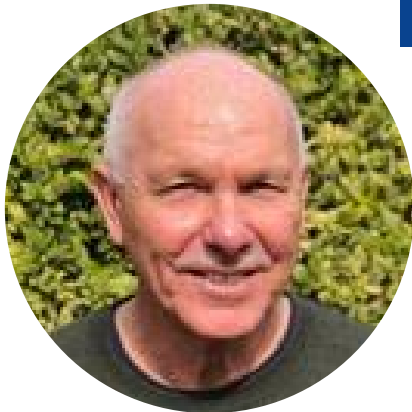


MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

BRUCE BRODIE



How long have you been at PDSC?

Only about 3 years, so pretty short compared to the amazing history, talent and involvement of so many

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

Lots of family stuff, church activities at North Beach, Grandfather to 7
Stock Market Trader

What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Challenging, Supportive, Community

Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

Open water swimmer
Enjoy gardening, reading, walking

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I worked as a Wrangler on a cattle ranch and quarter horse stud in the Rocky Mountains, Colorado.- I married, lived and worked in Ireland.

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

Ray Dalio, John Newton, Os Guinness

What is your sailing history?

Learned to sail on a Mirror 16 (3 crew) at Cleveland Yacht Club (Qld) in 1971. I then bought an Arrow Catamaran and sailed at the club for 2 seasons. I sailed for one more season on a 16Ft skiff (4 crew) and concluded my short club sailing career at 18.

I always wanted to get back to club sailing, but that did not happen until 43 years later when I walked into PDSC for a 'look' at a Cherub event at the club. Little did I know by the end of the week I would own a Sabre dinghy and never even sailed one. How did that happen!! I

First memory at PDSC?

I reflect on getting back into sailing after a 43-year gap and buying a Sabre. When I strolled into the club to watch a few Cherubs sail during Christmas holidays, I got into a conversation with a bloke called Bill who was there having just sold his Sabre to Richard who was taking his first sail in his new boat. I had never seen a Sabre and Bill was enthusiastically keen to introduce me to their great attributes (especially for the older sailor!) As we were talking, another person came up for a chat about Sabres and his name was Brian. Little did I know there was no way out with this 'tag' team. Bit like being in a Sabre sandwich.

Before I had got home, Brian called me to say there was a boat for sale and I booked to look at it during the week. Bill kindly agreed to come with me to check it out and a few days later it was in my driveway... What have I done?

This was the start of a challenging journey (that still continues), but thankfully I did not know what I did not know. If it was not for the sailing passion and engaging encouragement of Bill Gillham and Brian Jones, I probably would still not be sailing. Thanks to you guys and so many others who support.

What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

The club provides what I call a great 'enabling structure'. It is a perfect environment to enjoy a terrific, learning sport within a passionate community that also values family and safety.

What do you think the future of PDSC is?

This club has a fantastic sailing heritage, a unique location and talented in-house resources on which to maintain, build and promote through a diversity of modern channels into current generations. It has a diverse and wide demographic footprint to leverage this terrific sport.- I take this opportunity to thank all members for the sharing of your knowledge, the answering of sometimes repetitive sailing questions and to readily help out where there is a need – it is so very much appreciated.