

Once again we our club has faired the weather of 2008 and with the help of the executive committee I can say we had a moderately good year.

Sadly this year one of our yesteryear executive committee members Dennis Ogram passed away. To his family we trust that Dennis is in a better place and gets to fish all the time, may he rest in peace.

We have had quite a busy year with competitions and I'm glad to say they were all successful.

Unfortunately we did not get the Junior Nationals for 2009 but hopefully we will have the kids back in 2010.

On our fishing regarding representing our club at Interclubs, we have done extremely well with our teams 80% of the time either winning or in the medals.

A big thank you to Pieter Bodenstein, PJ Botha and Jason Palmer for always being ready to assist the different hosting clubs, it makes Shelly Beach Ski-Boat Club proud when we are always willing to assist at these competitions.

To all our members that assisted with our competitions and their boats and time, we thank you dearly for what you put back into our sport.

As far as the premises are concerned we have kept the premises in a user friendly environment with a fair bit of maintenance.

I can't say the same for our launch site and as I would write I feel ashamed about the condition of our whole town, that we can invite visitors to our quaint South Coast to this disgusting mess that our ratepayers are now paying more than double for.

I have been assured (as in the past 21 months) that the launch site will be repaired.

I have now been told that works will start in January 2009.

To all our sponsors big and small I thank you so much and on behalf of all our members will certainly carry on supporting your products and businesses.

We have already been assured by all our big sponsors of this years Bonanza they will be on board for the 2009 festival which will be bigger and better than this year and it will once again be held in July from the 1st till the 5th.

To our staff, Gary, Mary, Sonny, Victoria, and Lorraine thank you for always giving your best in sometimes really trying times and always with a smile on your faces.

To Michelle and Candice who have helped during the year thank you for your support and the popularity you always hold the club in.

To our secretary Brenda thanks so much for the hard work you do for all us club members especially for all the assistance and sometimes good advice and support you give me.

In closing I welcome the 2009 committee and certainly hope we can have fun again in 2009.

May you all have a festive Christmas and a really good 2009, safe driving and safe sailing to all.

Anton Gets

Special thanks for your support during the year and festival

Dick & Jackie Pratt

PJ Botha

Peter Bodenstein

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