



MEET THE MEMBERS Q & A

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How long have you been at PDSC?

About a dozen years.

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

At work I am an ocularist - I make artificial eyes for people who have lost an eye (or two).

What are three words you would use to describe PDSC?

Welcoming, fun and supportive.

Do you have any other hobbies apart from sailing?

I started playing soccer this year - my first team sport ever! I also play the ukulele Saturday mornings at the Subiaco Farmers Market. I love gardening when I can find some time. I also practise yoga and cycle when I can.

What might someone be surprised to know about you?

I have a menagerie at home consisting of a geriatric dog, an old cat, several chickens and a bee hive.

First memory at PDSC?

Sailing with Jack Girvin on Shamrock. Jack was very encouraging despite me feeling like a fish out of water.

Favourite memory at PDSC?

Sailing in Shamrock with Jack in Bunbury several years ago. The course was really long and in open water with 6 foot waves and blowing 25 knots. It was scary as hell but we didn't go swimming - Quite an achievement!

Funniest memory at PDSC?

With John Glisson around, there are too many funny memories to choose - He's a funny bugger!

What is your sailing history?

My family had a 24ft sailing boat when I was young. We used to sail it on the weekends to the islands off Port Moresby and camp on the beaches. My husband came to a Try Sail day and encouraged me to give it a go. I have been sailing Signets ever since.

What does being a member of PDSC mean to you?

Community and connection. I had never been a member of a sporting club before joining PDSC. It has opened my eyes and made me a more open and contributing member in the other communities around me.

What do you wish other people knew about PDSC?

I love that our club is totally run by volunteers. That is such a rare thing these days but everybody mucks in and helps when they can.

What do you think the future of PDSC is?

We have a big future ahead. The people and families connected with the club will make sure of it.

Do you have any advice for new members of PDSC?

Always go to the bar after your race even if you don't drink alcohol. It is where you get to know and connect with the other members.

Any random facts about PDSC to share with us?

Jenny Kerman is coming back next season. We will have Jenny and Jenny on Just Jenny again!! You can't back out now Jen!

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

I would chew the fat with anyone. Some people you can have a laugh with, some you can learn from and some you can teach.