bumpy like a goose.

During the regatta the organisers were constantly in touch with Sydney Harbour ferry

Michael Blackburn's Olympic Report

control and the Port Authority to help decide how and where to run the races amidst the typically busy week-end traffic on the Harbour. One container ship caused a race to be abandoned and another lead to the shortening of a race. However, in a rare thing for the Harbour, barely a Manly Ferry crossed through our course area during racing and thanks must go to Sydney Ferries for that.

On the 2nd January I head down to Geelong for the Nationals where some 200 Lasers will race on Corio Bay. That regatta winds up on the 10th Jan and then it's across to Sandringham for Sail Melbourne which has its first Laser race scheduled for the 13th.

Good sailing, Michael.

My new short website address:
www.tinyurl.com/umbq

21st January 2004

Hello,

I've finished first in the Olympic trials for the Laser class. The Sail Melbourne regatta concluded at Sandringham Yacht Club today and although I've been about on fire as a wet potato I am very pleased to report I've done enough to gain selection for the Australian Olympic Team for Athens.

I finished the regatta 3rd and this was obviously more than enough to make the team considering the 25 point lead I had going into the regatta. But I'm not one to count my chickens before they have a full set of feathers so I double checked every fitting and trod wearily during racing to avoid major mistakes.

Last week I also took out my fifth Australian Laser Championship. It was sailed in Geelong, the other side of Port Phillip Bay to Sandringham. The water was quite flat and the wind very shifty so it was a nice change to come to Sandringham and race in the fresh afternoon sea breezes that can whip up some of the best Laser sailing waves on the planet.

Next up I'll allow myself a little break.

Then, I'll have a couple of months of uninterrupted training. That will lead into a regatta I've been looking forward to for a while - the Laser Radial Worlds in Brisbane in April. Of course, I'll be too heavy for the smaller sail of the Radial and if it's light winds I expect to get thrashed by a lot of lightweights.

I'm still putting the finishing touches on my competition program for the remainder of the year but there are two key events - the Laser Worlds (10-19 May) and Olympics (13-28 Aug).

I also look forward to working with a new coach, Arthur Brett. Arthur has done a lot of coaching, sailboarding, sailmaking and won the Contender worlds twice. He is relatively new to full-time coaching and when he was awarded an AIS coaching scholarship last year he probably didn't expect to be helping someone in the Olympic Team... At this stage it is also important that I thank my physio Donna White, sponsors Sailing Scene, Ronstan and Queensport Marine, my mother, brother and Belinda as well as staff at Yachting Australia, NSW Institute of Sport, my former coach Erik and members of Middle Harbour Amateur Sailing Club for helping me reach this point.

Cheers,

Michael.

The Geelong National Championship Results

SERIES RESULTS

Women

Series Results [ELAPSED TIME] for Division 1 up to Race 9 (Drops = 1)

Place	Sail No	Skipper	From	Sections	Agg Score	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	176926	Krystal Weir	AUS-VIC	WOM-OPEN	9 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	[2 00]
2	178789	Aiana Slingsby	AUS-NSW	WOM-OPEN	18 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	[2 00]	1 00
3	173455	Samantha Boyd	AUS-NSW	WOM-YTH	25 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	[4 00]
4	178623	Katherine Wade	AUS-NSW	WOM-OPEN	34 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	20 00C [11 00C]	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
5	174355	Cassie Buckley	AUS-QLD	WOM-OPEN	37 00	7 00	8 00	9 00	2 00	2 00	[8 00]	3 00	4 00	2 00
6	152888	Sarnia Upham	AUS-QLD	WOM-YTH	40 00	5 00	9 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	[8 00]
7	150845	Meghan Andrew	AUS-NSW	WOM-YTH	48 00	6 00	6 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	[7 00]	3 00	5 00
8	178656	Jenni Bonnitich	AUS-NSW	WOM-MST	52 00	8 00	5 00	12 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	[8 00]	5 00	6 00
9	178645	Diane Sissring	AUS-NSW	WOM-APP	52 00	11 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	[5 00]
10	170512	Steph Coulter	AUS-SA	WOM-OPEN	55 00	9 00	11 00	6 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	[6 00]	4 00	3 00
11	167082	Claire Hunting	AUS-VIC	WOM-YTH	59 00	12 00	7 00	13 00	9 00	2 00	6 00	4 00	6 00	[6 00]
12	177084	Stephanie Styring	AUS-VIC	WOM-YTH	73 00	20 00F	14 00	15 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	5 00	[8 00]	7 00
13	172253	Catherine Conroy	AUS-NSW	WOM-YTH	74 00	10 00	12 00	11 00	11 00	4 00	9 00	7 00	10 00	[11 00C]
14	169714	Amanda Scrivener	AUS-VIC	WOM-SJ	86 00	13 00	16 00	16 00	14 00	7 00	[11 00]	9 00	7 00	4 00
15	143420	Ashleigh Rainbow	AUS-NSW&ACT	WOM-YTH	89 00	14 00	15 00	10 00	16 00	9 00	10 00	[11 00C]	6 00	9 00
16	171135	Jean Holderness	AUS-SA	LADY	91 00	20 00C	20 00C	20 00C	13 00	6 00	5 00	4 00	[7 00]	3 00
17	169702	Alexandra Conroy	AUS-NSW	WOM-OPEN	102 00	15 00	13 00	14 00	20 00C	10 00C	8 00C	11 00C	[13 00C]	11 00C
18	154291	Jenenne Boyd	AUS-NSW	WOM-SJ	103 00	20 00C	20 00C	20 00C	15 00	8 00	6 00	6 00	[13 00F]	8 00
19	148658	Ciara Dewane	AUS-NSW	WOM-YTH	114 00	20 00C	20 00C	20 00C	20 00C	10 00C	[12 00]	8 00	9 00	7 00

