

Straphanger Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Firstly I must apologise for my noticeable absence around the club over the past 3 weeks or so. I have been torn between family activities and work commitments. The family activities were enjoyable in that I had a week and a half in Adelaide watching Christopher umpire at the National Under 13 boys hockey championships. Not a bad effort as he is only 16. The other enjoyable part was watching the AHL players in their national championships at the same venue. These players on various teams make up our Australian hockey team and some of the moves and fitness of these guys brought memories flooding back to me of my younger days playing hockey, yeah right!

Watching and talking with these elite sportsmen, yes they actually sat around and talked not ran off the field into dressing rooms, made me wonder where we have gone wrong in Aussie with sports funding. Here we are with the Hockeyroos and our Aussie sailors being world champions and multiple Gold Medallists and yet some have to find two jobs to be able to pay for travel and accommodation for the "privilege" of representing Australia. For example, Jamie Dwyer who is 5 times world player, plays overseas for around \$60k a year and then runs a coaching business back in Aus with Mark Knowles to make ends meet. The difference I have found is they live for the sport and are so very passionate about it, just like our sailors!

Back to the local scene which has been as busy as usual. I thought I had a busy life but when you look at the hours Sue and Colleen put into the organising and running of Start Sailing I have to take my hat off to you both. Add to Sue's schedule of Sailing Committee and Vice Commodore as well and I wonder when she finds time to go to work. Adult start sailing, 2 head of the Harbour Heats and 1 Club Championship heat have been squeezed in over the past month with good participation overall.

There should be some major movement in the lease negotiations over the next few months with a few firmer avenues now on the horizon after Brian and committee members have had discussions with various members of community and GPA. If you have any queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

The club traded slightly below forecast budget this period which was unforeseen. 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;

- A huge thank you to all that have had their Cat 7 and/or Cat 5(Fairway Buoy) YA audits completed.
 Also a huge thanks to Peter Mann for taking time out of his busy schedule to carry out the audits.
 Please remember these audits are a requirement to enable PCSC to conduct racing.
- The Impulse sailors returned from "The Bay" with mixed results from the Qld titles. Weather conditions went from calm to super calm to "mirror, mirror on the water" I believe. Here's hoping for a tad stronger weather for the Nationals in KBSC after Christmas.
- The rescue and start boats are still 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!

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- Just a friendly reminder to all sailors in regards to "borrowing" equipment from boats stored under the club. People pay to store these vessels and equipment in a reasonable secure location. If you need to borrow some equipment please try to contact the owner for their ok and then return the said piece of equipment straight after use. More importantly if you damage the equipment return it repaired. On that note, anyone seen my grey Zhik lifejacket? I'll need it before Christmas. It is rather large so maybe someone has mistaken it for a lounge and are using it in their man cave!
- Noticed the omission of a certain trimaran last weekend who decided to go cruising on days off.
 Other trimaran missing in action is getting closer to getting her backside wet again or so I believe.
 At least we had room at the pontoon!
- I'll be absent again from the 9/11 to the 20/11 and then from the 24/11 to the 28/11 out Rolleston way, yes work beckons again!

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.

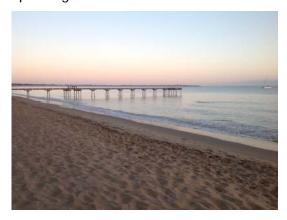
THE HORMONE GUIDE HOW TO SPEAK TO WOMEN SAFEST DANGEROUS **ULTRA SAFE** SAFER What's for Can I help you Where would you Here, have some with dinner? dinner? like wine. to go for dinner? WOW! Look at Are you You sure Here, have some wearing that? look good in you! wine brown! What are you Could we be Here's my Here, have some so worked up overreacting? paycheck. wine. about? Should you be You know, there Can I get you a Here, have some eating that? piece wine. are a lot of apples left. of chocolate with that? What did you I hope you didn't I've always loved Here, have some over-do it today. DO all day? you wine. in that robe!

