

Straphanger Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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May 2015



Ben Rankine in action on his Moth

2015 Presentation Night







Saturday 30th May 2015 - Pre-Dinner Drinks from 1800

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Here we are at the back end of the season already with only a few weekends of sailing left before the presentation night at the end of May. Where has the year gone? There are still trophies up for grabs so I anticipate close and competitive sailing as normal for the month of May.

Please block out the presentation night so everyone possible can attend and make it a fun and enjoyable night as it has been in the past. Brian and the crew have been planning for months now to ensure we will be well fed and watered!

May weekend provided a few opportunities for our sailors to attend events around the state. The Bay to Bay and Keppel Bay were the events that our sailors attended with great results yet again from both events. It is so pleasing to see how a small club as ours continuously keeps bringing home the silverware against some of Australia's best sailors. I believe Peter Mann now has a crew that loves being on the wire so he may not complain anymore about creaking bones and getting old! Well done Chris for helping your Dad out!

I don't know if many of you have had the chance to poke your noses into the works being done downstairs at the back of Dudley's bar and under the club house but if you haven't try and take a peak next time you are wandering past. We now have full refrigeration cabinets for drinks at Dudley's Bar instead of fridges. We also have a new keg room and beer system, which by the way has the beer nice and cold and pouring better, apparently! To top that off we have a new food fridge which backs onto the freezer which will allow more efficient operation of the systems and also give us some more room. The whole set up reminds me of the Tardis as there seemed to be so little room however we have fitted a lot into it.

We have received a reply from GPC in regards to our lease negotiations with GPC and are continuing to work with them to arrange the best lease conditions for the club. Their response has given us confidence in the longevity of the club so it is now down to ironing out the finer details going forward. Continue to watch this space.

April trading saw the club exceed budget with good trading recorded again. This trend is continuing in a climate that is uncertain and ever changing so the budgeting forecast preparation and management is working. Brian and the staff are continually looking at ways to ensure the club is patronised and have tried a few initiatives which have been successful. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and support them where possible. If you have any suggestions for the club please submit them to reception to pass onto Brian. Brian and Karen are having a few well deserved weeks off shortly after a hectic Easter, renovation and audit period. Have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday!

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- Anyone who is planning a social sail at all please let reception know so it can be known and maybe
 a few other boats can join the sail
- Please support the events after the end of May, especially the ASP regatta in June. I believe the Impulses across the state and other club classes are looking at coming to the event so lets ensure a strong PCSC presence for the event. We will be seeking rescue and starter boat crew for the weekend also so please put your hand up if available.

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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.



LIFE IS LIKE A ROLLER COASTER. YOU CAN EITHER **SCREAM EVERY TIME** THERE IS A BUMP OR YOU CAN THROW YOUR HANDS UP AND ENJOY THE RIDE.

THE PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB

PRESENTATION EVENING SATURDAY 30TH MAY

Canapes & Refreshment from 6pm

Dinner from 7pm

Presentation from 8 15pm



Presentation from 8.15pm

Followed By After Dinner Drinks & Dessert

Adults \$40 per head
Juniors 15-17yrs \$20 per head
Under 15yrs complimentary

Tickets can be purchased from P.C.S.C Reception

Please RSVP by email, phone or in person to Reception by Saturday 23rd May 2015



......Which silverware in the cabinet will have your name on one or more pieces this year?

The Sailing Committee is preparing for Presentation Night. Its our night of nights.

The Silverware has been brought out and being given a polish and the man with the Engraving tool has been set to work.

In earlier editions of Straphanger this season I have profiled a number of our Perpetual Trophies with the help of Brad & Maryke Barker.

As this is the last edition of Straphanger before the big night its the right time to list some of the trophies that are "up for grabs" this season. And if you have been really good in your boat you may need to bring the Ute!



"Winners are not people who never fail, but people who never quit."Anon.

To name just a few in no particular order or rank. There are lots of prizes kindly donated too.

