

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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PETER LEASK & CREW SAILING SONOFABEACH ON THE HARBOUR

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Wow, where have these first two months gone! Hot cross buns on the shelves already is a timely reminder that Easter is just around the corner as it's an early one this year. Yet again our sailing calendar has been shuffled and reshuffled due to the weather and I take my hat off to Sue and the committee for trying to reschedule and fit everything in and keep us all happy. A tough job that one and they do it always with a smile on their dial!

Wasn't the latest weather event a beauty! We certainly dodged a bullet here in Gladstone as just 50 kilometres west and north of us there was devastation beyond belief. For those unaware, our regional cousins in Keppel Bay suffered severe damage to their clubhouse, function centre and bowls club. Some of the venues will not open for a month or two and our hearts and thoughts go out to all members' and staff of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club. We have offered any assistance we can to them so if a call comes from them for help I will let you know.

Speaking of Easter, the club is gearing up for yet another big weekend. Three yachts, Wistari, No Problem and Restless have all entered in their respective race categories. You might have seen them up on the hard stand doing the prep work on their bottoms and on the pontoon doing other prep works over the past weeks. How good is it for activity at the back of the club! One event I would like you to participate 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.

We are currently in the process of revamping our downstairs fridge/freezer sections over the next three weeks so please be patient with any work going on. You also may be called upon to help out with some renovation/construction works so please put up your hand if asked to ensure completion before Easter.

We have received the donation of an Impulse which will grace the learn to sail fleet. Many thanks to Errol Smith who built the Impulse for his family and has passed it on to PCSC. The beauty of this Impulse is that Errol has built outriggers for her so juniors can get used to sailing her without tipping over. When they grow in confidence then the training wheels come off and away they go! Might even be used to get some multihull yacht sailors into an Impulse, hey Lex!

We have now recommenced our lease/DOGIT negotiations after the election outcomes are now known. Meetings have commenced with GPC and Glenn Butcher towards securing our long term residence. Will know further info in our next Straphanger.

February trading saw the club meet budget with good trading recorded. This gives encouragement that the "bust" period we all know is happening is being managed well by the club. This is encouragement in that it shows that the work of all the staff and management is keeping the club on a steady keel, so to speak!

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Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- ⇒ I would like to have Barry's trainee installed upstairs before Easter. I have asked Brian to clear the spot for her so when that is completed I will arrange a time for her to be moved upstairs.
- ⇒ The rescue and start boats are continually looking for volunteers, so if you know of some one 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.

Good luck to all competitors in any events between now and the end of the sailing year!

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.



RULES ON BOARD

Be Shore of yourself
Come out of your Shell
Take time to Coast
Avoid Pier pressure
Sea life's beauty
Dont get Tide down
Let your cares Drift
away

MAKE WAVES



VOLVO OCEAN RACE LEG 4

BY CARY SCOTTON

Volvo Ocean Race Leg 4 China to New Zealand

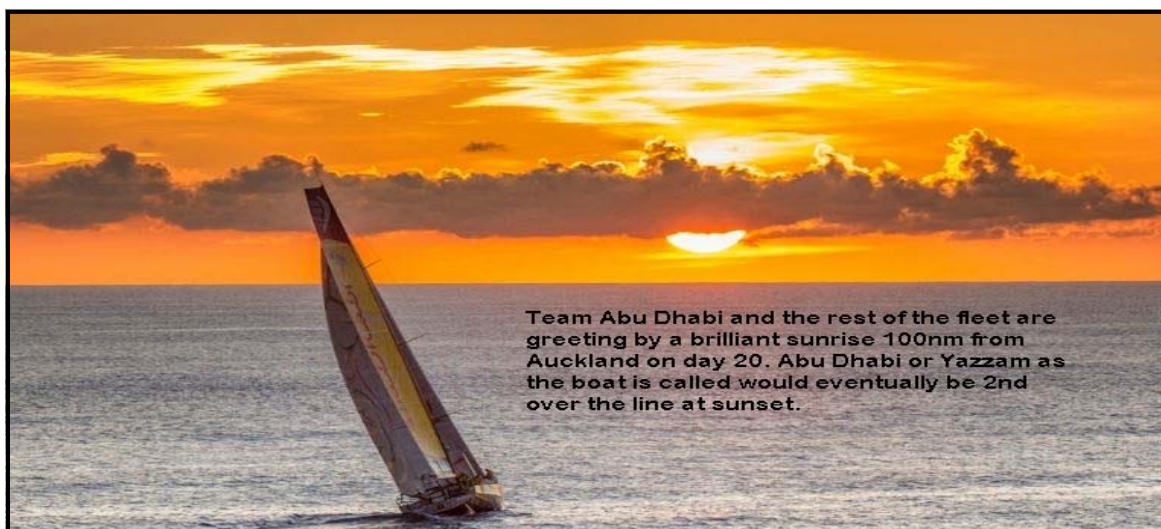
The first over the line in Auckland is the Spanish team aboard Mapfre.

