

Straphanger

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The new Sailing Season has begun

Pictures courtesy of Marina Hobbs from Patrons Open Day

IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome to a new sailing season and a new year of Straphanger! In this month's press the Sailing Committee has a preview of upcoming events both here in Gladstone and at other Clubs, Colleen Sawatzki gives us an update on the latest new sailors graduating Junior Start tot Sail and David Mann has an interesting piece on the ever growing Impulse Class dinghy which he himself is starting to prove an expert at sailing! PCSC travelling superstar Maria tells us of her experience at the Lake Cootharaba All Boats Regatta, John has an update on the running of the Club from the Executive Committee and Tot Moran pays tribute to a mentor to many and KBSC Life Member Gordon Nielsen on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Discover Sailing Day is coming up again soon and on the next page there is a flyer that you might like to place up at your workplace or pass on to an interested friend - the more the merrier!

Our ever so valuable Club Photographer Marina Hobbs has some exciting news regarding the culmination of her off swing activities in an upcoming exhibition *6 Decades of Barbie, 6 Decades of Fashion*; further proving she's more than just a doll...! (I didn't think you'd been around long enough to have knowledge of decades of fashion yet Marina!?)

There are lots of new and exciting features around the Club that Brian has to share which you'll find on Page 10 and 11 of this print. Be sure to check the Calendar too for changes to upcoming sailing events.

While I've got you, I want to say a special thank you to Sarah Perez. If you don't know her personally, be sure to say g'day and introduce yourself to her at Reception. Sarah not only puts a great deal of effort and time into assembling the Straphanger every month but also does so much of the background work that keeps us organised and on the water! Thanks Sarah!

Again, a reminder that if you want to contribute to the Straphanger please do get in touch - my details are on the last page! If you have some news and want me to help you write something up, I'll do my best to tell your story.

Warm regards and fair winds,
Tony Constance, Editor.



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YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Welcome back to the 2016/17 season!

What a season it is planned to be with the regular club racing, State and National titles, interclub events, regattas, trailer sailor regattas, yacht races, social sailing and a few ad hoc moments thrown in for good measure just to make sure we have a fun filled year. I even heard a whisper the 3 Islands running/sailing race might be reinvigorated!

The overall club atmosphere seems bigger and busier this year, especially in the dinghies, which gives us all a buzz and makes us keen to compete or assist wherever possible. So come on you trailer sailors and Yachties, let's get out there and build the fleet to match the dinghies!

The start of the season began with our AGM which saw a majority of the positions filled and yet again a strong field of executive committee members of Colleen Sawatski (VC again), Greg Mallet, Lex Moran, Ian Williams, Steve McGuigan, Anthony Constance, Peter Mann and myself. Huge thanks for all exec and other committees members for volunteering your precious time towards a fantastic club. A shout out to Brian and the team for setting up the room for the AGM as it certainly made things easier and better each year. If you know of anything we can do to improve the AGM please let me know.

Many thanks to Mr Fairfax, aka Cary Scotton and Sarah in reception for producing a quality Straphanger throughout the year. Anthony Constance has volunteered to continue the good works with Sarah to produce a quality form of information. Remember if you have anything, articles, items for sale, announcements etc. for the Straphanger please let Anthony or Sarah know! Also a huge thanks to Marina for her excellent ongoing blogs, photos and general help around the promotion of the club.

So, what do we have in front of us, hmmm? Well there is plenty of sailing to come both locally, across the state and nationally. Please review the sailing calendar to ensure you don't miss any sailing events. We have Discover Sailing continuing for the juniors and for the adults. If anyone can help Colleen, Sue and Pete with volunteering for the learn to sail please let them know as they can only teach so many at a time with limited instructor number.

July trading saw the club exceed budget which is a great result considering the current climate. This climate is still uncertain and ever changing so the budgeting forecast preparation and management is continually being tweaked and reviewed to ensure the best bang for buck result for the club. It seems the cost of everything is going up these days and Brian and the team are managing well keeping increases to a minimum when they can so you, the member, can enjoy our surrounds at a reasonable price.