Series Results [ELAPSED TIME] for Division 2 up to Race 9 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Class	Skipper	From	Sections	Agg Score	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		178640	Gold	Michael Blackburn	AUS-NSW	OPEN	22 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	6 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	[5 00C]
2		172460	Gold	Brendan Casey	AUS-QLD	OPEN	25 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	1 00	10 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	[5 00C]
3		178811	Gold	Hugh Styles	GBR	OPEN	32 00	7 00	4 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	[7 00]	1 00	1 00
4		178808	Gold	Pieter-Jan Postma	NED	OPEN	38 00	4 00	5 00	6 00	4 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	[8 00]	4 00
5		161167	Gold	Mattias Del Solar	OPEN	OPEN	44 00	12 00	3 00	5 00	9 00	2 00	7 00	1 00	[7 00]	5 00
6		178812	Gold	Mark Howard	GB		51 00	14 00	11 00	2 00	17 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	[5 00C]
7		173868	Gold	Fredrik Westman	FIN	OPEN	69 00	22 00	8 00	9 00	3 00	8 00	[8 00]	6 00	2 00	6 00
8		171174	Gold	Stanley Tan	SIN	OPEN	80 00	6 00	9 00	11 00	28 00	8 00	[10 00]	4 00	7 00	7 00
9		175979	Gold	Kevin Lim	MALAYSIA	OPEN	83 00	8 00	14 00	18 00	10 00	14 00	[14 00]	8 00	6 00	5 00
10		175813	Gold	Rory Fitzpatrick	IRL	OPEN	89 00	9 00	18 00	15 00	21 00	5 00	5 00	[10 00]	9 00	3 00
11		174531	Gold	Andrew Commander	GBR	OPEN	91 00	11 00	20 00	24 00	3 00	8 00	10 00	3 00	14 00	[5 00C]
12	1.0S	179371	Gold	Edward Wright	GBR	OPEN	92 00	56 00C	12 00	1 00	13 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	3 00	[10 00C]
13		175796	Gold	Andrew Lea	CAN	OPEN	92 00	15 00	6 00	17 00	22 00	[56 00C]	9 00	12 00	5 00	6 00
14		CZE16443	Gold	Martin Tricks	CZE	OPEN	93 00	29 00	17 00	12 00	11 00	3 00	[56 00C]	6 00	12 00	3 00
15		178785	Gold	Tom Slingsby	AUS-NSW	OPEN	96 00	5 00C	16 00	56 00B	2 00	6 00	5 00	[12 00]	4 00	4 00
16		177793	Gold	Ricky Ironmonger	AUS-VIC	OPEN	99 00	56 00C	10 00	10 00	7 00	5 00	4 00	5 00	[6 00]	2 00
17		176193	Gold	Michael Leigh	CAN	OPEN	104 00	20 00	15 00	23 00	15 00	11 00	3 00	14 00	3 00	[5 00C]
18		178646	Gold	Andrew Schmidt	AUS-QLD	OPEN	107 00	13 00	19 00	8 00	19 00	13 00	16 00	10 00	9 00	[17 00C]
19		177729	Gold	Nicholas Skulander	AUS-NSW	OPEN	113 00	26 00	7 00	14 00	27 00	[23 00]	4 00	17 00	5 00	13 00
20		176185	Gold	Trevor Hamilton	CAN	OPEN	117 00	19 00	26 00	25 00	29 00	4 00	6 00	7 00	[13 00]	1 00
21		163917	Gold	Tom Lowndes	AUS-NSW	OPEN	128 00	3 00	56 00C	16 00	12 00	7 00	17 00	9 00	8 00	[18 00C]

Series Results [ELAPSED TIME] for Division 1 up to Race 9 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Class	Skipper	From	Sections	Agg Score	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		174356	Silver	Lee Dewane	AUS-NSW	OPEN	129 00	5 00	13 00	2 00	2 00	34 00	31 00	25 00	[34 00]	1
2		177094	Silver	Des Rockliff	AUS-QLD	GMST	145 00	1 00	8 00	3 00	4 00	[45 00]	32 00	30 00	32 00	3
3		161223	Silver	Jack Adams	AUS-VIC	MST	148 00	9 00	9 00	7 00	7 00	[56 00C]	34 00	26 00	23 00	3
4		179391	Silver	John Dahlenburg	AUS-NSW	YTH	160 00	3 00	1 00	26 00	15 00	[35 00]	30 00	32 00	20 00	3
5		171116	Silver	Campbell Scott	AUS-NSW&ACT	APP	161 00	11 00	4 00	6 00	10 00	43 00	31 00	34 00	[45 00]	2
6		177727	Silver	Dirk Wilkins	AUS-NSW	YTH	167 00	6 00	12 00	11 00	21 00	[41 00]	23 00	38 00	30 00	2
7		175988	Silver	Stephen Wawn	AUS-NSW	GMST	170 00	4 00	14 00	13 00	9 00	39 00	28 00	[39 00]	29 00	3
8		175297	Silver	Aaron Heritage	AUS-SA	OPEN	172 00	7 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	28 00	56 00C	56 00R	21 00	[56 00C]
9		171133	Silver	James Grieve	AUS-NSW	OPEN	173 00	19 00	11 00	5 00	5 00C	31 00	32 00	[41 00]	40 00	3
10		170518	Silver	Neville Beeson	AUS-VIC	MST	176 00	13 00	3 00	16 00	6 00	40 00	33 00	37 00	28 00	[4 00C]
11		155674	Silver	Matt Minchin	AUS-VIC	OPEN	180 00	17 00	6 00	15 00	33 00	24 00	[42 00]	27 00	34 00	2
12		177079	Silver	Robert Partridge	AUS-NSW	MST	186 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	13 00	[56 00C]	26 00	49 00	29 00	4

