

Straphanger Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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December 2014







2014 Christmas Greetings

To all Members and Staff
Please have a very Merry Christmas
And a safe and happy one.

Thank you very much for all your kind help and support over the season - It is very much appreciated

Merry Christmas!

Love Patron Barry Austin and wife Pat

Season's Greetings

To all our members, Brian, Karen and the Yacht Club staff, the very best for a happy Christmas and wonderful New Year.

A particular" thank you" to those members without whose help our Start Sailing Programs and Saturday racing would not be possible, and also good sailing to those who are flying our Club Flag at National events over the Christmas break.

Colleen Sawatzki

To all the Executive Committee, the Sailing Committee, all the helpers and Solitaire crew members wish you all a "warm" Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks for the past year's great sailing.

Rob "no guts no glory"



THE FEZ AWARD

BY ALAN ARMOUR

The Fez award was introduced as recognition for PCSC members who represented the club at regattas or events that occurred outside a club event.

To compete outside PCSC often meant that standings in PCSC events (especially series) was compromised, meaning that people were unfairly disadvantaged on awards night for representing the club in state or national championships or similar events.

The Fez came about when Craig Armour represented Australia (and of course PCSC) at the 1997 World Youth Sailing Championships in Morocco. As part of the deal I asked him to buy me a fez, as I intended to do Tommy Cooper (an English Comedian) impersonations. It became under utilised in that role, so I decided to add it to the "Hat Series" of trophies at the club.

Craig bought the fez at a bazaar in Mahomadea in Morocco at the end of the Yachting event. He noted that much more than hats was available. An interesting part of the event for Craig was when he attempted to present the Commodore of the Royal Moroccan Yacht Club with a PCSC flag he was chased away at gunpoint. So much for international sporting diplomacy.

Alan Armour,

Former Commodore and Committee member.



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Well it's not long now until the jolly fat fellow crawls down that imaginary chimney and delivers your much awaited for and might I say, well deserved Christmas present. As we start planning our Christmas leave and holidays I would like to remind you all that speed and long stints behind the wheel are not the ingredients required to ensure you arrive safely. For the sake of yourself, family, friends and others please plan your trip and stick to your plan.

Speaking of travel, we have a number of members travelling over the Christmas period to National titles. Christopher and Peter Mann will be competing at the 125 Class National Titles at Tumby Bay, South Australia. Maria Morholz, David Mann, Scott Patrick, Ray Hobbs, possibly Tim Williams and John Ibell will be competing at the National Impulse titles at Keppel Bay, yahoo one close to home! So if you want to see some very close dinghy sailing with a fleet of around 35 come up to Keppel Bay between the 29th December and the 4th January. Good luck to all competitors and enjoy the competition and social aspect of the events. Looking forward to seeing some reports in Straphanger early next year.

This month saw the loss of one of our longest members in John Anderson. John was one of the originals of the club and competed in many local, state and national titles in trainees, heavy weight and light weight sharpies. John was also renowned for EmCing the local dances at the club in the early days. John was also our commodore for a number of years in the 60's. John is survived by his wife, Eleen, sons Brad and Les and daughter Jenn. The clubs condolences go to the Anderson family.

A few committee members and Brian met with Liz Cunningham in regards to the lease to gain information and possible direction in applying for exemptions on some of the extra charges that are added to our new lease. The meeting was promising, to say the least, and has given us another tilt on possibly a longer lease. Watch this space. If you have any queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

The club was involved with the Seafood festival and traded extremely well for the day. 100 kilos of prawns, 100 dozen oysters and countless Saltys Seafood baskets going hard all day, combined with the normal Sunday trade meant we recorded our best Sunday trading ever! Well done to Brian and all the staff involved with the set up, manning and clean up of our stall at the festival! This is reflecting the cycle Gladstone is going through at the moment and causing management a huge headache in regards to staffing numbers at relevant periods, food and beverage ordering and preparation, planning for functions and forward planning of general ongoing operations. Rest assured Brian is doing all he can, perhaps too many hours sometimes, to keep the ship sailing on a steady keel. End of year forecast budget is still on track to be met so please support the club in any way possible.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

The rescue and start boats are continually looking for volunteers, so if you know of someone who would like to be on the water every Saturday, roaring around in someone else's boat and gaining the experience of helping someone out when in trouble, please point them towards any member of the sailing committee. They will be welcomed with open arms! Remember, if you available please let the sailing committee know ASAP so they are not pulling their hair out at the last minute trying to find a crew.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

- ⇒ I'll be absent again from the 10th Dec to the 20th December out Rolleston way, yes work beckons again!
- ⇒ The ever so popular Christmas party is on the 13th December so keep that date open for an afternoon filled with fun and frivolity. Then you'll have time to do the running repairs over the break before we meet again for another twilight race on the 10th of January.

