

# THE SIGNALLER

November 2015

The Official Sun City Yacht  
Club Newsletter

## CLUB CALENDAR

### December 19<sup>th</sup> – Dinghy Sailors Triathlon

Teams of 3 have the opportunity to sign up and compete for the prize and glory that will greet them at the end of a run, cycle and sail.

### December 19<sup>th</sup> – Lobster Dinner

This FREE event for members offers a complete lobster meal and an open bar. Spaces are limited so sign up with your partner, family or fellow club member as soon as you can.

### December 24<sup>th</sup> – Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

A chance to raise money for the club at Mindarie Bunnings. All help is welcome.

### January 16<sup>th</sup> – Dinghy Sailing Resumes

### February – Quiz Night Fundraiser

Date yet to be confirmed, to be held at the Pickled Herring.

## Open Day

From L to R: Paul Miles MLA, Tracey Roberts JP, Rev John Taylor, John Utley, Alexandra Utley



### DON'T FORGET:

If you're looking for a place to chill and relax after a busy week

**THE BAR is open on  
FRIDAY NIGHTS**

**5.30pm-late**

**All members and guests welcome.**



# 2015-16 OPEN DAY

Our 41st Opening Day was held on November 15th under clear skies and with a gentle Two Rocks breeze. A short ceremony was followed by a dinghy sailing display, bigger boat sail-past and a wonderful lunch put on by members and the committee.

Last year was all about our 40th anniversary and this year, ably co-ordinated by Master of Ceremonies and Vice Patron, Paul Miles, the focus was on looking forward. Commodore John Utley described the current growth in dinghy sailing and the push to involve families such that we currently have a number of parents and grandparent sailing with their children and grandchildren. He also described how regular Friday bar opening has added to the social options for members. John pointed out how important it is to the growth of the club that new arrivals in our community are aware of the club and what it offers and that, in his opinion, the club should expand to offer other boating options to members, including in the future perhaps fishing, canoeing and diving.

Our Patron, Mayor Tracey Roberts JP was keynote speaker and Tracey provided some dramatic statistics to highlight the growth in the area – the City of Wanneroo is the fastest growing local government in WA having grown from 45,000 people in 1991 to a current population of 187,000. The northern Coastal Growth Corridor from which most of our club members are drawn is expected to welcome 73,000 additional people by 2036. Tracey's enthusiasm for the area is contagious and our guests from along the Swan River and further south could clearly appreciate the club's potential to grow along with the burgeoning community, something that our guests from Hillarys Yacht Club and Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club have already experienced.

The Reverend John Taylor blessed the club's boats and all those boats using the Two Rocks marina before our guests moved down to the edge of the marina to watch the dinghy display and sail past then back to the club rooms for a meal straight out of an Enid Blyton novel. The lunch was coordinated by Dana with plates of food provided by Dana, Beth, Kath, Shelly, Sonet, Jennifer, Ann and Ann contributing to an impressive spread.



Just a section of the large amount of food prepared for the day.

# SATURDAY DINGHY SAILING

Over 30 people of all ages have joined our dinghy sailing sessions so far this season on Saturday mornings. We've structured the sessions to teach the novices the basics of dinghy sailing and have a large core group that can now rig and sail our dinghies in the marina with others that started later, coming along nicely. We continue to promote sailing as a sport that different generations of the same family can do together and are excited to have several fathers sailing with their sons and daughters.



From L to R: Steve, Josh, Mia, Shelly, Adele, Casey, Dave, Bradley, Floyd

## Christmas Dinghy Windup

The last dinghy session before our Christmas break will be a chance to test finely-tuned teams of three athletes against the elements and other teams in a (very) short course Triathlon – a swim leg in the marina will be followed by a run along the marina to the main gates and back and a dinghy sailing leg to decide the winner. Glory and a Bolivian Sports Scholarship will go to the winners. All will not be lost to the followers though with other games on the water an opportunity for redemption.

# jindowie

A big thank you to Jindowie Estate who will provide \$1000 for the purchase of a new aluminium beach trolley for our sailing dinghies – at the moment we rotate four trolleys to move up to ten dinghies down to the marina beach on a Saturday morning and the new trolley will help considerably

## CLUB MAINTENANCE

The club's dinghies are tired – centreboards, rudders and gunwales need varnish, spars need fixings and halyards need replacing. Somewhere out there is someone who'd enjoy making some of the dinghies looking refreshed and new again – if that's you, let us know – call John on 0409 109 687



# MORE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON



## Lobster Dinner

We'll be following our dinghy wind-up on December 19<sup>th</sup> with a Lobster Dinner for our members – there will be no cost but it's not so easy to get the food right without numbers beforehand so we'd appreciate it if you can let us know in advance if you're coming by phoning Dana on 0414 951 532 or Alexandra on 0466 409 060 or emailing the club on [sun\\_city\\_yacht\\_club@hotmail.com](mailto:sun_city_yacht_club@hotmail.com) (note the underscores).

## Facebook and our New Webpage

A lot of you have been keeping up with club events and making your own comments on our Facebook page. We're in the process of setting up a new website which will be accessed through our moniker; [suncityyachtclub.com.au](http://suncityyachtclub.com.au) which at the moment leads to Facebook. We enjoy the interaction through the Facebook page and are also looking forward to giving you greater access to the club through the new website!

## Friday Night Bar

Don't forget, the clubrooms are open every Friday from around 5:30pm – some nights see only a trickle of members and their friends and other nights bubble along. Last month was Nautical November and some of you earned a free drink with your nautical knowledge. We're now into Decadent December with a focus on rich and unhealthy food to help you train for Christmas festivities. Don't forget we're family friendly and love to see kids down there.