How was the sailing results in the Olympics? Great to see the medals flowing yet again for us. I wonder when the Olympic Committee are going to start stripping funds from the "high profile" under achieving sports and put some towards the sports continually getting results.

I am throwing a challenge out to the members. We have a major seagull issue on our pontoon. Does anyone have a suggestion that is environmentally sound, doesn't involve loud noise or explosions and will work forever to rid the pontoon of the seagulls? Please let Lex or myself if you have a solution as there might be a lemonade or two in it for you! 😊

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- ⇒ Speaking of assisting, the rescue and start boats are always looking for volunteers, so if you know 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!
- ⇒ Anyone who is handy and has some spare time please see Lex if he has some odd jobs to do around the club. Things that spring to mind are ramp cleaning, fastening of aluminium planks to pontoon, securing of timber walkway on pontoon etc etc.

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 whole heartedly appreciated!

Yours in sailing,
Young Dinga.



Lead me not into
temptation...
Oh who am I kidding!
FOLLOW ME
I know a shortcut.

FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

PCSC Discover Sailing Day

Save the Date: Discover Sailing Day 2016 will be on Sunday 23rd October. Help us spread the word around by telling your family, friends and work colleagues

Val Sisley Heats 1 & 2

KBSC will be holding heats 1 & 2 of the Val Sisley weekend on 4th September (Father's Day). Sailing Instructions are now on our website or you can retrieve it by clicking on <http://www.gyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Val-Sisley-Regatta-KBSC-Sailing-Instructions-2016.pdf>

Adult Learn to Sail

Course dates are set for the next adult Learn to Sail course. Date and times are as followed:

Theory lesson - Friday 28th Oct

Practical lessons - Sunday 30th Oct, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November.

* Volunteers are needed so if you are able to assist please see Colleen.

All Boat Regatta - LCSC

Congratulations to Maria Mohrholz in Windspiel: Fourth overall in regatta at LCSC 20/21 August.

Airlie Beach Race Week

Ray Hobbs' No Problem was the only PCSC yacht to travel north for the Airlie Beach race week (11th-18th August) to enjoy sailing in a fleet of 16 multi's. He finished in 12th position. Well Done Ray!

Attention All Rescue Boat Drivers

All rescue boats drivers need to give the office a copy of their boat license for our records. There is now a list we must keep with who is licensed to drive our boats and we must have their boat license and details on file. If you bring your license into reception, they will happily copy it for you. This only needs to be done once for our records.

Volunteers Register

The Club is working towards updating our Volunteers Register which is a list of all our P.C.S.C volunteers & their qualifications. For those who have a Blue Card and work with the S2S kids, are an Instructor or Assistant Instructor, have a First Aid or Safety course Certificate, Safety Boat licence, Recreational Boat Licence, or have done a Race Official Course please make sure that reception have a copy of those credentials so we know what you are qualified to volunteer with. It is vital we keep these records up to date and that we add any newly qualified members to this list.

2016 CQ Championships (11th-18th June)

Final results are in for the CQ Championship Series

Div	Boat	Owner	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Alt Heat 3	Heat 4	Heat 5	Total
2	Escapade	Mike Schmidt	1		2		3	1	7
2	Ain Mara	Bruce Sagnol	2		3		1	2	8
2	Kindred Spirit	Richard Holroyd	3		1		2	3	9
3	No Problem	Ray Hobbs	1	1	2		1	1	6
4	Wocket in My Pocket	Dan Ware	2	2			1	1	6
4	Super Freaky	Robert Rosendahl	1	1			5	5	12
4	Boudicea	Don Fuller	5	5			2	2	14

LADIES SKIPPER DAY

On 13th August the lovely ladies of PCSC took to the helm for Ladies Skipper Day. While there may have been a few back-seat drivers, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What a great day on the water followed by high tea in Dudley's Bar after the race. Thank you Sue Doyle for sponsoring the event. We can't wait for next year.



JUNIOR START TO SAIL

ARTICLE BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

July Start Sailing

Our Junior Start Sailing may have been lower than usual in numbers but definitely high in effort and enthusiasm.

