

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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September 2015



# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Welcome back to the 2015/16 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. The overall club atmosphere seems bigger and busier this year which gives us all a buzz and makes us keen to compete or assist wherever possible.

The start of the season began with our AGM which saw 98% of the positions filled and yet again a strong field of executive committee members of Colleen Sawatzki, Greg Mallet, Lex Moran, Ian Williams, Rob Auty and myself. Huge thanks for all exec and other committees members for volunteering your precious time towards a fantastic club. A shout out to Karen 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.

Other thanks goes to Sue Doyle who has stood down from VC this year after huge involvement over the past 3 years however is still going to be heavily involved with the Discover Sailing and sailing activities. Mr Fairfax, aka Cary Scotton and Sarah in reception have produced a quality Straphanger throughout the year and will continue to do so for another year. Remember if you have anything, articles, items for sale, announcements etc. for the Straphanger please let Cary or Sarah know!

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. I have been advised there are approximately 60 adults on the waiting list wishing to learn to sail! If anyone can help Colleen and Sue 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.

Patrons Day kicks the season off on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with a sail at 1400 and fun and frivolity at 1530 at the clubhouse. My apologies already as I will be in Maryborough for hockey however I'm sure you will enjoy yourselves just as much without me!

There is also a "talk like a pirate" day which coincides with our first club championship so come prepared to sprout a few "aaaaghs, me arties, ii capn", fly the Jolly Roger and continue on at the club in true pirate tradition!

We are continuing to work on the lease renewal and have this high on our priority to complete. For a brief update, we have a 10 year lease and are negotiating a 25+15 year lease with the GPC. We are investigating the best possible outcome for the club before we put pen to paper, which as we know can take a while.

July trading saw the club exceed budget with good trading recorded yet again. This trend is continuing in a climate that is uncertain and ever changing so the budgeting forecast preparation and management is working. The monthly themed Friday entertainment is going gangbusters with tables being booked out well before the night. If you are thinking of attending please book in advance! Brian is still dabbling in the kitchen and tweaking the menu slightly. You will just have to come down and try the menu out to see what changes he has made and will be making in the future. 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

We are starting a fortnightly Friday afternoon sail, called FANS, Friday Afternoon No Spinnakers. It will commence on the 12<sup>th</sup> September with a "meeting" of vessels at 5 o'clock between Patsy Lee place and A8 with a sail to designated marks in the harbour. We have requested this activity for approval on our aquatic permit. These dates should see the trailer sailors to be able to launch on the tide Friday afternoon. The idea is for a casual sail with anyone wanting to come for a sail if we have enough boats. Time would be for about 1.5 hours which should see us back around sunset. Please put the word out and I will see you out there! I have added a little reminder below to remind the experienced in our midst of how our sport can be a little confusing to novices! 😊

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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!
- ⇒ I see there are some social sailing events in the calendar. Please support them if you can as this sport isn't all about coming first!
- ⇒ I have been approached from MIPEC as they are looking at beefing up their chandlery section to cater for our club. If you have any items you wish them to carry please contact Carl Watt to arrange for them to carry them. They also mentioned to approach them in regards to slipping of yachts to see what they can do for members. No promises however they have approached us.
- ⇒ It was noted in our exec meeting, and I agree wholeheartedly, that as members' we seem a bit stand offish in regards to new members' or interested people looking to go sailing. This is OUR club and although I press the flesh when I can, I'm not there all the time. Please take the time to say hello and make them feel welcome into the club as that is what we are, a family oriented friendly club. Without newcomers the club doesn't grow!

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.



Quickly man! Release the starboard cunningham mouthhaul jib pole warpuphulk wutthalyard!!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**WE  
NEED YOU  
TO  
JOIN OUR  
CREW**

**Our Dinghy fleet depends on Herc & Red Rib being crewed and on the water to keep us safe.**



**Our Saturday afternoon sailing on Gladstone harbour is Awesome. You get a whole new perspective of our vibrant harbour — free! The 2015\16 season is about to commence. Please contact the Sailing club. We look forward to taking your call. *We need more hands on deck.***

Multi hull sailor Ray Hobbs loves his dinghy sailing. He leaves the Mother Ship “No Problem” at home when not contesting with the big boats. With no support vessels on the water sailors like Ray cannot sail their dinghies. *Thanks to Marina Hobbs Photography.*

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# JUNIOR START SAILING

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

With perfect Start Sailing weather, our eight learners had their first harbour sail on their fifth session on the water ( 23 August ) and what a lovely morning it was! With 8 to 10 knots of breeze every one successfully sailed their way around a windward/ reaching course. We are all hoping that the weather will be as kind next week for our last session.