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Series Results [ELAPSED TIME] for Laser 4.7 up to Race 10 (Drops = 1)

Place	Sail No	Skipper	Sections	Agg Score	Race 10	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	168134	James Burman	YTH	15 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	[5 00]
2	168151	Jyo Murray	YTH	40 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	24 000	[24 000]
3	202	Thomas Scully	YTH	45 00	[13 00]	5 00	6 00	7 00	4 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	4 00	7 00
4	106956	Jeremy Wavro	YTH	56 00	3 00	4 00	9 00	10 00	5 00	9 00	2 00	8 00	[10 00]	6 00
5	163864	Harry Mighell	YTH	56 00	5 00	7 00	12 00	5 00	9 00	4 00	5 00	7 00	[12 00]	2 00
6	140207	Stephen Flack	YTH	57 00	4 00	12 00	4 00	3 00	2 00	7 00	12 00	[13 00]	5 00	8 00
7	114477	Gabrielle Kling	LADY	85 00	9 00	11 00	8 00	12 00	[13 00]	10 00	7 00	2 00	2 00	4 00
8	175287	Jack Sprague	YTH	76 00	7 00	3 00	11 00	8 00	[24 00C]	6 00	10 00	14 00	8 00	9 00
9	177740	Tom Davies	YTH	77 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	6 00	11 00	12 00	6 00	10 00	9 00	[12 00]
10	166832	Mark Lincoln	YTH	78 00	6 00	13 00	[20 00]	4 00	17 00	13 00	9 00	9 00	6 00	1 00
11	159123	Phillippo Brown	LADY	79 00	8 00	[24 00G]	3 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	13 00	15 00	3 00	3 00
12	161205	Andrew Hunting	YTH	89 00	15 00	6 00	7 00	11 00	6 00	18 00	11 00	4 00	11 00	[20 00]
13	177732	Hamish Hurley	YTH	102 00	11 00	9 00	15 00	9 00	15 00	[22 00]	8 00	6 00	13 00	16 00
14	156698	Jacqueline Van Soest	LADY	119 00	17 00	10 00	10 00	14 00	10 00	16 00	15 00	[18 00]	17 00	10 00
15	171107	Tom Suterby	YTH	123 00	14 00	16 00	[19 00]	15 00	18 00	14 00	17 00	11 00	7 00	11 00
16	172258	Amberley Sprague	LADY	133 00	18 00	14 00	13 00	13 00	19 00	[21 00]	16 00	12 00	14 00	14 00

GREETINGS The purpose of this column is to keep all NSW 4.7 Sailors informed of upcoming events and news.

NEWS Laser 4.7 National Championships

Contestants arrived at Geelong to a hot clear day for measurement and registration. With 220 boats from around Australia and 22 competitors from overseas, there was high expectations of great racing ahead. Twenty-three 4.7's registered which was a significant increase on last year. Racing for the first few days of the regatta was under intermittent overcast skies which Melbourne is famous for. There was a 10-15 knot sea breeze arriving about 2pm in the afternoon. The lay day was marked by a large front that came across from the south-west with gusts reported up to 50 knots. Most competitors took the opportunity to catch up on sight seeing, many heading down the Great Ocean Road to view the twelve apostles. Others taking the Queenscliff to Sorrento ferry to visit the eastern side of Port Phillip Bay.

The next day found us all sitting around waiting for the AP flag to come down. At 3.30pm the wind was still blowing at 30 knots plus, so the Race Committee advised the 4.7 sailors

their racing was abandoned for the day.

With three races to make up, and only five races sailed, the pressure was on to complete a series. Fortunately, three races were sailed the following day in 20-25 knots of shifting westerly winds.

The final days racing saw two races completed in conditions similar to the previous day, creating a series of ten races and therefore allowing only one drop.

NSW sailors took out the top four places and the women's trophy. Congratulations to all competitors. See Results

Geelong with it's waterfront carnival-like atmosphere provided a perfect setting for a National regatta. We look forward to seeing you all at Belmont (Lake Macquarie) in 2005.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NSW State Championships Laser 4.7

This years State Championships are to be held at South Lakes Amateur Sailing Club on 7/8 February 2004.

The expectations of a fleet similar in size to the interclubs, and with Australia's top 4.7 sailors in attendance, will make it an event not to miss. Rumours are, that a group of international 4.7 sailors may be attending which will add to the excitement and competition.

Laser 4.7 the exciting new youth class!!

