

Tinaroo Sailing Club – the first 50 years

Introduction

The first big irrigation dam¹ built in Queensland was ours. The sceptics said it would take years to fill after it was completed in 1958. Lake Tinaroo filled in 1959 and sailors have enjoyed its waters ever since. A sailing club with 20 members and 10 *craft* was formed by 1963 and land had been officially allocated by early 1964 by when there were 69 members with 20 boats. By 1967, the popularity of sailing was confirmed by membership of 132 members with 36 boats. In that same year the club held a May Day Regatta with 40-50 visiting boats. The first recorded club champions, in 1965-66, were Les Moody in a Lightweight Sharpie, Eric Kennedy in a Gwen 12 and J Whebel in a Sabot. In the fifty years since, the club has had the customary buoyant and leaden years but in 2013, it is strong and vibrant with some 200 members and more than 50 boats.

Early years – getting some land

It's ironic for a sport that takes place on the water that there is then an immediate need for land. Two sailing boats were afloat in 1960 and by 1963, Lake Tinaroo Sailing Club had been formed, 20 members had joined and 10 boats were sailing regularly. At club formation on 10th March 1963², Mike Stephens, ex-British Merchant Service sailor was elected as first president with Les Moody, a local accountant, as first Secretary-Treasurer. Nine days later, the club, wasting no time on consultations, wrote to the Project Engineer, Irrigation and Water Supply Commission at Mareeba³, asking for land to be set aside for *launching and rigging but eventually a clubhouse and storage*. The committee of those days needed few discussions to decide that their requirements for land were *few but important*:

³⁵₁₇ 4-5 chains⁴ water frontage sheltered from the south east with a firm bottom and reasonable shelving for a good distance

³⁵₁₇ A site commanding a good view of the dam for a clubhouse – to view racing and to serve as a start-finish line

³⁵₁₇ Reasonable access from the main road for trailed boats

³⁵₁₇ Scope for facilities such as lighting.

A further 7 days later, the club wrote to the Project Engineer again⁵, suggesting the present site – three chains west of the old Danbulla Road. By now the club knew that a Irrigation and Water

¹ Lake Tinaroo is three quarters of a Sydharb in water volume

² Letter from Tinaroo Sailing Club to The Project Engineer, Irrigation and Water Supply Commission, Mareeba, 19 March 1963

³ 40 years later we might envy the speed of postal services - the letter was received only two days later in Mareeba

⁴ About 90 metres – a chain is a cricket pitch, 22 yards (20 metres).

⁵ This committee means business

Supply Commission engineer, with no advice or consultation⁶, had allocated for sailing purposes an area on the far northern shore of the lake that was steep and exposed, whereas the Black Gully spot now occupied by Tinaroo Sailing Club was allocated to water skiing, so urgency was called for. By 24th May, the club, now with 42 members and 15 boats, wrote again about the need for land. In August 1963, the Commissioner for Irrigation (Fred Haigh) met with Mike Stephens, the Atherton Shire Chairman and the Project Engineer at the site. The Commissioner said yes and, in those days, his word was final.

On January 6th, 1964, Lake Tinaroo Sailing Club was allotted Reserve 1 on Plan MD2475. As the Project Engineer delivers this happy news to Lake Tinaroo Sailing Club, he is told that the club needs more frontage. His eyebrows, if not his hackles, must have been raised at this request but he must have been a man of some patience because he recommended to the Commissioner that the area be increased from 0.67 acres⁷ to 1.18 acres, that annual rent be £10, and that Atherton Shire Council be appointed trustee. This request must have been approved because on 24th November 1964, Atherton Shire Council agreed to pay for survey and registration of the title⁸.

The Project Engineer and Commissioner must have welcomed a break from lobbying by Lake Tinaroo Sailing Club from late 1964 until March 1967⁹ when the next request for more land was made. By September of that year, this third request was approved by the Irrigation Commissioner¹⁰.

By February 1970, survey of the extra land was completed and is now shown on Plan 5158 as Portion 624, Parish of Barron, a Reserve for Recreation (Sailing Club) Purposes under control of Atherton Shire Council as trustee.

In 1980, Lands Department suggested Atherton Shire Council should be *regularising* the situation by way of a lease. Thus began a lengthy saga that did not culminate until 29th July, 1987, when the club was granted a 25-year lease on condition, among other conditions, that the public have access for sailing. The club trustees to this lease were Trevor Rankine, Garth Gorton, John von Nordheim and Tony Halpin.

