

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

Est. 1941

December 2015

**merry**  
  
 **Christmas**





# *A Christmas Message...*

To all Members and staff have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. Thank you very much for all your kind help and support over the season - it is greatly appreciated.  
To all the members going away to regattas, travel safe & fair winds.

With Love, Patron Barry & Pat Austin

Happy Christmas and every good wish for the New Year to all our Club members and the great Yacht Club staff. A special thank You to my team on the current Sailing Committee and to those who make my role in Start Sailing so much easier with their help

Colleen Sawatzki, Vice Commodore

From all the staff at the Gladstone Yacht Club we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For those who are travelling - stay safe and good luck on all your endeavours.



PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB PRESENTS



**RSVP  
TODAY!**

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](mailto:admin@gyc.com.au)

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



# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Well, the end of the year is here! Where did 2015 go? My apologies for Straphanger being late this month which is my fault. I don't know about you and your work/family life however ours seems to just get busier and busier and we try to cram more and more in the last couple of months before Christmas!

Sometimes you wonder while compiling the diatribe each month how many people and how far is the Straphanger actually read. After my addition last month of the Laser sailors lament on Impulses I received the following Impulse lament from a reader in Brisbane;

Yes,  
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 forever seek their Impulse salvation

Serve returned and over to you Laser sailors! 😊

It still amazes me how keen we are for a sail. Take for example Peter Mann and his faithful crew travelling to Brisbane the other weekend for a sail on the river. Gladstone to Brisbane, sail on the river and then Brisbane to Gladstone all in one day! Impulses are off to Lake Cootharaba this weekend for a weekend of competition, Gladstone to Cootharaba, 5 or 6 races over two days, Cootharaba to Gladstone. I know there are others travelling to and from competitions and dropping off or picking up boats. All for the love of sailing!

Speaking of picking up boats I believe there are a couple of new additions to the PCSC dinghy fleet on their way. Add Matthew Eiser purchasing "another problem, more problems, many problems" or whatever it is called means the dinghy fleet is getting stronger by the year. Now to work on the yacht fleet!

For those who were unable to attend the "Walk through the Menu" night last Friday unfortunately you missed a great night. The food was excellently presented and plenty of it, the wine was flowing and of great quality, service was excellent and entertainment encouraging and danceable! Everyone who attended praised the evening and now has Brian working on another type of evening along the same lines. Watch this space! Many thanks again to Brian, Karen and all the team for the evening. Also a huge thanks to the sponsors for the evening.

Ian and Tony have been working on an exciting proposal to include cruising yachts at Easter in an informal cruise in company from Brisbane to Gladstone arriving on the Easter weekend. It is progressing well and the proposal looks very inviting. Watch this space!

November trading saw the club exceed budget again. Well done Brian and the team! From now until Christmas is fully booked with functions also. Brian is always looking at ways to ensure a consistent patronage is maintained and the "Walk through the Menu" and the "Monthly themed Nights" have proven and shown how the locals will respond to the right events. Please remember the "members only" invite for Boxing Day to watch the start of the Sydney to Hobart. I attended my first one last year as I'm normally travelling to impulse Nationals and had a great day with the members. If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me or Brian.

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BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

For all those travelling away for Christmas and/or sailing events please take care on the roads, take regular breaks, enjoy your time away, explore the areas you are going to and good luck in your competitions. Looking forward to catching up in the New Year! 😊

The sailing scene;

- ⇒ Please ensure you stay clear of all shipping movements. We sail on the harbour under a permit from Maritime Safety Qld and a lot of work goes into ensuring we stay compliant with the permit. This permit is reviewed quarterly now, used to be annually, which shows how much scrutiny is now on all users of the harbour. Remember; Be clever and we'll be here for ever!
- ⇒ 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.

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.





# 2015 Rolex

## Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

The Port Curtis Sailing Club would like to exclusively invite our Life Members & Sailing Members to come on down to the Club on Boxing Day to watch all the live coverage of the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race as it happens.

