

# MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

## TONY CARR



### How long have you been at PDSC?

I first joined PDSC in 1978.

### What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

A sense of belonging to something special and lifelong friends and memories.

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

I work with my partner Michelle in our Pet Grooming products business called Fraser Essentials.

### What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Family, Friends, Belonging.

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

Member of West Coast Eagles, spend time with family and enjoy travelling.

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

I once owned a liquor store.

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

Bill Gates, Ben Lexcen, Paul McCartney, Paul Elvstrom

### First memory at PDSC?

My first memory is of the club lawns south and west of the main clubhouse being packed full of 14ft skiffs and Javelins.

### Favourite memory at PDSC?

Sailing the 1997/98 Australian 14ft Skiff Championships at PDSC with Ian Furlong, long drives across the Nullabor with Darryl Dedman to compete in several 14ft Skiff Australian Championships and spending time with my children, Sean and Danielle, when they started sailing at the club.

### Funniest memory at PDSC?

Watching the chaos develop at presentations each Saturday in the 1980's after sailing when the large number of 14 members gathered around the bar led by the likes of Ian Blankensee, Graham (Budgie) Rowe and Neville (Scruffy) Sloss, and the Commodores tried with little success to get them under control.

### What is your sailing history?

I started sailing VJ's at Nedlands Yacht Club. I spent 1 year as a crew and then skippered for 5 years owning 2 different VJ's both named ZERO and both with the Red Rising Sun ensign on the mainsail.

I then moved into 14's with my good friend Darryl Dedman because we wanted to sail something fast and exciting with strong competition. At that time PDSC sailed 2 fleets of 14's both with over 20 starters each week. Also South of Perth Yacht club had a fleet of about 10 to 15 boats and Bunbury also had a reasonable size fleet. I sailed 14's through until 2015 (although I had a 12 year break from sailing from 1998).

During my time in 14's I owned and skippered seven 14's all named ZERO and all with the Red Rising Sun ensign on the mainsail. Two of my boats were designed and built by the late Jim Merton for which I will forever be grateful to him. The ensign was from a Semi-Rater that my Grandfather sailed on from the PDSC in the 1920's and 30's. My father also sailed at PDSC starting in VJ's and then progressing to 14's in the 1950's when they sailed the old open plank boats with 4 crew.

### What do you wish other people knew about PDSC?

How much fun it is to be a part of the Club.

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

I think we need to be careful not to take the future for granted and that we need to continue to work hard to protect the fantastic legacy of PDSC.

### Do you have any advice for new members of PDSC?

Get to know other members. There are a lot of very interesting members from diverse backgrounds.