IMPULSE STATE CHAMIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ SAILING WINDSPIEL

Impulse state Championships 2014 (4th-6th October)

Like last year, we were sailing in Hervey Bay and the forecast was for a light wind weekend but who was complaining with a breakfast view like this.





16 Impulse sailors came to battle for the title and 3 of them were PCSC Sailors.





The sailing course and schedule were 2 triangles. Saturday 2 races

Sunday 3 Races

Monday 2 races

Saturday's race started at 1300 which was good as the wind was mostly consistent and a bit stronger after lunch. We had a close race and Rebecca Price from Oxley Sailing Club came a close second to David Harrison, the Queensland champion. I came 11th and 12th place and was happy with that as I had a good close race with the guys who usually sail away from me.

Sunday there were 2 races in the morning with very light wind, but it was building. We also had the Multihulls on the water too and we shared two rounding marks with them. They sliced through the impulse fleet and created havoc on the gybing and bottom mark. The impulses had the windward mark to themselves but were perfectly capable of creating havoc there too.

As it was a close race in the light wind, 8 impulses got to the windward mark at the same time. Screaming, yelling, panicking and swapping paint. Everyone who was coming a bit behind got the advantage from the chaos.

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I had followed Rebecca and saw her slipping around the mark into second place and I took the advantage too. I sailed around the huddle and even ended up in front of Scott Patrick (only for a short while). In all the confusion, I saw Scott ending up going against the fleet on port tack. The last windward run to the finish line had a shifting and tricky wind. All depending which tack you used as to whether you got a lift or knock.

Later on, everybody came back to the beach for lunch.







It was so hard to get going again afterwards. Still, the afternoon race had more wind and it was very enjoyable. Sadly, some sailors ended up at the protest committee meeting that evening because of the race 4 mayhem.

Sunday morning was glassed out and when a few wind ripples appeared they came from the west. (from the land). Not good.

Along with the race start came a stronger gust of shifting wind and wind holes. It was so tricky and difficult. It was with a bit of luck of which tack you chose.

In the first race I took the tack in from off the start boat. The wind felt strong and steady and I had a good line to the bottom mark. Without warning the wind stopped and I nearly fell out of my boat. Instantly the wind changed again and my sail came around and I tacked without tacking. The wind became so flukey and I struggled to make the mark. Everyone on the other tack got to the mark with ease.

In the second race I had better luck where I chose a tack and finished in front of the sailors who were way in front of me but choose another tack.

Bred Buckley from Brisbane became our new champion with Rebecca Price in close overall second. Even so, I ended up in 14th place overall. It was close racing and mostly only seconds between placing's. I was presented with the women's trophy and had a very enjoyable weekend sailing.

You may find the results at http://www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au/downloads.html

THE VOLVO OCEAN RACE

BY CARY SCOTTON



The gruelling round the world race is on again. This triennial race covering over 39,000nm in 9 months set sail from the Spanish port of Alicante on October 11. The First leg covering 6,487nm will end in Capetown, South Africa in early November.

The Volvo Ocean race was formerly known as the Whitbread named for the British brewer who sponsored the race. It all started with the first race in 1973 .

This year there are seven yachts participating. To qualify each yacht must have sailed at least 2,200nm non stop. There is a crew of eight sailors plus one non sailing multimedia reporter. All women crews of which there is one this year can have 11 sailors and one non sailing multimedia reporter. At least two sailors have to be born after October 1, 1984.

Here is a snapshot of the specifications for the boat and even how and what can be stored. The 2014/15 race is specified Open design.



The seven yachts participating includes **Team Vestas Wind** sailing under the Danish Flag. It is skippered by the Australian Chris Nicholson former Olympian and World Champion sailor in the 49er and 505 classes. All up the crew consists of 2 Aussies, 2 New Zealand, 2 Danes, 1 Argentine and last but not least the Irish Multimedia reporter who is also in charge of food. No fresh food is taken on board any boat.

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The other boats

Team SCA all-women's team Sweden The Pink Boat

Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing The Grey Boat

Dongfeng Race Team from China The Red Boat

Team Brunel from the Netherlands The Yellow boat

Team Alvimedica a double flag Turkey/USA The Orange Boat

Mapfre Spain The All Red boat



Seven little boats all in a row about to set off in the challenging Volvo Ocean Race 2014/15 from the Port of Alicante, Spain.