PCSC Perpetual Trophy James Hardy Perpetual—Policeman's Hat Commodores Choice Trophy Lynne Campbell Trophy Junior Club Captain Trophy Boyne Smelter Perpetual Trophy Patricks Jewellers Trophy Barry Austin Perpetual Trophy Ken & Marg Watson Trophies Brad Barker Perpetual Trophy **Austin Family Trophy** Patrick Family Trophy Jack Mortensen Trophies Wistari Trophy **Bob Elliot Wheel** Jack Mortensen Wheel Craig Armour Fez Award Nick Waugh Perpetual Trophy The Gladstone Cup Noel Patrick Memorial Trophy Gladstone Sailing Specialist Trophy Gladstone Yacht Club Cup

PRESENTATION
NIGHT
MAY 30, 2015

PCSC & Gladstone Road Runners Trophy

5TH EASTERN STATES IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



The fifth Eastern State Impulse Championships were held in Ballina on Saturday 11th April 2015.

A cold and wet Saturday morning was the start to our Eastern States Championship but we had winds of 15-17 knt which is a good thing to have for a regatta. 15 boats in all, but more from Qld turned up for the 2 day event. 2 boats from KBSC and 3 boats from PCSC saw central Qld well represented.

It was good racing for the 2 races in the morning and everybody forgot about the rain and cold. That feeling came back with the lunch break and everyone was shivering.



Back on the water for 2 more races that the afternoon and only the wind and sailing mattered then. And who knew it. As soon the racing was over, the sun came out and we even had a rainbow.

For our Sunday racing the weather had changed completely. Blue sky, warm and very light and fluky wind. We knew the sailing would be difficult and tricky. You really needed to know the tidal flow of the river. That's why the local guy got second place over all. It looked like enough wind when we all got onto the water for 2 triangles and a sausage. But with the start the wind disappeared and existed only in random patches.



I decided to follow the old guys Ross Bradley and Bob Stephens. They seem to keep their boats going even with out wind. Straight across the river into a band of wind, which extended to the windward mark and was the only wind on the water. Only 5 Boats got into that wind and I was the 4th boat around the mark. The rest were just sitting on the water.

I completed the first triangle in 5th place as they shortened the course and I had now only to complete the sausage. Easier said than done as the wind was almost gone and randomness luck gave you the lightest breeze. I fought my way to the bottom mark and to the finish line and thought I was still in good placing. But I missed the racing time cut-off by seconds and was DNF with the rest.

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BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



We all went back to shore and waited for the wind to return from a different direction. A steady breeze started after an hour and we went out for 2 short races a triangle and Windward / return.

The first race was quick, but the wind became lighter and lighter in the second race and at the end Ray Hobbs and I were going side by side from the last mark to the finish line, fighting for every whiff.

Neck on neck to the line and Ray was the windward boat. He got me by a few Centimetres!



All in all a very enjoyable weekend sailing as it is always very social as well.

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Cumulat	tive Res	ults										
Last	First	Sail No	Boat Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Total	Place
Bradley	Ross	459	Olde Golde	2	3	3		1	2	1	12	1
Hams	Graham	539	Rufenuf	4	1	1		5	-	2	-	2
Harrison	Dave	619	Alabama	1	2	2	2		3	4	-	
Robinson	Mike	643	Plymouth	3		_		_	12	6		
Mills	Michael	470	Millstone		9	_	-		-	7	-	
Laverty	Wayne	507	Rocket	7	_		_		_	8	-	
Stephens	Bob	469	Jaska	1.1		-	_	8	_		_	
Robinson	Tim	471	Wacko	8	11	8		3	-	-	_	
Briers	Keith	634	Sapphire	15		-		-	_	-	47	_
Brown	Tim	126	Rosie	10	-		10	_		_	-	
Fell	Peter	208	Aqualung	(-	_	_	3 9	100	-		-
Villett	William	251	Imposter		_	10		9 16		-	-	13100
Hobbs	Ray	406	Problem	12		-	-	_	14	-	-	-
Morholz	Maria	514	Winspiel	1	_		_		1	-	-	And the second
Williams	Tim	277	Thumbs Up	14	1 16	5 1	5 1	5	1	5 1	4 9	0 15

SPINOUT...... YEAR IN REVIEW

BY PETER MANN

Time got away after New Year's so instead of doing a 125 Nationals wrap it was decided to do a year in review.

"Spinout" spent the off season in the shed getting a makeover and with most boat projects took a little longer than planned. With the national titles quickly approaching and still needing to remeasure, the boat travelled to Brisbane to be measured and compete in the River Titles at the same time coming away with 5th overall and 1st on handicap. The boat came back home where the hull was re-sanded and top coated in preparation for the 2500km trip to South Australia for the National Titles. We finally put the boat back together the day before the nationals during registration.

