

Latest News about BSC in 2014

7th December - Annual Presentation Night

The Roebuck Bay Hotel's Piano Bar was the venue for the annual dinner. Thanks to Loi, we again had the luxury of a free bus pick up and drop off. The Sunday Roast was a tasty meal which was enjoyed by members and guests. *NB: Some more photos of Presentation Night (courtesy of Caroline & Neila) will be found by clicking [here](#).*

The following awards were presented:

2013/14 Wet Season Series (Yardstick) Certificate Awards:

- 3rd Place – Alex Tiverios sailing *Rattle & Hum*
- 2nd Place – Gary Harding sailing *Okanui*
- 1st Place – John Dayman sailing *Blue Chip*

2014 Dry Season Series (Yardstick) Certificate Awards:

- 3rd Place – Alex Tiverios sailing *Rattle & Hum* with 93 Points
- 2nd Place – Brian Burrough sailing his Weta Tri' with 28 Points
- 1st Place – Miranda Dibdin sailing *Broome Time* with 19 Points

2014 Volunteer of the Year Award

- John Dayman for his outstanding work, above and beyond the call of duty (and his official position), assisting in all areas of the club

2014 Sink or Swim Award

- This could only go to Alex Tiverios for his spectacular capsized (in light'ish winds) of *Rattle & Hum* with new young crew aboard, which led to the abandonment of the race due to requirements with the Rescue Boat.

2014 Most Improved

- Brian Burrough who started the season quite low in the scoring on his Weta Trimaran and built up to some close fight by the end of the season

This 2014 Dry Season Series (Handicap) Sailing Champion Awards:

- 3rd Place – Alex Tiverios sailing *Rattle & Hum* with 83 Points
- 2nd Place – Brian Burrough sailing his Weta Tri' with 29 Points

And the BSC Sailing Champion for 2014 is:

- Miranda Dibdin sailing *Broome Time* with crew Stuart Brown gaining a total of 22.5 Points



31st August - Race 19 & 20

[Click here](#) for some photos of these races

3rd August - Capsize Drill Training

[Click here](#) for some photos of these activities

20th July - Willie Creek & Return Races

Today's fixture was just as great, as Gary predicted. Race 13 saw four boats take the hooter at the North Cardinal marker at 1103 hrs. It was rather pedestrian till abeam of North of the Rocks. Two intrepid skippers, Miranda & Brian, sailed close to shore, to pick up the breeze off the land and anything else visually interesting to pass the time of day. *Rattle 'n Hum* sailed the rhumb line, all the while thinking of the scrumptious lunch, waiting for him at Coconut Wells. Meanwhile, *Okanui* went whale watching and found a fresh breeze from the West! What luck. It wasn't forecast, but it carried the 'dinner plate' to the finish line, as it rode the wind shift, with a huge chance of taking handicap honors, a tad under 16 minutes behind First on elapsed time, *Broome Time*.

Race 14 started punctually at 1300 hours, with *Okanui* first away, and pushing *Weta* further to windward than she wanted! Well that's what you do if you have right 'o way at the start... That engagement was short lived, though. This time, *Broome Time* took the whale watching track to seaward, the other two cats more or less on the rhumb line and *Okanui* doing whatever was needed to keep the magnificent red foresail full of westerly puff. *Broome Time* etched itself into the club's history books for a record elapsed time for Coconut Wells to Gantheaume Point (i'm sure its all downhill when you sail from north to south), finishing the 8 nm leg in under 38 minutes. Do the math. That was a great sail (as Gary predicted), with

the trapeze man hanging out for at least 36 of those very, very moving minutes. The Start Boat, hooping at 17 knots, made it to the Cardinal Marker in the nick of time, to set a finish line for *Broome Time* to get the hooter 1st, followed by *Weta* (the yellow tri), *Rattle 'N Hum* and *Okanui* - less than 12 minutes covered the fleet in Race 14.

[Click here](#) for photos of this event.

26th April - Open Day

NB: photos of Open Day will be found [here](#)

This weekend saw the beginning of another Dry Season Sailing for Broome Sailing Club down at Gantheaume beach. Saturday began very early for our members, setting up the mobile clubhouse and preparing for what is the biggest day of the year for the club.

