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The 32nd Australian Impulse Championship Regatta. Another year another national titles. This year the journey took the impulse sailors down to Paynesville in Victoria sailing out of the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club which provided a great and friendly club for the 46 Impulses to enjoy. Conditions were generally 10-15knots with the final 2 days being in the 15-20+ knot range which kept the rescue boats busy and added some exciting rides after the hard slog upwind. Everyone from PCSC enjoyed the week and I think everyone came away learning some more. - Story by David Mann



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Welcome back all to the sailing! I don't know about you but I am glad to have hit the water again as it seems like ages since I last sailed. I hope the Christmas/New Year period found you enjoying family time and also taking some time for yourselves to rejuvenate and take stock of the past year and what's in front of you for this year. I can't believe it is the end of January already!

What a spectacle the Sydney to Hobart provided. It makes it interesting when things don't go to plan with the small and large entrants in the race! I heard Wild Oats modifications had it 3 knots faster downwind in 15 to 20 knots of breeze. Knowing it goes fast enough as it is this would have made for some exciting rides if the mainsail hadn't got lazy! Congratulations to ex PCSC members racing, Jon Drummond, Tony Craner, Tom Barker and Marty Watson. They all had mixed races and should have interesting stories next time you catch up with them.

The sailing committee have an action packed events calendar for our second half of the year so please support the events as much as possible as a lot of hard work and valuable time goes into the organising and set up of these events well before they happen. One event you should be interested in is the Blessing of the Fleet at Easter. More information will be released later but please put it into your calendar. Remember Easter is early this year!

Congratulations to all that travelled away for events over these past 2 months. It is great to see everyone travelled safely and competed well above their expectations. I won't steal their thunder from their reports but Maria (Bob Stephens Trophy Impulse Nationals), Dave (6th in Impulse Nationals), Ray (Handicap Trophy Impulse Nationals) and myself (Broken rudder box and tiller trophy) (sorry if I have missed anyone) all have tales to tell, big and small, of their adventures away. Take the time to catch up with them as I'm sure they are keen to let you know how good interclub competition can be. Speaking of which, as there are now 7 Impulses in Keppel Bay and PCSC now has 10 Impulses so the 2 clubs are looking at more interclub events which I hope spills out to all dinghies to make it more fun.

The lease discussions have slowed however are continuing. A new CEO of GPC may not be announced until July which can cause a further delay. A development plan is being formulated by myself and will table to the committee and all members in the near future. Please contact me if you have any specific or wild ideas about what you would like to happen at the club over the next 1,2,5 10, 25 and 50 years as a starter.

December/January trading saw a good trading result recorded which is encouragement in that it shows the work of all Brian, the staff and management is providing a reliable and supported environment in these times of uncertainty. I realise belts are needed to be tightened and we all appreciate any support you give the club.

Valentines Day is just around the corner fellows, so duck down and have a look at what Karen and the girls have set up as an idea of how you can woo your special person in your life! Remember Easter is just round the corner and you might need all the brownie points you can get, especially me! 😊

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- ⇒ Great news, Queensland Impulse Association has verbally agreed to have the 2017 Old Impulse titles in Gladstone. Watch this space!
- ⇒ Easter is early this year!
- ⇒ The rescue and start boats are continually looking for volunteers, so if you know of 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! Remember, if you're available please let the sailing committee know ASAP so they are not pulling their hair out at the last minute trying to find a crew.
- ⇒ I am sailing Restless to Brisbane on the 12th March, weather permitting and have a spot or two open for the delivery trip. Please contact me if you are keen. I believe Scott Patrick might have a spot or two open also.

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.



Hagar

by Dik Browne



Valentine's Day

Sunday 14th February

Valentine's Day is coming up and it's no-one's fault it falls on a Sunday this year..

So treat your lover to an intimate dinner at the Gladstone Yacht Club on Saturday night instead!