As I write this the fourth leg is almost over for all boats. The boats left Sanya on February 8 and have covered 5,264 nm in 20 days. Second across the line [4 minutes!] was Team Abu Dhabi. Across the line in third place was Team Dongfeng [8 minutes]. Teams Alvamedica, Brunel and SCA sailed over the line 3 hours apart.

The route from Sanya to Auckland tracked south through the South China Sea skirted the Philippines and the Micronesian Archipelago. Once over the Equator and a quick visit from King Neptune it was on through the warm tropics taking in Vanuatu & Fiji.

As you can expect each boat had their fair share of gear failures, Probably the worst was Dongfeng's sail track on the mast peeling away. Much time was lost but the repair job did the trick. Nearing the South Pacific there were influences from 2 cyclone systems. Not from either TC Lam or Marcia.

On day 20 the last day New Zealand put on a glorious sunrise when the fleet were 100nm from the finish line. At the finish line Auckland the City of Sails put on a spectacular show of city lights starting with a brilliant sunset.



VOLVO OCEAN RACE LEG 4

BY CARY SCOTTON



Leg 5 from Auckland to Itajai, Brazil will commence on March 15 and cover 6776nm.

These sailors can expect all that the Southern Ocean can throw at them including the Roaring 40's. There is even the chance of Ice.

Rounding Cape Horn they are only 500nm from Antarctica.

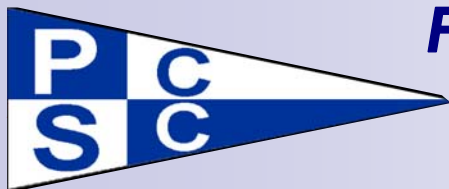
Is there something about March 15. The Ides of March?

So.... Between New Zealand and until they round Cape Horn and sail along the coastline of South America they can expect Strong winds, deep waves, freezing temperatures and albatrosses.

And if they can do this unscathed it will be a huge achievement.

Best of luck to all.





FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

ASP Open Regatta for Off the Beach boats Youth and Senior Divisions

Postponed due to the impact of Cyclone Marcia

On Monday after the cyclone, discussion was held with Commodore of KBSC on how their club and members had fared in the cyclone. Unfortunately Keppel Bay Sailing Club sustained damage and the local clean up effort was quite a task. So no sailing for KBSC for a while.

Consequently we decided to postpone the ASP Regatta and the Val Sisley which traditionally is sailed on the Sunday of that weekend to a future date when all sailors in our local region can come.

Watch this space for new Dates

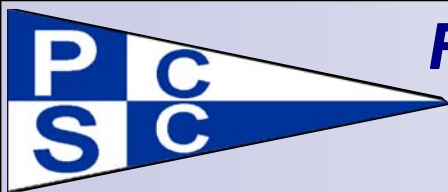


Start Sailing Dinghy sessions

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 opportunity is open to all dinghy sailors.

Please let Martin Cooper know if you are interested so he can plan his time and session content accordingly. Home email:- marie.cooper2@bigpond.com





FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Blessing and Dressing Fleet

Gladstone Festival and Events are organizing the return of the Harbour Festival 'Blessing and Dressing' of the fleet on Good Friday. PCSC has contributed in a small way with course suggestions and MV Jack Mortensen will be the 'follow me' boat around the course.

Friday 3rd April – 10:00

(on water at 9:50 latest)