Continue to enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that continue to assist with all facets of the club. It is truly appreciated!

Yours in sailing, Young Dinga.





BOXING DAY SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE PRIVATE VIEWING



Doors Open from 11.00am
Race Air Time starts from 11.30am

All Sailors and Life Members are invited to come on down and watch the live broadcast from the comfort of the club. We ask if you could bring a Plate of food to share on the day.

Call reception on 4972 2294 to RSVP

Please RSVP by Friday 19th December

This is an exclusive offer as the club is officially closed on Boxing Day.



THE POLICEMAN'S HAT

BY BRAD & MARYKE BARKER

Sir James Hardy, "Gentleman Jim" in yachting circles is probably best known as skipper of America's Cup Challengers," Gretel II" in 1970," Southern Cross" in 1974 and "Australia" in 1980.

In the early 80s Sir James was owner of an ex- Admiral Cup boat, "Police Car", (nothing passes a police car!!).. and in the 1981 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, "Police Car" was placed second, with her crew all decked out in Police uniforms acquired from the NSW Police department.

Needless to say there was great furore when a number of the crew, in their wisdom, decided to redirect the Easter Parade, which in those days terminated on the fore shores of Auckland Creek inlet, up a 'blind' laneway. The aftermath did not go well for the crew, and in particular for their skipper, then Mr James Hardy, soon to be "Sir".

Never one to let a chance go by our very outgoing starter Mrs Carmel Stanley (life member) approached Sir James and asked if he would care to donate his Policeman's Hat to the Port Curtis Sailing Club to be presented each year as an encouragement award to most improved junior sailor. And thus it has been presented for the last 33 years.

Gentleman Jim, being the very obliging person that he is, was more than happy to donate this trophy.

Though I'd wager that secretly he was happy to be rid of the Policeman's Hat and uniforms, that would ever be a reminder of the time his crew took charge of the Gladstone Easter Parade.!!



THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE

BY CARY SCOTTON

First across the line in Cape town was Team Abu Dhabi.

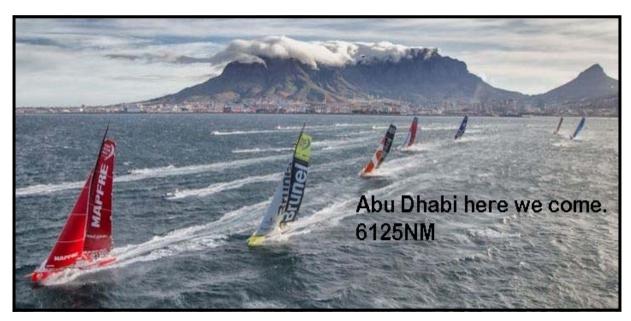
Leg 2 of the Volvo Ocean Race commenced on November 19 in Cape Town South Africa and if all goes well the first boats should arrive in Abu Dhabi around December 14. This leg of the race will see the boats cover 6,125nm.

Whilst in Cape town the boats were removed from the water and the usual repairs and cleaning was attended to. The crew caught up with family, friends and the important shore crew.

Once the boats were returned to the water there were inshore races conducted. The points awarded during these races at each port will be vital to the outcome of the race overall. These points will be used in the event of a tie.

The start across Table Bay tested all boats with 25knot winds and large waves. Travelling around Cape Horn the boats are tracking east. Even three days into the race all boats are pretty much with 30 nm of each other. The winds have been a constant 25knots. Once they track east under but past Madagascar they will turn North to Abu Dhabi.

As the fleet heads north adjacent to the African coast there will be the constant threat of pirates. However the fleet has been assured by various agencies of assistance should that threat appear on the horizon.



It is amazing what is discussed on the boats when there is a bit of down time.

Team Vestas Wind has been discussing Underwear, It appears each crew member has brought along 3 pair for the month long journey. No washing is done on board.

Team SCA [the girls boat] is not sure what last nights meal was. Described as Moroccan Lamb the girls can only agree the meat was grey and the meat could have been chicken.

Alvimedica has been talking Expectation Management. They are expecting to run into a low pressure system which is moving east off Madagascar. And the crew are advancing ideas on what to expect.

