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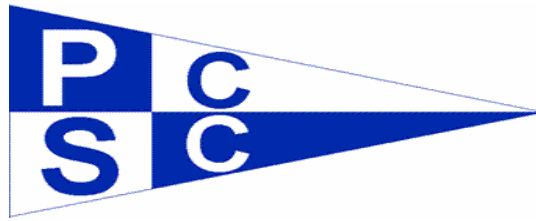


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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Port Curtis Sailing Club members for awarding me Sailor of the Year 2015. I consider this an honour and am deeply humbled by the award.

Thank you again  
KEN WATSON - Sailor of the Year



## **Notice of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of a forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held at

### **Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc**

1 Goondoon Street Gladstone, commencing at 1900

**Wednesday July 22, 2015**

#### **Order of business will be:**

1. Apologies / Attendees
2. Confirmation of minutes of last AGM
3. President report
4. Treasurer report
5. Financial report
6. Retire current committee
7. Call for chairperson from the floor
8. Election of management committee members
9. Setting of annual fees
10. Appointment of auditors
11. Meeting closure

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### **Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc**

1 Goondoon Street Gladstone, commencing immediately after the AGM

**Wednesday July 22, 2015**

#### **Order of business will be:**

1. Apologies / Attendees
2. Confirmation of minutes of the general meeting
3. Proposed change to the constitution
4. Appointment of subcommittees and its members
5. General discussion and questions from the floor
6. Meeting closure

# 2015 PRESENTATION NIGHT YEAR IN REVIEW

BY VICE COMMODORE SUE DOYLE

## Introductions

Life Members

Mr Jim Purcell OAM

Mr Commodore

Ladies & Gentlemen

Boys and Girls

Welcome everyone

As the season comes to a close I would like to congratulate the skippers and crew of the winning boats, and all the sailors who put up the challenge. Great sailing, hope you all enjoyed this season.

Over the past few years Members had voiced concern with the monohull and multihull yachts competing in the same division so looking at the numbers after sign on it seemed there were just enough of the two varieties to separate the fleets for the handicap races. So this evening awards will be presented to division 1 and 1a winners for some series. In practice though, there were days when we had a mixed fleet of 3 yachts.

Lots of fun was had in the dinghy fleet with something for everyone. We saw strong and healthy competition between the more experienced sailors, our sailor mentors with their skilful encouragement and young prodigy on board enjoying the thrills and spills of Pacer sailing. Tim had his first season as owner skipper, Will MacDougall having a go in a sabot, the BICs came out to play occasionally and Benjamin sailing his eye catching Moth.

We said hello to Impulse 'Allegretto', the club's latest dinghy acquisition. Our club dinghy fleet is now 6 Pacers, 3 BICs, an Impulse and a couple of Sabots in reasonable condition. We use them in our Start Sailing programs however remember these club boats are available to Members on normal sailing days too.

The sailing calendar has been full with traditional club racing including the Fairway/Tripod, Twilight and Sprint Series favourites. We also enjoyed interclub events with the Peter MacDonald CQ championship series with CCYC and the ASP Youth Regatta.

PCSC was well represented at away events with 10 of our local boats participating in yacht races or dinghy regattas around the country. It's a significant commitment to prepare the boat, gather a crew, time away from work, and the financial element. Your results are a credit to you as sportspeople and PCSC as well. Congratulations.

Sailing is not the only thing our members have been up to. We all know how good Marina's photography and witty commentary is as we follow her sailing blog each week. The club was proud to hear the State Library has selected Marina's work for inclusion in the Pandora Archive preserving the documentary heritage of Queensland. A significant achievement Marina, congratulations!

Tony Constance has been writing for Multihull World magazine with his article 'G4 Meet the Maker' after interviewing Peter Johnstone, CEO and founder of Gunboat International. Watch for the July edition.

And Ruth magazine published an article 'Messing About in Boats' after Marina's photo of Colleen and I sailing a Pacer caught the editors eye.

No presentation evening is complete without acknowledging our wonderful volunteers. To everyone who has volunteered their time this season, a very big thank you. To Brian and his team, thank you for supporting our sailing and coping with my 'just in time' episodes.

There wasn't a lot of social sailing this year so tonight, in the spirit of entertainment we have included a special PCSC Logie Awards segment. Colleen and I have come up with six Logie Categories. Nominees you caught our eye.

Enjoy your evening.

# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Wow, where has the year gone! June already and it feels like I am just getting over New Years. Maybe the reason for this is a result from the presentation night last weekend.