As always we have focused on the competencies developed by Yachting Australia for Start Sailing 1, where the fundamental skills of sailing are learnt.

On the water after rigging and launching, various skills and exercises have been practised and enjoyed, such as paddling, towing, capsizing recovery (in shallow water), tacking, and returning to shore. "Going fast " in little gusts during our fourth session was a highlight for all. It certainly caused lots of squeals and laughter...but no capsize.

It has been great to have parents and grandparents supporting their children where possible, and we do thank them for their help.

Our Start Sailing Programs could not run though without the generous help and time given by our members to get the support boats ready, and help with the activities on the water. (Barry Austin, Tim Williams, Peter Mann, Maria Mohrholz, Lynne Campbell, Tiernan Williams, Murray Ware, Anna Williams - Assistant Instructor, Sue Doyle - Centre Principal, and me)

Two of our young sailors, Chris Mann and Will Mc Dougal , who have already done the course, helped on and off the water, while also enjoying the chance to get some more sailing practice with us .They are great role models for the new sailors.

Our last day will finish with refreshments provided by the Club. Brian, Karen and the hospitality staff always look after us so well.

Sue and I thank you all.

We hope that the new sailors will continue with their sailing – the Club looks forward to seeing you all again. Congratulations on your efforts so far – we are proud of your achievements!

Colleen (Instructor)



**Arrrrh.....  
Happy Talk like a  
Pirate Day  
Saturday September 19**

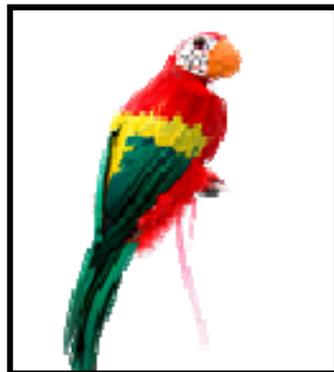


*Sailing Event:  
Club Championship  
Heat 1  
1400 Start*

**Ahoy me Hearties.....Arrrrh,**

**All Vessels, Pirates & Crew are offered a  
“Letter of Marque” on Saturday September 19 to do all things  
Pirate like.**

**[Lets face it—its a legit day to dress up]**



**Tony C. No you  
cannot bring Peppy  
Avast !**



## **Letter of Marque**

A document given to a sailor (privateer) giving him amnesty from piracy laws as long as the ship's plunders are of an enemy nation.

# **SOME PIRATE VOCABULARY**

## **ahoy**

An interjection used to hail a ship or a person, or to attract attention.

## **Arrrrh!**

An exclamation.

## **Avast!**

A command meaning stop or desist.

## **aye**

Yes; an affirmation.

## **blow the man down**

To kill someone.

## **crack Jenny's tea cup**

To spend the night in a house of ill repute.

## **dance the hempen jig**

To hang.

## **Davy Jones' Locker**

A fictional place at the bottom of the ocean. In short, a term meaning death. Davy Jones was said to sink every ship he took over. Thus, the watery grave that awaited all who were sunk by him was given his name. To die at sea is to go to Davy Jones' Locker.

## **dead men tell no tales**

Standard pirate excuse for leaving no survivors.

## **ho**

Used to express surprise or joy, to attract attention to something sighted, or to urge onward.  
To cheat.

## **loaded to the gunwalls**

To be drunk.

## **no prey, no pay**

A common pirate law meaning a crew received no wages but, rather, shared whatever loot was taken.

## **pillage**

To rob of goods by force, especially in time of war; plunder.

## **plead the belly**

To claim one is pregnant, specifically to avoid execution. By law, the exception only lasted until a woman gave birth.