The Tumby Bay Yacht Club is a volunteer run club and hosted a top class regatta with plenty of social activities also scheduled during the week. Tumby Bay was a fantastic location to sail and the weather turned it on with conditions over the week varying from 5 to 30 knots. The lighter races saw us sailing in the top half of the fleet meaning that Christopher was made to fly spinnakers on shy reaches and mix it with the fleet gybing the spinnaker with tight multiple boat buoy rounding's. With our light overall weight and Christopher not keen on going out on trapeze the heavier races were hard work passing boats on the reaches and runs only to be passed back on the windward legs. The titles were taken out by Brisbane boat "J" with a week of bullets, we finished 20th out of 24 boats and 4th on handicap.





National
Champions
Luke Johnson and
Libby McNeil sailing J.
Photo
Andy Henderson.

Information on the 125

The 125 is a 12.5 foot (3.83 m) two person intermediate sailing dinghy complete with spinnaker and trapeze, a boat for everyone. It has a design that appeals to the person wanting a piece of the sailing action without going overboard on costs.

Designed for easy owner building in stitch and glue, the 125 is a handyman's dream. For those with less time, a fibreglass hull is now available,

creating an excellent low maintenance craft. Second-hand boats are readily available and with a bit of attention can provide two people entry to

sailing for less than \$1000. Weighing in at around 50 kg and easily cartable on the top of a car, the 125 is the ideal craft for family sailing and family involvement.

125 membership in Australia is about 600 sailors.

There are 125s sailing in S.E. Asia and in New Zealand.

.....Fairfax



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Team QLD at National Titles

The next event on the calendar was the Jason Brewer Memorial once again on the Brisbane River, this event attracts a lot of past champions from the class with this year being no different with no less than 5 past national champions competing. Spinout came away with 7th overall and once again a 1st on handicap.





Over Easter Spinout travelled to Hervey Bay to compete in the 125 State Titles. 17 boats contested the state titles in variable conditions but the organisers managed to get all five races completed. Our best result was a 2^{nd} in race 2 with the rest of the races being fought out with a group of four boats all battling for 3^{rd} place, generally finishing within a few seconds of each other. In the end we came away with a 5^{th} overall and 1^{st} on handicap.

Chris and I would like to thank the Port Curtis Sailing Club and Queensland 125 Association for the assistance provided to travel to South Australia and we are looking forward to another great season next year in the new boat.





VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2014/15

BY CARY SCOTTON

LEG 6 - ITAJAI [Brazil] > NEWPORT [USA]

As each boat sailed around Cape Horn there was almost universal acknowledgement that they had survived the Southern Ocean. It was unfortunate that late in the night of March 30 Team Dongfeng dismasted some 240nm from the Cape but thankfully close to the Chilean coast. They limped into the Port of Ushuaia which took 10 hours. Subsequently the boat was retired from the race. The photo shows a crew member cutting the broken piece. The



break occurred above the third spreader. In port they reduced the crew, secured everything on board the boat, rigged up a temporary mainsail and sailed to Itajai arriving on April 13 where a new mast was waiting for them. As the remaining boats headed up the Argentinean coastline to their destination they were often surrounded by boats with very bright lights. These were Chinese fishing boats looking for squid.

Thousands of spectators were on the harbour of Itajai to welcome the boats on April 5th. Race winner was Team Abu Dhabi followed by Team Mapfre, Team Alvimedica and Team Brunel. Two days later Team SCA arrived in port.

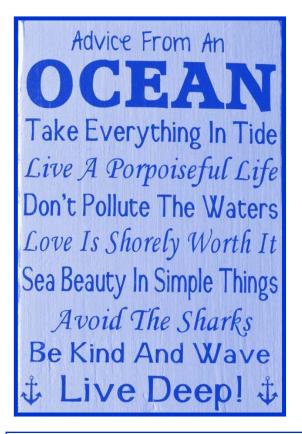




Under very light winds the fleet set off for Newport, Rhode Island, USA a distance of 5010nm. Dongfeng sailed out of port with its new mast. Poor Dongfeng was on the water less than 24 hours when they found their water maker had broken down. Whilst they look to fix it if at all possible they do have a manual one. Thirty minutes of manual pumping creates just three litres of fresh water. They also had a visit from a pod of Killer Whales which for some was a bit unnerving.