What a great night was had by all. Yet again the trophies shone and were plentiful, speeches were spoke, food and beverages were plentiful and delicious and the setting and atmosphere was fantastic. A huge thanks goes to all members and staff for organising, setting up and serving for the night. It just doesn't happen in the blink of an eye, as such I believe the plans are in place to make next year's evening bigger and better than this year! Congratulations also go to the Logie Award winners, all well-deserved and good to see there were no over exaggerations' in the nominees profiles!

So, what do we do for the off season, hmmm? Well there is more sailing to come both locally and across the state. Please review the sailing calendar to ensure you don't miss sailing during winter and to keep up those sharp sailing skills you have gained throughout the season.

We are continuing to work on the lease renewal. We now have a more defined course and committee members are taking on various tasks to ensure our course is held. If you are asked to assist please give any small assistance you can provide. Continue to watch this space.

May 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. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events and support them where possible. Glad to see Brian and Karen have had a decent break after Easter with a cruise with their family. They have come back totally refreshed and full of ideas, one you would have experienced if you had a cocktail on Saturday night. I also believe these new found cocktails might have assisted Brian and Karen doing the Titanic bow re-enactment in 5 metre swells on the cruise! J

Isn't sailing the greatest sport and this club the greatest club? The Annual General Meeting is approaching very quickly, the end of July! As normal, all positions are declared vacant so nominations are required for the positions to be filled.

I am putting out a challenge for this year's meeting. Let's see if we can have all positions nominated before the meeting so we don't have to take any nominations from the floor. What do you think, possible? I think it is as I'm sure we know someone suitable for a position and maybe that person is thinking about it also but not quite sure how to go about getting on board. Take the plunge, have the conversation and make it happen. There are plenty of experienced people within the club that will happily assist you in familiarizing you with the position. Please don't let me down!

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.