Access to the club at 1100;  
Race start time at 1200 local time

Bring a plate to share and and enjoy this exclusive opportunity

To take part please call 4972 2294 or email [admin@gyc.com.au](mailto:admin@gyc.com.au)



# SAVE THE DATE

# December Upcoming Events



## Home Events

4th December	1500	Friday Afternoon Social Sailing
5th December	1400	Championship Heat 4
6th December	0800	Adult Start Sailing 6
12th December	01130	PCSC Sailors Christmas Party
4th-7th January	0800	Junior Start to Sail
8th Jan– 7th Feb	0800	Adult Start to Sail
9th/16th January		Twilight Sail, Lady Skipper Race

Hopefully Sat morning sailing for our young sailing sailors will commence in the New Year. More information will be made available after the Sailing Committee's December Meeting

## Away Events

6th December	125 Battle of Waterloo Brisbane
6th December	Mono Masters at Lake Catharaba
12th December	Impulse Nationals Paynesville Victoria

Best wishes for great sailing and safe travel for those flying our PCSC flag in other venues over the Christmas break



Rob Auty     Dirk Beyer     Brad Barker     Martin Cooper  
Peter Mann     Alexa Mann     Aimy Eiser     Glen Wightman  
Graeme Davey     David Donnan     Jordi Oakley     Noel Jones



# NOVEMBER START SAILING COURSE

BY INSTRUCTOR COLLEEN SAWATZKI

Start Sailing November 2015

Five of our Club Pacers, crewed by the current ten adult Start Sailing participants added colour and interest to the Club's sailing zone on the harbour in front of Spinnaker Park last Sunday.

On their third morning on the water, all new sailors tackled the short course using their new skills. Windward work, tacking, broad reaching, and gybing all became increasingly better as the morning passed. Actually, sailing in and out of the creek, a challenge at times, was successful with the minimum of aid. We congratulate this motivated and enthusiastic group on their impressive achievements so far. Well done everybody!

Last week our Centre Principal, Sue Doyle arranged a special treat for some of the group where skippers of yachts doing the Fairway Buoy Race happily included some of the new sailors. Thank you, Skippers. All who went had a great day - me too!

Start Sailing is only possible with the support of our Club members, and sincere thanks must go to them for their involvement. We greatly appreciate the Club members who contribute their time with launching and retrieving boats, helping with instruction, crewing support boats, buoy setting, video making, and manning the shore base.

I will be just as impressed with everyone's performance in the next two sessions, and hope that sailing will become an enjoyable and fun part of their future.

Colleen ( Instructor)



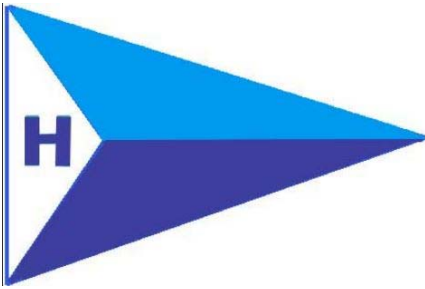






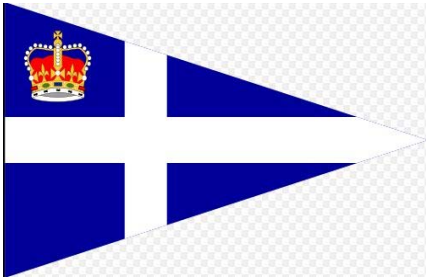
## The Burgee

The final two Burgees which I'm sure most of the "Ol Salts" may have recognised.



This is the Burgee of Hastings Yacht Club. Hastings is situated at Western Port south of Melbourne—the main hub of the Mornington Peninsular, Victoria. The club was founded in 1960.

It has a very pleasant Club House which by the way with only 2 storeys has a lift. Now there's food for thought for our esteemed club leaders.