The young "sailors –to – be" worked hard at acquiring the skills required to master the competencies prescribed by YA on the shore and on the water.

As always these included paddling, towing, capsize recovery, rigging / de-rigging , tacking, gybing, MOB , and basic knots.

Knot races and capsizing seemed to be favourite activities.

Sometimes plans have to change and windy weather caused us to extend our course one day. Also one learner broke his arm (NOT at sailing!) and then passed the last few session on the support boat, where he could watch all the action. Thanks goes though to Alexa Mann (a previous Junior SS graduate) for sailing in a Sabot in his place.

Other Juniors were also helpful off and on the water .Their sailing does inspire the learners. Thanks, Chris, Will, and Georgia.

Our course can only be run with help to launch, drive, crew and retrieve support boats. Thanks goes to Barry Austin, Tim Williams, Peter Mann, Murray Ware, Sue Doyle, and Lynne Campbell.

The Instructing role was lightened with Peter joining forces with me, and also him spending time in a Pacer with learners. Thanks, Pete.

Our last day was made special thanks to the Club providing refreshments after our last briefing, where each learner was given a CD of pics taken by Sue as a memento, together with their signed log book and YA certificate.

Congratulations to the new sailors on their efforts. We look forward to seeing you again.

Colleen (Instructor)



PCSC IMPULSE CLASS

ARTICLE BY DAVID MANN

The impulse class of dinghy went from strength to strength last season with 10 boats being registered by the seasons end which is fantastic. PCSC hasn't seen a fleet of like boats since the 90's with the local laser and sabot fleet. With a fleet of impulses on the water week in week out the volunteers on the water for the day are being caught up in some great close racing with only seconds between boats at times keeping the start boat crew busy and the chance of great photos ever present all captured by the ever generous Marina.

For the upcoming season we add another boat to fleet and also get another 2 new boats to replace older boats so the fleet is continuing to grow which is great to see.

The impulse fleet are always keen whenever there is an away event on to represent the club and fly the club burgee proudly with many events on the lead up to Christmas with the following regattas in the schedule for the fleet along with the normal PCSC calendar.

All Boats Regatta – Lake Cootharaba (LCSC) 20/21 August 2016

Inter region Regatta – Hervey Bay (HBSC) 1, 2 & 3 October 2016

NSW State Titles – Teralba (TASC) 26/27 November 2016

Qld State Titles & Monomasters – Lake Cootharaba (LCSC) 3/4 December 2016

National titles – Teralba (TASC) 28 December 2016 to 3 January 2017

For those that would like to follow members progress through upcoming regattas updates are posted on the Impulse Facebook page www.facebook.com/AusImpulse

For anyone interested in joining the fleet or learning a little more about the boat have a chat to anyone in the class who are all only too keen to show you around or have a look at the impulse class website www.ausimpulse.com.au



WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE



NEW GAMING

The upstairs gaming room has had a makeover complete with new entry doors and new pokie machines. Why not try your luck on our new lightning link



NEW AT THE BAR

There are some fantastic new drinks that we have added to our range.

Heineken 3
Bundaberg's Lazy Bear
Pimm's
Gordon's Elderflower Spritz
821 South Sauvignon Blanc



WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

NEW MENU OPTIONS

Sunday Breakfast is back from 8am Sunday mornings with a new all day menu.

All day dining is now available from choose any meal, any time



NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BAR



A new way to engage
through music



NEW

ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday in the Beer Garden
Pick your own hits @ Yachties

With the "Crowd DJ" app.