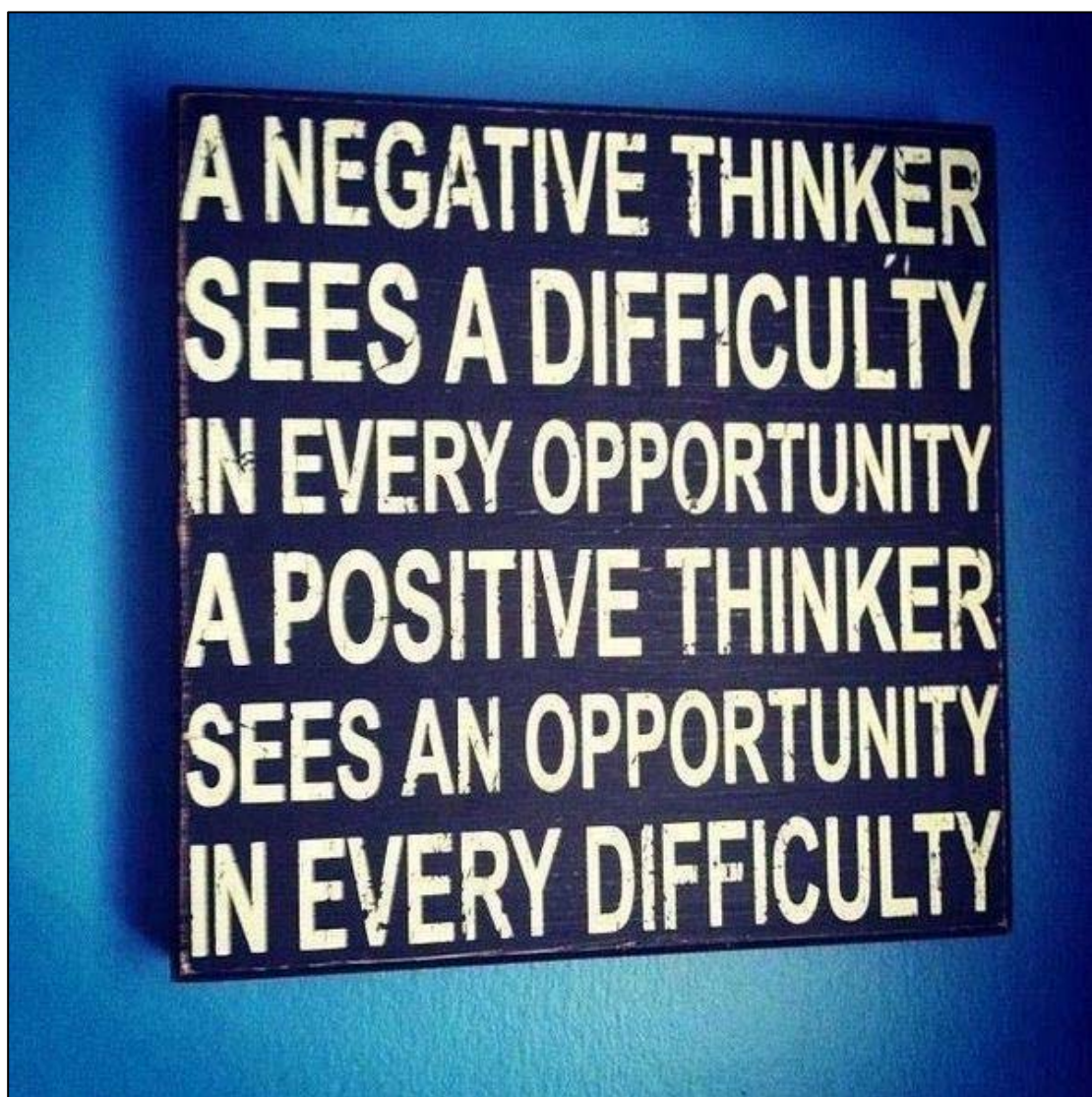


# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

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!

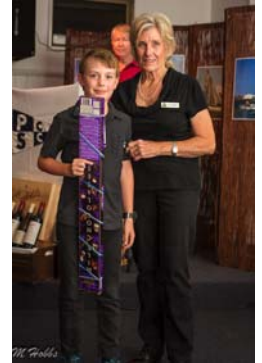
Yours in sailing,  
young Dinga





# 2015 PCSC PRESENTATION EVENING

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS









# 2015 MAY DAY REGATTA - YEPPOON

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

A beautiful morning in Yeppoon promised a glorious day for everything else but sailing.



But still, around 20 monohulls and 10 cats came to sail the 2-day May Day Regatta in Yeppoon. Dave Man in Tarfun, Peter and Chris Man in Spinout and me with Windspiel were flying the flag for PCSC.

The wind was forecast WSW 5-10 knts translated to light winds from the land. Unpredictable wind shifts and wind gusts came from anywhere. It took 20 minutes to get from the beach to the starting line. At least there was a steady breeze for the start. The course was a windward/ .return 2x with the starting line being an obstruction.

A good start and some lucky wind shifts in my favour, saw me rounding the windward mark in 4th place. A looong way to the rounding mark and still going well. But the next windward got me from wind hole to wind hole and wind shifts. It was very difficult sailing to say the least. I finished 7th and 8th in the first two races but the third race was in disappearing wind and lots of mistakes got me to the 10th place. Overall 8th place for me for day one. Dave Man won every race and Peter and Chris came 3rd overall for the first day.





# 2015 MY DAY REGATTA - YEPPPOON

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Day two was not much different but even lighter wind.

I pushed my boat backwards into the surf as the wind came from the west. The water was mainly flat but it must have been the sevens wave and swamped my boat and filled it half with water. Swell... Not enough wind to get the self bailers going. I spent the whole 20 minutes to the start line, sponging out my boat. It was very difficult racing again with big wind shifts and holes. By the time I got to the last windward mark, the wind changed 180 degrees within seconds, making the run to a windward leg again.

8th and 7th place gave me 8th place overall. Dave Man won every race again and Peter and Chris claimed 3rd overall. Congratulation you guys!

Lunchtime:

And the dash for cash was on for everyone who had not had enough drifting for the day. It looked like a bit more wind on the water. Start @ 1.30pm in front of the sailing club, a short windward run to a marker and than all the way to the Rosslyn bay boat harbour and back. Dave cleaned up with another win and Peter and Chris got some money too. Me, I got to enjoy a bit of a reaching and finished in front of someone who got in front of me before. All in all it was a difficult but well run regatta from the KBSC and I had fun.

WELL DONE GUYS!!!!



