

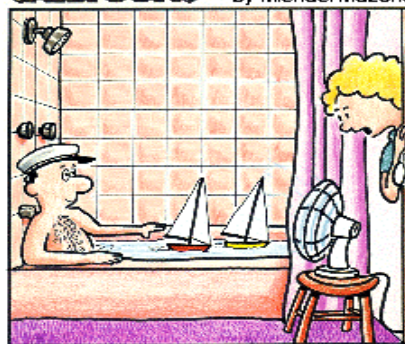
COBRA TALES

Welcome to the (late) winter edition of Cobra Tales. Spring is nearly here so for some its now time to drag out the boat, brush off the cobwebs and fix some of those things that you promised yourself you would do at the end of the last season. Remember your boat doesn't necessarily have to look great to win races however everything must work.

At the AGM Chris Wells was returned as president for another year and next edition we will expect a few words of wisdom.

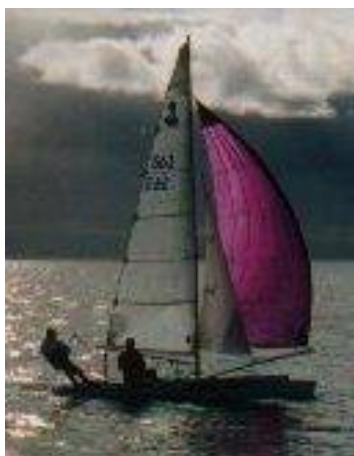
If you feel like putting pen to paper or have something to pass on please drop me a line and I will add it in the next edition....db

SAILTOONS by Michael Malzone



You can come out now... it's Spring!

Whats this? A Cobra with a spinnaker.



Mal (Mean As) has been busy over winter. He has fitted a scaled down Tornado spinnaker to his Cobra. Last Saturday a few curious people attended Parkdale to have a look and despite only 6 knots of breeze and John Bolton as crew it certainly was moving. The attachment was quite simple however my crew has trouble working out which end to pull on one rope let alone putting in more. As a future development of the class it is interesting, although before I rush out to buy one I would like to see it in a bit more wind. It looked balanced and the bows appeared to be lifting but lets see 15 knots on a reach.....

State Titles:

Due to the state titles being cancelled at Lake Boga, the decision was made at the AGM to pick a number of races sailed at Parkdale prior to Christmas to count towards the 2001 State Title. The Parkdale sailing calendar has been finalised and once the 5 races, which count, have been decided a notice will be sent out.

For those interested, Lake Boga is running a series over the Melbourne Cup weekend. Their plan is to run two regattas, one on the Saturday/Sunday, the other on the Monday/Tuesday.

Cobra's on the Web:

www.cobracat.com is the new link to access the cobra web page on the internet. New stickers are being designed to advertise this and will hopefully be available soon.

Social Notes:

Mike is organising a night out for September 7th to a cheap and good (his own words) BYO Vietnamese restaurant. The restaurant is called Dalat at 270 Victoria St North Melbourne. He will be sending out the menu soon, so keep the night free.