Cheers John Murray

The Geelong National Championship Results

Radials Series Results [ELAPSED TIME] for Division 1 up to Race 9 (Drops = 1)

Place	Sail No	Class	Skipper	Agg Score	Race 9	Race 8	Race 7	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	178788	Gold	Matthew Chew	20.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	2.00	[7.00]	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.00
2	176926	Gold	Krystal Weir	21.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	[10.00]	1.00	2.00
3	177080	Gold	Simon McGoldrick	41.00	9.00	3.00	11.00	5.00	[6.00]	2.00	1.00	5.00	5.00
4	175987	Gold	Zac Skulander	48.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	22.00	2.00	7.00	[44.00Q]	4.00	1.00
5	174357	Gold	Brian Case	54.50	7.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	11.50	[18.00]	12.00	6.00	3.00
6	177781	Gold	Richard Eott	56.00	1.00	4.00	1.00	1.00	23.00	17.00	[44.00Q]	3.00	6.00
7	178789	Gold	Alana Slingsby	61.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	27.00	1.00	2.00	4.00	[10.00]	1.00
11	177744	Gold	Christopher Jones	87.00	29.00	6.00	21.00	6.00	2.00	6.00	[11.00]	9.00	8.00
12	172254	Gold	Ian Quartly	87.00	13.00	24.00	6.00	17.00	10.00	7.00	2.00	8.00	[16.00]
13	178623	Gold	Katherine Wade	96.00	12.00	21.00	12.00	23.00	[44.00C]	8.00	4.00	3.00	13.00
14	177780	Gold	Simon Hurling	97.00	20.00	18.00	25.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	2.00	[10.00]	6.00
15	178626	Gold	John Sprague	98.00	16.00	11.00	8.00	12.00	21.00	17.00	[22.00]	1.00	12.00
16	177113	Gold	Maximilian Khy Soh	110.00	15.00	25.00	24.00	15.00	11.00	6.00	6.00	[12.00]	8.00
17	176931	Gold	Josh Chant	114.00	31.00	10.00	19.00	20.00	13.00	12.00	[44.00Q]	4.00	5.00
18	178637	Gold	Jason Marks	120.00	17.00	19.00	28.00	7.00	[44.00C]	9.00	9.00	8.00	23.00
19	178816	Gold	Steven Todd	121.00	28.00	15.00	16.00	21.00	[44.00Q]	16.00	16.00	6.00	3.00
20	178786	Gold	Matthew Sanderson	123.00	21.00	22.00	27.00	11.00	[44.00C]	21.00	6.00	11.00	4.00
21	172264	Gold	Mark Langford	124.00	32.00	30.00	29.00	18.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	[18.00]	4.00
22	170554	Gold	Paul Brinkley	126.00	35.00	36.00	9.00	19.00	7.00	4.00	7.00	9.00	[13.00]
23	177735	Gold	Nick Flutter	132.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	40.00	6.00	21.00	[21.00]	19.00	19.00
24	175291	Gold	Lew Verdon	144.00	33.00	13.00	17.00	32.00	[35.00]	20.00	7.00	12.00	10.00
25	170522	Gold	Buster Hooper	148.00	22.00	28.00	26.00	25.00	19.00	5.00	[23.00]	11.00	12.00
26	175296	Gold	David Mann	148.00	18.00	14.00	42.00	26.00	14.00	8.00	8.00	[23.00]	18.00
27	177108	Gold	Jeffrey Schulz	153.00	25.00	31.00	18.00	43.00C	8.00	5.00	18.00	5.00	[32.00]
28	176158	Gold	Martin Wilson	161.00	27.00	35.00	30.00	14.00	20.00	4.00	14.00	[44.00Q]	17.00
29	176161	Gold	Chris Meech	163.00	10.00	41.00	31.00	28.00	18.00	[22.00]	18.00	7.00	10.00
30	176168	Gold	Craig Gardiner	170.50	19.00	32.00	34.00	38.00	11.50	14.00	13.00	[14.00]	9.00
31	172257	Gold	David Chew	171.00	36.00	33.00	23.00	29.00	15.00	[20.00]	14.00	14.00	7.00
32	177733	Gold	James Watts	177.00	30.00	34.00	20.00	24.00	17.00	[23.00]	16.00	15.00	21.00
33	176891	Gold	Gordon Upham	178.00	37.00	38.00	15.00	16.00	22.00	26.00	8.00	16.00	[27.00]
34	174347	Gold	Greg Bell	180.00	34.00	26.00	35.00	31.00	13.00	[30.00]	9.00	18.00	14.00
35	173455	Gold	Samantha Boyd	180.00	23.00	23.00	38.00	37.00	[21.00]	11.00	15.00	13.00	20.00
36	173478	Gold	Will Law	183.00	38.00	29.00	32.00	34.00	1.00	18.00	10.00	21.00	[22.00]
37	178825	Gold	Ashley Lloyd	192.00	26.00	20.00	41.00	36.00	19.00	[29.00]	20.00	13.00	17.00
38	147680	Gold	Zhi Chao Loh	206.00	40.00	42.00	37.00	33.00	16.00	10.00	17.00	[22.00]	11.00
39	176164	Gold	Warwick Nichols	208.00	41.00	27.00	40.00	35.00	16.00	19.00	[24.00]	16.00	14.00
40	141939	Gold	Edward Quartly	209.00	24.00	37.00	36.00	39.00	[27.00]	15.00	13.00	24.00	21.00
41	168694	Gold	John Sampson	214.00	39.00	39.00	33.00	30.00	30.00	15.00	11.00	17.00	[33.00]
42	177112	Gold	Ri-Laing Heng	216.00	42.00	40.00	39.00	41.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	[33.00]	15.00