The Blue Boat; it's Team Vestas Wind. Vestas is a global energy company headquartered in Denmark exclusively dedicated to wind energy.

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At the time of going to print the seven yachts have spent time in the Doldrums, have crossed the Equator, and spent a day hugging close to the North Eastern coast of Brazil. They are now crossing the Atlantic heading towards Africa where their first stop in the race is Capetown South Africa. There has been much to do on the yachts. There has been the usual but minor gear problems. For the debutantes it has been a learning curve. The Doldrems, the international tropical convergence zone was best described by one sailor on Team Brunel as " an area of rain, clouds and crappy weather". Whilst it wasn't the most welcoming place, the Doldrems gave everybody the chance to have a real shower.

As each boat crossed the Equator King Neptune rose from the ocean depths to bid welcome to all crews. The king had a series of questions for all the Pollywogs and unfortunately no one could answer his questions correctly. Some had to spend time out on the beam in 20kt winds, whilst some had their heads shaved whilst others had what I would describe as burly thrown over them. Once the Pollywogs were initiated they became Shellbacks. As quick as the royal visitor had appeared he was gone and now the hard work crossing the Atlantic is upon them. The girls [on the Pink boat] maintain their king was one of the most attractive ever seen.



King Neptune on Vestas Wind



Pollywog on Team Abu Dhabi

GROWING CLUB MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS BY CARY SCOTTON

Sailing clubs are no different to other groups sporting or otherwise. Survival depends on not only maintaining membership but growing it too.

There are people out there who would love the opportunity to be on the water whilst others may be extremely keen but need some gentle coercion.

Currently we have a small number who are keen to experience a day on the water. They obviously have been down on a Saturday and watched the hive of activity around lunch time. The lunchtime crowd at the Yachties actually get a buzz to watch and hear the hum. Its probably the only recreational pursuit in Gladstone to watch over a meal and a beverage.

I understand very well to have an extra bum on deck when sailing especially when we're playing for the Sheep Station can be taxing on the nerves.

We have a great opportunity to sell our sport on National Discover Sailing Day.

Read more on NDSD in the Sailing Committee's report.

For our club to be a robust sport in our city we really need all hands on deck for this event to be a success.

Our sailing needs boats and crew but more importantly it also needs volunteers to man the Rescue boats and the Starter boat.

National Discover Sailing Day could also be used as an opportunity to "flag" the need for volunteers. The general Gladstone populace probably don't realise the Sailing club does depend on a small regular supply of volunteers.

Volunteering on our Operational Fleet would be a real plus for anyone who would like to spend a couple of hours on Gladstone Harbour on a Saturday arvo.

In Australia there are now some 6.1 million people over the age of 18 who do volunteer work. 37.5% volunteer in sporting and recreation pursuits.

Members who can assist in any way with the **NDSD** please get in contact with the Sailing Committee.



PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB Discover Sailing Host Sunday November 23, 2014 1000 - 1400

Couple of changes to Club favourites

Fairway/Tripod race

In the interest of increasing the number of yachts participating in the Fairway/Tripod races we reviewed the safety category for Fairway and downgraded the event to Category 5 with the addition of operational navigation lights.

To sail Fairway as Category 5 a slight change to the course was required to stay within the smooth water zone. So for the Austin Family Fairway on 8th November 2014 and the Barker Fairway on 23rd May 2015 the outermost rounding mark for the Fairway race will be S2 (not Fairway). Tripod remains unchanged. We hope this opens the event for the enjoyment of more Members. Sailing Instructions on our website.

ASP Regatta

The ASP Youth Regatta is another long standing favourite. Unfortunately numbers have been dwindling over the last few years and feedback suggests it hasn't been as much fun on the social scene. So this year the ASP Regatta will be open to all dinghy sailors, with divisions for Youth and Senior sailors, over the two day weekend, along with more focus on the social side of interclub sailing.

