

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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November 2015



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Wow, nearly a third of the season has gone already! Where has the time gone? Sailing activity around the club is varying with people doing numerous activities in their busy lives that unfortunately drag them away from their love of sailing. The numbers of people sailing each weekend are more consistent than last year which is a great look for the club. Speaking of the club slowly growing I believe there are two Impulses on their way to the club by Christmas which has caused some consternation within the die-hard laser sailors. I believe they have sworn to the following oath which me thinks has them worried;

We will rig with them on the shore,
We will sail against them on the harbour,
And we will drink with them at the bar,
But,
We will never surrender!

FANS day; well this has changed a little with weather still giving us problems. Who would have thought we would have had so much bad weather on Fridays! We will now look at the weather on Thursday and if it looks fine a text/email will be sent out for the Friday. 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?

Congratulations to all the Impulse sailors that competed in the state titles recently at Hervey Bay. Dave Mann came second by 2 points to the current Australian champion. Dave only started sailing Impulses last year and is keen as mustard in them. I heard on the grapevine he is in full training for the nationals and by the results of the states he looks to be right on track. All other PCSC sailors continued to improve throughout the competition. Speaking of Impulse nationals it looks like a fleet of 50 is quite possible.

The Observer story volunteer plea last month failed so the sailing committee have decided to reinvigorate the clubs face book page and communicate with everyone more in the social media arena. Marina will continue her blogs for our sailing. The photos are brilliant, clear and colourful and the blog wonderfully portrays PCSC sailing and its members. Remember also, if you have anything, articles, items for sale, announcements etc. for the Straphanger please let Cary or Sarah know!

We are continuing to work on the lease renewal and will have a firmer plan in place to ensure we try for the best outcome for the club for many generations to come. We are currently formatting a business plan for the clubs future to present to the GPC. This business plan will be presented to our members as a final check to ensure we haven't missed anything and the members are behind the committee with the plan.

September trading saw the club exceed budget again. Well done Brian and the team! From now until Christmas is fairly well booked with functions also. I have been impressed with the team in how they "dress up" and support special occasions. They make the club a more homely and inviting place in their actions and they enjoy it also! Brian is always looking at ways to ensure a consistent patronage is maintained. If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me or Brian. On that note you should have received an invite for the wine and food night at the end of November. Go out on a limb and try something different, who knows you might enjoy the experience! I know Brian, Karen and the team are going out there to impress us so come along and be spoilt!

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!

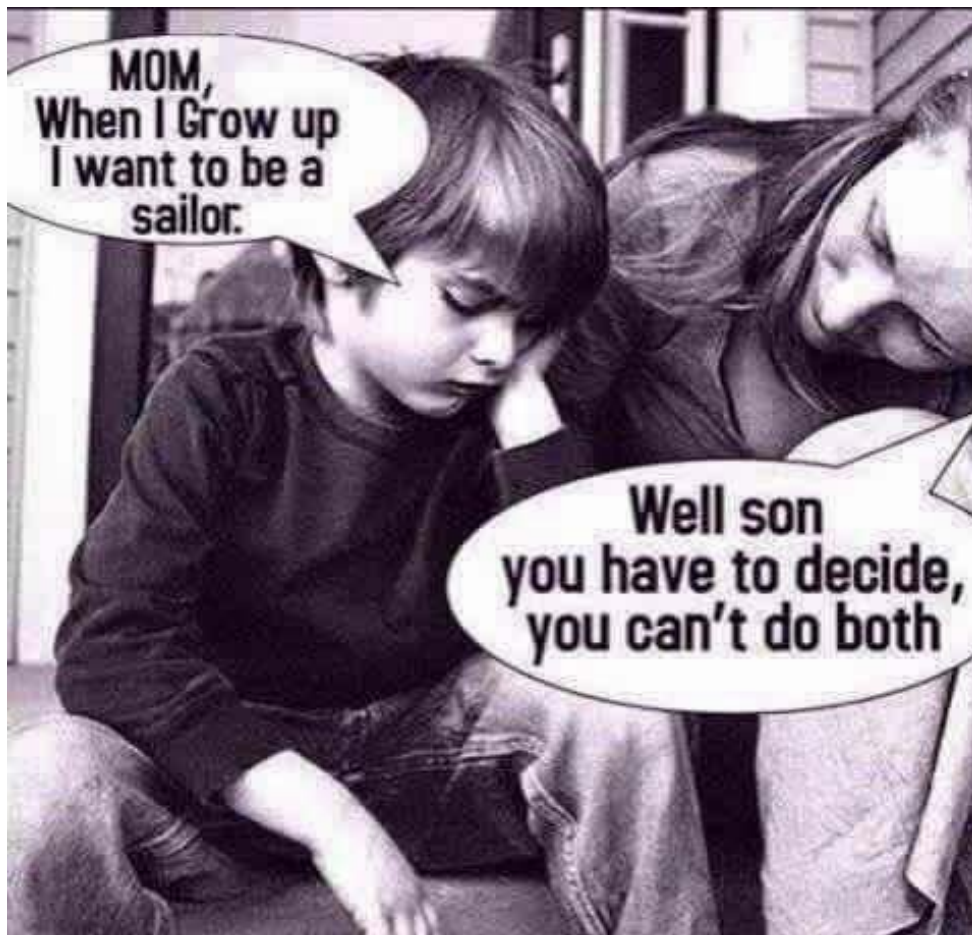
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- ⇒ Please ensure there is room on the lower pontoon after Saturday sailing for MVJM to come alongside to allow our volunteers easy access to the pontoon. There is a longer line on the eastern end of the pontoon to allow yachts to moor forward on the pontoon. Maybe the Multis can point up stream so their bowsprits aren't taking up room that could mean we fit another vessel in between on the pontoon. I'm sure we can work something out.
- ⇒ Discover sailing day was a huge success. Many thanks to all the volunteers that assisted on the day! I believe we have 67 adult learn to sailors in our queue now. Another adult learn to sail class commenced last week. So if you want a lazy Sunday morning on the water please let Colleen or Sue know you are keen to help.