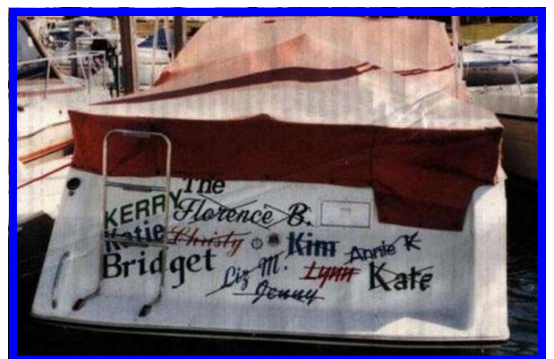
The Burgee of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron flies over the club house in East Kirribilli in Sydney. Founded in 1862 the club has been at its present site since 1903. Its Youth Sailing program has operated since 1960. RSYS is one of a handful of yacht clubs to have a seat at the table of the International Council of Yacht Clubs. The Duke of Edinburgh is the Squadron's Patron.

## And now for something completely different.....

Came across some interesting names given to boats.



Wonder whatever happened to Unsinkable 1



To All members and readers of StrapHanger I would like to wish you a most Happy and Blessed Christmas in your homes and on your boats during this season of goodwill. My thanks to Sarah for her fantastic work putting our mag. together and sending it out. Thanks also to those who contribute photos, stories and other bits n pieces. Many people make this mag. happen.  
Best Wishes , 'Fairfax' aka Cary

We do wish to advise that there was another article given to us to place in this month's StrapHanger but unfortunately we regret to say that due to copyright laws we were unable to publish it.

# ***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***



Please note; the Gladstone Yacht Club is closed on Christmas Day & New Years Day; and is only open on Boxing Day for Ordinary Members and Life Members who wish to watch the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race via RSVP only.





## 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			
						<b>Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting</b>			
	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					
				<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	Christmas Party					
	28-12-15			Impulse Nationals Paynesville Victoria					
				<b>School Resumes Monday 25-1-16</b>					
	Monday 4-1-16 to Thursday 7-1-16	0515 3.28 1121 1.69	0800	Junior Start Sailing	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Friday 8-1-16		1800	Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Saturday 9-1-16		1600	Twilight Series					
	Sunday 10-1-16	0921 4.38 1547 0.75	0800	Adult Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Saturday 16-1-16		1600	Twilight Series					
	Sunday 17-1-15	0853 1.51 1508 3.54	0800	Adult Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Friday 22-1-16	1429 0.83 20.33 3.67	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Sunday 24-1-16	0928 4.44 1549 0.76	0800	Adult Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Tuesday 26-1-16	1038 4.26 16.56 0.90		KBSC Australia Day Regatta					
	Friday 29-1-16	1214 3.69 1824 1.30	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	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	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Friday 5-2-16	1321 1.20 1919 3.46	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 6-2-16	1405 0.97 2003 3.64	1400	Championship Heat 5		Barry Austin			

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	Sunday 7-2-16	0824 4.37 1447 0.77	0800	Adult Start Sailing 5	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Friday 12-2-16	1151 4.23 1814 0.75	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 13-2-16	1240 3.93 1901 0.98	1400	Handicap Series heat 4		Barry Austin			
	Friday 19-2-16	1332 1.01 1939 3.63	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 20-2-16	1414 0.88 2022 3.74	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 1		Barry Austin			
	Friday 26-2-16	1713 1.07 2326 3.66	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 27-2-16	1136 3.67 1737 1.22	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 2 Donald Davey Memorial Sail		Barry Austin			
	Friday 4-3-16	1800 3.24 2348 1.37	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 5-3-16	1253 1.18 1853 3.50	1400	Championship Heat 6		Barry Austin			
	Friday 11-3-16	1708 0.47 23.15 4.35	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 12-3-16	1134 4.12 1751 0.71	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 3		Barry Austin			
	Friday 18-3-16	1225 1.19 1836 3.49	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing					
	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 22-4-16	0914 3.83 1513 0.80	1400	SRD					
			1400	Sprint Series 2 - heats 3 & 4 (dinghies 5-8)		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 30-4-16	1533 3.05 2123 1.62		Bay to Bay - weekend May					
				KBSC May Day Regatta - Arrow State Titles					

The PCSC proudly gives thanks to;



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