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Sailing and Development Office Report—February 2006

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Sailing Review

At the commencement of my appointment 12 months ago, the former GM tasked me to review the sailing operations at FSC. "Five key initiatives" were proposed after this exhaustive review. They were endorsed by the Board of Management at the April 2005 meeting to achieve the objective of improving sailing at FSC. A presentation was made to the broad membership that resulted in a panel of twelve members commissioned by the Commodore. The Board approved a final recommendation of key initiatives in June 2005.

1: Road to Success

The mission: To show an FSC sailing newcomer a progressive training program that could lead them to the highest level in sailing.

2: Huck Scott Foundation

The Mission: To fund the "Road to Success" initiative.

A partnerships package has been created and we are now looking at options to market it.

3: Popularise sailing at FSC

The mission: To increase participation in yacht racing at FSC.

4: Fremantle's Flinders Trophy

The mission: To put Fremantle Sailing Club on the international sailing map.

The international sailing scene has resulted in leading skippers and owners to have drawn up a framework named the Ocean Records World Championship.

The FSC has now received confirmation that the Fremantle Flinders Trophy is part of this newly created World Championship.

5: Tessa Parkinson – FSC Ambassador

The mission: To support Tessa Parkinson in her quest to win a medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.



Sebastien Destremau, Sailing & Development Manager with Ann Penketh, Sailing Administrator

Tessa Parkinson and new FSC member Elise Rechichi are performing very well on the 470 circuit. They are now gearing up for their European Season starting in France in April 2006. Tessa has been promoting Fremantle Sailing Club tirelessly over the last few months with various activities requested by the Sailing Office. Sponsorship proposals, as passed by the Board, have now been implemented.

Staff

After my appointment, the decision was made to utilise Instructors on a consultancy basis instead of a semi-permanent basis. Consequently, 385 students have been confirmed, remitted and trained. This has generated a profit to date.

Communication with Sections

Regular discussions and fortnightly meetings have been held with the Dinghy captain. This has resulted in a pool of volunteers being trained, using sponsor funds, and who are now qualified to manage the silver fleet program. It is very rewarding to now have between 20 and

30 juniors consistently attending Silver Fleet on Saturday mornings at the Dinghy Section.

The Sailing Office successfully participated in all Club events including the Clipper Race, Contender Worlds and the Harbour Classic. This years Harbour Classic was acknowledged by members and the major sponsor P&O, as the best Harbour Classic ever.

None of the above could have been achieved without the ongoing support of the members who have been helping us throughout this first year. We are very proud to have developed a great team of Staff and Volunteers working in harmony for and with the Sailing Office. Thanks to you all.

Furthermore, a special mention must go to Sailing Administrator Ann Penketh, who has been working hard since she joined us in June 05. Ann came into the Club with limited sailing experience, she is now perfectly settled in her role. Thank you and well-done Ann.

I believe the FSC has presented itself as one of Western Australia's and indeed Australia's premier yacht clubs. We all look forward to even greater success in the future.