Save the date

ASP Regatta Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March 2015

Val Sisley heats

Sailed in conjunction with the ASP Regatta on Sunday 1st March 2015

Sprint Series 2 – rated handicap

Sprint Series 2, being held on 21st and 28th March (the two weekends before Easter) will be run as a rated handicap event like Club Championships instead of a progressive handicap event, mixing it up a bit.

Safety Category checks

Thank you Skippers for submitting your YA Safety Equipment Audit Forms. The next step is a quick check of your boat against your nominated category, and signoff. If your boat hasn't been signed off, please liaise with Peter Mann to have this done.

For skippers intending to compete in the Fairway/Tripod event on 8th November please remember your boat MUST meet Category 5 (with the addition of operational navigation lights). Club sailing is Category 7.

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FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Sailing Calendar

Sailing Calendar to the end of this season has now been finalised and is available on the website. To look forward to are the remaining Championship heats, Twilight series, CQ Championship series with CCYC, ASP Regatta, Sprint Series 2, Head of Harbour, Barker Fairway/Tripod finishing with Presentation night on 30th May 2015.

Championship heats scheduled for 31st January 2015 – heat 5 7th March 2015 – heat 6 11th April 2015 – heat 7

National Discover Sailing Day

PCSC, with our Start Sailing team, is holding our National Discover Sailing Day on Sunday 23rd November 2014 between 1000 and 1400.

All help would be most appreciated. We are looking for Members to assist with the meet and greet or be a Pacer skipper and take people for a short dinghy sail in the creek. Yacht skippers, anyone interested in offering a sail experience on your yacht departing our pontoon around 11am or 12noon? Please let us know so we can promote sailing and the activities on offer with PCSC for Discover Sailing Day.

In line with Yachting Australia's request we will be fundraising with gold coin donations for Melanoma Australia on the day too.

Upcoming Events

Head Harbour heat 4 – 1st November 1400
Fairway/Tripod – 8th November 1300 (Category 5)
Club Championship heat 3 – 15th November 1400
Handicap Series heat 1 – 22nd November 1400
National Discover Sailing Day – Sunday 23rd November 1000 – 1400

Club Championship heat 4 – 29th November 1400



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 01-11-14			Head of Harbour - heat 4	Tony Con- stance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin			-	0957 1627	
	Sunday 2-11-14	0800 1200		Adult Start Sailing - Session 5	Colleen Sawatzki					0513 1113	
	Saturday 08-11-14		1130 briefing	Austin Family Fair- way & Watson Tripod (yachts only)	Barry Austin	Barry Austin				0952 1612	
	Sunday 9-11-14	0800 1200		Adult Start Sailing - Session 6	Colleen Sawatzki					0413 1032	
	Saturday 15-11-14	1400		Club Championship heat 3	Peter Mann 0418 138 182	Barry Austin				0944 1543	
	Saturday 22-11-14			Handicap Series heat 1	Steve Lewis To be Con- firmd	Barry Austin				0852 1512 2108	0.71
	Sunday 23-11-14	1000		YA National Discover Sailing Day (national day 26-10-14)	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764						
	Saturday 29-11-14	1400		Club Championship heat 4		Barry Austin				0813 1446 2119	3.74
	Saturday 06-12-14			Handicap Series heat 2	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Away Sue Doyle				0855 1517 2116	0.74
				Aquatic Permit to here							
				Start School Holidays Sat 13-12-14 to Monday 26th January 2015							
	Saturday 13-12-14			Christmas Party - downstairs Santa 1400 - Food 1500 Christmas Break no						1332 1954	1.47
	Saturday 20-12-14			sailing						0754 1412	
	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 1816	
	Sunday 11-1-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing school holiday	Colleen Sawatzki					0605 1243	

