

# *Fifteen minutes*



*News from Flying Fifteen International South Australia  
Spring 2009*

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## Presidents patter.

The season is finally underway with good water levels at Goolwa promising a bumper season for the fleet down there. 5 fifteens have fronted for the start of the Friday night twilight series with Peter Fagan AUS2826 3 Fives, and Brad Briggs AUS 2345 FFlying Squad sharing the honours over the first 3 events. However the change of the summer series to Saturday appears to have caught some out with only 2 boats competing.

Christies will have four boats this year which should consolidate the footing for the class after only two seasons. Congratulations to the father and daughter team of Darryn and Jess Kopp on winning the Vice Commodores trophy awarded on the results of the first 3 races at Christies S.C. Darryn has refurbished AUS 1678 Jumping Jack FFlash over the winter break, and is showing promising speed, particularly to windward. Darryn and Jess have been seen sharing helming duties during the course of a race, so I wonder who the skipper is/will be in the future?

My plan to attend the nationals at Sandgate Yacht Club (Brisbane) is under threat. My crew is unable to attend due to work commitments (plan A) Plan B was to approach Philip Parish who crewed for Clive at the worlds, however he has commitments, so onto plan C. Is anyone from the association interested in crewing for me? I have booked accommodation in the scout facilities adjacent to the venue, and anyone interested can either share the drive up and back, or fly up on the 30<sup>th</sup> December, with the series finishing on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. Failing that plan D is to see if I can find a crew from the Sandgate club. There is no plan E!

A timely warning to all owners to check your trailers. Tony White AUS 1671 Catel XVII suffered a rusted wheel rim collapsing on his way to the ramp on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately no damage to the boat, but it ruined his day and caused him to miss the first club championship heat.

## Committee news:

Subscriptions are now due and have been set at \$65 which covers the boat, owner skipper, and 1 crew. Additional crew members can be registered for \$15 each. \$32 of the subscription is forwarded to the national body for national registration. Voting on issues at the national AGM is based on the number of boats registered, so to make sure we have our say we need as many boats as possible registered. Don has sent out subscription reminders this week, but if you haven't received yours don't panic, there is a form attached to the end of this newsletter. Please register by the due date.

Due to overseas trips and illness among committee members there has been now progress on the promised tuning day, nor the merchandise. Please accept my apologies on these issues.

2009/10 calendar:

December 31<sup>st</sup>/ January 7<sup>th</sup> **FF** Australian championships (Sandgate Yacht Club QLD.)  
 January 23/24<sup>th</sup> Promotion visit to Port Vincent Sailing Club  
 March 6/7/8<sup>th</sup> Adelaide International regatta (Adelaide Sailing Club)  
 April 24/25/26<sup>th</sup> **FF** SA titles (Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club)

Listing of S.A. flying fifteens.

**Silver Fleet**

2905	The Velvet Glove	Garth Jones	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2761	May contain nuts	Andrew Marshallsay	Christies Sailing Club
2679	Fly-catcher	Paul Brierly	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2340	Catalina	Brian Southcott	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2246	My Folly	Kay Illman	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
1690	Flying Floozies	Charles Irwin	For sale phone 0412 161 908

**Classic Fleet**

2826	3 fives	Peter Fagan	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2756	Fawkes	Ray Ellard	Christies Sailing Club
2690	D'Uffa	Bryan Lindsay	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2351		Don Donovan	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2348	Ffinale	Michael Fairnington	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2345	Flying Squad	Brad Briggs	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2339	Full Ffrottie	P Doley ?	Where is this boat? Can you help?
2251	Iffy	Clive Arnold	Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron
2249	Mexican Wave	Don Richardson	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
2101	Torsten	Peter Briton-Jones	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
1686	Mine not his	Ian Saunders / Lawrie Shem	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
1678	Jumping Jack FFlash	Darryn Kopp	Christies Sailing Club
1672	Fiasco	Peter James?	Where is this boat? Can you help?
1671	Catel XVII	Tony White	Christies Sailing Club
1176	Classic Wings	Randy Elksen	Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club
877	Flying Pirate II	Jim Cameron	Port Vincent Sailing Club

Measurer still wanted.

With the steadily increasing number of boats the time will come when we need a measurer. Is there anyone out there with the appropriate accreditation? The task is “maintenance measuring”, that is spars (banding, size, position) sails, and equipment (safety requirements).

Alternatively is anyone up for learning the job? Please contact myself or Paul if interested.

Flying Fifteen contacts.

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**FLYING FIFTEEN INTERNATIONAL  
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**MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009 – 2010**

**PERSONAL DETAILS – SKIPPER**

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

(Fee \$15.00) PAID \$.....

**BOAT REGISTRATION**

Boat Name .....

Sail Number .....

(Fee \$35.00) PAID \$.....

(Includes fee for affiliation to FFI – Australia)

**PERSONAL DETAILS - CREW**

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

(Fee \$15.00) PAID \$.....

**TOTAL PAYMENT** \$.....

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is the only account that will be issued.  
Fees are due and payable by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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