Masters Results from Lake Munmorah Nov. 2003

NSW & ACT District Laser Association State Masters 2003 Standard Rig

Sail No	Boat	Helm	DIVISION	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
171104	IF	Brett Beyer	Apprentice	W.S.C	3	1	1	1	1	1
172242		Mark Skelton	Apprentice	B16ftISC	7	2	2	3	3	2
150820	Axiom	Andrew York	Master	GRSC	9	3	15	2	2	5
178622	Wiggle	Rob Lowndes	Grand M	MHASC	17	4	7	4	8	6
177791	Fine Wine	Mark Bethwaite	Grand M	RSYS	18	5	12	11	4	3
176895	Geriatric Jackelation	Jack Schlachter	Master	GSC	20	6	20	6	7	7
169708	Barry Crocker	Ian Young	App/Cruiser	GRSC	22	7	9	13	5	8
174345	Antipedeian	Geoff Kirk	Apprentice	WSC	23	8	18	5	6	12
150085	Wot's in a Name?	Bill Meeny	Master	B16ftISC	25	9	17	7	9	9
175983	Mitmor	Stuart Holdsworth	Apprentice	MHASC	26	10	6	10	14	10
148662	Voodoo Chilly	Darren Davis	Apprentice	VYC	28	11	10	8	10	42
172247	Hueggernaut	Hugh Leicester	App/Cruiser	GSC	33	12	8	21	42	4
169715	Drovers Dog	Howard Taylor	Grand M	WSC	37	13	4	18	15	42
170544	Sid Knee MM	P. Stephinson	Master	HHSC	41	14	13	9	26	19
178641	RED FOX	Colin Cain	Grand M	MHASC	43	15	19	26	11	13
168150	Beyond Redemption	Niel Hibbard	Grand M	A12ftFS	44	16	5	14	25	42
171130	Endless Friction	Ian Clare	Master	NSC	44	17	14	27	16	14
177079	Plan Right	Robert Partridge	Master	HHSC	47	18	21	19	17	11
153176	Venom	Bill Bollard	Grand M	GSC	51	19	27	16	18	17
177734	Unfinished Business	David Edmiston	Grand M	HHSC/GSC	55	20	31	22	12	21
175984	Imagine	Brett Kimmorley	Apprentice	RPAYC	56	21	25	25	13	18
171126	ANCE	Jim Temple	Grand M	PMSC	58	22	22	33	20	16
166805	Bonnie Tuesday	David Wyllie	Grand M	PMYC	60	23	3	29	33	28
173436	Footloose	Philip Hetherington	Master	DBSC	60	24	26	12	29	22
175992		Warwick Crossman	Master	RMYC	62	25	24	15	23	32
174358	Finesse III	Andrew Finney	Master	GRSC	64	26	32	17	24	23
132548	Ragga Muffin	Rod Gardiner	Apprentice	B16ftISC	66	27	35	30	21	15
173439	Jazzman	Don Roach		DBSC	70	28	34	28	22	20
167035	Wrong	Tony Denham	GGM	RPEYC	71	29	23	24	27	24
178636	Harvey	James Stewart	Master	LC12ftSC	73	30	16	34	30	27
163883	SUBDOK	Kerry Waraker	Grand M	RQYS	73	31	28	42	19	26
165818	Panic Bench	Frank Walsh	Grand M	MHASC	76	32	11	23	42	42
168149	Unshackled	Phil Marsh	Grand Master	A12ftFS	86	33	30	38	31	25
55755		Matthew Duryea	Apprentice	ASC	87	34	33	20	34	34
167081		Allan Woollard	Master	B16ftISC	93	35	36	35	28	30
165816	Hop Factor	Darren Hoppe	Master	A12ftFS	93	36	29	31	36	33
170513	Slow Down	Garry Byrne	Grand M	NSC	96	37	39	32	35	29
174363	Wobbergong	Bruce Canham	Mast/Cruiser	GRSC	100	38	37	37	32	31
65858	Time and Tide	Peter Doyle	Grand M	NSC	116	39	38	36	42	42
119938	Tulsa	Glenn Brown	Mast/Cruiser	B16ftSC/LMSC	116	40	40	39	37	42
177111	Nelson Bay Laser Sales	Michael Mills	Grand M	B16ftISC	126	41	42	42	42	42

1978-1980-1981 Beam Reach cover shots

Thanks to Warwick Thompson of Lane Cove Sailing Club for these old copies of Beam Reach, the early British newsletter which became LaserWorld, the International publication. (hope I'm right when I say that????). Someone will tell me if I'm wrong, maybe one of the life members?? Yorky??

Where is she now?, this women who sails a full rig with a three to one vang! Or the guy bottom right who sails a Laser without a hull? Or these guys with taller masts than on Lasers these days? (Ed.)

