

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

Est. 1941

October 2015



## 2015 Sailing Championships & International Talk Like A Pirate Day

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**Free** NATIONAL  
**Discover Sailing Day**  
SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2015



# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Ahoy there me 'arties,

The season has kicked off with a bang, literally! The weather has been a tad blowy for the first couple of weekends however it hasn't dampened the enthusiasm around the club with sailors showing up in reasonable numbers. Congratulations to Christopher Mann in tackling the conditions in the sabot on his own. Things didn't go quite to plan however he has returned to fight another day. His younger sister Alexis also pushed Dad to go for a sail in the heavy stuff as she wanted to put her many hours of trapeze practice off the front verandah into play. Things went well for a while and the conditions won on the day. I'm sure it hasn't dampened her enthusiasm for helping Dad get around the course in the future.

The club trialled their first FANS day; Friday Afternoon No Spinnakers or Friday After Noon Sailing; with the weather following the FANS acronym and blowing the day off the map! The second afternoon was a greater success with the weather being absolutely gorgeous for an afternoon sail. We had two yachts participate and left the pontoon around 1645 and returned around 1800. We envisage having these every second Friday, next one is the 9<sup>th</sup> October. General plan is for a "meeting" of yachts at 1700 hrs between Patsy Lee Place and A8. A course to follow if you wish, will be set around 1630 downstairs at Dudley's Bar. Maybe a few yachts in the Marina might be interested in getting some wind in their sails?

Talk like a pirates day was more a success off the water than on it unfortunately. The wind blew a gale and limited numbers took to the water. Congrats to all who dressed up for the event, especially the Solitaire crew who got wet on the inside and not the outside! Many thanks also to Brian, Karen and the staff for the atmosphere they provided for us in the bar after racing. It was greatly appreciated and we look forward to topping it when another themed day arrives!

Keep an eye out for Marina's blogs for our sailing. The photos are brilliant, clear and colourful. Marina is keen to send the photos to the Observer weekly so we URGENTLY need someone to write an article for the Observer to match the photos. Anyone interested in putting something together for us weekly? Remember also, if you have anything, articles, items for sale, announcements etc. for the Straphanger please let Cary or Sarah know!

Good luck to the clubs' Impulse sailors heading south to Hervey Bay this weekend for the State Championships. Last count was 20 boats for the event which is excellent as we get 40 boats for the National titles. Well done to an ex club member in Keith Briers who has organised and pushed the event to get a great number of responses.

We are continuing to work on the lease renewal and have a firmer plan in place to ensure we try for the best outcome for the club for many generations to come. We have met with another Sailing Club that has had a near mirror image scenario as ours to see what we can use from their experience.

August trading saw the club exceed budget again in a world of unknown change. Well done Brian and the team for your hard work and continuous monitoring of all facets of the club. The monthly themed Friday entertainment is still 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 you may have noticed some lobster appearing on the menu. I have heard some great comments from the new dish so come on down and try it!.

# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

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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. The volunteer list is at minimum 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! 😊

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!

See you on the water,  
Young Dinga.





# PATRONS OPEN DAY

## BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

Our opening of the season is always started with a fun sailing day sponsored but our Club Patron, Life Member Barry Austin.

Somehow the weather seems to always be really lovely for this first sail of the season. In fact, six yachts (the most in a long while) and eight dinghies sailed, enjoying the pleasant conditions. Life members John Adamson joined the crew on MV Jack Mortensen and had a great view of all the sailing action, particularly Ragtop and Tuan putting on a good show for a close finish. The hard work and motivation of Lynne and her crew saw Ragtop beat Tuan across the finish line.

After the time on the water members enjoyed the excellent hospitality of the club provided by Brian, Karen and their staff.

Barry, after determining the winners in his usual "out of the hat" way presented his trophies to the winning boats Thylacine and Bank Cheque.