Thought is the Wind,  
Knowledge the Sail, and  
Mankind the Vessel

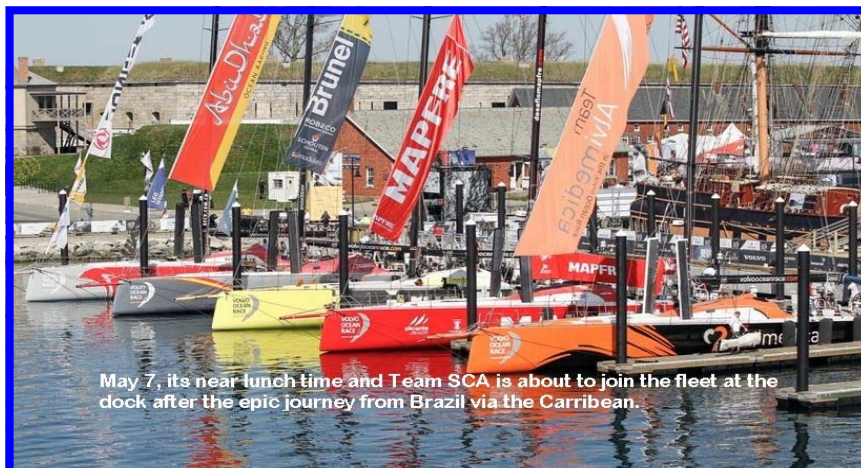


# VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2014/15

BY CARY SCOTTON

## Volvo Ocean Race Leg 6 Newport Rhode Island USA.

The finish was a nail biting affair between Dongfeng and Abu Dhabi and a little way behind Team Brunel. Some 15 nm from the finish line there was little to no wind. **Photo** Dongfeng finished in the early morning of May 7 at 02.03. Abu Dhabi crossed the line at 02.06 with Team Brunel clocking in at 02.56. Team Mapfre followed ahead of Team Alvamedica at 03.34 with Team Alvamedica arriving in time for breakfast at 07.24. The pink boat Team SCA with the more attractive crew were in just after lunch at 13.59.08.



## Leg 7 Newport to Lisbon [Portugal] 2800nm in 10 days



The fleet sailed on May 17th positioning themselves for a 3 day sail on the powerful warm Atlantic current. It was a "conveyor belt ride" with the entire fleet in sight of each other. By the end of the ride several tactical decisions had to be made. The southern end of the Greenland Ice Exclusion Zone came into the mix along with the effects of the almost permanent high pressure system above the Azores Archipelago which is in a direct line to Lisbon. The boats scattered with Team SCA first to decide to head south whilst others

headed north. Unfortunately Team SCA's decision wasn't helpful but they probably had the better experience. Leg 7 was the shortest so far and was won by Team Brunel.



1	Team Brunel	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 11h 09m 49s
2	MAPFRE	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 11h 31m 39s
3	Team Alvamedica	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 12h 50m 49s
4	Dongfeng Race Team	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 12h 51m 44s
5	Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 13h 24m 34s
6	Team SCA	FINISHED	Elapsed time: 09d 15h 32m 38s
7	Team Vestas Wind	DID NOT START - Follow rebuild progress here	



# VOLVO OCEAN RACE 2014/15

BY CARY SCOTTON

## Volvo Ocean Race Leg 8 Lisbon to Lorient - 647nm June 7

Leg 8 is the shortest leg of the entire race. From Portugal the fleet will head along the Spanish coast before crossing the Bay of Biscay to France. The bay offers a real challenge. It can be very windy if the North Atlantic sends down usual storms or it can be very light if a low pressure has crossed the bay. A short but exciting leg. Leg 8 also sees the return of Vestas Wind. Remember the Blue boat which grounded on reefs off Mauritius in the Southern Indian Ocean on November 29, 2014— she is back in the water and to date she has passed all pre race tests with flying colours. Skipper Aussie Chris Nicholson is very pleased and extremely excited to be back in the race especially as many observers didn't think it would happen.

Vestas Wind started the repair journey by being taken from the reef by cargo ship to Italy. In Italy she was put back together in sometimes 24 hour shifts to meet the deadline which was Leg 8. Vestas arrived in Lisbon by Truck from the Spanish port where it was delivered by cargo ship from the Persico Shipyard in Bergamo northern Italy. It spent several days in its cradle being outfitted with equipment and supplies. Its first sea trial was June 1st and 2nd. Its ready for June 7.



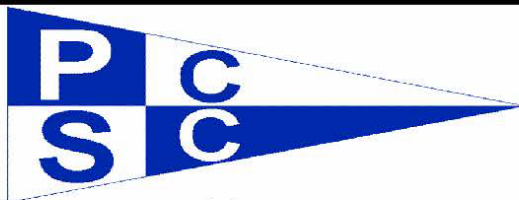
**Leg 9** is the final leg of the Volvo Ocean Race 2014—15. From Lorient the fleet will sail to Gothenburg on the western coast of Sweden. It will cover 1600nm. There will be a Pit Stop in The Hague. The fleet will need to be watchful for the heavy traffic in the English Channel and then in the North Sea there are Oil rigs and wind farms and of course the variable weather patterns. Throw into the mix some very tired sailors after 8 months of racing.

Currently on lead points of 16 is the Team Abu Dhabi boat "Assam". Had a gruelling race seven coming in 5th place. To maintain her lead she has to do a lot better.