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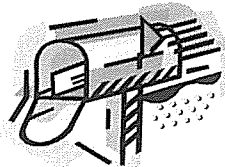
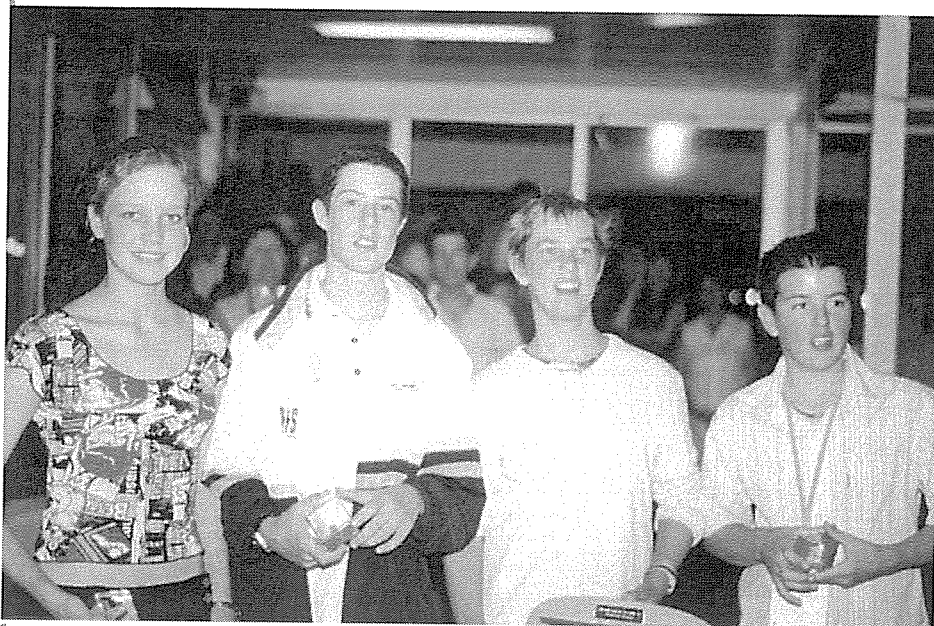
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4.7 National Champions

Hi Paul, Here is the Photo from Nationals of the 4.7 Division winners. Left to Right Gabrielle King (Big River S. C.) 1st. Womens division, Tom Scully (Big River S. C. 3rd Open Division, James Burman Hunters Hill S. C. 1st, and Jye Murray Belmont 16ft. S. C. 2nd overall. All the 4.7 cubes above went to NSW competitors. Pretty good eh! Cheers Hariet Woodrow.



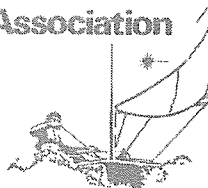
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KENNARDS
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EXPEDITION

Jan 20 - The Kennards Hire Antarctic Expedition have arrived back in Hobart. The latest reports are on the website: www.tonymowbray.com.au

On January 15 on the way back to Hobart Solo Globe Challenger was hit by a wave and turned upside down. All the crew are OK except Graham Murphy who suffered a couple of broken ribs. Tony Mowbray reports on his third knockdown at <http://www.boatingoz.com.au/news04/0119.htm>

Australian Laser Association



Masters Results from Lake Munmorah Nov. 2003

NSW & ACT District Laser Association State Masters 2003 Radial Overall

Sail No	Boat	Helm	DIVISION	Club	Series Points	Series Place	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
176158	Sterile Virgin Newt	Martin Wilson	Apprentice	GRSC	5	1	1	11	1	3
8	Weapon of Mass Seduction	John Sprague	Master	GSC	8	2	20	5	2	1
166736	INCA IV	Gary Tyrill	Grand M	GRSC	12	3	3	16	3	6
175989	Rat in a Hat	Gary Ratchiffe	Apprentice	GRSC	15	4	6	2	7	14
178656	Delivery Ward	Jenni Bonniticha	Master/Women	HHSC	16	5	2	3	11	15
177747	Oscar	Gordon Azzopardi	Master	HHSC	18	6	4	19	9	5
168125	Flight V	Paul Hargan	Grand M	GRSC	19	7	8	1	10	27
163971	Such is Life	Lew Verdon	Grand M	MHASC	21	8	15	12	5	4
163946	Better late then Never	Mark Johnston	Master	GRSC	24	9	30	10	4	10
148654	Fringe Benefits	Warwick Nichols	Master	B16ftSC	25	10	13	4	15	8
167051	Enjoy	Barry Pownall	Grand M	GSC	26	11	7	18	12	7
176161	Phantom Menance	Chris Meech	Master	GSC	27	12	25	7	18	2
169433	FIGJAM	Garry Cutts	Apprentice	B16ftSC	28	13	5	14	14	9
175292	Kathleen	Brian Conolly	Apprentice	HHSC	28	14	11	9	8	11
166822	Tank	David Parsons	Apprentice	RMVC	32	15	10	6	17	16
172260	Go Left	Dave Robson	Master	GRSC	33	16	14	15	6	13
163949	Bum Steer	Greg Marshall	Grand M	QLSC	34	17	9	20	13	12
174347	Y	Greg Bell	Master	GSC	40	18	12	8	20	20
170543	Flash as a Rat	John Smidmore	Master	NSC	47	19	18	13	16	23
176908	Helen H	Frank Hillier	Grand M	GSC	55	20	16	22	24	17
178645	Petite Blouse	Diane Sissingh	App/Women	B16ftSC	59	21	23	17	25	19
160292	Recovery Ward	Don Bonniticha	Master	HHSC	61	22	17	21	23	24
177782	Strewth	Warwick Thomson	Grand M	LC12ftSC	65	23	26	28	21	18
178627	No Excuse	David Cradock	Master	GRSC	66	24	21	26	19	28
178654	Shore Thing	Rob Green	Master	VYC	67	25	24	27	22	21
135315	Trick Shot	Peter Bubbs	Apprentice	B16ftSC	68	26	19	23	26	26
155657	Bulz	Hugh Butler	Master	A12ftFS	72	27	22	25	27	25
178628	Tricky	Dick McCulloch	Master	GSC	74	28	30	24	28	22
35	Wavelength	Alan Pierson	Apprentice	B16ftSC	86	29	27	29	30	30

Press Release

2004 NSW & ACT District Laser Association State Championships

The NSW & ACT District Laser Association invites all Laser sailors to compete at the State Championships over the 7th and 8th of February at South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club where flat water and consistent winds are the norm and camping is a tradition.