During the course of the lease negotiations, Atherton Shire Council wanted to know why there were four caravans on club land. The club argued that they were only occupied at weekends and that theft and vandalism had stopped since the caravans arrived. Council were unimpressed but approved two caravans, with the situation to be reviewed after twelve months. As if to demonstrate to Council how vibrant the club was, the Opening Regatta in September 1985 attracted 80 boats; in October, Council advised the club that the lease was on its way.

In 2010, the club is starting to consider the process of lease renewal, due in 2012.

⁶ Presumably he had an order from the Project Engineer to separate the various recreational users

⁷ An acre is about 0.4 hectares or about 4000 m²

⁸ A generous council it must have been

⁹ March 1967 was a time when many people wanted more land; the Tableland had 500 mm of rain in 3 days

¹⁰ The speed of these approvals can only bring tears to anyone involved in a modern transfer of government land.

Making room for boats, people and sheds

It is one thing to secure tenure to land, quite another to enjoy its benefits. The land in question was covered in logs that needed to be sawn up and moved and stumps that needed to be grubbed out with mattock, axe and shovel. But these were days of wooden boats and iron men (and women) who were used to physical exertion and expected to work for anything worthwhile. So while the ladies and girls raised money by catering at Potato Growers Association field days, amongst other things, the men got busy cleaning up. The 1966-67 drought was something of a blessing in allowing trees and stumps to be cleared from the foreshore and nearby islands. That drought ended with a bang in March 1967 when 800 mm rain fell in three days. And on the fourth day it filled.



Not much room for boats before some clearing

Col Hoey, Les Moody, Alan Mayblom, Pat Flecker, Noel Goss, Jim Cowie, Tony Newenheus, Ollie Upite, Eric Kennedy and Rankines several (Trevor, Roy, Ralph and families) put in big efforts in 1966 and 1967. The Rankines loaned heavy equipment for site preparation, Noel Goss built the original wooden picnic tables using timber donated by Rankines for a cost of \$4.50 each table, and lots of working bees saw the beginning of the clubhouse rise – for the grand total of \$100 borrowed and paid to the bricklayer.

Jim Cowie's contribution at that time epitomises the spirit of willingness that gets clubs established. He drove a bulldozer cleaning up the site, transported it, repaired it and then went and worked for the owner in lieu of hire payment.

The original steel doors on the clubhouse warranted special mention in Col Hoey's reminiscences of sweating and swearing. Older members will remember how heavy they were to lift, even with their counterbalances.

How these early members fitted in sailing is hard to see from this distance but the first championships recorded were won for 1965-66 by Les Moody (LW Sharpie), Eric Kennedy (Gwen 12) and J Whebel (Sabot). They also found time to organize the first May Day Regatta in 1966. Cairns Sailing Club supported the event well, coming, as Col Hoey says, *to expect a well-organized day*. Trophies were sponsored by Mal Wilson and W.D.&H.O. Wills. The connection of the latter to sailing on Lake Tinaroo was presumably through the dam having been built to service, primarily, the burgeoning tobacco industry of the Mareeba-Dimbulah area.

Wooden boats and iron men

Mike Stephens led the way with a home-built¹¹ *Tornado* class 18-foot (5.5 m) dinghy named *Debbie Jane*. Mike took many people sailing on this craft – two of them were Les Moody and Col Hoey who crewed on Tinaroo and in Cairns. Les was enthusiastic enough to buy a *Sharpie* called *Daring*, previously owned by John Cuneo, who was later to become an Olympic champion in the Dragon class. Col Hoey was next with a *LW Sharpie* named *Aldaros*, followed soon after by Laurie Lockie with another *LW Sharpie*. Hugh Milne built a *LW Sharpie* and a smaller dinghy for Jim McAuliffe. John Morris brought another *LW Sharpie* followed closely by Tony Newenhaus with

another home-built one. Mike Stephens records that Tony's boat was beautifully painted and varnished. Mike recalled also that it was often beautifully decorated with Tony's wife and for'ard hand Willi on trapeze; perhaps she contributed to the popularity of the class. *LW Sharpies* remained as the senior boat of choice until the 1990s. Meanwhile, in 2010, *LW Sharpies* remained as part of the fleet, one or two making regular visits to Tinaroo, usually leaving all else behind.