The mood on Team Brunel has been relaxed as the seas calm after days of relentless high waves and some rain. Two Albatrosses spent many minutes checking the boat over. The Dutch believe Albatrosses are the spirits of dead sailors.

Team Abu Dhabi is out on their own heading in a northerly direction toward Abu Dhabi. Five days into the race and they are some 60nm miles from the fleet. There is no general shipping to see and so the Crew are feeling a bit "out there".

THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE

BY CARY SCOTTON

Each boat sends a Blog every day which is written by the OBR—The onboard Reporter.

The following Report is from the OBR from Team Vestas Wind for November 26. The graphic below shows Vestas is travelling in 6th position.

"As a child you always remember going to the fun fair, it's a stomach turning, scary experience for parents. As a child you always wanted one more go..."

Well last night was a fun fair - however one we all wanted off...The ocean current pushing against a strong north wind of 20-24kts does not make a fun sea state. Carbon boats up wind don't make for much fun period.

I am taken back on how loud it can get. The slam, slamming, slammed! It hurts. I think I may have felt winded ying in my bunk during the course of the past 24 hrs. I certainly had an interesting backwards tumble in the middle of the night, what was even more bizarre I didn't fall more than 4 feet but it still hurts today. Progress on my 100 press ups may be slightly halted in progress for today.

Wouter explains we have another couple of hours (18 perhaps) until we transition into the easterly trades, unfortunately they will be more northerly due to the effect this on coming cyclone is having. Well I believe the cyclone has been down graded to a tropical storm. That's the equivalent in Europe from a hurricane to a winter storm!

Its sounds bad whatever way we look at it. To take positives from all this unpleasant living conditions we are making good miles north, the doldrums are looking better than expected so this all puts us in good shape for Christmas. By the way we cant find an open shop along the way to get our Christmas shopping done, pity! Right land people a short one from me today, its all too unpleasant typing on a keyboard that thinks it's Skippy the Kangaroo.. I'll write a longer one when she stops hopping.

Out Brian" Brian Carlin OBR



BREAKING NEWS!

The Team Vestas Wind crew were rescued early on Sunday morning after running aground on a reef in the Indian Ocean.

All nine members of the Danish team were uninjured in the drama, which unfolded from 1510 UTC on Saturday when their Volvo Ocean 65 hit the reef in Cargados Carajos Shoals, Mauritius.

For several hours, the crew stayed on-board their stricken vessel whose stern was being beaten badly by the waves as it was stuck fast in the reef with the bow facing the ocean.

The rudders were broken in the collision and the stern began taking on water - although the stern compartment was locked tight.

Finally, at around midnight, the team led by skipper Chris Nicholson abandoned the boat and then waded, knee-deep through the sea to a dry spot on the reef from where they could be rescued by a coastguard RIB at daybreak at around 0230 UTC.

They were transported to the tiny islet of Íle du Sud, part of Cargados Carajos Shoals, which is also known as St. Brandon and situated some 430 kilometres to the north-east of Mauritius.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW START SAILING GRADUATES

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

Whew!

It was a very busy September and beginning of November for our dedicated Club members, who launched, Retrieved and manned support boats, did shore duty, or happily "Buddy sailed", during our last adult Start Sailing course for the year.

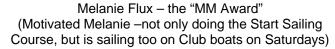
Your help is very much appreciated, particularly when you fit it in with work commitments – a very sincere thank you.

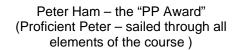
With the great support of our PCSC team the new sailors manoeuvred their way though all new challenges, including rigging, departing, tacking with the tiller extension (not a favourite piece of equipment), gybing (entertaining at times), recovering from capsize, basic knots, towing, stopping, sail setting, helming, crewing, man overboard recovery, and returning safely to the shore.

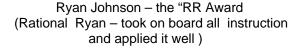
After a Theory night and six practical Sunday mornings on the water, seven new sailors received "special " awards for their efforts.

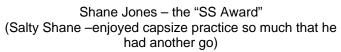


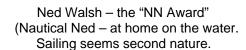
Adam Dall – the "AA" Award (Able Adam – missed one session, but easily gained all the skills missed)











John Walters – the "JJ Award" (Jubilant John – when successfully tacking or gybing . Prefers not to change direction)

Colleen (Instructor)











BON VOYAGE GEDRICK BY CARY SCOTTON

Our faithful servant Gedrick has been looking forward to put his "feet" up and enjoy a well deserved retirement preferably some where with water views.