Photography courtesy of Marina Hobbs



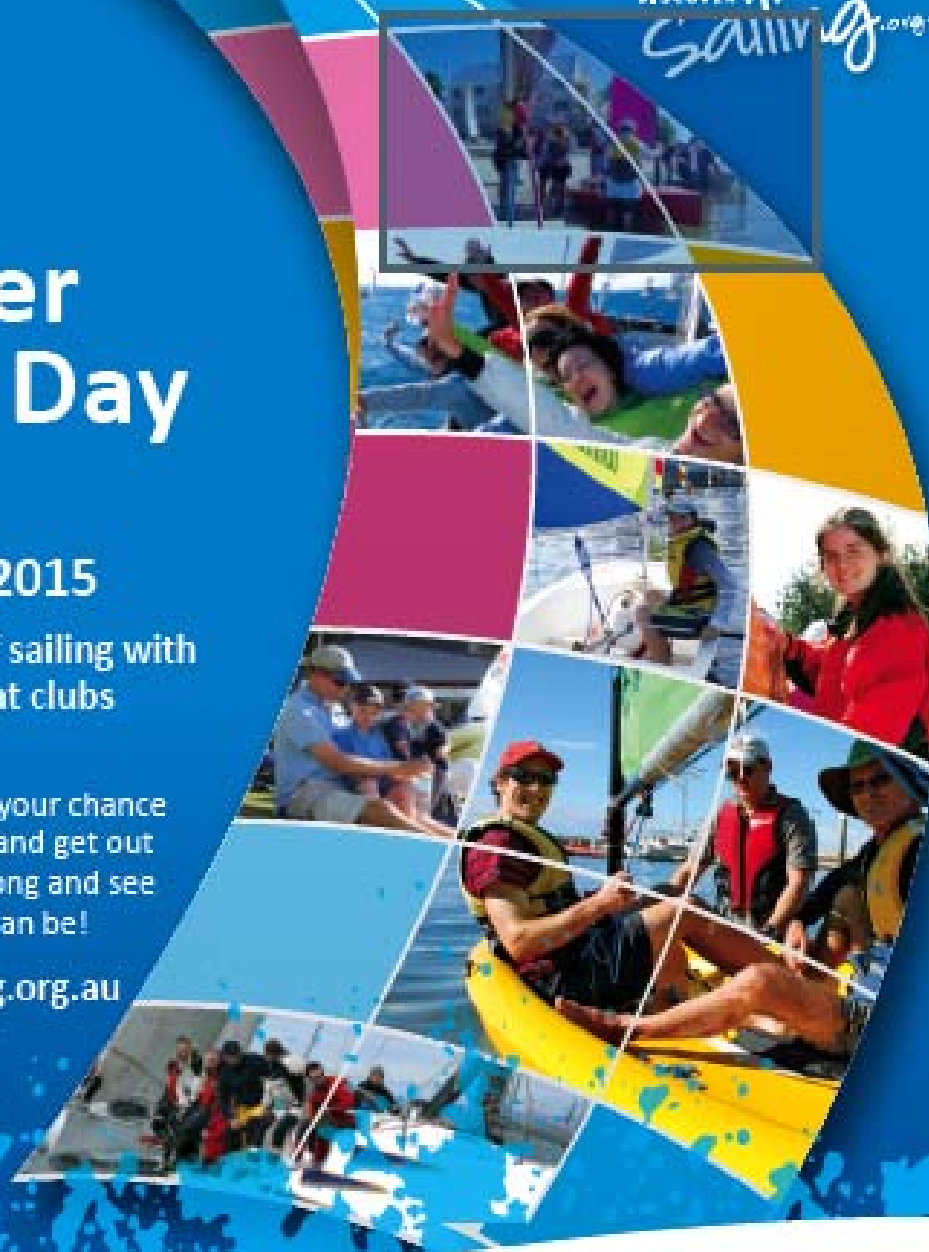
# Free NATIONAL Discover Sailing Day

SUNDAY  
25 OCTOBER 2015

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Discover Sailing Day is your chance to visit your local club and get out on the water. Come along and see how much fun sailing can be!