Prizes to be won

Best Dressed Vessel - \$300

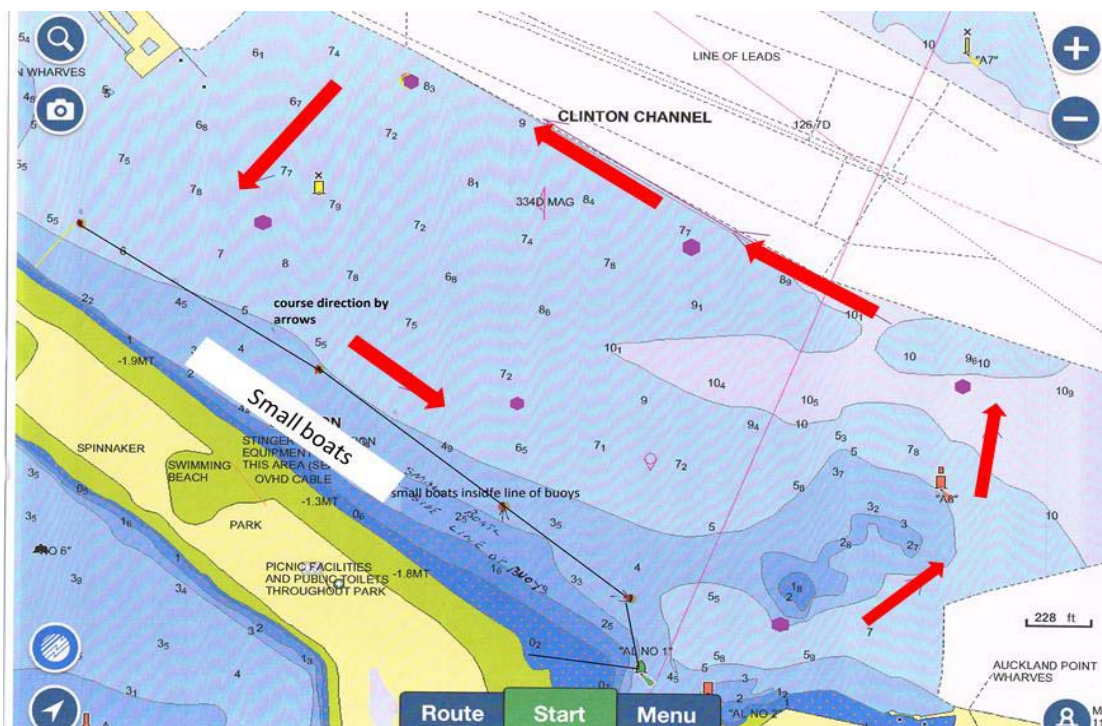
Best Dressed Crew - \$250

Best Junior Entry - \$150

Entry is \$10 per vessel with the proceeds being donated to Junior Sailing. Entry forms and Information Kit is available on the Gladstone Festivals and Events website. <http://gladstonefestival.com/harbourfestival/media-centre/forms-documents>

It would be great to see PCSC members with their boats out there.

Come along down and join the fun



Upcoming Events

Championship heat 6 – 7th March 2015 followed by Colleen's Life M'ship celebration.

Handicap Series heat 4 – 14th March 2015

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

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				
	Saturday 7-3-15	1400		Championship Heat 6	Tony Con-stance 0410 678 459	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	Colleen & Sue	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)	Steve Lewis	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)	Steve Lewis	Barry Austin				1046 1.61 1656 3.04
	Sunday 29-3-15	0800 1200		SRD						0517 3.60 1152 1.41
				Aquatic Permit to here						
				Easter - Good Friday 3rd April Start School Holidays						
	3 to 6-4-15			125 State Titles Hervey 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		Impulse Eastern States Champs Ballina	Away Event					0926 1.52 1526 3.07
	Saturday 18-4-15	1400		Head of Harbour Two heat 1	Peter Mann 0418 138 182	Barry Austin				0844 4.30 1502 0.27 2109 4.54
	Sunday 19-4-14	0800 1200		SRD						0929 4.20 1543 0.33
				End School Holidays - school resumes Mon 20th April 2015						
	Saturday 25-4-15			Anzac Day - No Sailing						1448 2.88 2048 1.81
	Sunday 26-4-15	0800 1200		SRD						0950 1.58 1613 2.95

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	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 2031 4.02
	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
	Sunday 24-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0742 1.45 1358 2.89
	Saturday 30-5-15			PRESENTATION NIGHT <i>Exclusive use of upstairs</i>						
	Sunday 31-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0735 3.55 1332 0.80
			End Season							
	Saturday 6-6-15	1300 1700		SRD						1139 3.38 1728 0.97
	Sunday 7-6-15	0800 1200		SRD for start sailing						0636 0.96 1233 3.31
	Saturday 13-6-15	1300 1700		SRD						1245 0.64 1905 4.15
	Sunday 14-6-15	0800 1200		SRD for start sailing						0723 3.64 1335 0.57
	Saturday 20-6-15	1300 1700		SRD						1143 3.19 1723 1.19
	Sunday 21-6-15	0800 1200		SRD for start sailing						1222 3.08 1755 1.39
				June School Holidays - Sat 27th June to Sunday 12th July 2015						
	Saturday 27-6-15	0800 1700		SRD - Reserved potential ASP						1127 1.13 1813 3.55

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Wendy & Heidi

Live music every
Friday night from
7:00pm at the
Gladstone Yacht Club



YACHTIES RESTAURANT

Lunch

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

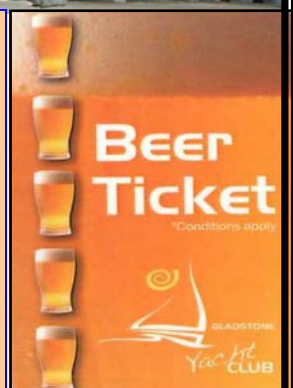
Fri ~ Sat from 2pm
Sun from 10am

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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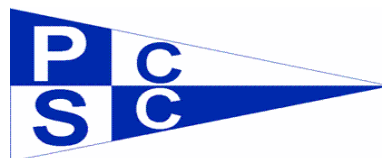
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