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	Mon- Wed 12/14- 1-15	0800 1400		Junior Start Sailing school holidays 3 days	Colleen Sawatzki					0657 1331	
	Saturday 17-1-15	1600		Twlight heat 2		Barry Austin				1305 1902	
	Sat/Sun 24/25-1- 15			Australia Day Weekend - Social Sailing - Pirate Theme						1202 1826	
				Australia Day weekend - School resumes Tuesday 27th							
	Saturday 31-1-15	1400		Championship Heat 5						1328 1932	
	Sunday 2-2-15	0900 1300		CQ Championships heat 1 & 2 Gladstone Harbour	PCSC	Barry Austin				0828 1446 2050	0.95
	Saturday- 7-2-15	1100		CQ Championships heat 3 Ocean Race to Yeppoon - Cat 3	PCSC	Barry Austin				1057 1710	
		1100		CQ Championships - Alt heat 3 Trailer Yachts Keppel Bay	CCYC Brian Spowart 4934						
	Saturday 14-2-15	0900 1300		CQ Championships heat 4 & 5 Roslyn Bay	CCYC Richard Watson 0439 300 085						
	Saturday 21-2-15	1400		Handicap Series heat 3		Barry Austin				1056 1716	
	Saturday 28-2-15			ASP All Boats Regatta		Barry Austin				1222 1827	
	Sunday 1-3-15			ASP All Boats Re- gatta & Val Sisley heats		Barry Austin				0647 1309	
	Saturday 7-3-15	1400		Championship Heat 6		Barry Austin				1002 1611	
	Saturday 14-3-15	1400		Handicap Series - heat 4		Barry Austin				0955 1547	
	Saturday 21-3-15	1400		Sprint Series Two - Heats 1 & 2 (rated handicap series)		Barry Austin				0950 1609	
	Saturday 28-3-15	1400		Sprint Series Two - Heats 3 & 4 (rated handicap series)	27.1.6	Barry Austin				1046 1656	
			Easter - Good Friday 3rd April - Start School Holidays								
	3 to 6-4- 15			125 State Titles -	Away						

DISCOVER SAILING PCSC

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

Fun times and the excitement of new experiences for new sailors on the water are almost over for another year – and what a busy year it has been for our Start Sailing team under the leadership of our Principal, Sue Doyle!

Starting in January, a four day course was run for eight Juniors (ages 9 to 12) where the young sailors progressed through basic skills to sailing by themselves in the Club Sabots or the new popular BICs. Our O'pen BICs were purchased through funding received from the Queensland Government's Get Going program.

Echoing the principles behind Yachting Australia's Discover Sailing, our course is tailored to provide young people the chance to learn, while having fun in a safe environment.

Traditionally the Club also runs a Junior Program on Sundays before the start of each season - this year from end of July and through August. Once again our young learners started with a first experience in our Pacers, and progressed to sailing in the Sabots or BICs. We are all very delighted that this year three of the eight participants in the course are continuing to sail with the Club on Saturdays, either on a yacht or on a Club pacer with a mentor. The "mentor" program is indeed a wonderful option which allows the young sailors to further develop their skills, grow in confidence, and gain racing experience. Thank you so much mentors!

As part of our role as a Yachting Australia Discover Sailing Centre, the Club also offers adults the chance to learn sailing throughout each year, offering four courses on Sunday mornings. The course structure is slightly different to our Junior Program in so much that we have a theory night the Friday before Sundays on the water commence. Our current learners are now sailing in controlled conditions in Club Pacers on the harbour if the weather allows .

A further sailing experience is also once a year, when our Club invites the general community to a YA Discover Sailing Day, where anyone can safely try sailing in the Club boats.

The twenty odd Sundays of our sessions are only possible with willing support of our fantastic team for which we are more than grateful – it's a really big year particularly for those who are helping every Saturday we sail as well.

We are looking forward to our next school holiday Junior course which will run from Sunday 11 to Wednesday 14 January 2015.







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SAILING AROUND PCSC

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NEW BREAKFAST MENU

Bacon & Eggs Pancake Stack Full Breakfast

Frittata Coffee Bacon & Egg Burger



Available on Sundays 8am ~ 10.30am from the Salty's Kitchen by the waterside

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

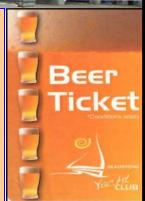
Sun 8am ~ 10.30am



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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