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31ST IMPULSE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - PG 10-11

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Welcome back all to the sailing! I don't know about you but I am keen to hit the water again as it seems like ages since I last sailed. I hope the Christmas/New year period found you enjoying family time and also taking some time for yourselves to rejuvenate and take stock of the past year and what's in front of you for this year. I can't believe it is the end of January already!

The sailing committee have an action packed events calendar for our second half of the year so please support the events as much as possible as a lot of hard work and valuable time goes into the organising and set up of these events well before they happen. One event you may be interested in is the return of the Blessing of the Fleet on Good Friday. More information will be released later but please put it into your calendar.

Congratulations to all that travelled away for events over these past 2 months. It is great to see everyone travelled safely and competed well above their expectations. I won't steal their thunder from their reports but Tim, Maria, Dave, Scott, Ray, Chris, Pete, Anthony, Claire, Tiernan and myself (sorry if I have missed anyone) all have tales to tell, big and small, of their adventures away. Take the time to catch up with them as I'm sure they are keen to let you know how good interclub competition can be. Speaking of which, as there are now 7 impulses in Keppel Bay, the 2 clubs are looking at more interclub events which I hope spills out to all dinghies to make it more fun.

The end of December saw the loss of another long term member in John Mawer. John was one of the characters of the club and competed in many ocean and club races in a number of yachts. John was passionate for the sport of sailing, so much so he entered the Sydney to Hobart in his own yacht with local crew, no superstars! John was well renowned for his stories that kept you awake on those long night watches and for taking anyone for a sail to show them what he enjoyed so much about sailing. Thank you John for your contribution to the club. The clubs condolences go to the Mawer family.

The lease discussions took a huge turn over this period. As you know we were in discussions with Liz Cunningham and were preparing a document for her to submit to the treasurer for review for an application for a DOGIT (Deed of Grant in Trust). As you also know we had a double whammy in that the election was called and Liz announced her retirement. It was then decided to present the document to all candidates to ensure they were aware of the clubs position and to possibly have some commitment from them for the sealing of our long term future. The document was prepared by a sub- committee of the committee members and was in no way politically oriented or releasing details that were confidential. Might I say the GPC have been very co-operative and unfortunately we have to negotiate with greater authorities to improve our lease conditions. We have had varying responses from the candidates and we now wait to see what is our next path of negotiations. If you have any queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact me and leave a message if I'm unavailable.

December trading saw a reversal of the past few years with good trading recorded which is encouragement in that it shows that the work of all the staff and management is steadily improving our forecasting process. We are still in a state of short term major changes and will be for a while yet. We are looking at a few working bees for the new cold room, concreting and other major works around the club so when the call goes out, please put your hand up whether for a short time or long time. Remember, this club was built by volunteers on Saturdays and then they sailed Sundays so surely we all can help out with some maintenance and small projects.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- Happy 50th birthday to the old girl, Wistari! She turns 50 this year and is doing the B2G to celebrate. The club wishes her and her crew well for all sailing this year and for many years to come.
- 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.

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BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

- I am sailing Restless to Brisbane on the 16th March, weather permitting and have a spot or two open for the delivery trip. Please contact me if you are keen. I believe Scott Patrick might have a spot or two open also.

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.



JANUARY JUNIOR START TO SAIL

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

It was a bit of a worry on the day before our January four-day Start Sailing course for Juniors, as when launching Red Rib, its steering broke and Grey Rib's followed suit. Not great! Thankfully we still had Herc and could proceed with our plans, in spite of our activities now being restricted to the creek.

It was an inauspicious start, but things could only improve, and improve they certainly did with our six young sailors finding more confidence and skill each day.

The sailing area in front of the club was colourful and lively with Sam Mitchell (on the water for the first time), Charlotte and Pieter- Jan De Clercq, Joya and Theo Ariens and Will MacDougall (who all had sailed before), all thoroughly enjoying themselves in the Club's Pacers, Sabots and Bics. There were plenty of thrill and spills and capsizing recovery became more and more proficient for some. In fact, in a few cases, capsizing was obviously intended for fun.

Our activities followed the requirements prescribed by Yachting Australia for Start Sailing and included rigging, names of parts of the boat and sail, basic knots, tacking, stopping, gybing, reaching, sailing to windward, running, towing and basic rules.

Over the four days Club members, Barry Austin, Morgan Lewis, Lynne Campbell, Tiernan Williams, Tim Williams, Jackson Cooper, Boti Hajos, and Tony Constance gave some time when able to support Sue and me cover the program.