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# VAL SISLEY

## BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



### KBSC opening of the Season Regatta + Val Sisley heat 1,2,& 3 29/39 August 2015 Report from Maria Mohrholtz

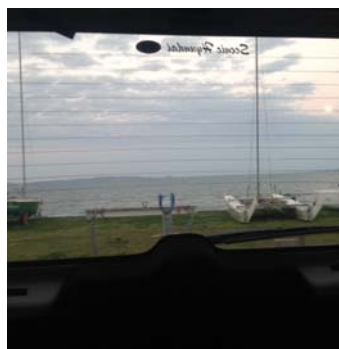
Wind forecast 8 -10 knots for Saturday, 4 knots for Sunday.  
So I got to Yeppoon on Saturday morning and it looked good for a nice day of sailing.  
A mixed fleet turned up including one more Impulse.

Two afternoon races of 3 triangles made the sailing fun in a steady breeze of 8-10 knots. As I had the Van, I camped at the club and had a beautiful view out of the back window with a full moon rising. The rain started early Sunday morning, but it stopped around 8am when the troops arrived.



David Mann, Tim Williams, Ray Hobbs and I were flying the flag at the Val Sisley for PCSC. Looking at the water and the sky everybody knew it would be a very light wind race. Hoping for more wind, the 3 races were optimistically set for 3 triangles per race, but as we got onto the water and moved in slow motion everybody was hoping for a shortened race.

A mix of Impulses [5], Lasers, Tasars, Contenders, Cats [4] and some other converged on the start line. With almost no wind and boats around me, I got stuck head to wind on the start line at the start. Great! I had to wait for the whole fleet to cross the line in slow motion before I was able to get my boat on port tack and cleared the start boat. Tacked back onto starboard and could not believe, that I was in line of the leading boats.



The wind shifted a bit, giving me a slow but steady forward movement and a straight line to the windward mark without tacking. Crouching in the front of my boat, I surged further and further ahead of the fleet. Only a boy on a Laser followed me to the windward mark, which I rounded as the first boat. Side by side with the Laser, we got to the next Mark, where David Mann joined us on the way to the gybing mark.

David and the Laser rounded before me but we were very close. Thank god they shortened the course as the race was so slow and we were nearly an hour into the race. One more leg to the windward mark was the new finish line and again a straight line to the mark. I stayed on the wind side of David and the boy with the Laser.



A small storm developed with some wind. I got the wind first and my boat started to pick up speed. Maybe 300m to the finish line, I felt David breathing down my neck. I concentrated so hard on sailing to the finishing line expecting David to overtake me any second but I took out line honours with David 2 seconds behind me.

Winners are Grinners :)

With a small storm giving us some nice wind pressure, the sailing officials tried to find a new start line for the next race. I had a bad start and with the storm disappearing so did the wind, also the tide was very strong. I made a lot of mistakes and quickly got back in my place near the end of the fleet. We sailed 3 triangles in dying wind.



They started us for the third race but abandoned the race soon after the start as we would have no way of finishing the race with no wind. Still, a long way back to the beach and on the beach, a long way back to the rigging green. The low tide was a real low tide.

No official results yet, as KBSC was short staffed but I enjoyed the weekend sailing.



# October

## Upcoming Events

### Home Events

3rd October	1400	Sprint Series heats 3 & 4 Dinghies heats 5-8
9th October	1700	Friday Afternoon Social Sailing
10th October	1400	Head of the Harbour Heat 2
17th October	1400	Championship Heat 2
23rd October	1700	Friday Afternoon Social Sailing
24th October	1400	Head of the Harbour heat 3
25th October	0930	YA Discover Sailing Day

### Away Events

3rd ~ 5th October      Impulse State Titles (long Weekend)

We Wish any of our Impulse sailors who are participating, good sailing

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Colleen Sawatzki   Lynne Campbell   Tony Constance

Stephen Lewis

Jon Roberts

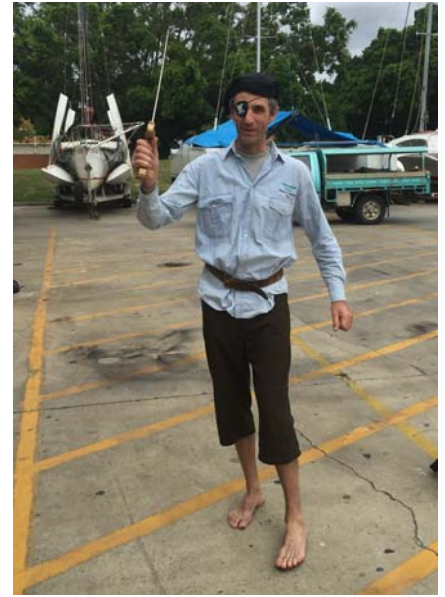
Donald Shambrook

Wayne Taylor



# TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY PHOTO ALBUM

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# 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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Gladstone 4680  
Tel. 49722294**





