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"Real Life Skills - Build a Yacht and Learn to Sail!"

What a sight! Reefed down FireBugs sailing in gusty conditions at the Carnarvon Two Day Regatta in June. The 'cool' and windy weather was very unseasonal.

FireBug Racing in Carnarvon WA

The Carnarvon Yacht Club held a two day regatta back in June. There are about thirty 'Bugs' in WA but unfortunately the long distances and unusually wet and windy weather kept all but seven boats at home.

Those who turned up enjoyed great sailing - Club Vice- Commodore Ray Ellis said 'We had close to a hundred sailors across Senior and Junior Divisions. It was a great chance for the young sailors to get a feel for competition and sailing in cold and windy conditions.'

Pete from FireBug yachts who was in Oz on a family visit turned up for the event and had a great time! WA is an interesting region and the club's hospitality was superb. Many Thanks!

Now a 'Triple Charity' in Lisbon at the Nautico Clube Boa Esperanca!

Pete from FireBug Yachts made a visit to Lisbon in Portugal to meet the team and check out the 'BugBuilders'. The club building provided by the Lisbon City Council has prime location at the bottom of the city. The area in the old days was the off loading place for fishing boats. Today the NCBE runs a sailing school using the same well trodden cobblestone foreshore! As well as the sailing school the group runs boat building classes for handicapped people, cerebral palsy sufferers and poor kids including some Gypsies, partly government funded. We spent interesting days at the club, meeting the sailors and builders and had a good look around the beautiful city of Lisbon. We enjoyed our visit immensely and are looking for an excuse to return! Many thanks Carlos, Antonio and all, keep up the good work!



On the beach waiting for the wind to lighten up!



Pete and the kids who sailed so well in 'cold' and gusty conditions. 'Cold' for these guys is 22 degrees!



Superb Carnarvon Yacht Club on its own beach



Same buildings, different usage! The fish market becomes a modern day sailing school.



Same cobblestones, different century! The Club operates from the building on the water's edge.



Antonio, far right and the cerebral palsy builders

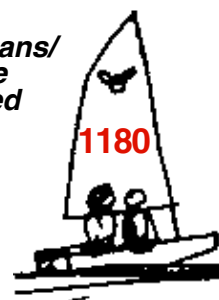


Pete, Nikki and the team enjoying a delicious lunch at the NCBE 'Cafe'. Carlos at right.

Carnarvon Regatta Results

The regatta was held in difficult conditions for the young sailors but they all had great fun and coped very well. Good sailing skills you guys!
1st James Morgan 10.5 points,
2nd Flynn Morgan and Cody Porter 16.2 points,
4th Cooper Chapman and Ted Beckenham 19.5 points

**FireBug plans/
regos have
now passed
1180 in 34
countries!**



Look!! Eight Footer Regatta at CRSC
Living in small flats is causing storage problems for sailors. The 'Bug however still fits, standing on its transom behind a car! Concord Ryde SC in Sydney are holding an 8 foot regatta in March to find the best eight foot club racer for adults and kids. Prizes include a GoPro camera. Contact Ross on 0418 457 020



The Connolly children sharing the first sail



Carnarvon father and son



Mike Harrison and learner



Chris Spooner's 'SeaBug' being tried out.

Large Capacity 'Bug..

Unlike most other small sailboats the FireBug sails well with two or even three people on board, see above. It gets a bit crowded but it's so easy teaching sailing with two on board compared with classrooms or shouting like an idiot from the shore or another boat. And even loaded up the 'Bug is still the quickest small boat in the bay! Prettiest too!

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New Boats and Launchings etc..

As always at this time of year there is a lot of building and sailing activity..



Nic Smith and son Angus in Parkside, Adelaide



The Connolly family in Herberton Queensland launched two new boats with chocolate milk!



Joao Macedo Junior in Lisbon is excited to be sailing FireBugs after learning in Optimists.



The 'BugMobile in Carnarvon!



Would the owner of this 'carport wall' please give me a call and explain the position!!

'BugNews gets Better and Better!

Thanks for the great photos and news: Des Clark and Lindisfarne members, Ray Ellis, Antonio Cabrita, Ray O'Brien, Chris Spooner, Mike Harrison, Joao Macedo, Nic Smith, Ken Connolly and the Pearce Family.

Good newsletters require photos and good stories. Please send yours in now!

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Lindisfarne Sailing Club, Hobart

Des Clark writes: The Firebugs have been a success story for the Lindisfarne Sailing Club. Twenty boats already and more on the way! The kids that have been involved right the way through have formed great friendships and are very competitive on the water. I can see an across the Tasman challenge coming up soon! More new boats at LSC..



The Pearce family are champion Heron sailors and like the FireBug. All the family helped build this boat for Bradley. Lovely job!



Callum Clader's 'Inferno' was mostly built at the AWBF and finished off over the winter. They're coming to get you!



Grandfather Russell built this boat for Noah Gray. Yet another nice job!

Back in Business at PPYC

Totally bashed up by the Christchurch earthquakes a few months ago, Ray O'Brien reports Pleasant Point Yacht Club is sailing again from temporary buildings on a new site with improved sailing water, thanks to the quakes!



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