Organisers are expecting in excess of 150 lasers competing in the Full Rig, Radial and 4.7 Classes. Interstate Laser sailors are more than welcome to compete with the regular Victorian and Queensland contingent of boats already confirming they will be attending this year.

This regatta is one of the last major events for Radial sailors prior to the Laser Radial World Championships which are being held in Brisbane at Easter and thus will be a great warm up event for those considering attending.

The 4.7 Class continues to grow in NSW with in excess of 30 boats expected for the regatta. 4.7 sailors are travelling from as far a field as Hong Kong to compete highlighting the continued growth and interest this class is having amongst the sailing fraternity.

In the Full Rig a tough regatta is expected with Michael Blackburn, Tom Slingsby and Brendan Casey all expected to compete as well as ISAF world youth champion Ricky Ironmonger from Victoria. Some of the international sailors who have been 'down under' over Christmas are also expected to hang round and compete at the regatta.

The Laser State Championships are gearing up to be a great event so 'pull your boat out of the shed and sail off those Christmas kilos' or at least have

a great time trying!!

For more information please visit www.laser.asn.au and go to the NSW Calendar Link.

Prepared by Richard Howard

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RADIAL RIG

Junior (-18@Dec 31- 2003)
Youth (-19@Dec.31- 2003)
Open
Masters(35 +)
Grand Master
Great Grand Master
Women

4.7 RIG

Junior
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Metros Entry form

2003 - 2004

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY FORM (please print clearly in Block Letters)

Yacht Name _____

Sail No. _____

Helmsperson _____

Club _____

Helmsperson's Age _____

Categories please nominate

FULL RIG **RADIAL** **4.7**

Open Open Open

Apprentice Apprentice

Master Master Junior

Grand Master Grand Master

Cruiser (Over 90kg) Women

Address _____

Phone _____ (h)

email _____

I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event

Signed _____ Date _____

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NOTICE OF RACE

2003 - 2004

LASER/LASER RADIAL/4.7

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 28 – 29, 2004

Hosted by

Bayview Yacht
Racing Association
(BYRA)

Conducted under the authority of

The Yachting Association
of NSW

Directions

Mona Vale via either: Mona Vale Rd (from St.IVES) or Pittwater Rd from Mosman. Follow Pittwater Rd around from Mona Vale for approx. 3.5km.

Address: 1842 Pittwater Rd, Bayview

Entries to:- PO BOX 43 Boolaroo 2284

States Entry form

ENTRY FORM

(please print clearly in Block Letters)

Yacht Name _____

Sail No. _____

Helmsperson _____

Club _____

Helmsperson's Age _____

Categories please nominate

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Open Open Open

Apprentice Apprentice

Master Master Junior

Grand Master Grand Master

Cruiser (90kg+) Women

Address _____

Phone _____ (h)

email _____

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NOTICE OF RACE

2003 - 2004

LASER, LASER RADIAL and 4.7

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

February 7 – 8, 2004

Hosted by

South Lakes Amateur Sailing Club

Conducted under the authority of

The Yachting Association of NSW

Directions

From Sydney – Up the F3, take Mandalong Rd exit and head for Morriset, right at Fishery Point Rd, becomes Cessnock Rd and then Sunshine Parade

Entries to:- PO BOX 43 Boolaroo 2284



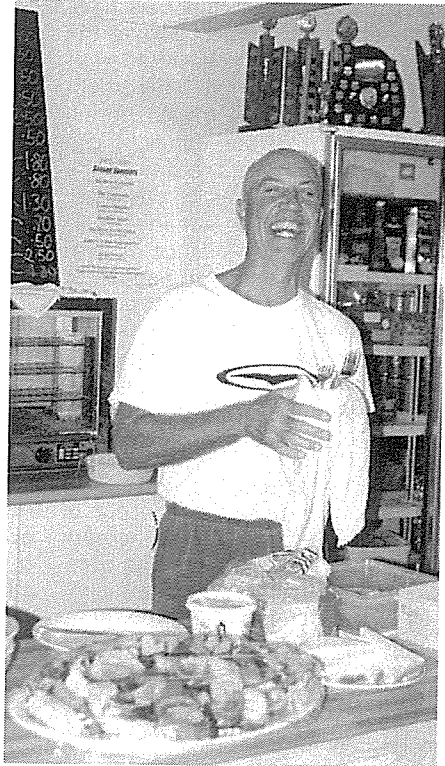
Dept. of Mirth

The Party

"A couple were invited to a swanky family/friend masked fancy dress Halloween party.