## 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 13-6-15	1130 1330		Appreciation BBQ for B2G volunteers Dudley's Bar						
	Saturday 27-6-15	0800 1700		ASP All Boats Regatta	Sue & Colleen					
	Sunday 28-6-15	0800 1700		ASP All Boats Regatta & Val Sisley heats	Sue & Colleen					
				<b>Aquatic Permit to here</b>						
	Saturday 11-7-15	1100 1700		Early Members Function	Barry Austin					
	Sunday 19-7-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sunday 26-7-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sunday 2-8-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sunday 9-8-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 4	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sunday 16-8-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 5	Colleen Sawatzki					
				<b>Botanic to Bridge Fun Run LAST YEAR on this Sunday 17-8-14</b>						
	Sunday 23-8-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 6	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Saturday 29-8-15	1500		<b>SIGN ON DAY</b>						
	Sunday 30-8-15	0800 1200		Junior Start Sailing Session 7	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Saturday 5-9-15	1400		<b>Patron's Open Day</b>						
				<b>Proposed Start 2015/2016 season</b>						
	Tues-Sun 22-9-15 to 27-9-15			Youth Development Camp 22-24/9 Qld Youth Titles 25-27th September KBSC Requested use of Rescue Dinghy						
			<b>End Season</b>							





# Port Curtis Sailing Club

Is proud to host the

2015  
ASP



*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**

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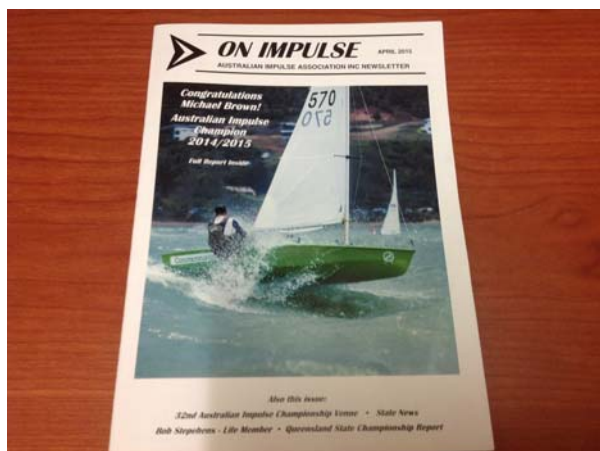
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# AUSTRALIAN IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2014/15

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Just received our "on Impulse" newsletter in the mail.



Big part of it were all the reports from our National Impulse Championship held in Yeppoon from the 28th Dec 14 to 3rd Jan 15. As I contributed a small report to the Impulse newsletter, I was bit ashamed, that I didn't write a report for our Straphanger too.

6 impulse sailors from PCSC were competing and I hoped, somebody else would make the effort to write something. The Straphanger showed some of Marina's photos, which were telling from the action, the effort, the strain, the hard fought competitions and the tough conditions on the water of Yeppoon. But it did not tell how hard it was for Marina to produce such excellent action and story telling pictures. The tough conditions were not only for the sailors, but also for the support boats in strong winds and 1.5m to 2m waves. Taking photographs under these condition needs an extra applause.

Marina produced a blog for every day of the competition and was without a doubt the talk of the sailors. Who cares about the results from the day when you get spoiled with the day's action shots. As soon as someone said the blog is out, everyone took to their devices to check it out.

Pictures were analysed and zoomed in. Studied in detail to the point that John Price found the evidence, that he must have been completely airborne, in the position of his bow ring.



So when I received ON IMPULSE, and even though 6 sailors submitted short reports from the regatta, The newsletter was packed with Marina's Photos telling the story of a demanding, action packed, exiting, exhilarating, competitive and fun regatta.

So thank you very much again Marina Hobbs, for such an excellent picture report of the Australian Impulse Championship 2014 / 2015



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BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

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## 31st Australian Impulse Championships Report

The Australian Impulse Championship was held at Keppel Bay Sailing Club in Yeppoon, Queensland. Between the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, 33 boats competed in challenging conditions for the title of 31st National Champion.



The view across Keppel Bay from the sailing club, with the boat end starters waiting for the 1min gun. Photo: M. Hobbs

After arriving at Keppel Bay by aeroplane, thus avoiding the two day drive that scared off most of the southern (Victorian) fleet, your Editor was greeted by sticky conditions but a most promising breeze. Keppel Bay Sailing Club was shaping up as the perfect venue for the 31st Australian Championship, and a number of new faces in the rigging area promised to stir up the results. Rumours of a local hot shot were quickly shown to be true when Steve Gunther won the Invitation Race ahead of Dave Harrison and Michael Brown in moderate conditions.

