

MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

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How long have you been at PDSC?

Since PDSC open day October 2016.

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

Try to enjoy the awesome Perth climate as much as possible, although that list of chores and DIY jobs never seems to end!!

What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Down to earth.

Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

Do a fair few kms cycling trying to keep fit.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

Was given a rally driving course in mid-Wales as a birthday present and took out top honours in the timed stage on icy forest tracks in a classic Mark Two escort. Was a great day and a great feeling spraying the champagne at the end.

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

Right now, as Liverpool have just won the Premier League...in case you didn't know.....would be great to get Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley, Kenny Dalglish and Jurgen Klopp around the table. I imagine the anecdotes and tales of wisdom would be priceless to hear.

First memory at PDSC?

Watching my daughter Eavie having her first sailing experience on open day, crammed into the front of a mudlark with Mia Farrar skippering and showing her the ropes. It was a pretty windy day so they had a few swims. They both came out smiling though.....luckily.

Favourite memory at PDSC?

Two really.....Seeing both of my daughters properly sail on their own for the first time.

Funniest memory at PDSC?

About 6 months after first joining PDSC spent the weekend with everybody down at Koombana Bay in Bunbury for the mudlark states. Found out that PDSC has lots of very funny members with great sense of humour. Seemed to get funnier and funnier as the night went on, might have been something to do with the copious number of Dark and Stormys that were being....sampled.

What is your sailing history?

First sailed with my now father-in-law in the UK on his Enterprise. He was short of volunteers to accompany him on to the water so I happily obliged to get in the good books (as I'd not long met his daughter Claire). Looking back was very easy sailing, never once had to hike out the side of the Enterprise!! Became a member of PDSC through my daughter Eavie. Spent a lot of time on the beach or in the safety boats until Dave Horn kindly and bravely offered me, a complete novice, a temporary crew spot on his Signet, he taught me that to sail quickly there was actually some effort required!! Steep learning curve but soon got used to it....I think. Once Kay Horn returned to Dave's boat, a crew spot opened up on Kim Prances Signet after Nelly Sadler, his crew, relocated to Sydney. Kim and Nelly were running in first spot in club championship so big shoes to fill!! Been enjoying sailing with Kim for the last season and a half. A big thank you to Dave and Kim for putting up with me and teaching me so much.

What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

Part of one big happy family. When my folks come over from the UK, they love whiling away Saturday afternoons sitting on the balcony enjoying the awesome view over the Swan River, watching the sailing and being made to feel very welcome.

What do you wish other people knew about PDSC

How welcoming and friendly it is and how all the members are keen to share their copious knowledge about sailing, to both kids and adults alike

Do you have any advice for new members of PDSC?

If you want to sail, get your name on the stand-in crew list, there is very often someone who needs a crew

What do you think the future of PDSC is?

With the great mix of people in the club, the future is bright.

Any random facts about PDSC to share with us?

PDSC is also an acronym for 'Pre-Departure Service Check', kind of rings true with Perth Dinghy.....Have you put the bungs in? Did you check the fuel? etc. etc. (You did day random)