The Scouts started rolling down about 10.30 and were quickly shuffled in to the BSC Pacer training boats and taken for a spin on the Indian Ocean. With the BSC safety RIB close at hand and a lovely breeze, the day was shaping up to be typical Broome picture perfect.

By midday, the club had taken 14 Scouts and some parents out in the three Club Pacer dinghies, now it was time for the Blessing of the Fleet carried out by Colin Kenworthy of Broome Seas Rescue. The Blessing took place down at water's edge where all the boats were rigged and gathered. Colin wished a safe and well season for all on board and all that would sail with the club for the year. The Scouts then did their pack whoop and all was prepared for a busy afternoon of taking visitors, the older Scouts and VIP's out for sails. In total 37 people came and went out on Saturday, including people who had come from Derby, Michael Pepper Principal of St Mary's and many more. This is a great opportunity to see how the club operates, what it has for the youth of Broome to explore the Indian Ocean and their own abilities, as well as adults who want to learn to sail and get involved with the club.

The day ended with a perfect sunset and a sausage sizzle for all including the Scouts who hung around all day and made a full day of it. It was great to have two youth organizations working together and BSC look forward to doing sail training for the Broome Scouts run by Andrew and Kevin.

It was quite a set up for Saturday, so it was decided to leave it up for Sunday. Sunday am was the second class of the 4 week sail training course and then in the afternoon on Sunday, there were the first two races of the season. The trainees were greeted with a perfect morning for them to go solo, and after an initial refresher of what had been done in the first

lesson and then some on the water training, they were let loose to go solo. They also had to do their capsizing drill in deep water, which to their credit, all three boats did twice. They then spent two hours just refining their sailing skills and getting used to not having an instructor on board. Instead the instructors were in the BSC rib not far away, there when needed to coach from a distance. But by and large, all went well. Next time they will sail from the beach by themselves and further refine their skills, with two lessons to go, they will be well and truly competent by the time they complete the 4 day course.

Racing in the afternoon had a perfect south westerly breeze and in both races, Miranda Dibdin and Hilary Wilkins, weren't headed. Miranda won both races, followed by Alex Triverios and Tom De Ridder, followed by Gary Harding and Loi and the Frank Burgess on his Windrush. A very successful weekend, but a very busy one. Lucky it only happens once a year!

12th January - Town Beach Racing

Wet Season January races held at Town Beach on Sunday 12th January saw a 12-15kt blustery day, small chop and just a few white caps. With three starters, Miranda, Gary H and JD, we had Phil Aagren and Stan on Phil's RIB as safety/start boat.

Race one started with beat to the south from a start, not too far out into the bay and then then to the wing mark for the port course, which was Gary's catamaran on a mooring out in the deeper channel. Until Gary ran over his spinnaker, the places were looking like Miranda, Gary and John, but at the end it was just Miranda and John who finished the race, in that order. Gary's halyard had got jammed through another block on the boat, so the spinnaker wouldn't come down, they ran over spinnaker....they had over run the leeward bouy and then when they had finally fixed the spinnaker, they capsized when rounding the mark. So they decided to wait till the next race rather than chase the fleet.



The second race was heading for same placings, after a hotly contested start and even with Miranda having a capsizing on the weather bouy, she was still able to claw her way back to first and Gary with another spinnaker jam, still managed to hold on to second place after his flying reach with the spinnaker up (the winward return leg), with the wind swinging more west, it made this a lovely reach. A good day of sailing was

had by all with full courses run, two races and still only taking no more than 45min each for me the tail ender.

Thanks to Phil and Stan for their efforts in the Start boat.

Miranda Dibdin was not present at the 2013 Presentation Night. So, after the racing Commodore Stan Best presented Hobie 16 catamaran 'Broome Time' skipper Miranda Dibdin and her crew Stuart Brown with a second place Yard Stick certificate and Trophy for 2013. Photos will be found at:
https://picasaweb.google.com/BroomeWaters/2014_0112BSCPresentationMiranda