Saturday nights - check out the Piano Bar



Drink Ticket

\$15.00 per ticket for 5 drinks

Drinks available on offer (pots)

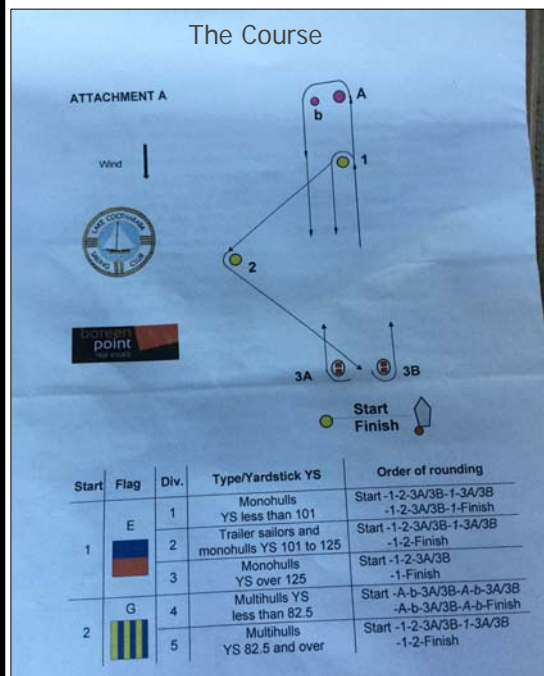
XXXX Gold	XXXX Summer	Tooheys Old
Tooheys New	Hahn Light	Hahn Ultra
House Wine	Hahn 3.5 (stubbies)	
Postmix		

Available Monday - Friday
3pm - 7pm

ALL BOAT REGATTA - LCSC

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Allboat regatta @ lake Cootharaba 2016
Report from Maria Mohrholtz
sailing Windspiel



Yes we knew it would be a light wind regatta 5-10 knots. Just right to get sailors out of hibernation?? The cats thought so and 42 of them turned up. But only 9 monohulls, included 2 impulses. Gary Bellamy from Lake Macquarie with TunnelVision, and me with Windspiel. (we both had nothing better to do, than to go sailing :))

Everybody was asking: "Where are the rest of the impulses ???

The course layout was a bit different than usual.

Three races for each day. The wind was very light and shifting for the first race and it was very difficult to sail. It took us 1 1/2 hours for the first race and I got 4th. Then the wind became stronger and from another direction for the second race. Felt like nice 8-10knots and they had to reset the buoys. That took nearly an hour before we set sail for the second race.

I had a bad start but I could catch up. It was a good wind for that race, but not enough time left for the third race. Gary got a first and a second place for the day and I got 2x fourth place. I was happy with that. A very nice dinner (cooked by caterers) and a nice social evening rounded up a enjoyable day.

Sunday morning and we had little white caps on the lake. 10am start, 3 races back to back. Great! we would be finished by 2pm.



Picture of Lake Cootharaba.

ALL BOAT REGATTA - LCSC

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Not so :(

By the time we got to the start line, the wind had disappeared :(.

After 1 1/2 hour, the race was abandoned and I only had just completed the first triangle and so did everyone else. The lake looked like frozen in time. Not one boat moved. Rescue boat were busy to pull us all back to the beach. Murphy's law says the wind will come, when everybody is back on shore.

We all had a quick lunch and back to the water for the last two races. The wind was great 10-12 knots. They asked if we minded, if the small cats could start with the monos. We said "why not! they would clear out fast."

But in hindsight, they are Cowboys on the start line and give so much more dirty wind. I quickly tacked after the start and had good wind to the windward mark. Even calling starboard on Gary :) But he got away from me again. :) First place for Gary and third place for me.

Third race and I'm working hard to the windward mark on my last triangle. Nearly catching the Laser in front of me, and I hear this "Bing ". Looking around what could have broken? The adjustment screw of my diamond wire broke and the wire swayed in the breeze. Bugger! Took the pressure of the sail and had to let the laser go :(Nursed the boat to the gybing mark and on to the finish line .

Gary got second place and me fifth place. It was still a fair distance back to the beach, making sure not to break my mast. Gary Bellamy got overall first and I got overall fourth place.

Some repairs for me when I get home, but all in all a good regatta and an enjoyable weekend.