Australian Lightweight Sharpies are a national one design class with a long history of evolution. The class is quite unusual in comparison to the majority of other dinghies, due to its distinctive shape, size and complement of crew (three: including skipper, main hand and forward hand on trapeze).

Length: 6 m Beam: 1.42 m
Weight: 90kg Sail Area: Lots



¹¹ Sails were home-made too.



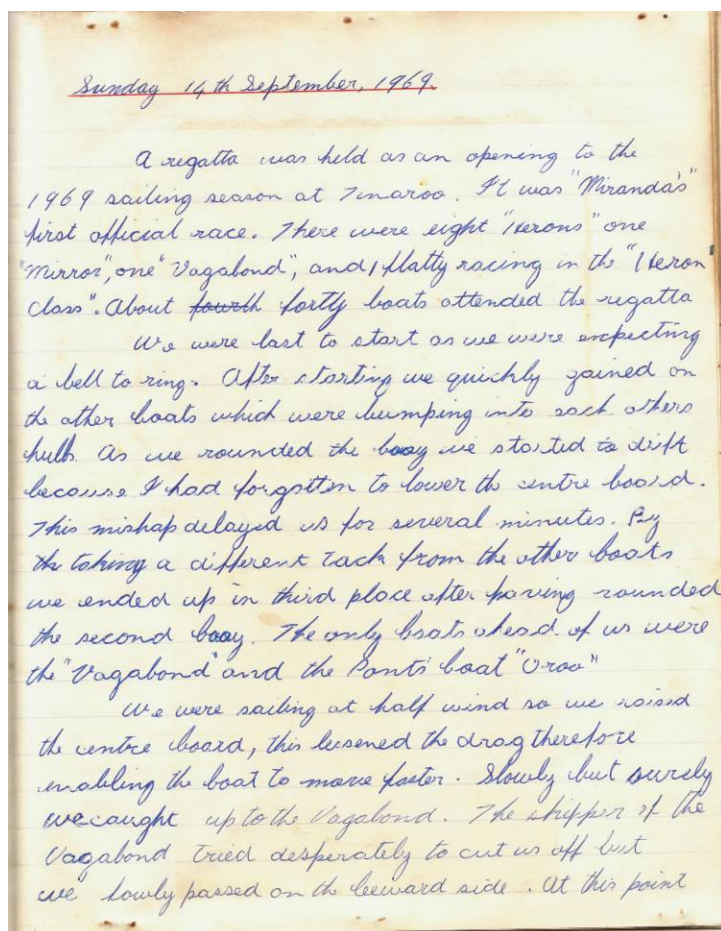
Two *Gwen 12s* joined the fleet in 1963 and this class became the main intermediate class until about 1983.

The National Gwen 12 is a strictly one-design class with restricted sail area. An Australian boat designed for Australian conditions, restrictions are such that the Gwen owner may enjoy one-design racing at minimum cost. The boat itself is a high performance two man centreboard dinghy providing fast exhilarating sailing. It is considered one of the fastest 12 foot craft in the world.



Hérons were popular too from mid 1960s and fell from favour at about the same time as *Gwens*.

Photo: John Breen



The Heron is an uncomplicated one design class suitable for beginners as well as providing keen and competitive racing for all the family.

The Heron dinghy has been in Australia for over 35 years now and its popularity has been maintained by its attractive appearance, the strict one class design rule and its simple rig.

John Breen wrote in his diary that eight Herons competed in the opening regatta of the 1969 season. He modestly leaves mention of his first placing, in his boat *Miranda's* first outing, to the last few lines of his notes.

Catamarans have a chequered history in the club. *Tornados* and *Cobras* in numbers from Cairns Catamaran Club were regular features during the 1980s. The 2000s saw regular *Nacras* of various sizes jostle for majority and in 2013 a number of A-Class cats zip over the water.

The junior boat throughout most of the club's life was the Sabot, club champions being recorded from 1965-66 until 2004. During this time, construction had moved from plywood, through fibreglass to foam sandwich.



The Sabot sailing dinghy, which takes its name from the wooden Dutch shoe or clog, was originally designed in America. It is 2.4 m long and highly manoeuvrable.

The National Sabot is a one design class.