On April 22 just three days into the race the entire fleet had technically sailed around the world. The entire fleet also has a visual of all boats so they are pretty much not far from each other. As the fleet head north the days grow warmer as they approach the tropical latitudes and the Equator not far either.





Club Patron Barry Austin wishes to express his sincere thanks to the yacht club hospitality staff who went above and beyond their normal duties over the Easter week-end during the B2G.

The staff ensured Barry was fed and hydrated throughout his long hours in the "Operations Room".

THANK YOU TO ALL

DID YOU KNOW; the club's new addition to the fleet "Allegretto" the Impulse is waiting patiently in the boathouse to be taken out on the harbour. Club members are welcome to take her out for a sail on club sailing days.

Liaise with the Sailing Committee to enjoy an afternoon of sail. Going by its name this Impulse could prove to outsail all contenders on the water.

Allegretto is an Italian musical command to play a piece lightly, gracefully and moderately fast. A win is music to all ears. Go now and listen to Beethoven's 7th Symphony in A - allegretto.

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

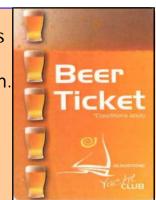
The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.

Only available to Life Members,

Ordinary Members and Pensioners

Available from the main bar.

(Premium Tap Beer and Ciders Excluded)



	Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14										
Wk	Date	Start	Briefing		PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides	
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						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting					
	Sat/Sun 2/3-5-15			35th Bay to Bay 2015	Hervey Bay						
	Saturday 2-5-15	1400		Head of Harbour Two - heat 2	PRO NEED- ED	Barry Austin				1408 0.80 2031 4.02	
	Sunday 3-5-15	0800 1200		SRD						0840 3.77 1439 0.74	
	Friday 8-5-15	1800 2030		Adult Start Sailing THEORY night	Colleen/ Tony						
	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		Adult Start Sailing week 1	Colleen/ Tony					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		Adult Start Sailing week 2	Colleen/ Tony					0825 3.94 1439 0.39	
	Saturday 23-5-15			Barker Fairway & Watson Tripod	Barry Austin	Barry Austin				1301 2.99 1833 1.57	
	Sunday 24-5-15	0800 1200		Adult Start Sailing week 3	Colleen/ Tony					0742 1.45 1358 2.89	
	Saturday 30-5-15			PRESENTATION NIGHT Exclusive use of upstairs							
	Sunday 31-5-15	0800 1200		Adult Start Sailing week 4	Colleen/ Tony					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										

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Wk	Date	Start	Briefing	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides	
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	Saturday 27-6-15	0800 1700		ASP All Boats Regatta	Sue & Colleen	Barry Austin				1127 1.13 1813 3.55	
	Sunday 28-6-15	0800 1700		ASP All Boats Regatta & Val Sisley heats	Sue & Colleen	Barry Austin				0616 3.27 1214 0.98 1857 3.79	
	September School Holidays - Sat 18th September to Monday 5th October 2015								-		



CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB MACKAY YACHT CLUB

June Long Weekend Yeppoon to Mackay - Cruise and Race

- Tuesday 2nd June A cruise in company departing 0900 hours, stopping every night. Open to motor and sailing vessels.
- Friday 5th June Cruising division race. Start at 0900 hours. Safety category 3.
- Saturday 6th June Racing division race. Start at 0900 hours. Safety category 3.
- Sunday 7th June Prizes will be presented at the MYC at 1600 hours.



Contact Vice Commodore CCYC Mike Schmidt Ph: 0429 822 880 E-mail: tanbymike@gmail.com

Port Curtis Sailing Club Is proud to host the



Open Regatta

Off the Beach boats

Youth and Senior Divisions

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June 2015

Senior Open Mono * Senior Open Multihull Sabot/ Optimist/ BIC * Youth Open Mono (u18) Youth Open Mono (with companion crew) for beginners

For more details contact:

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GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB

TRADING HOURS



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

Fri - Sat from 2pm Sun from 10am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Closed for the Winter







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