6 DECADES OF FASHION

BY MARINA HOBBS

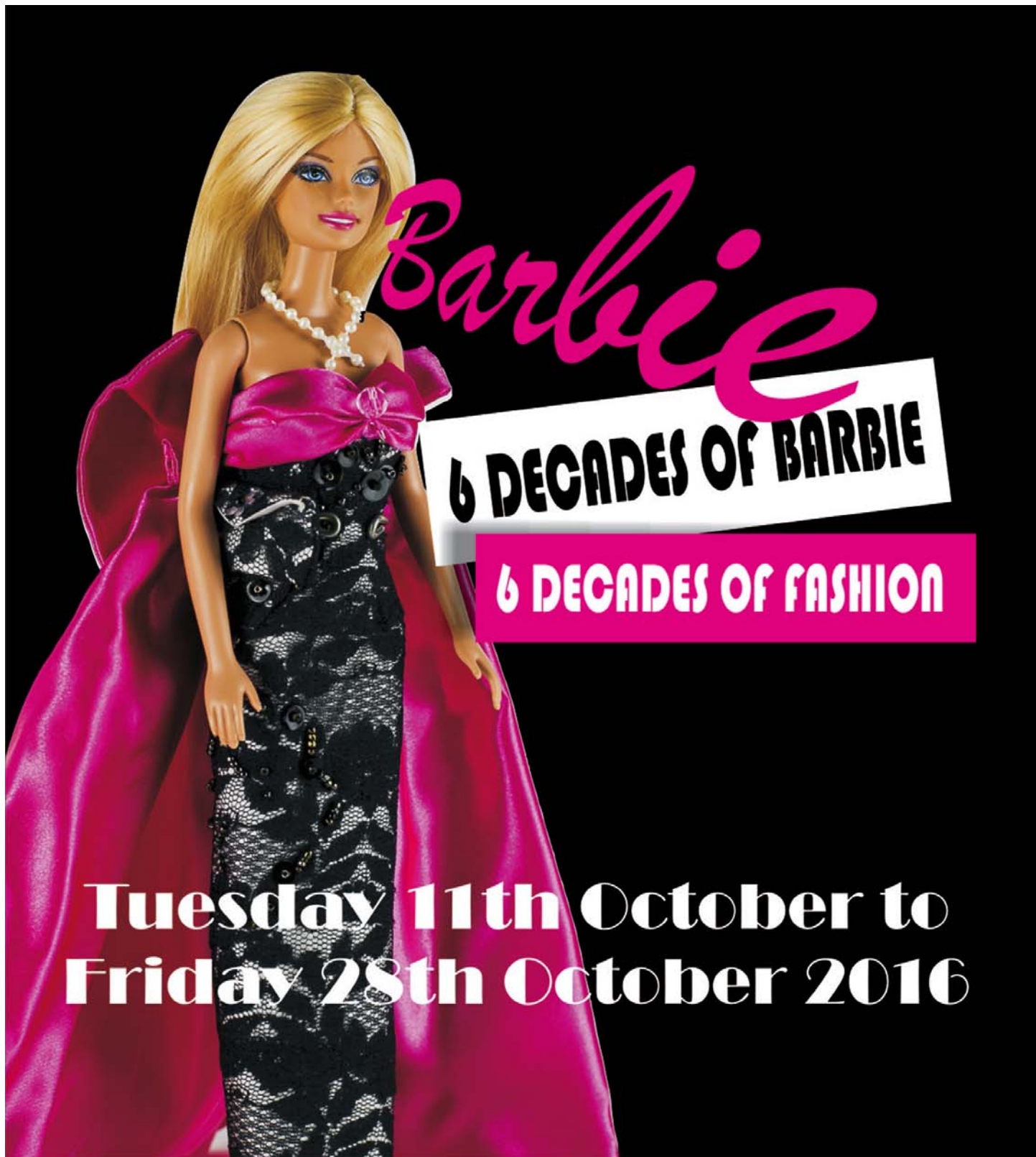
Sailors may complete boat maintenance during the winter lull, but photographers look for other projects. This year I decided to explore the Barbie Doll and the perfect way this iconic doll models almost six decades of fashion history.

Come along to Gallery 67 in Goondoon Street, and re visit the Demure Fifties, the Mod Sixties, the Psychedelic Seventies (if you remember them), the padded shoulders, and excess of the Eighties; stroll into the career minded Nineties, where the mini skirt, halter tops and boots took us from day to night.