Wednesday saw everyone taking turns in all our boats sailing around a small triangle course with Morgan, Jackson and Tiernan being unable to resist the temptation to jump into a boat as well.

Sincere thanks must go to these members and also to the Club for the lovely lunch supplied on our last day.

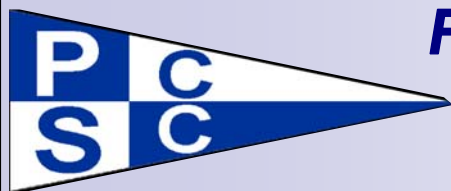
We hope the young sailors maintain the enthusiasm they displayed and continue to get on the water to further their sailing skills.



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FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

ASP Open Regatta

Few changes to the ASP Regatta. Previously a Youth Regatta is now open to all sailors of Off the Beach boats with four races to be sailed over the weekend. ASP have generously agreed to sponsor the event again this year so there will be no race nomination fees however senior sailors will need to purchase food and refreshments.

As in previous years, the Sunday heats 3 and 4 count towards the Val Sisley.

Five Divisions:

- Youth Sabot/Optimist/BIC
- Youth Open mono
- Youth Open mono (with companion crew) – for beginners
- Senior Open mono
- Senior Open multi

We are promoting the event throughout the region so if you're talking to fellow sailors please give PCSC a plug and encourage them to join us. Details will be available the sailing page of our website.

ASP Open Regatta for Off the Beach boats **Youth and Senior Divisions** **Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2015**



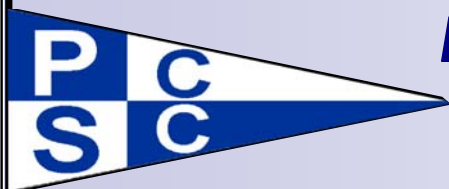
Start Sailing Dinghy sessions

Time on the water, that's what these new sailors need. As a trial, the Start Sailing team, with Martin Cooper taking a lead role will be running sail practice sessions on Sunday mornings on a semi regular basis. Aimed at the Start Sailing graduate level the first session is on Sunday 22nd February 2015 0800 to 1200.

Being the weekend before the ASP Regatta, if more experienced sailors want to join in and get some dinghy sailing practice before the regatta feel free to come down.

CQ Championship

Reminder the Peter MacDonald CQ Championship series starts this Sunday 1st February with heats 1 and 2 sailed here in Gladstone. The ocean race back to Rosslyn Bay or the alternative race up there is on the following Saturday 7th February, followed by the back end heats on Saturday 14th February at CCYC. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are available on our website.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

ASP Open Regatta Roster

We can't run a Regatta without our PCSC Volunteers and we're hoping it will be a busy weekend with lots of boats and sailors. Many hands make light work as the saying goes so if you can help that would be greatly appreciated. Here is a list of the roles we need to fill, please let Sue or Colleen know as soon as possible if you can help.

ASP Weekend Roster	Sat 28th February 2015	Sun 1st March 2015
Principle Race Officer	Sue Doyle/Colleen Sawatzki	Sue Doyle/Colleen Sawatzki
Spectator vessel	No Problem	No Problem
Safety Officer		
Shore Manager		
Registration Desk	Martin Sawatzki and	
MV Jack Mortensen (Start boat)	Barry Austin Sue Doyle Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Austin Sue Doyle Colleen Sawatzki
Herc (safety vessel) - 1 POB with Safety Boat Operator certificate	Skipper: Crew:	Skipper: Crew:
Red Rib (safety vessel) - 1 POB with Safety Boat Operator certificate	Skipper: Crew:	Skipper: Crew:
Grey Rib (safety vessel) - 1 POB with Safety Boat Operator certificate	Skipper: Crew:	Skipper: Crew:
Protest Committee		
Results		
Publicity, Photographer		
Straphanger article		
Saturday night Social ideas/organiser		
Volunteers for catering (if needed) Sat Lunch Sat evening family social - GYC Sun BBQ Breakfast Sun Sausage sizzle pre presentation		
Presentation	Sue Doyle/Colleen Sawatzki	Sue Doyle/Colleen Sawatzki

Blessing and Dressing Fleet

Gladstone Harbour Festival and Events are organizing the return of the 'Blessing and Dressing' of the fleet on Good Friday. PCSC has contributed in a small way with course suggestions. We thought we could join in with MV Jack Mortensen, anyone interested in entering their boat.