Enjoy the romantic dinner and pleasant atmosphere along with spectacular water views

A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman kissing, set against a warm, golden sunset sky. The man is on the left, leaning towards the woman on the right. Her hair is blowing in the wind. In the background, a lighthouse is visible on the left, and the sea stretches to the horizon.

Book now for pre-Valentine's Day dinner or a wonderful Valentine's Day lunch

Dressing and Blessing of the Fleet

Good Friday – 25th March 2016

Gladstone Festival and Events are organising the Blessing and Dressing of the fleet on Good Friday, and following feedback from last year will schedule the event to follow (or precede) the Raft Race so the crowd may extend their stay on the foreshore and enjoy both events.

Our Club contributes in a small way with the Blessing and Dressing by designing the course and leading the precession with MV Jack Mortensen. For this little involvement our Junior Sailing receives a cash donation from the event proceeds.

It would be terrific if our sailors would enter their boats as well. Decorate your boat, and yourself if feel the urge, and join the precession.

Please visit the Gladstone Festivals and Events website for entry form and details.

<http://gladstonefestival.com/harbourfestival/whats-on/on-the-harbour>



AUSTRALIA DAY BEACH PARTY REGATTA 2016

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



Everybody seemed to hang out for a sail as 27 boats turned up for the Australia Day Regatta at Keppel Bay Sailing Club in Yeppoon.

Steve Lewis had to try his new Impulse.

Morgan Lewis came with her Laser.

Matt Eiser was keen to try his Impulse which he worked hard over the holidays to get it ready.

Peter and Alexa Mann came with Spinout.

Tim Williams

Scott Patrick

Ray Hobbs

and me

The KBSC was pleased to see so many sailors from PCSC there to participate.

For a light wind forecast it was very windy and wavy.

Ambitiously the schedule was set for 4 races.

Which looked more like hard work than an easy fun sail.

The challenge started by getting into the surf of the Yeppoon beach.

A big dumper got me, took my legs and toppled my boat.

Great start! :)

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BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

But it was manageable on the water. I would say about 12-14knots and I don't think we had more than 17-18 knots when the wind picked up. There was some good and close racing with 7 Impulses on the water.

We would have had 8 Impulses but Matt Eiser broke his rudder even before the first start and had to retire.

It turned out hard work slogging through the waves to the windward mark. The course was a triangle, sausage, triangle, which gave us some good fast reaching = fun. But I was glad when they decided for only one more race after we finished the second race as we were quickly running out of water with the tide.

There were cash prizes to the first three Placings so Scott Patrick and Steve Lewis went home rich.

All in all I very much enjoyed the sailing and came 8th from 15 boats and I'm happy with this.

(Ties: S=Score R=Race B= Bettered. Penalties: A=ARB/MED B=BFD C=DNC D=DNE E=ESP F=DNF G=RDG I=DPI L=Late Entrant M=D
Q=DSQ R=RET S=DNS T=TLE U=UFP V=AVG W=DUT X=EXC Z=ZFP Y=SCP #=NoData [x.y]=Discarded)

Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 1 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Sers Score
1		603	Magic	Scott Patrick			2.0	2.0	3.0	7.0
2		238	MCR	Brett Holly			10.0	1.0	2.0	13.0
3		659	Going Grey	Stephen Lewis			6.0	4.0	4.0	14.0
4		251	Glass Act	William Villet			4.0	7.0	5.0	16.0
5		669	problem	Ray Hobbs			7.0	5.0	6.0	18.0
6		51880	Thrust	Seamus Byrt	Frazer Platts		5.0	6.0	8.0	19.0
7		507	Rocket	Wayne Lavery			3.0	3.0	16.0F	22.0
8		514	Windspeil	Maria Mohrholtz			8.0	8.0	7.0	23.0
9	3R	000	Good Question	Serve Gunther			16.0S	16.0S	1.0	33.0
10	1.0S	52968	El Grande Twinkle	Myf Healy	Olivia Healy		1.0	16.0F	16.0S	33.0
11		506	Thumps Up	Tim Williams			12.0	12.0	9.0	33.0
12		3107	Spinout	Alexa Mann			9.0	9.0	16.0S	34.0
13		749	Send it don't bend i	Clem Gallais			11.0	10.0	16.0F	37.0
14		2117	Misty Rose	Ian McLeod	Evert Bulder		13.0	11.0	16.0F	40.0
15		405	My Problem	Matthew Eiser			16.0F	16.0S	16.0S	48.0

Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 2 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Sers Score
1		1620	Airpower II	Daryl Skinner			1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0

Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 3 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Sers Score
1		179415	Look Both Ways	Sophie Baynton			2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
2		176891	Tackin it Easy	Shelbie Newton			8.0	1.0	1.0	10.0
3	3.0S	2A	Beware of the Unknow	Deklan Bulder			7.0	3.0	3.0	13.0
4		3	flash	Simon Killan			4.0	5.0	4.0	13.0
5		182972	Crewless	Morgan Lewis			5.0	4.0	5.0	14.0
6		1553	TBA	Joseph O'Shaughnessy			6.0	6.0	6.0	18.0
7		1154	Nipper	Royce Powe			1.0	9.0F	9.0S	19.0
8		1146	Phyctic	Lucas Johnson			3.0	9.0F	9.0S	21.0

Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 4 up to Race 3

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Sers Score
1		288	Devolente	Carl Brown			1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
2		47	Ain Mara	Bruce Sagnol			2.0	2.0	3.0S	7.0

IMPULSE NATIONALS 2015/2016

BY MARINA HOBBS

December saw us bouncing from one Regatta to another, from Melbourne to Gladstone and back again! The Impulse Nationals were held in a beautiful part of Victoria on the Gippsland Lakes, a small village called Paynesville. The sailing club was small, friendly and extremely expert at running a thorough regatta. Races were started on time, with minimal fuss, well placed lines and absolutely the best steamed "dimmies" for after sailing! Brian! We would like to see steamed Dim Sims added to the fare served at Dudley's Bar for after sailing Saturdays! It appears to be a Victorian tradition, we noted at Royal Victoria Yacht Club also!

The sailors dealt with a mix of weather, blue skies and light breezes, grey skies and strong winds, rain and drizzle... it was all happening in Victoria. A fleet of 46 Impulse dinghies took to the waters of the lakes each day, contending with a fair bit of trailing weed (a better excuse than a sunfish!).

There were half a dozen clear leaders of the pack, with a mid-fleet of 25 boats who held races within races, as the water around the buoys developed into choppy white caps.

Former PCSC sailor, Michael Brown took the honours again this year, being a clear winner for the National Title. David Mann proved his training was well worthwhile, maintaining a solid 6th position at the top of the fleet. Other PCSC sailors who took part were John Ibell, Ray Hobbs and Maria Mohrholz who all improved their placings since last year.

As usual I managed to finagle my way onto a boat, thereafter termed the Media boat, and ran a daily blog. The blog address is <http://impulsenationals2016.blogspot.com.au> for those wishing to have a look at the action from Paynesville.



John Ibell in Without a Paddle



David Mann in Tarfun



Ray Hobbs in Problem



Maria Mohrholz in Windspiel



The Impulse fleet are colourful



Michael Brown took out the National Title



A start line early in the regatta



There were spills as well



It was a hectic mid-fleet



It was close racing



The light was soft in the late afternoon



Youngest Competitor was Brad aged 15

THE 32ND AUSTRALIAN IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

32nd Australian Impulse championship 2015/16@ Gibbsland Lake YC Paynesville Vic - Report from Maria Mohrholtz



Not like last year where we went 200km north, the annual pilgrimage to the national saw us traveling 2000km south. 46 boats nominated. David Mann, Ray Hobbs, John Ibell and myself flying the flag for PCSC.