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.



Food & Wine Showcase

Friday, November 27th

*Take a walk
through our menu*

Matching our wine
with our food..

7 Courses

12 Dishes

Wines by Seppelt, Pepperjack
Squealing Pig & Penfolds

Pre-dinner drinks 6.30pm

Showcase starting at 7pm

\$49 per head

Reserved seating for Sailing
Members and Invited Guests

TREASURY
WINE ESTATES



DISCOVER SAILING DAY

BY VICE COMMODORE COLLEEN SAWATZKI



PCSC's National Discover Sailing Day

What a busy morning!

Huge support by Club members, together with perfect sailing weather contributed to a great morning on the water for seventeen members of our community on Sunday the 25th October.

This special day is run annually to allow Clubs to showcase their sailing facilities, while promoting the sport of sailing as a fun, safe and accessible sport.

In 10 to 15 knots participants, the youngest being 8 and the oldest being in his 60's, were taken for a sail in the club's Pacers by willing club members.

Impulses were also there for Club members to try. It was a colourful spectacle on the water in front of the Club with all the dinghies and support vessels.

At 1100 two yachts then took those who wanted a sail for a spin out on the harbour.

We feel it was definitely a successful day as a number of the visitors expressed interest in doing the Start Sailing program or are already enrolled.

Thanks must go to all our helpers – support boat drivers and crew, buddy sailors, our sailing liaison officer, Sarah, and Centre Principal, Sue for their preparation and coordination of the day.

It was so much fun!

Colleen

What is Discover Sailing Day?

Discover Sailing Days are offered for free at many sailing clubs around Australia. They are a fantastic way to have a great day out with your partner, friends, work colleagues or family. Clubs look forward to showing you just how fun, safe, accessible, and affordable sailing is.

You'll have the option to go out for a short sail with an experienced sailor, have a look around the club facilities, and find out about the programs and sailing courses available. There is something for the whole family and even kids as young as eight years old can sail, when accompanied by a parent or guardian.



PHOTOS OF DISCOVER SAILING DAY



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November

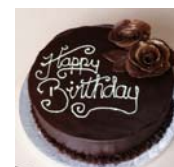
Upcoming Events

Home Events

1st November	0800	Adult Start Sailing 1
6th November	1700	Friday Afternoon Social Sailing
7th November	1400	Championship Heat 3/ Head Harbour Heat 2
8th November	0800	Adult Start Sailing 2
14th November	1400	Handicap Series Heat 1
15th November	0800	Adult Start Sailing 3
20th November	1700	Friday Afternoon Social Sailing
21st November	1000	Austin Family Fairway & Watson Tripod
22nd November	0800	Adult Start Sailing 4
28th November	1400	Handicap Series Heat 2
29th November	0800	Adult Start Sailing 5

Away Events

14th November	Round the Bay - Yeppoon
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Dauida Eiser
Will MacDougall

Anne-Marie Fitzgerald
Christopher Mann

Derek Horsfall
Georgia Mossman

PCSC NOTICES

Vale

Doug Bensted

Former member of PCSC passed away October 27 2015. Condolences to his wife Cheryl and family.
May the wind always be in your favoured quarter.