This exhibition is all about fun! Come along and celebrate the fashion, fun and times as we review the last six decades of fashion, modelled by Barbie!

Exhibition launch is on Tuesday 11th October at 6pm. The exhibition will be held until October 28th.

Gold coin entry in aid of the Queensland Cancer Council.



Barbie

6 DECADES OF BARBIE

6 DECADES OF FASHION

**Tuesday 11th October to
Friday 28th October 2016**

a life time of fashion

Door proceeds donated to The QLD Cancer Council

**VENUE: Gallery 67
Goondoon St, Gladstone**

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2016-17

W	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat
						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats			
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting			
	Saturday 3-9-16	1021 3.66 1622 0.74	1400	PATRON'S OPEN DAY	Barry Austin	Barry Austin			
	Sunday 4-9-16			KBSC Val Sisley heats 1 & 2					
	Friday 9-9-16	0733 1.56 1440 3.02	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 10-9-16	0904 1.60 1604 3.12	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Head Harbour1 Heat 1	Tim Williams				
	Friday 16-9-16	1448 0.37 2101 4.35	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
			September School Holidays Start Saturday 17-9-16						
	Saturday 17-9-16	0924 4.05 1533 0.28	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1100	Sprint Series 1 Heats 1 & 2 yachts Heats	Peter Mann				
	Friday 23-9-16	1449 3.59 2119 1.37	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 24-9-16	0938 1.30 1611 3.63	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Championships Heat 1	Sue Doyle				
	Friday 30-9-16	1455 0.63 2059 4.01	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
Aquatic Permit to									
	Saturday 1-10-16	0921 3.82 1527 0.67	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Sprint Series 1 Heats 2 - 4 yachts Heats 5-8	Martin Cooper				
			September School Holidays End Monday 3-10-16						
	Friday 7-10-16	1247 3.24 1856 1.64	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 8-10-16	0632 1.54 1346 3.13	0900	Junior Sailing					

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY GORDON NIELSEN

BY TOT MORAN

I spent many happy weekends in Yeppoon during my dinghy racing days in the 1960s and 1970s participating in regattas hosted by the Keppel Bay Sailing Club and over that time made many lifelong friends in Yeppoon. On Sunday 14th August, Sue & I happened to be in Yeppoon visiting a number of those old friends and were happily surprised to find out that the Keppel Bay Sailing Club was holding a "tribute" at lunchtime that day for the 90th birthday for their life member, Gordon Nielsen. Of course, we readily accepted the last minute invite to attend the function.

Gordon has been a very active member at KBSC all his life and still is. In the days when I was a cheeky young sailor fresh out of Learn to Sail, Gordon was already a senior member of KBSC sailing his Austral class cat. He was also a very active lightweight sharpie sailor at various times and competed regularly against our PCSC sharpie sailors of that time in regattas in Yeppoon, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Lake Cootharaba.

However, Gordon's influence wasn't limited to just the sailors of his own era. He always took a very keen interest in both Learn to Sail and the ongoing competitive development of all members, but particularly the junior members. In consequence, Gordon also became very widely known in Central Queensland sailing circles and became very highly regarded by all, for his ongoing interest in the development and enjoyment of our sport by everyone. He also therefore was very well known to lots of the later, younger sailors in our area as well. He has always been a great mentor to the younger sailors of CQ and is still very active at KBSC. Gordon can still be seen around their clubhouse on a frequent and regular basis.

I was very honoured to be asked to speak at Gordon's "tribute" function and seized the opportunity to wish Gordon a happy 90th birthday, to pass on the regards of all PCSC sailors and to thank him for his very valuable and constant support over his many years of association with our sport and our club, in particular. It was a very happy occasion and I was very grateful for being able to take part in it and to pass on best wishes to Gordon on behalf of our club.

Best regards,
Tot Moran.



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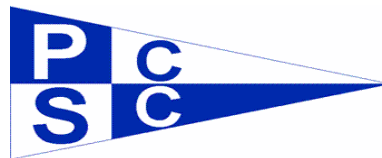
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We want to hear what you have to say.

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