Upcoming Events

Val Sisley heats sailed in conjunction with the ASP Regatta on Sunday 1st March 2015

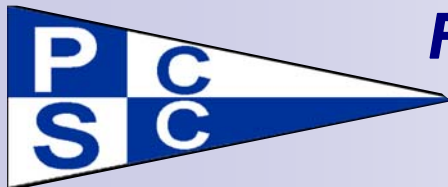
Handicap Series heat 3 – 21st February 2015 1400

ASP Regatta – 28th Feb and 1st March 2015

Championship heat 6 – 7th March 2015

Handicap Series heat 4 – 14th March 2015

Sprint Series 2 (rated handicap) – 21st and 28th March 2015



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Away Events

Maryborough Sailing Club – 84th Easter Regatta to be sailed at Scarness, Hervey Bay on Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2015. Including:-

- Championship for 16ft Skiffs
- Beresford Cup for 16ft Skiffs (Sat 4th)
- Cyril Herbert Cup for 13ft Skiffs
- 125 Queensland Titles
- Hervey Bay Laser Championship
- Hervey Bay Sabot Championship
- Weta Queensland Title
- Any other class of five boats or more will be scored as a Fleet

O'pen Bic sailors invited to participate – the MSC has recently adopted this class.

The Notice of Race and Entry Forms have been loaded on our website under Away Events.

Darwin to Ambon ocean race and rally – starting Saturday 5th September 2015 – Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association Inc is calling for expressions of interest. More details available at www.darwinambonrace.com.au



SAVE THE DATE



Life Membership presentation for Colleen Sawatzki
7th March 2015 at 16:30
Dudley's Bar Area

Port Curtis Sailing Club Life, Ordinary and Junior Members along with family and friends are invited to join in the celebration of Colleen's Life Membership with a small ceremony and refreshments after sailing. The celebration will take place downstairs with shade and nice seating.



VOLVO OCEAN RACE LEG 3 ABU DHABI-SANYA

BY CARY SCOTTON

The great race continues whilst we have been enjoying the summer break. Vestas Wind ran aground on a reef in the Indian ocean causing million dollar damage. As I write this (Australia Day) Vestas which had been loaded onto a ship and taken to Kuala Lumpur in December is now about to arrive in Genoa in Italy where Vestas will be rebuilt so to resume the race at Leg 8 in Lisbon. Best of luck to the Cast and Crew with that one. I am sure "Thy will be done".

Team Brunel was first over the line in Abu Dhabi on December 13, 2014 followed by Team Dongfeng, Team Abu Dhabi, Team Alvimedica, Team Mapfre and finally Team SCA.

With a three week break January 3 dawned in Abu Dhabi in very foggy conditions. With a incident free start it was off through the Strait of Humoz bound for Sanya on China's Hainan Island.

The route takes the race through the northern Indian Ocean passing under India and Sri Lanka where the land mass caused much wind shadow. Then it was on to the Straits of Malacca which separate Malaysia and Indonesia. So often the fleet was becalmed here with the anchor on board ready to send over the side when the vessels were going backwards due to current. Then it was on through the very narrow Strait of Singapore where the fleet had to compete for space with many & varied large ships. Once through the Strait it was keeping an eye on the coastline of Vietnam to Port and the hundreds of Vietnamese and Chinese fishing boats to Starboard or worse paddling past your bow. The response from the fishermen in their small boats was often quizzical and astonishment as many had never seen the likes of the Volvo fleet before in their backyards. Fishing boats were not the only distraction; fishing nets and general debris got caught around keels and rudders.

I do wonder if the fishing boats with so many crew actually had a proportionate number of life jackets or even a raft. In the final days of the race the fleet said Goodbye Vietnam & headed for Hainan.

A colourful ceremony greeted each boat as it arrived in Sanya on January 27th. China's Dongfeng was first over the line followed respectively by Abu Dhabi, Alvimedica, Mapfre [2 mins ahead], Brunel, last but not least Team SCA. February 8th the fleet sail for Auckland. "City of Sails".



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STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARINA HOBBS

Hosted by Keppel Bay Sailing Club, over the Christmas break, the event comprised an Invitation Race plus five days of racing, with two races held each day. As event photographer, the most challenging part of each day was getting out through the surf in a small zodiac, while trying to protect the camera and not fall out myself!



Days two and three provided this type of challenging entry; a good opportunity for a few shore shots, and a pleasant day in the air conditioning, however it wasn't going to get me those exciting shots showing some speed and action.



Apart from the hope of catching some interesting action, the odd capsize moment or piece of excitement, as a photographer you soon become aware of the different personalities out on the water. There are the extroverts, who put on a good show for me, the shy ones who try to slide past without drawing attention, the grinners and the ones who spend the day grimacing!

