

MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

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How long have you been at PDSC?
30 + years

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

Work, cycling and continually driving the girls to other sporting commitments

What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Family, mateship, fun

Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

Cycling

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I have not spent time in jail, even though my nickname is Changi

Any random facts about PDSC to share with us?

As with many of the Flag Officers, I was a second generation Flag Officer

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

Barack Obama, Lance Armstrong, David Attenborough, and Neil Armstrong,

First memory at PDSC?

Coming down the week before opening day some 30 years ago and going for a sail with Jack Girvin on Shamrock. I ended up sailing with Jack for several seasons after that.

Favourite memory at PDSC?

My first day as a Flag Officer of the Club. I remember the Commodores (Rod and Greg) giving me a bit of stick as I turned up on Opening Day, which I thought was funny, given they both knew what I had signed myself up for.

Funniest memory at PDSC?

Brad and I co-hosting the talent show one year, dressed up in one of Jo-Dee's dresses, with balloons for boobs. Mia who was only two or three at the time, was worried her dad had turned into a woman. It was confusing times for all of us...

What is your sailing history?

My first recollection of sailing was being stuck in Matilda Bay (where I was certain I was going to starve to death because there was no wind at age three. This was in a small dinghy I was given for Christmas. My first organised training occurred in a Pelican at South of Perth Yacht Club (SoPYC) at around seven or eight years of age. Then I sailed a Flying Ant at Mount's Bay, followed by crewing on Dad's H28 at SoPYC. At 13, I joined PDSC, where I have sailed a Signet with Jack Girvin, Javelin with Paul Kunzli and I14 with Ian Arber.

Why did you decide to become a Flag Officer?

I had been on Management Committee for a few years and was the Treasurer. Gary and Lesley asked if I would be prepared to become a Flag Officer, and I replied sure if you can find a replacement for the Treasurer role. I was honoured to be considered. It only took them one month to find a replacement, thanks Jo McVee! I guess I thought there is never a 'perfect time' to make such an important commitment to a volunteer role and I was excited to contribute to the Club I love being part of.

What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

Being a member of PDSC is like having a huge extended family. It is made up of lots of different people that you may not always see eye to eye with, but it provides fun times, lots of wonderful memories, and a great environment for my girls to grow up in.

What do you wish other people knew about PDSC

There is a class of boat for everyone interested in dinghy sailing. The venue has million dollar views, we always have cold beer behind the bar and there is always a member willing to share a recent or old sailing story.

Do you have any advice for new members of PDSC?

Get involved. The more you put in the more you will get out.

What do you think the future of PDSC is?

Strong. With committed members and good leadership we will overcome the challenges that we come up against and thrive on opportunities we create.