## **show a leg!**

A phrase used to wake up a sleeping pirate.

## **splice the main brace**

To have a drink or perhaps several drinks.

# PAST MEMBERS DAY 2015

## BY CLUB PATRON BARRY AUSTIN

Many thanks go to the Port Curtis Sailing Club's great hospitality staff from our club patron Barry Austin.

On the 11th July , 48 past and present members attended the Past Members Function at the club which Barry has coordinated for a number of years.

Past members enjoyed meeting up again and looking through Barry's wonderful collection of memorabilia while enjoying the welcoming ambiance of the club.



# September

## Upcoming

# Events

5th September

Patrons Open Day

12th September

Head of the Harbour Heat 1

19th September

Championship Heat 1

International Talk Like A Pirate Day

29th September

Sprint Series Heats 1 & 2 for Yachts

Heats 1 - 4 for Dinghies

22nd September ~ 27th September

Youth Development Camp and QLD Youth  
Titles Keppel Bay

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!



**Peter Leask**  
**Blaney Redgrave**



# ALL BOAT REGATTA

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



## ALLBOATS REGATTA 8/2015

Hosted By Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club at BOREEN POINT  
Report from Maria Mohrhol

All packed up and ready to roll, The allboats regatta @ lake Cootharaba is the early season one. Still in the wintertime it's mostly light winds and cold.

I have been to this regatta 3 times before and it was always a small 25-30 boats affair, just as I like it. As I got there at 8am Saturday morning to my surprise, the beach and the parking spots were packed. Over 40 Cats, all shape and sizes decided to show up for this event. Together with 23 monohulls, including 7 impulses, it started to shape up to a big regatta.



It was sailing weather perfect. Sunshine and an 8-10 knt steady breeze when we started at 12.30pm for the first and second race. The cats had a longer windward leg but shared the other turning marks with the rest of the fleet. That made the turning marks very congested at times with lots of screaming and yelling of starboard and buoy room. The cats are so fast, sneak up on you and take your wind. Also the trailer sailors demanded respect on the turning marks. The wind was steady but cold and everybody shivered in the pause between the races.

But all in all I enjoyed the races and ended with a 17 and 12 place of 22 boats for the day. All the impulse sailors camped together which made it a very nice social event as well



Sunshine and wind promised a good day sailing for Sunday too with 3 races to go but clouds started to appear which upsets the wind as well. Still a good breeze for the first race. The second race got us into a dying changing breeze and they shorted course. As usual, as soon we finished the race and went back to shore for lunch, the wind came back.

I have no idea why the last race got cancelled. Yes it was blowing, but I have seen the lake more angry than that day But everyone was happy to pack up early and there were no complaints. I got 13 place overall and not complaining either.



# AIRLIE BEACH REGATTA

BY RAY HOBBS - NO PROBLEM

## AIRLIE BEACH REGATTA

For the retired gentlemen Ray, Ken, Jim & Garth headed off north.

4 days of perfect weather.

Anchor at sundown and drinks & nibbles a bit second standard without the wife.

Hunting & fishing. A tuna (but no one to cook) oysters and crab.

Week of Racing

Ray, Garth, Gordon and Sara pick up Mark

Few days light

Few days heavy

Nothing flash but lots of fun.

One more centre board to repair.

Then the trip home. Couple days 15-20k SE

Nothing more to say

All good fun!

I'll put out an email for crew again next year.

Try for Hervey Bay cruise in September if anyone wants to come see whale watching, sandy straight and Rainbow Beach.