# FANS

PHOTOS COURTESY OF JOHN IBELL



## A Social Sail

This season we have added something new to our sailing calendar. Introducing FANS!  
Friday afternoon No Spinnakers or Friday Afternoon Sailing.

Scheduled for every second Friday afternoon with the next one being on the 9th October.

A great way for those wishing to have a relaxing and casual sail on the water without actually competing in a race.

A meeting of yachts at 1700 hrs between Patsy Lee Place and A8. A course to follow if you wish, will be set around 1630 in Dudley's Bar.

We hope to see you there!

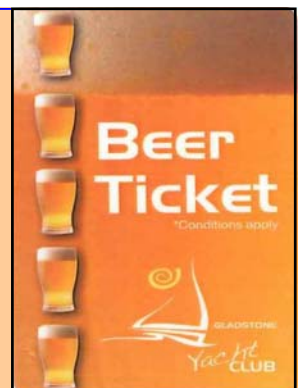
Price Buster Drink Ticket \$14.00 per ticket for 5 drinks  
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The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.

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*"50% of the crew including the skipper, shall have undertaken training and received a Certificate of Competence... in YA Safety and Sea Survival... which shall be valid for five (5) years"* **THE RACING RULES OF SAILING FOR 2001-2004**

ISAF/YA Certificate of Competence:

#### **Safety and Sea Survival**

The course involves two full days of intensive quality instruction

- Two Days (16 hours) of Quality Instruction
- How to use a Life Raft
- Helicopter Rescue Drills
- Meteorology for Sailors
- Heavy Weather Seamanship

All offshore sailors need the skills to survive in the event of vessel abandonment or the more likely event of falling overboard. This course has been developed to help both recreational and competitive sailors to ensure a safe practice as sea is maintained .



The course will focus is on developing a culture of safety on board as well as the actual use of the tools at hand to help us survive .

Yacht owners, need to be up to date with the very latest national legislation covering their civil liability and harmonized national workplace laws introduced in 2012.

We will show you how to develop a Safety Audit so as to reduce crew risk resulting in Safety Management System for your vessel.

This course will equip sailors embarking on a cruising lifestyle to sail with confidence safely. The training results in the issue of Certification meeting the requirements of the International Sailing Federations Special Regulation 6.01 for yacht racing categories zero, 1 &2.

*We also undertake one day revalidation courses for the above certification.*

**Course Dates: 7/8th November 2 Day and 5th December 1 Day Revalidation**

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## The Burgee

The word "burgee" has two meanings. First, with reference to flag shape, the word denotes any flag that ends in a swallow tail. The word is also used to mean a distinguishing flag, regardless of its shape, of a recreational boating organization, such as a yacht or sailing club. The majority of yacht clubs or sailing clubs use pennant shape; a triangle but still called a burgee.

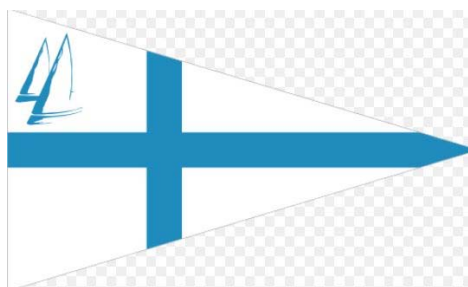
### **Etiquette**

Yacht clubs and their members may fly their club's burgee while under way and at anchor, day or night, but never while racing. Sailing vessels may fly the burgee either from the main masthead or from a halyard under the lowermost starboard spreader.