Recently Lex our fearless Club Captain was away on "Club Business" with other like minded people. Lex struck up a conversation with Tina Webb the dinghy sail instructor at Cairns Yacht Club. Lex happened to mention that PCSC had a little workhorse which needed to go to a good home.

Gedrick fits in with Tina's dream to operate a sail school in Tully. Gedrick will be used as the Start/Rescue boat at the Sail School.

Apart from relocation costs which were at Tina's expense the name Gedrick remains to honour those who designed and built him. A plaque will be fixed to him detailing the donation. As we go to press Gedrick is having some work done to him and will be put to work as soon as possible in Cairns as a Start\Rescue boat.









Sailing away

To Members travelling to away events representing PCSC we wish you great sailing and safe travels.

PCSC dinghy sailors have been busy preparing boats and getting as much race practice as possible leading into the Nationals over the Christmas/New Year break. And what terrific sailing it was to watch, especially in the heavier weather from our vantage point on Race Support boats.

Good luck Dave Mann, Scott Patrick, John Ibell, Maria Mohrholz and Ray Hobbs at the Impulse Nationals in Yeppoon. And Peter and Chris Mann who are travelling a little bit further to Tumby Bay in South Australia for the 125 Nationals.

Australia Day weekend social sailing

Save the Date

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January for Australia Day weekend social sail. Tony Constance is planning a surprise destination and fun activities.

School holiday Start Sailing

Kids + Boats = Fun

The school holiday Start Sailing program is on again this year, suitable for children aged 9 years and over the program runs for 4 days.

Sunday 11th January 0800 – 1200 Monday 12th to Wed 14th January 0800 – 1400

We'll have the Pacers out on Sunday 11th for buddy sailing, and then on the following 3 days the Sabots, BICs and occasional Pacer. It's good fun and helpers are really needed. Please let Colleen or Sue know if you can join us.

ASP all Dinghy Regatta

Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2015

Including Val Sisley heats on Sunday.

QGC hats and water bottles

Big thanks to QGC who have provided some more hats, water bottles, sunscreen and lip balm. If members would like to use any of these items they are located in the training room cupboard, help yourself.





FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Upcoming Events

Handicap Series heat 2 – 6th December 1400

Twlight Sail – Saturday 10th and 17th January 1600 start

Sailors Christmas Party downstairs - 13th December 1300 (Santa 1400)

National Discover Sailing Day

We held our National Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 23rd November with five people coming down to see what we're up to. Despite the small numbers, those who came had a great day with smiles all round.

Big thanks to Colleen Sawatzki, Martin Cooper, Tiernan Williams, Barry Austin, Tim Williams and Marina & Ray Hobbs providing a yacht sail experience on board No Problem.









Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14										
Wk	Date	Start	Briefing		PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides
						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Saturday 06-12-14	1400		Handicap Series heat 2	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Away Sue Doyle				0855 4.34 1517 0.74 2116 3.5
				Aquatic Permit to here						
				Start School Holiday Monday 26th Januar		12-14 to				
	Saturday 13-12-14	1300		Christmas Party downstairs Santa 1400 - Food 1500						1332 3.4 1954 1.4
	Saturday 20-12-14			Christmas Break no sailing						0754 4.1 [°] 1412 0.8 [°]
	28th Dec to 1 Jan			125 National Titles Tumby Bay SA	Away Event					
	29th Dec to 4th Jan			Impulse National Titles - KBSC	Away Event					
	Saturday 10-1-15	1600		Twlight heat 1		Barry Austin				1202 3.74 1816 1.20
	Sunday 11-1-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing school holiday	Colleen Sawatzki					0605 1.53 1243 3.53
	Mon- Wed 12/14-1- 15	0800 1400		Junior Start Sailing school holidays 3 days	Colleen Sawatzki					Monday 0657 1.79 1331 3.30
	Saturday 17-1-15	1600		Twlight heat 2		Barry Austin				1305 1.1 ⁻¹ 1902 3.4 ⁻¹
	Sat/Sun 24/25-1- 15			Australia Day Weekend - Social Sailing - Pirate Theme						1202 4.33 1826 0.6
				Australia Day weeke January 2015	end - Scho	ool resumes T	uesday 2	?7th		
	Saturday 31-1-15	1400		Championship Heat 5						1328 1.14 1932 3.4
	Sunday 1-2-15	0900 1300		CQ Championships heat 1 & 2 Gladstone Harbour	PCSC	Barry Austin				0828 4.29 1446 0.99 2050 3.69
	Saturday	1100		CQ Championships heat 3 Ocean Race to Yeppoon - Cat 3	PCSC	Barry Austin				1057 3.99 1710 1.03
	7-2-15	1100		CQ Championships Alt heat 3 Trailer Yachts Keppel Bay	CCYC Brian Spowart 4934 4197					
	Sunday 8-2-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0510 1.18 1128 3.83