The wife got a headache and told her husband to go to the party alone. He, being a devoted husband, protested, but she argued and said she was going to take some aspirin and go to bed and there was no need for his good-time to be spoiled by not going. So he took his costume and away he went. The wife, after sleeping soundly for about an hour, woke without pain and as it was still early, decided to go to the party. As her husband didn't know what her costume was, she thought she would have some fun by watching her husband to see how he acted when she was not with him. So she joined the party and soon spotted her husband cavorting around on the dance floor, dancing with every nice "chick" he could and copping a little feel here and a little kiss there. His wife went up to him and being a rather seductive babe herself, he left his new partner high and dry and devoted his time to her. She let him go as far as he wished, naturally, since he was her husband. After more drinks he finally whispered a little proposition in her ear and she agreed, so off they went to one of the cars and had XXX in the back seat. Just before unmasking at midnight, she slipped away and went home and put the costume away and got into bed, wondering what kind of explanation he would make up for his outrageous behaviour. She was sitting up reading when he came in, so she asked what kind of time he had. "Oh, the same old thing. You know I never have a good time when you're not there." Then she asked, "Did you dance much?" He

replied, "I'll tell you, I never even danced one dance. When I got there I met Pete, Bill Brown and some other guys so we went into the spare room and played poker all evening." "You must have looked really silly wearing that costume playing poker all night!" she said with unashamed sarcasm. To which the husband replied, "Actually, I gave my costume to your Dad and apparently he had the time of his life." GAK From Nik Skulander



A sight seldom seen!...Not the smile, that never leaves his face.

Garry (Macca) McCrohon of RQYS Queensland, doing the washing up at the Big River S C regatta.



Dept. of Mirth

A resignation with feeling!!

Supposedly an actual letter of resignation from an IT employee at

[deleted] Computers, USA, to her boss.

Dear Mr Baker,

As an former employee of an institution of higher education, I have a few very basic expectations. Chief among these is that my direct superiors have an intellect that ranges above the common ground squirrel. After your consistent and annoying harassment of my co-workers and myself during the commission of our duties, I can only surmise that you are one of the few true genetic wastes of our time. Asking me, a network administrator, to explain every little nuance of everything I do each time you happen to stroll into my office is not only a waste of time, but also a waste of precious oxygen.

I was hired because I know how to network computer systems, and you were apparently hired to provide amusement to myself and other employees, who watch you vainly attempt to understand the concept of "cut and paste" for the hundredth time. You will never understand computers. Something as incredibly simple as binary still gives you too many options. You will also never understand why people hate you, but I am going to try and explain it to you. Your shiny new iMac has more personality than you ever will.

You walk around the building all day, shiftlessly looking for fault in others. You have a sharp dressed useless look about you that may have worked for your interview, but now that you actually have responsibility, you pawn it off on overworked staff, hoping their talent will cover for your glaring

ineptitude. In a world of managerial evolution, you are the blue-green algae that everyone else eats and laughs at.

Seeing as this situation is unlikely to change without you getting a full frontal lobotomy reversal, I am forced to tender my resignation, however I have a few parting thoughts.

1. When someone calls you in reference to employment, it is illegal to give me a bad recommendation. The most you can say to hurt me is "I prefer not to comment." I will have friends randomly call you over the next couple of years to keep you honest, because I know you would be unable to do it on your own.

2. I have all the passwords to every account on the system, and I know every password you have used for the last five years. If you decide to get cute, I am going to publish your "favourites list", which I conveniently saved when you made me "back up" your useless files. I do believe that terms like "Lolita" are not usually viewed favourably by the administration.

3. When you borrowed the digital camera to "take pictures of your mothers birthday", you neglected to mention that you were going to take pictures of yourself in the mirror nude. Then you forgot to erase them like the techno-moron you really are.

Suffice it to say I have never seen such odd acts with a ketchup bottle, but I assure you that those have been copied and kept in safe places pending the authoring of a glowing letter of recommendation. (Try to use a spell check please; I hate having to correct your mistakes.)

Thank you for your time, and I expect the letter of recommendation on my desk by 8:00 am tomorrow. One word of this to anybody and all of your little twisted repugnant obsessions will be open to the public. Never f*** with your systems administrator. Why? Because they know what you do with all that free time!

Toodles,
Helen



Dept. of Mirth

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for

North West gas said "We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr. Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house." (The Daily Telegraph)

Police reveal that a woman arrested for shoplifting had a whole salami in her knickers. When asked why, she said it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend. (The Manchester Evenings News)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van, because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like. (The Guardian)

A young girl who was blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth was rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster. A coastguard spokesman commented, "This sort of thing is all too common". (The Times)

At the height of the gale, the harbourmaster radioed a coastguard on the spot and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied that he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff. (Aberdeen Evening Express)

Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of

1945, she recalled. "He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out "Heil Hitler". (Bournemouth Evening Echo).

From Roger A-J Sydney

The Zipper

A man walked into a Supermarket with his zipper down. A Lady cashier walked up to him and said, "your barracks door is open."

This is not a phrase men normally use, so he went away looking a bit puzzled. When he was about done shopping, a man came up to him and said, "your fly is open." He zipped up and finished his shopping. He then intentionally got in the line to check out where the lady was that told him about his "barracks door." He was planning to have a little fun with her. When he reached her counter he said, "When you saw my barracks door open, did you see a soldier in there at attention?" The Lady (being smarter than a man) thought for a moment and said, "No, I didn't. All I saw was a disabled veteran sitting on two duffel bags. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

David Flakelar MHASC

Locked In

A well respected member of the aviation community swears that this is true.

A newly qualified flight attendant with an airline known to recruit young, blondish things was on her first overnight. She failed to show for the early morning muster in the hotel lobby. A concerned crew-mate called her room to see what the story was and she answered the phone in a teary voice.

When asked what the matter was she sobbed that she could not get out of her room.

What do you mean you can't get out of your room?

"Well there are only three doors. One goes into the bathroom, one into the wardrobe and the other has a "Do Not Disturb" sign hanging on the doorknob !!!

From Roger A-J Sydney

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Hugh Barrington of Big River Sailing Club