In the early 1990s, Doug Rankine, Peter MacGregor and some other members built five sabots in Doug's shed. Three of these became club boats for new sailors. The advantage and economy of plywood boats being able to be home-built was eventually outweighed by the maintenance of wood and the light weight of foam sandwich. Although still being sailed until 2008, the class was no longer attracting young folk in numbers.

Bruce Rankine recalls: *My own first race was a last minute inclusion as crew for Dawn (Rankine) in a quite blustery Tomerini Shield race at Tinaroo and all I can remember is hanging on to the shroud for dear life with Dawn shouting at me to let it go and move back and sit beside her, I would have been all of about 6 or 7 years old at the time. Still it didn't put me off as I eventually got my own Sabot "Albatross" with a bright yellow sail that I enjoyed sailing for many years before graduating to a Moth Scow.*





For four years in the late 1980s *Open Sailboards* and various production windsurfers competed as members of Tinaroo Sailing Club. Perhaps triangular courses in variable winds were not exciting enough – they are seen now only in brisk winds and only reaching back and forth on a line.

Tinaroo International Sailing Club

The OK Dinghy had a few adherents in our club during the 60s and 70s; Ollie Upite and John Grimmett were the leading sailors. In 1963 the first “Green Island Classic”, an open ocean race of seventeen miles to Green Island was organised by the Cairns Sailing Club. Similar events were staged until 1965. In 1965 the Ocean Classics event was to attract overseas competitors for the first time thus establishing the World’s first International Ocean race event for OKs. Peter Jones recalls the International OK sailors visiting our club for a BBQ at the time of the 1965 event and signing their autographs on the rafters in the clubhouse. Over four decades later, Peter revisited his old club and reports that those autographs from 1965 still remain on the clubhouse rafters as a lasting memento of our early International OK visitors to North Queensland.

The OK Dinghy is a 4m long, single handed racing dinghy with a single sail on a rotating unstayed mast.

The boat was originally designed as a trainer for the Olympic Finn Class and has been an international class in its own right since 1962.



Emile Verhoeven, Holland



Bjorn Aurprin, Sweden



Pete Whitmore New Zealand

Lychee? PRC?

Chris Broome USA



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Olaf Kimball USA



Rolf Svonner DK

Tinaroo Sailing Club became international in another way when, in 2007, Duncan MacGregor won the World Championship in Whitby, Canada sailing an Access 2.3. His brother Angus followed twice, in 2010 at Rutland, England and in 2012 at Sydney, also sailing an Access 2.3. Kristen Wadley, not to be outdone, won two World Championships in 2012 and 2013, sailing an O'pen Bic.

Plastic boats and spare time

By 1992, there was enthusiasm for a new class of senior dinghy, two-handed for couples. Peter MacGregor, with prior experience of sailing a *Tasar* in National Championships in 1986, advocated for the *Tasar* and, with help from his father who bought three in southern Australia, managed to put together a fleet of five by mid-1993. The fleet grew to eight by September that year and has grown steadily since, both at Tinaroo and at Mission Beach, Townsville and Whitsunday. Our interclub events are stronger than ever. In 2010, there are more than 40 *Tasars* in north Queensland.

The *Tasar* is a 4.5 m high performance sailing dinghy, designed to be sailed and raced by a man and a woman. A light weight, low drag, planing hull, a rotating mast, and a jib and fully battened mainsail with efficient sail controls provide exhilarating sailing without the need for spinnaker or trapeze.

Length: 4.52m

Beam: 1.75m

Weight: 68kg

Sail Area: 11.43m sq



Sailors who did not have ready-made crew or didn't want one had already embraced the future back in 1975 by taking up the *Laser*.



The Laser is a strict one design sailing dinghy that has a choice of rig sizes designed to suit the size of the sailor.

The Laser class was designed around the philosophy that the sailor wins the race, not the boat.

Laser racing is, therefore a true test of skill rather than craft.

The world's most popular adult and youth racing sailboat combines 1 hull with three different rigs: Standard, Radial and 4.7. Young Tinaroo sailors use the Laser 4.7 and Radial as stepping stones in their sailing development without the need to splash out on a completely new boat. Older sailors can, and do, move down again as they slow.

In a bold initiative to reinvigorate junior sailing the club committee decided in 2009 to launch a new junior class, making the radical decision to choose the O'pen Bic, a plastic skiff with racy lines and kid appeal, first launched in 2006. The design has won prizes for innovation (Etoile du Design 2009) and ecological sensitivity in manufacture (Bateau Bleu prize 2007). Tinaroo led the

way and four clubs in Queensland and 25 nationally have now adopted the O'pen Bic. Tinaroo held an Un-Regatta in 2009 to help popularize the class and hosted the Australian Championships in 2010.