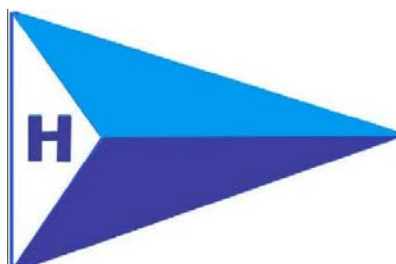
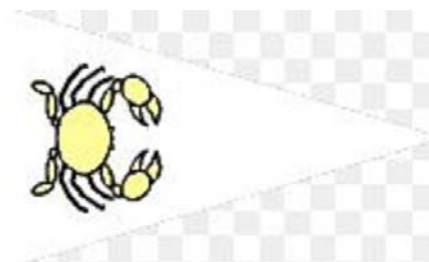
### **Exchange**

Traditionally, the first time a member of one yacht club visits another, there is an exchange of burgees. On the first day of a new season sailors may fly their burgees together.

**Do you recognise these Burgees? One belongs to the world's oldest yacht club.**



Answers  
Next  
month







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## Tuesday, November 3rd

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## Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2015-16

Wk	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 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					
	Friday 23-10-15	1126 1.05 1750 3.89	1300 1900	Friday Social Sailing					
	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 Dolye				
	Saturday 31-10-15	1247 3.80 1908 1.22	1400	Head of Harbour heat 4	Sue Doyle	Barry Austin			
	Sunday 1-11-15		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 1					
	Friday 6-11-15	1158 1.29 1759 3.58	1300 1900	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 7-11-15	1241 1.13 1843 3.65	1400	Championship Heat 3	Colleen Sawatzki	Barry Austin			
	Sunday 8-11-15		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 2					
	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	Adult Start Sailing 3					
	Friday 20-11-15	1611 3.69 2247 0.93	1300 1900	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 21-11-15	1103 1.18 1717 3.80	1000	Austin Family Fairway & Watson Tripod (yachts only)	Barry Austin	Barry Austin			
	Sunday 22-11-15		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 4					
	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	Adult Start Sailing 5					
	Friday 4-12-15	1603 3.33 2232 1.33	1300 1900	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 5-12-15	1112 1.57 1706 3.36	1400	Championship Heat 4	Dannon Ware	Barry Austin			
	Sunday 6-12-15		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 6					

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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			
						<b>Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting</b>			
	Sunday 6-12-15			125 Battle of Waterloo Brisbane					
				Mono Masters at Lake Catharaba					
				<b>December School Holidays - Sat 12th December to Monday 25th January 2016</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			
	Saturday 5-3-16	1253 1.18 1853 3.50	1400	Championship Heat 6		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 12-3-16	1134 4.12 1751 0.71	1400	Head of Harbour 2 - heat 3		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 19-3-16	1311 1.01 1923 3.68	1400	Head of Harbour 2 - heat 4		Barry Austin			
				<b>School Holidays Start Friday 25-3-16</b>					
	Saturday 26-3-16	1037 3.76 1636 0.99		EASTER		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 2-4-16	1124 1.40 1725 3.25	1400	Social Sail - mystery		Barry Austin			
				<b>End School Holidays Sunday 10-4-16</b>					
	Saturday 9-4-16	1031 4.18 1645 0.44	1400	Sprint Series 2 - heats 1 & 2 (dinghies 1 to 4)		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 16-4-16	1155 1.20 1809 3.46	1000	Barker Family Fairway & Watson Tripod (yachts only)	Barry Austin	Barry Austin			
	Saturday 23-4-16	0943 3.73 1539 0.84 2202 4.04		ASP Regatta heats 1 & 2		Barry Austin			
	Sunday 24-4-15	1013 3.59 1605 0.93		ASP Regatta heats 3&4 Val Sisley heats 1&2					



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***Fri - Sun***  
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### ***Dinner***

***Sun - Thurs***  
***6pm - 8.30pm***

***Fri - Sat***  
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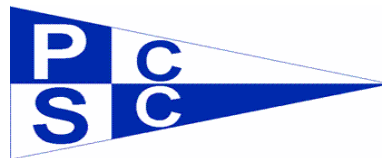
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Treasurer: Robert Auty (0417 609 293)

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