



Trail & Sail

The Trailer Sailer Club of Qld Inc.

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Presidents Report

The summer hasn't been a good one for the TSCQ with the passing of Susie.

I met Susie some years ago. It was 3 boats ago for Russell on BYFARR [another Farr name.] Triangles sailed on Waterloo Bay. Two short races with lunch in between. What a cracker of a day two racers in the one event, you couldn't get the smile off my dial. I think that's why I've always liked triangle racing, must have been the company. Susie was wonderful and made me feel very welcome. A true lady of the water. Sandgate Sunday was the last time Susie would sail with us. Susie's words what a hoot. Farrside, OJ, Evergreen, and Backflip round the cans. The wind was the beam on most points of sail, thanks Marty for a good reaching course. 15/17 knots with tide against wind the water was flying everyone on our boat was drenched, summer sailing in Qld [who needs wet weather gear] Susie had Farrside flying, It wasn't the easiest day to steer and the helm was a tad heavy, I don't think anyone could have taken it off her as she was having a hoot of a good time. The smile on her face was just as big as the smile on my dial so many years before. Our true lady of the water. We will miss you.

We didn't sail the last few months of 2011 as Backflip was having ageing problems. Backflip is an 84 mark 1 and starting to have some under the water line problems from going off and on the trailer for so many years. The glass where he sits had become soft and therefore the integrity of the hull was no longer sound. There were also a few wee bits that I had repaired badly. Where do you stop once you start? It's all good now. Looking back it wasn't that hard. Thanks to Paul the mobile glass repairs man. I kept an eye on the way things were being repaired you never know when it will come in handy. Pauley has gone to WA. Bugger as we hit it off and he knew a thing or two. After all these problems were under control it was Xmas. What do you do at Xmas you may say? Go sailing Yeah. Mel and I had 3 different sails two light days and a good one of around 15 knots. I think we have fixed the problem of catching no fish, we dumped the spoon and bought a lure that can swim faster without coming to the surface over 6 knots. Now next season we'll give that fish a go, if he is still there.

Late January Melinda and I did a quick trip across the ditch to catch up with some Kiwi friends and an aging mother, who thinks everyone else is old but her. Christchurch was a bit hairy for us as most of where we stayed was affected by the events of recent times. I guess we need to toughen up like the people that live there have had to, 3 days and 4 earthquakes; they feel like a large truck driving past you. Moving on we did the hire a bomb tight ass road trip, it was great fun. The road trip took in the Marlborough region, West coast, Central Otago go the Highlanders, and Home to Dunedin. A funny thing going to New Zealand to escape the rain ha ha. On our return we had the February meeting at the coffee club Oxford St, Lindsay tell us that there are a few new club members. It will be nice to meet them all over the next couple of events. There are not too many weeks to the Aussie Car loans Moreton Bay Classic on the 3th and 4th of March. We'll have to have a beer on the Saturday night and a catch up it will give me something boatie to write about next time. I wonder how many New Year's resolutions have made it to now.

Seeya all on the water

Bruce

Susie McCarthy

It was with a heavy heart that many of us showed up at Arana Hills on 6th February to celebrate Susie's life, together with her family and friends. The final eulogy was given by Russell who really captured Susie's spirit and zest for life.

Susie was a lovely lady with a gentle nature and happy disposition. I have had the pleasure of sailing with her for the last 10 years. She will be greatly missed.

David and Linda Mason



Susie was truelyly [sic] one of God's wonderful creations.

She will always be remembered for her cheerful nature and contagious smile. A friend to all, she lived and loved life to the full.

Susie, you will greatly missed but never forgotten. I wish you fair winds and warm sunshine till we meet again

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Susie, may the wind be at your back & the sun forever on your shoulders.



I was crew on Farrside with Susie and Richard at the Sandgate weekend. Susie was friendly and helpful, teaching a newbie what could be absorbed on the first day, and being very patient. I was thrilled to be sailing with her and Richard for the coming regatta.

I knew she had health problems as she showed me her insulin pump and mentioned a few problems she had, but I never expected to hear she had passed away. Carpe Diem!!! Go sailing more now, you never know what tomorro!!!

Dianne Little





Meeting Date Change

The Brisbane Skiff Squadron have another group wanting to use the club for a meeting on every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month so we have altered our meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Coming Events

3 & 4 March	Regatta
11 March	Manly Race
20 March	Meeting
6-9 April	Easter Cruise
5-6 May	Bay to Bay

Water in Boat

Usual causes:

- weather seal on your front hatch,
- the position where the stanchions of your pulpit bolts penetrate through the foredeck,
- through the hole where your keel locking device is supposed to be when under way (it generally does not leak when the locking pin is in position)
- the rear supports of your pop top
- overfill of water tank
- clamp around hose at sink outlet loose

More unusual ones are:

- crack inside (at bottom of floor) anchor locker. This type of leak would be difficult to spot because the water would penetrate inside the bulkhead underneath your V-berth and would find its way into the cavity immediately in front of your keel
- imperfection inside front of keelbox which the owner claims was probably a manufacturing fault. (This would only become evident through an onshore inspection with the keel removed).

One member reported water persistently entering cockpit locker(s). Reason for this is usually due to boat being out in the weather when rainwater could find its way over the ridge. One way to overcome this is to apply a self adhesive type seal (the type you get for stopping draught in your house windows or doors) and install this around the edge of the guttering around the opening of your lockers under the lift up lids. It is a cheap and efficient method.

Courtesy The Noalex Association of Australia



The Manly Hotel



Trailer Maintenance

Rust prevention on your trailer maintenance is probably one of the most important items you should have on your agenda and in most cases overlooked by a large number of boat owners. It should not really be cumbersome if you spend a little time often. Most of us are far too eager to cast off after having parked the car and trailer.

What you should do, is purchase a couple of spray cans of fish oil and, next time, after you have launched your boat, get out the cans and spray all over the parts you can never reach. You may as well use up both cans as you will probably not get around to it again this season. It does smell rather fishy, but is not too bad if you keep the breeze behind. Fish oil will leave a long lasting protective coating. When I say this, I mean about one season. There is also a lanolin based product on the market but is a little more expensive and does not come in a spray can. This product comes with a little hand pump. It is however a good product.

Whilst you are at it spray some WD40 or similar at the axles of your rollers. One word of warning!! If you have done the rollers, take extra care next time you launch. Your boat will simply take off from the trailer at 100 miles per hour. It is essential to have sufficient length of launching rope and you should loop the end a couple of times around the front bar of the trailer. Also, wearing a work glove is advisable as rope burns inside your hands are nasty if sustained.

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