I was looking forward to it, as we had not been in this part of the country. It just stopped raining as we arrived on the morning of the 27th December at the yacht club in Paynesville.

The wind was blowing two bags, whitecaps everywhere. David Mann could not wait to try them. Rigged and ready he jumped in his boat and took off. I took solace in the weather forecast saying calmer winds for the 2 invitation races the next day.



Not often that the weather follows the forecast, but in this case we had the most perfect conditions for sailing for the next 3 days. 12-15 knot wind on flat water. Everyone was flying on the reaches. Sailing a mix between triangle, windward-return, triangle and or 2 laps of a trapezoid course.

We had close racing through out the whole fleet. Even I had always a few boats behind me and never came last. It was so much fun!

Last two races for 2015 were light wind races and challenging.



The club put on a 'all you can eat pizza' for \$11 and we all enjoyed the firework on the bay and a few drinks for new year.



THE 32ND AUSTRALIAN IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ



New Year's Day was a lay day so everybody was able to relax.

The first day sailing in the new year gave us rainy, cold and windy conditions. 18knots gusting to 26 for the first race. The square run on the trapezoid course was the most difficult part. It got even harder in the second race, where the wind was blowing up to 22knots and 28knot gusts.

The rescue boats were busy checking all capsized boats. I weaved myself through all the upside down boats hoping I could pull off the gybe, but joined the capsized club. Briefly thought of giving up. But no, got the boat up and going again.



Second lap I opted for a granny gybe and raced to the finish not even coming last placing 36th and 37th.

It was a very difficult race and a very difficult way back to the beach. Even Dave Harrison (4th) was dobbed in for doing a granny gybe.

Last day racing was postponed till 12pm as it was still blowing 25knots in the sailing area but calming slowly. By the time racing started, we had 18-20knots. It was not easy but ok. I enjoyed the last two races and placed 31st and 30th.

Michael Brown was again the overall winner. There were many close fought battles.



Placings for PCSC

David Mann 6

Ray Hobbs 35

John Ibell 39

Maria Mohrholtz 40

I received the encouragement award for the 2015-16 National Impulse Championships for sailing and finishing every race. A perpetual trophy was made and presented by Bob Stephens. Bob is 79 one of the oldest sailors in the fleet. Still sailing well and something to emulate when I'm 79.

Overall it was a fantastic regatta. The Gippsland Lake YC made sure we all had an excellent time sailing. Thank you all very much!!!



I nominate Marina Hobbs for a special Trophy we have to invent. Marina was out with us every day producing her famous, beautiful, great blog. The action photos are sooo fantastic! <http://impulsenationals2016.blogspot.com.au/>

Another championship done and dusted and everyone returned home safe.

JANUARY START SAILING

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

Start Sailing courses are such fun
By the PCSC happily run
The first week of January saw Juniors start
With six keen youngsters taking part

Rigging, launching knots and learning who has right of way
Reaching, tacking gybing - they got better every day
In spite of the first day being really wet
The children, all tasks with enthusiasm met

Every day they did much better
And thankfully too was the weather
On their last day in the harbour they did do well
As their YA certificates will surely tell

Then we started our Adult Start Sailing
With a Friday theory night to speed up learning
At this stage we have completed day three
And all good sailors they could be:

Sailing to windward, on a reach and running
Tacking, gybing and avoiding capsizing
So much to remember including the right of way rule
It is a little bit like going to school
Much better though in a club pacer sailing
With PCSC members their progress aiding

Congratulations to all!
Keep sailing when the chance your way does fall

We welcome:

Junior Participants

Susan Bloomfield
Alexi Eiser
Alexa Mann
Maddi Mossman
Goergia Mossman
Georgio Impicini
Luca Impicini

Adult Participants

Vernon Meyrick
Logan Hart
Keara Pulman
Sarah Lunau
Harold Taylor
Robert Vaughn

Our Start Sailing Program is only possible with the great help of volunteers and work done by our Sailing Liaison Officer Sarah Perez, and Centre Principal Sue Doyle The Club also makes the last session special by providing snacks and drinks post sailing.

