

UPPER HAWKESBURY POWER BOAT CLUB AND RIVERLAND POWERBOAT CLUB presents



# 2019 POWERBOAT SPECTACULAR CHALLENGE

# NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to the first USA Vs Australia Powerboat Spectacular MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ...**

# YES! IT'S ON AGAIN!

Well, it has been a talking point for years ... Chris Palmer did it ten years ago and then again two years ago and ... **IT'S ON AGAIN ... USA verse Australia. Bigger and better ...**

Before we outline key points of the event, firstly we should introduce the organising committee and announce a new addition to the event. Over the years, Chris Palmer has fulfilled his dream and created the USA Vs Australia event. Now three of Chris's closest buddies are putting their weight, knowledge and financial support together and have created a partnership that will continue to grow the event. Chris Palmer along with good friends John Davoll, Lindsay Johnson and Dave Clark will bring the cream of America's powerboat dynasty to Australia. **And now for the announcement!**

We can all remember the last time this happened and it was definitely 'War on Water' with an American winning the Blown Boat Challenge back in 2017. This time not only the Blown Boat Challenge that will excite us, but it will be the first USA Vs Australia Super-Six-Litre Displacement Challenge. Yes! We will have USA drivers in both classes up against Australia's best (more on that in our Monthly Newsletters) ... again its time for the two superpowers of power boat racing to do battle ...

*Below is a short bio of each of the partners:*



**Chris Palmer:** Chris runs a successful Plumbing and Hardware business in Devonport, Tasmania. He has had a lifetime involvement in powerboat racing and it all started with his Grandfather (Lionel Palmer), Father (John Palmer), Uncle (Peter Palmer), Brother (Nigel Palmer) and today his daughters are all involved (Georgia, Grace and Rosie). Chris has been racing in the Unlimited Class for about 28 years and drives his boat Outlaw. At present he is the State APBA President and he is the Commodore of the Norwest Power Boat Club. Chris also has had 18-years competing in national and international Judo competitions and continues today coaching at a state level. He also enjoy car racing, hill climbs and with his mate Phillip Marshall competed in the 2014 Sydney to London car rally in his 1967 Mustang ... now that would of been an adventure.



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**Lindsay Johnson:** Lindsay's love of boat racing had its beginnings in the 60's whilst holidaying in Yarrawonga witnessing his first race meeting. For many years Lindsay was just another spectator peering over the pit fence, but in 2005 everything changed for him and his wife Kim. They were at Lake Mulwala; a

powerboat meeting were they first saw John Cross in action.

John's drive of the boat Rival against all the top GP Hydro's that day was incredible and from that day forward, Lindsay was hooked. Lindsay's involvement was not as a driver, but with ownership of a race boat ... he purchased Rival 2 and later the 6 Litre boat Miscreant.

Both boats were driven by John (Crossy as we all called him) and this was a wonderful journey over the next five-years. Unfortunately, in 2010 at Lake Mulwala John lost his life doing what he loved ... he will always be in my memory.

Lindsay's youngest son Michael started racing in a 25hp and then progressed through other classes including J3, F5 Tunnel and then in recent years into a 6-litre boat aptly named Addicted.

Lindsay and Kim have five children and five grand children.

Lindsay is a director of Flexistrut Australia, a family owned company that has been a proud sponsor of many boat racing events over the years.

Lindsay has now added his knowledge and is very happy to be a co-promoter of the USA Vs Australia 2019 challenge event.

This event would not happen without the assistance from other specialised persons including Chris Stone, Joh Paynter, Mike Smith and Chris Kuznetsoff. Many others are also part of our team and these include members and officials from both the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club and Riverland Powerboat Club ... two great clubs.



**John Davoll:** John has always loved anything to do with water sports and going fast. He started water skiing in his teens and bought his first ski racing boat when he was 19 years old. He competed as a skier for several years and eventually ended up driving.

John then became involved in circuit boat racing in his mid-20's and has been involved on and off for the last 35 years. He joined Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club and held many positions over the years including Commodore, Vice Commodore and was on the Race Committee for more than 10-years. John was also a keen and pro-active competitor in his 6-Litre Pro Stock, winning multiple State and Australian titles.

John owns and operates Denliz Trading Pty Ltd, a supplier of precast concrete products including water tanks and landscaping items.

When John was asked by Chris Palmer if he would like to be involved in the next USA verse Australia Challenge he jumped at the chance. You see John was the driving force behind the previous event two years ago. John says the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club has a great venue for big events and knowing the previous successes, plus having both Lindsay Johnson and Dave Clark involved, it would make the event even stronger. John believes the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club 'Race Committee' has a fantastic history putting on events such as their Windsor Spectacular and the Bridge to Bridge, always having great local sponsors and attracts fantastic crowds.