(<http://www.sail-world.com/Australia/Australian-Open-BIC-Cup-2010Energized-Junior-Sailing/70032>).





Since the introduction of the O'pen Bic, Kristen Wadley has continued to make history by winning several state championships in Australia as well as being 2013 Italian Under 13 champion (Lake Garda, Italy), Under 13 Girls World Champion (Miami) and Under 13 World Champion (Lake Garda, Italy).

Training

Led by Peter MacGregor since 1996, Tinaroo Sailing Club has been very active in training juniors, both in school groups participating in Teams Sailing on Friday afternoons as well as many Learn to Sail Schools and training and coaching sessions on Sunday mornings. Peter was also instrumental in securing a fleet of training dinghies, originally Vagabonds and, more recently, RS Fevas.

Combined with the cool-looking O'pen Bic, this dedication to training has taken junior sailing at Tinaroo Sailing Club to new levels, as exemplified by several World Championships.

Our past State, National and World Champions

<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Location</i>
2000	Peter and Wendy MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Tinaroo
2004	Peter and Duncan MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Tinaroo
2005	Peter and Duncan MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Townsville
2005	Dane Mouldev and Angus MacGregor	Sabot	Queensland State 2-Up Champions	Yepoon
2007	Duncan MacGregor	Access 2.3	Australian Champion	Adelaide
2007	Duncan MacGregor	Access 2.3	World Champion	Whitby. Canada
2008	Duncan MacGregor	Access 2.3	Victorian State Champion	Brighton. Victoria
2008	Angus MacGregor	Access 2.3	Australian Champion	Canberra
2008	Peter and Wendy MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Tinaroo
2009	Angus MacGregor	O'ben Bic	Queensland State Champion	Tinaroo
2010	Duncan and Peter MacGregor	Skud 18	Australian Champions	Brighton. Victoria
2010	Peter and Aidan MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Airlie Beach
2010	Aidan MacGregor	O'ben Bic	Australian Champion	Tinaroo
2010	Angus MacGregor	Access 2.3	World Champion	Rutland. UK
2010	Angus MacGregor	Yachting Aust.	"Sailor of the Year with a Disability"	Sydney
2011	Peter and Aidan MacGregor	Tasar	Queensland State Champions	Townsville
2012	Angus MacGregor	Access 2.3	Australian Champion	Sydney
2012	Angus MacGregor	Access 2.3	World Champion	Sydney
2012	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	Under 13 Girls World Champion	Miami. USA
2012	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	Queensland State Champion	Tinaroo
2013	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	New South Wales State Champion	Avalon and Forster. NSW
2013	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	Victorian State Champion	Parkdale. VIC
2013	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	Under 13 Italian National Champion	Lake Garda. Italy
2013	Kristen Wadley	O'ben Bic	Under 13 World Champion	Lake Garda. Italy

Tinaroo Sailing Club – Champions (see footnote)

	LW Sharpie	Gwen 12	Heron	Sabot	OK Dinghy	Laser
1963-64						
1964-65						
1965-66	Les Moody		no event	J Whebel		
1966-67	no event	Col Jones	R Wadley	D Rankine		
1967-68	B Watson	Eric Kennedy	Garth Gorton	D Rankine		
1968-69	Roy Rankine	I Tindall	J Pont	D Rankine		
1969-70	Trevor Rankine	A Wright	Garth Gorton	P Jones	Ollie Upite	
1970-71	Trevor Rankine	I Tindall	John Breen	G Davis	no event	
1971-72	Trevor Rankine	Eric Kennedy	no event	no event	no event	
1972-73						
1973-74	Trevor Rankine	Bruce Crothers	no event	Ann Kennedy	John Grimmett	
1974-75	Trevor Rankine	Don Gilmour	no event	Ann Kennedy	no event	
1975-76	Trevor Rankine	no event	no event	Ann Kennedy	no event	J Grimmett
	LW Sharpie	Gwen 12	Heron	Sabot	Moth/Fireball	Laser
1976-77	Trevor Rankine	no event	no event	David Morris	Barry Case	M Amundsen
1977-78	Trevor Rankine	Don Gilmour	no event	Henry Johns	no event	P Mansbridge
1978-79	A Rankine	M Gilbert	no event	P Wadley	Barry Case	R Wadley
1979-80	T Webb			P Wadley		
1980-81	no event	no event	no event	(G. Denham)		
1981-82	no event	no event	no event	P Wadley		
1982-83						
	LW Sharpie	Gwen 12	Heron	Sabot	Paper Tiger	Laser
1983-84	Trevor Rankine	S Norris	J Denham/B Souter	Vince Webb	Greta Norris	
1984-85	Trevor Rankine					
1985-86	Bruce Rankine					