It is always entertaining, though sometimes a change of course would be nice! I also enjoy catching the launch and retrieval moments, which at Keppel Bay tend to be a bit more exciting than most places, as well as the interaction between sailors. There are technical challenges besides keeping the camera dry.... And I have to say the investment in a Think Tank Rain cover has been invaluable for the preservation of the equipment! Shutter speed, ISO, Aperture; trying to focus when I am up and they are down!

The volunteers from Keppel Bay Sailing Club did a fantastic job managing the regatta; very much appreciated by the Impulse sailors and families. PCSC had 6 representatives sailing, a great turn out for a relatively small dinghy fleet. There is probably a book in it!



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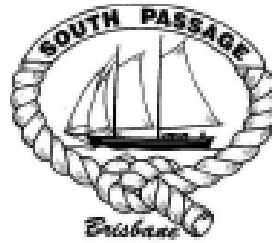
Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14

Wk	Date	Start	Briefing	Event	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				
	Sunday 1-2-15	0900 1300		CQ Championships heat 1 & 2 Gladstone Harbour	PCSC Tim Williams	Barry Austin				0828 4.25 1446 0.95 2050 3.63
	Saturday 7-2-15	1100		CQ Championships heat 3 Ocean Race to Yeppoon - Cat 3	PCSC <i>colleen away</i>	Barry Austin				1057 3.99 1710 1.03
		1100		CQ Championships - Alt heat 3 Trailer Yachts Keppel Bay	CCYC Brian Spowart 4934 4197					
	Sunday 8-2-15	0800 1200		SRD	<i>colleen away</i>					0510 1.18 1128 3.82
	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	<i>colleen away</i>					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	Martin Cooper					0527 0.61 1141 4.26
	Saturday 28-2-15			ASP All Boats Regatta	Sue & Colleen	Barry Austin				1222 1.38 1827 3.31
	Sunday 1-3-15			ASP All Boats Regatta & Val Sisley heats	Sue & Colleen	Barry Austin				0647 3.94 1309 1.19
	Saturday 7-3-15	1400		Championship Heat 6	Peter Mann 0418 138 182	Barry Austin				1002 4.06 1611 0.87
	Sunday 8-3-15	0800 1200		SRD						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						0440 3.61 1116 1.44
	Saturday 21-3-15	1400		Sprint Series Two - Heats 1 & 2 (rated handicap series)		Barry Austin				0950 4.52 1609 0.26
	Sunday 22-3-15	0800 1200		SRD						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						0517 3.60 1152 1.41
				Easter - Good Friday 3rd April - Start School Holidays						

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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 25-4-15			Anzac Day - No Sailing						1448 2.88
	Sunday 26-4-15	0800 1200		SRD						0950 1.58 1613 2.95
	Sat/Sun 2/3-5-15			35th Bay to Bay 2015	Hervey Bay					
	Saturday 2-5-15	1400		Head of Harbour Two - heat 2		Barry Austin				1408 0.80
	Sunday 3-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0840 3.77 1439 0.74
	Saturday 9-5-15	1400		Head of Harbour Two - heat 3	Dave Mann 0407 724 013	Barry Austin				1237 3.16 1819 1.33
	Sunday 10-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0747 1.31 1347 3.11
	Saturday 16-5-15	1400		Head of Harbour Two - heat 4	Dave Mann 0407 724 013	Barry Austin				1356 0.42 2007 4.39
	Sunday 17-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0825 3.94 1439 0.39
	Saturday 23-5-15			Barker Fairway & Watson Tripod		Barry Austin				1301 2.99 1833 1.57
	Saturday 30-5-15			PRESENTATION NIGHT <i>Exclusive use of upstairs</i>						
			End							





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2014 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

PHOTOS COURTESY OF WAYNE & KATHY TAYLOR



Wayne and Kathy Taylor were fortunate enough to capture some lovely shots of the race entrants.

A quick hello to PCSC Member Tony Craner who participated in the race as Navigator on Samurai Jack.

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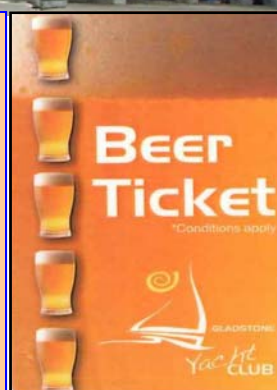
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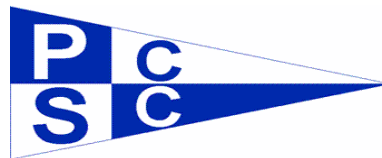
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