The following report is a compilation of stories from the perspective of some of the fleet, both newcomers to the class and old hands. These words are accompanied by the fantastic pictures provided by intrepid photographer Marina Hobbs, who braved often green conditions to capture the colour and spirit of the event.

Roger Kennett begins with his view of the first race:

After an interesting day for the invitation race, the forecast was showing light winds for the first day of racing in the main event. AS we arrived at the club the winds were already at 10 knots and looking to build. With most of the fleet buoyed with the 10 knots for racing. We all set off from the beach.

Reports from the start boat indicate that we all keen to get off the line,



Roger Kennett eases the sheet on the first reach. Photo: M. Hobbs

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with a number of boats very close to the line, but none being over. Working a couple of the shifts I ended up being the first to the first mark. Followed closely by Mick Brown in *Cosmosaurus*, Steve Gunther in *Steve's Toy* and Dave Harrison in *Alabama*.

Working hard, Mick, Dave H and Steve managed to pass me by the end of the first lap, but a good up work meant I was able to stay in touch with the leading three. The next downwind saw Paul Farrel in *Mr Plow* and David Mann in *Tarfun* also go past. As we rounded the leeward mark I was still in touch with Paul and David, and with a gap to the chasing bunch I worked hard to pull back those two places.

Final placing in the front saw Mike Brown take the win, with Steve Gunther second and David Harrison third. I was able to climb back into fourth place. Paul Farrell close behind and David Mann in sixth. The break to the rest of the fleet found a couple of 10 boats very close together. Reports on the beach indicated that this was a closely fought battle, with Brett Buckley in *Bedrock Fundamentals* leading that group home.

Roger Kennett Double Trouble - 637

The close racing of Heat 1 was a feature of the regatta, as were the blustery and lumpy conditions, Maria Mohrholtz shares her experience of the event:



Maria Mohrholtz enjoying a lighter day. Photo: M. Hobbs

After the big haul to SA last year, this one, 200km down the road, was just around the corner for me. As I had sailed in Yeppoon before, I knew the water and the races would be tough going when the swell picks up. The Invitation Race was in lighter wind and a confidence builder for many in the fleet, and the forecast was for light wind until the new year, but nobody told the wind. For the first day the wind was from the NE at 10-15 knots, this turned out to be perfect sailing conditions for the first two races, but the waves were

sometimes tricky to negotiate. 28th place in both races was a good result for me. As with the following race days, the wind became stronger through the afternoon, and conditions became more and more challenging for me. Still, I very much enjoyed the regatta and Keppel Bay Sailing Club rolled out the red carpet for the Impulses and everybody had a great time on and off the water.

Maria Mohrholtz Windspiel - 514

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With gusty conditions in decent swells on the first day of racing, Paul Farrell shares his experience of day 2:

The second day started with similar conditions to the first. The wind was once again onshore blowing hot and humid at about 15 knots. Looking good for those of us that like being fully powered up all the way around the course! By the time 14:00 rolled around the breeze had abated to a more fleet friendly 10 knots. While the breeze had abated the waves had not, they were still up around two meters, which proved very challenging for most of us. Queensland David Mann in *Tarfun* (618) showed us how it's done with a well-deserved win, followed by Brownie in 570 then lightweight Olly Riorden in third place, his best result for the series. Worth noting is that up to this point we had different heat winners for each race, a trend that unfortunately only continued until Race 4, but still a good sign of a healthy fleet!

Paul Farrell (ex) *Mr Plow* - 453



Paul Farrell going to windward. Photo: M. Hobbs

Class stalwart David Harrison was racing prominently at the front of the fleet, this year in *Alabama*, with his usual boat *Cosmosaurus* loaned out to eventual champion Mick Brown. Dave takes up the story on Day 3:



Dave Harrison gets on a wave downwind. Photo: M. Hobbs

The 6<sup>th</sup> heat of the 31<sup>st</sup> Australian Impulse Championships were sailed in typically fresh east to north easterly breezes which prevailed throughout most of the regatta.

During the first work the usual suspects were at the front end of the fleet, including Mick Brown in *Cosmosaurus*, Steve Gunther in *Steve's Toy* and Roger Kennett in *Double Trouble* who went left off the line and headed around the top mark in 1<sup>st</sup> position. Conditions downwind were exhilarating on the well angled trapezoid courses, and many places could be lost or gained depending on ones abilities at catching and surfing the swell.