	LW Sharpie	Windsurfer	Open Sailboard	Sabot	Paper Tiger	Laser
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1986-87	Bruce Rankine	Eric Chapus	Neil Halpin	Ben Murray	Greta Norris	Phil Murray
	LW Sharpie	Windsurfer	Open Sailboard	Sabot	Catamaran (A Fleet)	Laser
1987-88	Bruce Rankine	Jill Park	Geoff Pratt	Bob Collins	R Tuxworth	David Dunne
1988-89	Doug Rankine	Eric Chapus	Ken Anning	Bob Collins	John Abrahams	Phil Murray
1989-90	Raymond Gray	-	Ken Anning	Kane Murray	-	Phil Murray
	LW Sharpie	Trailer Sailer	Tasar	Sabot	Cat	Laser
1990-91	Trevor Rankine	G Genever	-	-	-	Ben Murray
1991-92	Bruce Rankine	Col Bish	-	Peta Rankine	-	Ben Murray
	LW Sharpie	Trailer Sailer	Tasar	Laser	Sabot	Sabot 2 up
1992-93	Doug Rankine	Col Bish		Steve England	Peta Rankine	Leath, Warwick Heath
1993-94			Peter MacGregor	Phil Murray	Peta Rankine	Ben Rankine, Jamieson Barnes
	LW Sharpie	Flying Ant	Tasar	Sabot	Sabot 2 up	Laser
1994-95	Bruce Lyle		Peter MacGregor	Peta Rankine	Ben Rankine, Jamieson Barnes	Rob Tuxworth
	Tasar	Laser	Flying Ant	Sabot	Sabot 2 up	
1995-96	Peter MacGregor	Rob Newson	Tristan Lovell	Peta Rankine	Ben Rankine, Tiffany Newson	
	Tasar	Laser	Sabot			
1997	Murray O'Brien	Phil Murray	William Lucas			
1998	Jared Mouldey	Andrew Ringwood				
1999	John Jacob	Andrew Ringwood	Ben Rankine			
	Tasar	Laser	Laser Radial	Sabot		
2000	Peter MacGregor	Luke McNally	Sally Steel	Brett Kincade		
2001	Peter MacGregor	Luke Brown	Adam Beattie	Lisa Gray		
2002	John Jacob	Scott Foster	Karen Forde	Philip Jacobsen		
	Tasar	Laser	Vagabond	Flying Ant	Sabot	Sabot 2 up
2003	Peter MacGregor	Andrew Ringwood	John Rees	Jared Steel/Aiden Philippa	Kieran Mouldey	Natalie Gray/Dane Mouldey
	Tasar	Laser	Laser Radial	Laser 4.7	Vagabond	Sabot
2004	Peter MacGregor		Joe Miller		Gary Andrews	Lachlan White

2005	George Rankine		Joe Miller			no event
2006	Ken and Penny Laycock		Raymond Gray	Natalie Gray		no event
2007	Ken and Penny Laycock		Rob Newson	Dane Mouldey		no event
2008	Peter MacGregor	Ray Ellis	Mike Tolley	Tim Ellis	Angus MacGregor/ James Sellars	no event
	Tasar	Laser	Laser Radial	Laser 4.7	Vagabond	O'pen Bic
2009	Ken and Penny Laycock	Rob Newson	Joe Miller	Kate Ellis	James and Tom Staples	Angus MacGregor
2010	Michael Overland and Scott Cant	Mike Tolley	Tim Ellis	Kate Ellis	John Rees	Emily Wiltshire
2011	Ken and Penny Laycock	Dane Mouldey	Kate Ellis		John Rees	Kristen Wadley
2012	Ken and Penny Laycock	Rob Newson	no event	Bronwyn Wiltshire		Kristen Wadley

Mixed Fleets

	Catamarans (A Fleet)	Catamarans (B fleet)	Mono Classes (B Fleet)	Trailer Sailer		
1990-91				Geoff Genever		
1991-92				Col Bish		
1992-93				Col Bish		
1997				Ken and Penny Laycock		
1998				Ken and Penny Laycock		
2009	Darryl Roper					
2010	Alex Adoberg					
2011	Darryl Roper					
2012	Brad Rees and T Rees	Shane Ball	John Rees			

These records are copied verbatim from the written records, including “no event”, blanks, and “-“. Maybe we will be able interpret them later.

