

# MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

## DAVID HORN



### Role at PDSC?

Committee Member (Sponsorship & Grants Portfolio)

### How long have you been at PDSC?

Since 2005...I think

### Why did you decide to join the PDSC Committee?

I wanted to contribute to the Club that had been so good for and good to our family

### What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I can't play the violin...

### Any random facts about PDSC to share with us?

Since joining PDSC the Horn family has owned and raced boats in the following classes: Mudlark, O'pen Bic, Jay Dee, Heron, Tasar, SigneT, 29er, Cherub, 49er and i14.

### Which four individuals in the world, living or dead, would you like to have dinner with the most?

Miles Davis (if he'd play for us), Claudia Roden (if she'd cook for us), Albert Einstein (if he'd try to explain it all to us) and Kay Horn (if she'd have me)

### First memory at PDSC?

Standing up to my waist in the river trying to teach Virginia to tack.

### Favourite memory at PDSC?

Standing up to my waist in the river trying to teach our girls to tack

### Funniest memory at PDSC?

Standing up to my waist in the river trying to teach our girls to tack

### What has surprised you most about working on the PDSC Committee?

How bloody hard the Flag Officers (and their partners) work

### What is your sailing history?

My father was a keen 505 sailor before we immigrated to Perth and then sailed a Moth out of NYC, so I learnt to sail in a Mirror at NYC when I was in primary school. I drifted away from sailing after only a few seasons, although I enjoyed mucking about in hired surfcats and briefly owned an old Moth while at University.

When Kay and I were first married we moved to Albany, where we bought a Mirror and sailed out of PRSC. After some spectacular capsizes, Kay was quickly tempted to crewing on keel boats on the Sound, which was considerably drier.

We then moved to the UK in the 1980s and I lived and worked on the Isle of Wight for a couple of years so we spent some time on big boats, competing in the Round the Island Race, delivering a small yacht to France and bareboat chartering an old gaff rigged cutter around the coast of Cornwall.

We returned to Perth and along came the girls. It was the girls who brought us back to sailing and it all started waist-deep in the river with a club Mudlark. The girls have both grown up to be better sailors than I will ever be but Kay and I still enjoy getting out in our SigneT each weekend...and I think we're getting better.

### What do you do when you aren't at PDSC?

Ride a bicycle...or disappear to Walpole

### Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

Riding a bicycle...and disappearing to Walpole

### What is your day job?

Environmental engineer

### What do you think the future of PDSC is?

If the future of the club is our younger sailors like our daughters, its a great future!