As the race progressed the breeze freshened to about 20 knots and swung further to the north, which resulted in a drag race up the last work

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with only two tacks really needed to cross the finish line. Racing was extremely close at the pointy end of the fleet, with less than 50 seconds separating the first five finishers.

Mick Brown held out a fast finishing Roger Kennett to take the gun, whilst Steve Gunther finished in third position. I finished fourth, closely followed by defending Australian Champion Paul Farrell in *Mr Plow*.

Special mention must also go to Keith Briers in *Sapphire* and Steve Dunn in the immaculately presented *Kryptonite* who finished in 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> places respectively, their best results for the regatta.

Congratulations to the Keppel Bay Sailing Club who hosted a superb regatta both on and off the water. Further congratulations to Mick Brown for winning a record fifth Australian Impulse Championship.

Dave Harrison *Alabama* - 619

David Mann is a new addition to the Impulse class, and is a Capricorn Coast local, based in Gladstone. He recounts some action from day 4:



Dave Mann approaching the finish line. Photo: M. Hobbs

Well, my first impulse regatta is complete and I am glad I was able to get into the class for the Nationals. There is a real comradeship between everyone involved in the Impulse class, with everyone willing to share ideas/thoughts/tips. This friendly competition is this reason I have decided to keep the boat and look forward to future regattas.

As usual the Keppel Bay Sailing Club put on a great event and the weather gods were also kind with all the scheduled races taking place. We were even able to get a lighter day of racing in on day 2 which was

quite strange for the New Year period in Keppel Bay.

So onto a bit about the racing. The day started out a little overcast with breeze starting out around the 15knot range on the beach. The overcast conditions and a decent swell made setting up the boat difficult as conditions looked worse than they actually were.

The start boat was slightly favoured on this start, which led to a few rows at that end, and an outgoing tide resulted in the first individual recall of the series. A few were also brave



Mick Brown takes the gun in Race 6. Photo: M. Hobbs



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BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

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*Clockwise from top:*  
Pre-start, less than 1min to go;  
Mike Robinson heading upwind;  
Steve Gunther shows us how to hike -Laser style;  
Bob Stephens enjoying being on the water;  
Gybing was a dicey business in the swell, ok if you  
can save it like Peter Watson does here;  
Carl Brown enjoys a rest between races;  
Wayne Lavery on his way to 13th overall in his  
first Nationals;  
Roger Kennett prepares to leave the beach;  
And they're off, racing gets underway in Heat 1.  
Photos: M. Hobbs

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*Clockwise from top left:*  
Phil Cook's boat The King 43 disappears in the swell;  
David Mann worked hard on the last day, securing 4th  
overall;  
Blake Newton won the Junior title in Chalky;  
Megan Price enjoying the lighter conditions on day 2;  
The pin end of the line getting busy at 10 seconds to go;  
Taking a breather between races, Peter Fell in Aqualung  
with Tim Williams cruising in the background;  
Not bad for a timber boat! Perin Hardie enjoying the  
windy conditions;  
Ray Hobbs crossing the line in pleasant conditions.  
Photos: M. Hobbs

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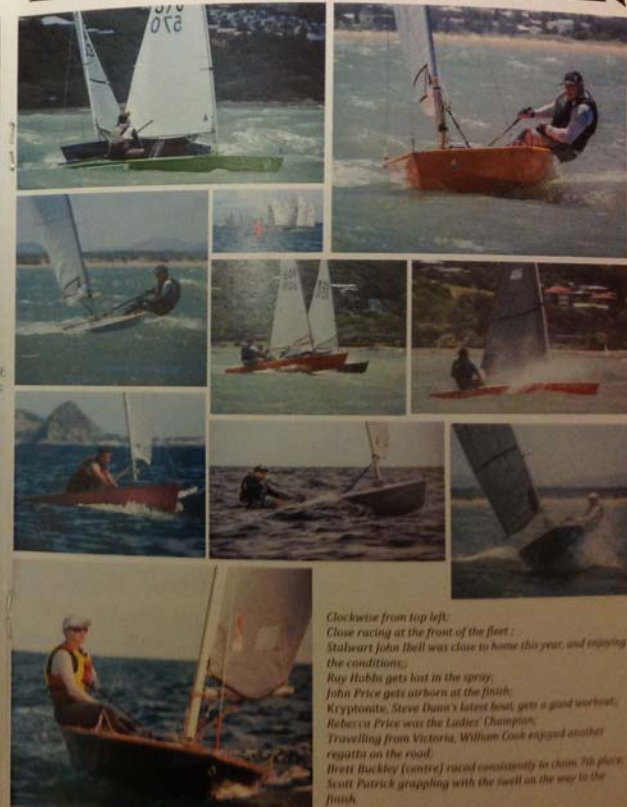
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*Clockwise from above:*  
Phil Wise travelled from Adelaide to compete;  
Newcomer and KBSC member William Villett reaching;  
Steve Gunther takes the win in the last race;  
John Price gets airborne at the finish;  
Crashing through, Maria Morholz holds on in the heavy stuff;  
Roger Kennett laying the windward mark in nice breeze;  
Placing third overall, Dave Harrison was hiking hard as usual;  
The runs were tricky, here Tim Williams surfs a smaller wave;  
Leaving the beach usually required a helping hand!  
Photos: M. Hobbs