Tinaroo Sailing Club – Executive committees

	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Note
1963-64					
1964-65	Mike Stephens				
1965-66					
1966-67	Col Hoey		Les Moody	Les Moody	
1967-68					
1968-69					
1969-70					
1970-71					
1971-72	Roy Rankine	Col Jones	Dale Ferguson	Ralph Rankine	
1972-73	Roy Rankine	Eric Kennedy	Dale Ferguson	Bob Wadley	
1973-74	John Grimmett	Roy Rankine	W Whiteman	Eric Kennedy	many nominations declined
1974-75	John Grimmett	Trevor Rankine	June Grimmett	Bill Thomas	
1975-76	John Morris	Trevor Rankine	Ted Nightingale	Bill Thomas	
1976-77	Trevor Rankine	John von Nordheim	Ted Nightingale	Bill Thomas	ballot for committee
1977-78	Don Gilmour	John von Nordheim	Heather Brasell	Bob Wadley	
1978-79	John von Nordheim	Trevor Rankine	Geoff Wright	Heather Brasell	
1979-80	John von Nordheim	C. Bragg, Mike Gilbert	Col Webb	Bob Wadley	
1980-81	John von Nordheim	Nick Amse	Col Webb	not elected at AGM	
1981-82	Trevor Rankine	Nick Amse	Phyllis Denham	John von Nordheim	
1982-83	Trevor Rankine	Nick Amse	Phyllis Denham	Greta Norris	
1983-84	Trevor Rankine	Nick Amse	Phyllis Denham	Greta Norris	
1984-85	Trevor Rankine	Bill Souter	Phyllis Denham	Greta Norris	
1985-86	Trevor Rankine	R. Hutchins	Phyllis Denham	Dianne Murray	
1986-87	Trevor Rankine	R. Hutchins	David Dunne	Dianne Murray	
1987-88	Trevor Rankine	Phil Murray	David Dunne	Dianne Murray	
1988-89	Phil Murray	Doug Rankine	David Dunne	Jill Park	
1989-90	Phil Murray	Doug Rankine	Jenny Rossiter	Jill Park	
1990-91	Doug Rankine	Bob Wadley	Jenny Rossiter	Lin Rackley	
1991-92	Doug Rankine	Phil Murray	Bruce Rankine	Bob Wadley	
1992-93	Bruce Rankine	Phil Murray	Chris Wallen	Peter Clark	
1993-94	Bruce Rankine	Peter MacGregor	Helen Rankine	Peter Clark	
	Commodore	Vice Commodore	Secretary	Treasurer	
1994-95	Peter MacGregor	Terry Barnes	Peter Graham	Tony Poulson	
1995-96	Peter MacGregor	Terry Barnes	Peter Graham	Sally Steel	
1996-97	Terry Barnes	nil	Joe Miller	Rob Newson	
1997-98	Gary Lovell	Murray Ballantyne	Joe Miller	Rob Newson	
1998-99	Gary Lovell	Murray Ballantyne	Joe Miller	Rob Newson	
1999-2000	Peter Cumberland	John Jacob	Brian Best	Dick Steel	
2000-01	Peter MacGregor	John Jacob	Peter Graham	Dick Steel	
2001-02	Peter MacGregor	John Jacob	Peter Graham	Dick Steel	
2002-03	Peter MacGregor	John Jacob	not elected at AGM	Dick Steel	
2003-04	Peter MacGregor	Raymond Gray	Jim Sloane	John Jacob	
2004-05	Peter MacGregor	Raymond Gray	Jacqui Phillipa	John Jacob	
2005-06	Peter MacGregor	Raymond Gray	Jacqui Phillipa	John Jacob	
2006-07	Peter MacGregor	Raymond Gray	Jacqui Phillipa	John Jacob	