Back to dinghies



## Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2015-16

Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	
						<b>Roster Duty Boat</b> 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
				<b>Start 2015/2016 season</b>						
	Saturday 5-9-15	1448 3.52 2113 1.46	1400	<b>Patron's Open Day</b>	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Saturday 12-9-15	1446 0.69 2054 4.03	1400	Head of Harbour heat 1	Tim Williams	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 13-9-15		0800 1200	SRD						
				<b>September School Holidays - Sat 19th September to Monday 5th October 2015</b>						
	Saturday 19-9-15	1226 3.27 1835 1.54	1400	Championship Heat 1 International Speak Like A Pirate Day	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 20-9-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 26-9-15	1343 0.45 1957 4.35		Sprint Series 1 - heats 1 & 2 dinghies 1 to 4	Peter Mann	Barry Austin				
				<b>Aquatic Permit to here</b>						
	Tues-Sun 22-9-15 to 27-9-15			Youth Development Camp 22-24/9 Qld Youth Titles 25-27th September <b>KBSC Requested use of RescueDinghy</b>						
	Saturday 3-10-15	1313 3.72 1930 1.28	1400	Sprint Series 1 - heats 3 & 4 dinghies 5 to 8	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 4-10-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	3rd 4th 5th October			Impulse State Titles (long Weekend)						
				<b>September School Holidays - END 5-10-15</b>						
	Saturday 10-10-15	1349 0.82 1954 3.89	1400	Head of Harbour - heat 2	Tim Williams	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 11-10-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 17-10-15	1120 3.62 1737 1.22	1400	Championship Heat 2	Peter Mann	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 18-10-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 24-10-15	1230 0.78 1844 4.08	1400	Head of Harbour heat 3	Martin Cooper	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 25-10-15	0714 4.01 1325 0.55	0930	YA Discover Sailing Day	Sue Doyle					
	Saturday 1-11-15	1247 3.80 1908 1.22	1400	Head of Harbour heat 4	Sue Doyle	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 2-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						

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	Sunday 2-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 7-11-15	1241 1.13 1843 3.65	1400	Championship Heat 3	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 8-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 14-11-15	1026 3.96 1649 0.97	1400	Handicap Series - heat 1	Peter Mann	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 15-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 21-11-15	1103 1.18 1717 3.80	1000	Austin Family Fairway & Watson Tripod <i>(yachts)</i>	Barry Austin	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 22-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 28-11-15	1044 4.36 1707 0.74	1400	Handicap Series - heat 2	Dannon Ware	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 29-11-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Saturday 5-12-15	1112 1.57 1706 3.36	1400	Championship Heat 4	Dannon Ware	Barry Austin				
	Sunday 6-12-15		0800 1200	SRD						
	Sunday 6-12-15			125 Battle of Waterloo						
	Sunday 6-12-15			Mono Masters at Lake Catharaba						
				<b>December School Holidays - Sat 12th December to</b>						
	Saturday 12-12-15	0936 4.20 1600 0.84	1130 - 1430	<b>Christmas Party</b>						
	28th December			Impulse Nationals Pairsville Victoria						
				<b>School Resumes Monday 25-1-16</b>						
	Saturday 9-1-16		1600	Twilight Series						
	Saturday 16-1-16		1600	Twilight Series						
	Saturday 30-1-16	1254 3.45 1901 1.46	1400	Handicap Series - heat 3		Barry Austin				
	Saturday 6-2-16	1405 0.97 2003 3.64	1400	Championship Heat 5		Barry Austin				
	Saturday 13-2-16	1240 3.93 1901 0.98	1400	Handicap Series - heat 4		Barry Austin				
	Saturday 20-2-16	1414 0.88 2022 3.74	1400	Head of Harbour 2 - heat 1		Barry Austin				
	Saturday 27-2-16	1136 3.67 1737 1.22	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 2 Donald Davey Memorial Sail		Barry Austin				

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- *Application Form*
- *Signed agreement to code of conduct for officials*
- *Attendance at YA Race Officer seminar*
- *Be a current (silver card) member of their Club*
- *Have the following qualifications:*

- be proficient in English;*
- understand the requirement to follow race officer procedures*



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Attending the seminar is only the first step to the Race Officer qualification. [Accreditation Policy](#)

Date: Saturday 19th & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Time: 9:00 - 17:00 Sat & 9:00 - 14:00 Sun  
Cost: \$22 per person  
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**Mon - Thurs**  
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**Fri - Sun**  
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**5.30pm - 9pm**



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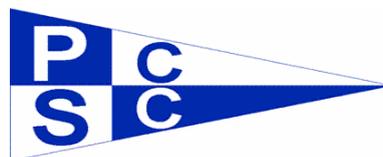
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