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*Clockwise from top left:*  
Close racing at the front of the fleet;  
Stalwart John Bell was close to home this year, and enjoying  
the conditions;  
Ray Hobbs gets lost in the spray;  
John Price gets airborne at the finish;  
Kryptonite, Steve Dunn's latest boat, gets a good workout;  
Rebecca Price was the Ladies' Champion;  
Travelling from Victoria, William Cook enjoyed another  
regatta on the road;  
Brett Buckley (centre) raced consistently to claim 7th place;  
Scott Patrick grappling with the swell on the way to the  
finish.  
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# AUSTRALIAN IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2014/15

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Clockwise from above:  
Luke Randell crossing the finish line at the start of the series.  
Concentration is key to staying at the pointy end, as Paul Farrell demonstrates.  
Ollie Riorden finished in 8th place, showing a flat boat is a fast boat.  
Brownie crosses the line to take the title by a point.  
Mick Brown with the trophy and President.  
Having brought the series north, Keith Briers enjoyed the windy conditions.  
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1st Open: Michael Brown (NSW)  
2nd Open & Invitation Race: Steve Gunther (Qld)  
3rd Open: David Harrison (Qld)  
1st Senior: David Mann (Qld)  
1st Master: Roger Kennett (Vic)  
1st Grand Master: Peter Watson (NSW)  
1st Great Grand Master: Phil Wise (SA)  
1st Lady: Rebecca Price (Qld)  
1st Junior: Blake Newton (Qld)  
Handicap: Wayne Laverty (Qld)



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enough to try and barge, but from the yelling I could hear a couple of boat lengths down the line not sure how successful it was for those boats to get away cleanly.

With the trapezoid courses set for the regatta it was key to get away cleanly each start and get to the first mark in a good position. Passing opportunities were limited for the rest of the race with long reaches and short square runs. Luckily I was able to get to the top mark in this race amongst the first group and was lucky enough to put a 4th in the bank before the breeze started to come in for the second race.

David Mann Tarfun 618

Finally, Peter Watson, a member of the growing fleet at Teralba in NSW, shares his recollections of his first Impulse titles:

The forecast was Hot 'n' Sweaty to be sure; the wind- well, no one had a clue!



Peter Watson shoots the line pre-start. Photo: M. Hobbs

Breeze was generally fresh and the beach launch and landing were a challenge and a few each day were a little unfortunate - but no serious damage.

Getting out on the first day and clobbered by a swamping of water was a bit of a pleasant shock- the water was hot!

Dropping off wave after wave reaching was an experience to remember. Keppel Bay certainly presents itself favourably for a great place to sail Impulses. The square runs were

the biggest challenge, one occasion rocking almost uncontrollably coming to the bottom mark on Port and a boat in the same trouble on starboard, a few boats close on our tails; then in a moment the "Whim" was in the drink clearing the way for a smooth rounding. The waves appeared metres tall but probably peaked at around 1.5m. The troughs were long enough to negotiate downhill and meant for a lot of hard work uphill.

The competition was great throughout the fleet leaving no margin for error, mistakes were places. On shore the comradery made for a great regatta and vacation. A big thank you to our Queensland colleagues for taking the regatta this far north and to all at KBSC for a well run event.

Peter Watson Hakuna Matata - 625



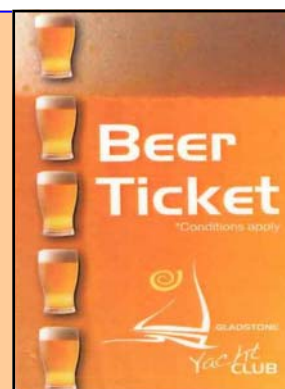
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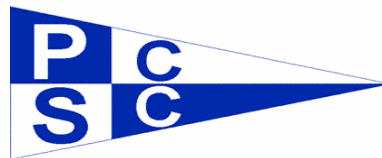
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