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						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Saturday 14-2-15	0900 1300		CQ Championships heat 4 & 5 Roslyn Bay	CCYC Richard Watson 0439 300 085					
	Sunday 15-2-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0620 3.92 1244 1.19
	Saturday 21-2-15	1400		Handicap Series heat 3		Barry Austin				1056 4.54 1716 0.40
	Sunday 22-2-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0527 0.61 1141 4.26
	Saturday 28-2-15			ASP All Boats Regatta		Barry Austin				1222 1.38 1827 3.31
	Sunday 1-3-15			ASP All Boats Regat- ta & Val Sisley heats		Barry Austin				0647 3.94 1309 1.19
	Saturday 7-3-15	1400		Championship Heat		Barry Austin				1002 4.06 1611 0.87
	Sunday 8-3-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						1030 3.94 1638 0.94
	Saturday 14-3-15	1400		Handicap Series heat 4		Barry Austin				0955 1.71 1547 3.03
	Sunday 15-3-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0440 3.61 1116 1.44
	Saturday 21-3-15			Sprint Series Two Heats 1 & 2 (rated handicap series)		Barry Austin				0950 4.52 1609 0.26
	Sunday 22-3-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0510 0.62 1119 4.04
	Saturday 28-3-15	1400		Sprint Series Two Heats 3 & 4 (rated handicap series)		Barry Austin				1046 1.61 1656 3.04
	Sunday 29-3-15	0800 1200		SRD - Start Sailing Practice Session						0517 3.60 1152 1.41
				Easter - Good Friday 3rd April - Start School Holidays						
	3 to 6-4- 15			125 State Titles Hervery Bay	Away Event					
	Saturday 4-4-15			EASTER No Club Sailing						1512 0.79 2127 4.01
	Saturday 11-4-15	1400		Championship Heat 7						1356 3.01 1945 1.60
	Sunday 12-4-15	0800 1200		SRD						0926 1.52 1526 3.07
	Saturday 18-4-15			Head of Harbour Two heat 1		Barry Austin				0844 4.30 1502 0.27 2109 4.54
	Sunday 19-4-14	0800 1200		SRD						0929 4.20 1543 0.33

SAILING AROUND PCSC

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS























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Safe Night Out Precinct Gladstone New Rules Apply

The PCSC Liquor License now has special conditions attached to it.

The Qld. Gov. has created 15 Safe Night Out Precincts (SNOP) throughout the state. All licenced venues in Goodoon Street and nearby are included so the new rules apply to us.

There will be increased inspections of our venue during general trading hours. Recently, changes have been made to the Liquor Act 1992 preventing the sale or supply of liquor to unduly intoxicated persons. Previously a combination of behaviours where considered when assessing intoxication, now however only one behaviour needs to be displayed to be considered intoxicated.

Clarifying the definition "unduly intoxicated" removes any ambiguity surrounding breaches of the Liquor Act.

Quote: For this Act, a person may be taken to be unduly intoxicated if

- ⇒ (a) the person's speech, balance, coordination or behaviour is noticeably affected; and
- ⇒ (b) there are reasonable grounds for believing the affected speech, balance, coordination or behaviour is the result of the consumption of liquor, drugs or another intoxicating substance.

Management advises all Members and Visitors that compliance with the Liquor Act is mandatory and as such intoxicated persons will be refused service then asked to leave the venue or be refused entry. Penalties apply for non-compliance of the Act.



YACHTIES RESTAURANT

<u>Lunch</u>

Mon ~ Thurs 12pm till 2pm

Fri ~ Sun 11:30pm till 2.30pm

Dinner

Sun ~ Thurs 6pm till 8:30pm Fri ~ Sat 5:30pm till 9pm

DUDLEY'S BAR & SALTY'S KITCHEN

Fri ~ Sat from 2pm Sun from 10am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

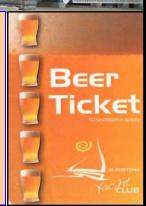
Sun 8am ~ 10.30am



Price Buster Drink Ticket \$14.00 per ticket for 5 drinks basic beer, house wine or soft drink.

The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.
Only available to Life Members,
Ordinary Members and Pensioners
Available from the main bar.

(Premium Tap Beer and Ciders Excluded)



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