

**Message from John Dingy
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G'day Yachties,

Although the Yachties email may have been a bit quiet of late there has been a bit of sailing. The weekend before last we had Ben and Kat on their Hobie 16 and three Lasers on the water. This was the first time there has been three Lasers out at once for a while. My for'ard hand, Mitchel, wasn't available so I dusted off my Laser, Liam sailed one of the club boats and newcomer to the list Rory McLeod sailed the other club boat. Rory has quite a bit of sailing experience but not much in dinghies recently so he had to get his hand back in. The breeze built steadily over the time we were out and Rory had a few capsizes and swims but was still smiling at the end. We all had a good time planing around on the reaches although it became hard work upwind when the wind got stronger. Ben and Kat found a few gaps in the breeze but otherwise the day was perfect for Hobie 16s and they enjoyed themselves sailing and practising for the last time before their trip to the state titles.

Last weekend was Exmouth Yacht Clubs "Americas Cup" regatta with three boats from HHBSC attending. Mitchel and I took our Hobie 16, Scott Crane and Paul Harrison with their families took Scotts Hobie 16 and Roger Fawcett took his F24 Trimaran with crews "Shirty" and Rory. The weekend was a hot one with very light breezes most of the time. Despite 20-25kts of wind on the Turquoise Bay side of the Cape, on the inside we were becalmed for long periods. Three races were scheduled for the Saturday but all of the off the beach cats opted out of the third race. Two long drawn out races in the sun were enough for one day. The only boats to start the third race were the two Trimarans, Rogers and James Chapmans from Exmouth.

On Sunday there were two races scheduled and both were sailed although light breezes prevailed again. We did get a few patches of good breeze towards the end of some of the races but they were short lived. Despite the light and hot conditions everyone had a great time and is keen to go back again for next years event. The club is a great place to sail and put on a good feed for breakfast, lunch and dinner with a band on the Saturday night. The event was won by Exmouth local James Chapman in his 32 foot trimaran followed by Roger in his F24, Scott, myself and then the Exmouth Windrush 14 cats. One comical moment was when, in one of the rare patches of breeze, Rogers spinnaker flapped letting the sheet go slack and dropping Shirty off the back of the boat. He was dragged along for quite some distance before Roger and Rory managed to get him back on board. If anyone knows Shirty, ask him about his water skiing.

Ben and Kat went to Jervoise Bay for the Hobie 16 state titles and had a great time sailing in a big fleet for a change. Ten races in all were held over the weekend and their results improved steadily over the course of the series. It's great to see boats from HHBSC getting around to other clubs.

The next scheduled race at HHBSC is not until Sunday 21st of March but in the meantime there should still be plenty of sailing from the club. Unfortunately I am working weekends for a few weeks now but will be trying to get on the water midweek. If anyone is keen to sail there are club boats available, Lasers and cats. High tide tomorrow (Sun 7th) is at 2:30 pm and next weekend at 10:30 and 10:45 Saturday and Sunday respectively.

There is a very good Laser for sale at the moment as well as spare parts for anyone interested in getting their own boat. Details below.

LASER 170507 SYDNEY OLYMPIC BOAT (TURBO PACK)

SAILS 2 1 used 1 new

FOILS Excellent condition (Foil Bag) Carbon Fibre Tiller

On galvanized dolly, on galvanized road trailer (custom built).

Little use, excellent racing condition.

\$6,200

LASER Old complete. Hull in very poor condition but

Foils and spars okay.

On old dolly (aluminum)

\$650.00

EXTRA LASER PARTS – GENERAL STOCK CLEARANCE , INCLUDING -

Top and bottom boat covers New and S/hand

Spare Centre Board (as new)

Spare top sections 3 (S/hand)

Spare vang systems

Bottom sections for 4.7 rig

Number of old sails full/radial

New fittings, S/hand battens

\$1,000.00

FOR THE ENTIRE PURCHASE

\$7,200.00 (or best offer)

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