Amendment to Sailing Instructions

Amendment #1 Issued 25 October 2015

Add paragraph to 21. Handicaps and Ratings

Off the beach dinghy championship rating shall be calculated using the most up to date Yardsticks as issued by Yachting Victoria. The rating can be altered at the discretion of the sailing committee if Yachting Victoria updates the Yardstick during the course of the sailing season. Boats without a YV Yardstick numbers published in the current listing will be allocated an estimated Trial Number.

Wanted

2 crew for CCYC Round the Bay yacht race on the 14th November on Restless. Boat will be sailed to Rosslyn Bay on the 13th, race on the 14th and boat sailed back to Gladstone on the 15th. Only crew for race however more than welcome to deliver yacht either or both ways. Car will be going to Rosslyn bay leaving Gladstone at 6 on the 14th. Please contact John Ibell on 0429 855 180. First in best dressed!

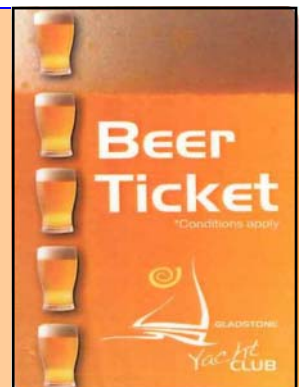
For Sale

For Sale: Laser in reasonable condition on road trailer for \$650 ono. Has been stored in shed. Please contact Geoff Boneham on 0417 714 401 for further info.

PCSC YQ Representatives

Our new PCSC representatives for YQ are John Ibell and Sarah Perez

Price Buster Drink Ticket \$14.00 per ticket for 5 drinks
basic beer, house wine or soft drink.
The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.
Only available to Life Members,
Ordinary Members and Pensioners
Available from the main bar.
(Premium Tap Beer and Ciders Excluded)



IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - HERVEY BAY

ARTICLE BY DAVE MANN

IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS HERVEY BAY OCTOBER LONG WEEK END 2015

Port Curtis Sailing Club was well represented with 5 boats descending on Hervey Bay to compete in the State Titles. Other competitors travelled from fleets in the Brisbane River, Moreton Bay and Lake Macquarie (NSW), to take part in the series. Several brand new boats took part in the series and performed well.

Windspiel, Tarfun, Problem, Without a Paddle, and Thumbs Up braved the variable conditions. The Club's Events Photographer was also on hand to capture the fleet in action. A big Thank You to Marina Hobbs for doing amazing work with the camera.

David Mann sums up his weekend thus.

Weather forecast for the weekend was suggesting something for everyone with the breeze due to moderate over the weekend with a fleet of 22 impulses. Saturdays racing was completed in a southerly of 15-20+, with the breeze coming off the land there were a few shifts over the course. 3 races were held with an old PCSC member Michael Brown who come up from NSW taking all 3 with myself coming 2nd in all three.

Sundays racing was completed with a much more civilized breeze of 8-12knots from memory. With the lighter breeze things up the front shifted around a little with a few more boats coming into the mix. Dave Harrison from BSS was sailing extremely well but unfortunately was scored an OCS after dominating the day. For myself it was a mixed bag with not resetting the leech line from the previous windy day leaving little to be desired with boat speed and ended up with a 3, 5, 3.

When we arrived at the club for racing on Monday the scene wasn't great for sailing with big holes spread all over the race course. The postponement flag was soon raised from the start boat on the beach so the wait began to see what would eventuate. Eventually a light SE come through and we were out racing. With the breeze not settled in this race it was pretty important to keep your eyes out of the boat as there were huge shifts over the course. Fortunately I was on the right side of some and a couple of us were able to open up a nice buffer to the chasing pack and ended up with another 2nd thanks to another OCS from Dave Harrison.

There were four different heat winners from the seven heats contested. Current Impulse Australian Champion, Michael Brown sailing 'Alabama' claimed the honours. Michael hails from South Lake Macquarie Sailing Club. In second place, only two points behind, was yours truly. Gary Bellamy sailing 'Mr Plow' from the Teralba Sailing Club on Lake Macquarie took third place. Handicap honours was taken by Ray Hobbs in his newly launched 'Problem', whilst Oxley Sailing Club's Rebecca Price sailing 'Sparrow' took out the ladies event.

A great weekend was had and the race committee did a great job running the event in sometimes very trying conditions.



IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - HERVEY BAY

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS



**“WIND TO A SAILOR IS WHAT MONEY IS TO LIFE
ON SHORE.”**

HEAD HARBOUR SATURDAY SAILING

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS



PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB PRESENTS



PCSC Sailor's
CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER 2015

1130 - 1430

DUDLEY'S BAR

SPECIAL GUEST: SANTA

ALL LIFE MEMBERS, ORDINARY MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

PLEASE RSVP IF ATTENDING. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY PHONE 4972 2294 OR
EMAIL admin@gyc.com.au

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S AGE AND GENDER WHEN YOU RSVP
SO SANTA DOESN'T DISAPPOINT

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			
	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			
			1400	Head of Harbour Heat 4					
	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			
				Round the Bay Yeppoon					
	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 <i>(yachts only)</i>	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					
	Sunday 6-12-15			125 Battle of Waterloo Brisbane					
				Mono Masters at Lake Catharaba					
				December School Holidays - Sat 12th December to Monday 25th January 2016					
	Saturday 12-12-15	0936 4.20 1600 0.84	1130 - 1430	Christmas Party					
	28th December			Impulse Nationals Paynesville Victoria					
				School Resumes Monday 25-1-16					

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						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats			
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting			
	Monday 4-1-16 to Thursday 7-1-16	0515 3.28 1121 1.69	0800	Junior Start Sailing					
	Friday 8-1-16		1800	Adult Start Sailing Theory Night					
	Saturday 9-1-16		1600	Twilight Series					
	Sunday 10-1-16	0921 4.38 1547 0.75	0800	Adult Start Sailing 1					
	Saturday 16-1-16		1600	Twilight Series					
	Sunday 17-1-15	0853 1.51 1508 3.54	0800	Adult Start Sailing 2					
	Sunday 24-1-16	0928 4.44 1549 0.76	0800	Adult Start Sailing 3					
	Saturday 30-1-16	1254 3.45 1901 1.46	1400	Handicap Series heat 3		Barry Austin			
	Sunday 31-1-16	0725 1.86 1347 3.23	0800	Adult Start Sailing 4					
	Saturday 6-2-16	1405 0.97 2003 3.64	1400	Championship Heat 5		Barry Austin			
	Sunday 7-2-16	0824 4.37 1447 0.77	0800	Adult Start Sailing 5					
	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			
				School Holidays Start Friday 25-3-16					
	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			
				End School Holidays Sunday 10-4-16					
	Saturday 9-4-16	1031 4.18 1645 0.44	1400	Sprint Series 2 - heats 1 & 2 (dinghies 1 to 4)		Barry Austin			

BURGEE ANSWERS

BY CARY SCOTTON



I hope you took the time to find out the yacht club to which each of the Burgees belong. The balance of the Burgee's will be in the December issue.



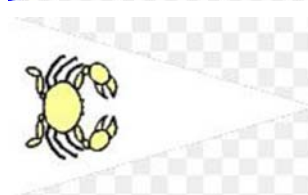
The Royal Yacht Club of Cork was founded in 1720 but its history dates back further to the mid 1600's. Cork is in the Irish Republic with a current membership of 1600.



Hamilton Island Yacht Club is one of the newest yacht clubs. Now famous for "Hammo Week" each August in the Whitsundays.



The Goolwa Regatta Yacht club is situated at the mouth of the River Murray in South Australia and was formed in the early 1850's.



Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Club is in Darwin and established in 1982. Its the start point for the Darwin to Ambon {Indonesia} yacht race held each year in September. Its a 634NM race and attracts entrants from Australia and Europe.



The Elwood Sailing club is situated on Port Melbourne and datesback to around 1924. It takes the SeaHorse as its club insignia.



Wynnum Manly Yacht Club is based in Manly, Brisbane. With a current membership of 600 full paying members. They need to know if you have been convicted of a criminal Offence in the last 5 Years when applying for membership. I don't know if its a plus!



The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was established circa 1849. Don't ask the membership fee—just pay up if you want to join. The paid Admin staff numbers 42.



This is the correct burgee for the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht club in Perth. However the club has been flying the Burgee of the Royal Brighton Yacht Club of Melbourne.



Brighton's Burgee has the St Edwards Crown at its centre. The Ducal coronet features in the centre of the Freshwater Bay Burgee. And RFBYC wont own up to their mistake. Its called a "gentle simmering row".

Gladstone Yacht Club

Restaurant Trading Hours

Lunch

Mon - Thurs
12pm - 2pm

Fri - Sun
11.30pm - 2.30pm

Dinner

Sun - Thurs
6pm - 8.30pm

Fri - Sat
5.30pm - 9pm



The PCSC proudly gives thanks to;



Fuel for the Future

Gladstone Yacht Club

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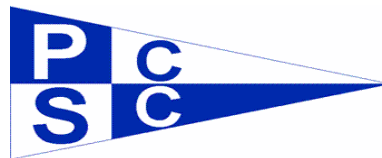
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