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**Dave Clark:** This young fifty-two year old man started his powerboat journey as a crew member for two years with Jeff Thompson in his Unlimited Displacement boat ... that was enough to get Dave hooked on the sport. Where it all started ... in 1981 Dave's Dad



started a transport/trucking business in Port Adelaide, South Australia. Today Dave and his brother Ricky run Symons Clark Logistics employing more than 130 people including nephew Jason and Dave's son James. Dave joined the Adelaide Speed Boat Club way back in 1986 and over the past 32 years he has held many committee positions within the club. In 2005 Dave became a life member of the Adelaide Speed Boat Club. Dave has been the Commodore of the club for the past eight years and he is also the Vice President of the South Australian State Council ... and he is a member of the National Board (Junior Vice President) of the Australian Power Boat Association (APBA).

To date Dave's 30-years of racing his beloved Tuff E Nuff Unlimited Blown Injected Displacement boat has not finished although his efforts and support are now directed to his son James with his racing. Along with partner Vikki, Dave follows Port Power (AFL) and loves water-skiing and fishing. He also loves going to the family shack and watching motor-sport.

Asked why he got involved in the USA Verse Australia event ... I just believe in the sport – seeing these two powers of the sport do battle and put on a show ... well it just does not get any better.

## **Round One:**

### **The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club - 18-20 January 2019**

UHPBC are proud to be hosting 'Round One' of this great event and what better place to hold the event ... Sydney's premium water sports location ... Windsor Marine Stadium, Governor Phillip Park, Windsor. The USA Vs Australia Powerboat Spectacular event was one of the biggest the club has run over the past few years and with the inclusion of the Super-Six-Litre Displacement Challenge as well ... 'Hold-on to your Hat' it will be big! Additional classes will be added to the program, but further announcements will be made in the next few weeks. Other activities will include a Hot Rod Show also in keeping with the USA Vs Australia theme.

**Sean Walker, Commodore — Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club**

## **Round Two:**

### **Riverland Powerboat Club - 26-27 January 2019**

The Berri Club is again pleased to be a part of this great event. South Australia's Riverland is a small tight knit community of approx. 4,100 residents from a district of around 32,000 residents. It is mainly farming land producing fruit, grain and some of Australia's best table wines.

With the Murray River at our doorstep there could be no better venue to hold such a prestigious powerboat race meeting. Our track is at the end of Vaughan Terrace, the town's main street and we have the best viewing platform of any race venue in Australia. The Berri Barmera Council welcomes our powerboat events, which are held biannually and attracts many of Australia's best drivers and boats. With the addition of the Super-Six-Litre Displacement Challenge this year will only bring more hi-quality field of drivers and boats to the event. Other support categories will be announced soon so let the show begin. The Executive Committee of the Riverland Powerboat Club will welcome you to our town and hope after the racing is over you will stay for an extra couple of days to enjoy what our district has to offer.

**Riverland Powerboat Club**



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. 2019 USA verse Australia Blown Boat Challenge
2. 2019 USA verse Australia Super-Six-Litre Displacement Boat Challenge
3. Round One: Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club – 18-20 January 2019
4. Round Two: Riverland Powerboat Club – 26-27 January 2019.
5. Sponsor Pack: Each participating club in this event will have their own sponsors and that will be organised by contacting either Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club or Riverland Powerboat Club.
5. Promoters are: Chris Palmer, John Davoll, Lindsay Johnson and Dave Clark
6. Promotional Team:
  - Mike Smith (Mike Smith Graffix),
  - Joh Paynter (Multi-Media, Sponsor info and Entries),
  - Chris Stone (Newsletters and Promotional Activities)
  - Chris Kuznetsoff (SportsFilm)
7. Nomination Form: The 'Nomination Form' must be filled out prior to the 31 December 2018 and include all information (including 'Personal Profile') and pay the Nomination Fee of \$200.00. Your Nomination Form will then be viewed by the Acceptance Committee and once approved you will then be notified of your acceptance to the event. This committee has been formed to make sure all drivers and boats entered have the level of ability required for such an event Only one driver per boat will be accepted. The Nomination Form for both BAD and 6-Litre Displacement boats are for both rounds (Round One: Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club ... Round two: Riverland Powerboat Club) of the USA Vs Australia Powerboat Challenge. Once you are accepted your Nomination Form will become your Entry Form and you will be entered into the event. You must pay the balance of the entry which is \$300.00 before the 31 December 2018. Included in your Entry Fee is a special edition driver only shirt that you may wear at any time before or after the event. If your entry is not accepted your Nomination Fee will be returned.