Main helpers for Junior Sailing: Sue Doyle, Barry Austin, Davida Eiser, Matthew Eiser, Tiernan Williams, Morgan Lewis and Colleen Sawatzki. Main Helpers for Adult Sailing: Sue Doyle, Barry Austin, Tim Williams, Murray Ware, Peter Mann and Colleen Sawatzki.

Sincere thanks goes to the Club, these wonderful helpers and also those who have also managed to donate some time along the line.

Colleen (Instructor)

Please remember we are always on the look out for anyone who can help on the rescue boats so if you are able to volunteer your time or know anyone else who may be interested please see Colleen. Any help is greatly appreciated.

JANUARY START SAILING

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI



PARA WORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARINA HOBBS

Para World Sailing Championships, Melbourne 2015

In 2014, Ray and I travelled to Nova Scotia, Canada, as part of a support team for our friend Peter Beard. Peter had a dream to compete in a World Championship Regatta, before his illness made such a feat impossible. Our experience in Halifax and exposure to this area of sailing was quite a revelation to us. Gladstone has no Sailability group; our sailing community is not involved in teaching sailing to the disabled.

The experience of sailing and mixing with disabled sailors and being a part of the comradery that existed amongst this group of talented, determined, and competitive athletes encouraged us to become involved in the 2015 Para World Sailing Championships in Melbourne. We had also become friendly with the Canadian team while in Halifax and had offered to help them find accommodation and a coach boat, so it seemed appropriate to be in Melbourne at the time. As it transpired they stayed with our family and it took Ray much wheeling and dealing to have a coach boat donated to them for the length of the regatta.

As volunteers I offered my photography and media skills and Ray was to be utilized as the lead in the boat measurement team.

It is quite a simple process to volunteer for this type of regatta; a search via Google and you will find a link to an application form and away you go... and while we travelled furthest, there were also volunteers for other regional areas of Victoria. The Para Worlds was the last qualifying event for the Rio De Janeiro Para Olympic Games to be held in 2016, so it was an important event for the 31 international teams who competed.

As in many experiences, those volunteers who step up for some responsibility will be blessed; I soon found myself on the Sonar and Scud sail measurement table, while Ray ended up the "Go To" man for all hull measurement for the three classes. We both worked under leadership of the three International measurers; a huge learning curve, but lots of fun. The advantage also being that you meet every team, every international coach; and develop some great friendships along the way.

Once racing started I was on the media boat each day, zooming around Port Philip Bay racing between the 2.4 Mt class, the Sonar and the Scud classes. My contribution was a daily blog, of photos and story. The blog can be found on <http://parasailingworlds2015.blogspot.com.au> Ray ran a rescue boat and also drove the International Jury members and measurers around the Scud course.

The experience was hard work, interesting and a lot of fun; we were fortunate to meet interesting and great people, and are awed every day by the 'just do it' attitude of these disabled sailors.

No day is an easy one for them.





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 20-2-16	1414 0.88 2022 3.74	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 1	David Mann	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	Tim Williams	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	Cary Scotton	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	Colleen Sawatzki	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	Martin Cooper	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		75th Anniversary of PCSC (no sailing)					
				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)		Colleen Sawatzki			
	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	Spint 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					
	Sunday 1-5-16	1042 1.25 1650 3.31		KBSC May Day Regatta - Arrow State Titles					
	Saturday 7-5-16	1540 0.31 2152 4.65	1400	Head of Harbour 2 heat 5		Barry Austin			
	Saturday 14-5-16	1004 1.35 1628 3.15	1400	Championship Heat 7		Barry Austin			



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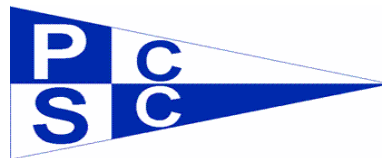
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