

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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Port Curtis Sailing Club Presentation Night 2016

SATURDAY 28TH MAY

TICKETS AVAILALBLE NOW
Adults - \$40
Children 15-17yrs - \$20
Children U15yrs - Free

RSVP due by 14th May 2016 All family members are welcome to attend



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY - COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Can you believe it is May already! Wow, where has this year gone? Here we are at the back end of the season already with only a few weekends of sailing left before the presentation night at the end of May. There are still a couple of weekends of racing left with not one but two championship races to be completed. So make sure you get your backside trackside to be in the mix of the trophies and close racing.

Please RSVP ASAP and block out the presentation night so everyone possible can attend and make it a fun and enjoyable night as it has been in the past. I would hate for anyone to miss out as Brian and the crew have been planning for months now to ensure we will be well fed and watered! PS, bring your dancing shoes as live music will be on the night and Lex has issued a challenge that no one is a better dancer than he! Let's prove him wrong!

Congratulations to all PCSC members who competed in sailing events over the past month. I would love to tally the kilometres many club members have travelled up and down the east coast for competitions. The club has stood proud yet again against tough competition across many different classes showing that our small club continuously keeps bringing home the silverware against some of Australia's best sailors. Speaking of Australian sailors, I believe 6 out of the 8 crew for the American entry on Oracle for the Americas Cup are Aussies! If only we had the support in Aus that the rest of the world gets for their sailors......

We have another P&O cruise ship arriving next Thursday so if you are at a loose end please come down to the club and cast your eyes over what occurs during their visit. These are going to become more regular so we are open to suggestions on how to entertain the visitors and ensure they enjoy a memorable visit to the Yacht Club and Gladstone.

Speaking of upcoming events, please start putting your thinking caps on for positions on committees at the AGM which is on the 13th July. I actively encourage you to start discussions with people you think might be a good fit for roles throughout the club. This year the existing executive committee wish to fill the 8 positions allowed as we feel it gives more flexibility and greater avenues of management. Please have a good think about being involved in the running of the best small club on the east coast, it is rewarding! Please also remember to have the nominations in as early as possible so there is a minimum of "floor" nominations on the night of the AGM. Remember you are the entire club and the club requires you all to assist where possible to be active and successful.

March trading saw the club just below budget with trading in food and beverage doing well however gaming is still showing a downturn. This unfortunately reflects the trend around Gladstone at the moment and continues to give Brian a challenge to manage in a time of uncertainty. Please be assured the club is in a good position and Brian has tweaked the food and beverage and is now working on the gaming.

Good luck to all competitors for the rest of the sailing calendar and also to everyone on presentation night!

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.

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BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL





EASTERN STATE IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

6th BCF Eastern States Impulse Championship Big River SC, Harwood Report from Maria Mohrholz sailing Windspiel

I was really looking forward to this regatta.

Not only did over 30 boats show interest in sailing, but having camping facilities at the club, also meant this regatta would be a nice social event too.

Then disaster strikes.

1 1/2 weeks before, I crashed my mountain-bike on my bush track. I twisted my back and bruised my ribs severely. Sooo sore, I could not move for the next 4 days.

The recovery started slowly and I decided to go regardless.

Thanks to my loving Hubby (he raised more than one eye brow and called me crazy, insane and a few other names) But he said he better come with me, to help me with the boat.

We arrived early afternoon at the Big River Sailing Club. And a big river it is. The club reminded me of Bundaberg with a nice big area with thick green grass for rigging and camping.

The forecast was for around 15 knots for Saturday but stronger for Sunday .

One by one everybody was arriving and we all had a nice social evening around a fire with a beautiful full moon rising over the river.

29 boats pushing to the start line. 8 of them flying the flag for PCSC.

With the morning, the wind woke up too. Two races before and two races after lunch. It was a sort of triangle course.











EASTERN STATE IMPULSE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

It was gusting around 12- 15 knots. Tricky sailing to the windward mark, where you wanted to be on starboard.

Heavy gusts battered us till a few meters to the mark, than nothing for the rounding.

That seemed to be the same on every mark, except the gybing mark. There it was always blowing 2 bags or more.

In the afternoon a strong running tide added extra fun to the mark roundings.

There were fierce battles and positions changed depending on who got the wind and who had the wind hole.

I placed 23rd, 26th, 26th and 23rd. I was happy with this great result considering the twisted back and sore ribs.

We had just finished the last race and got back to shore, when the wind found an extra gear. So strong was the wind, that we had no fire this night, the BBQ was inside the nice old style clubhouse.

Cosy inside we settled for another social evening with a little bit of drinking for some. And a little bit more drinking for others.

Morning came and the wind was still blowing 18-22 knots. Again we had 2 races in the morning and 2 after lunch. This time we got a trapezoid course with the windward make at the same spot as the day before.

Sailing was harder with the strong wind, but the gusts were lasting longer where we could hike. As soon we got on the water after lunch, the weather went feral.

I went into survival mode. "Do not fall into the water" was my strategy.

Wind was gusting over 25 knots and rain squalls in regular intervals. There were boats flipping over everywhere and the gybing mark was only safe with a granny gybe. And if that race wasn't hard enough, the last race was even harder!

Sailing in 28-30 knot wind gusts, tents and awnings started flying away in the campground. The 2 laps around the course seemed to take forever but I managed and I was not even last.

I placed 25th, 25th, 20th and 19th.

Overall 27th and a 1st in the Lady's was a good regatta for me.

David Mann got an excellent 2nd place.

David Cue got a very good 5th place.

Sheldon Haines got 18th place.

Scott Patrick got 20th place.

Ray Hobbs got 24th place.

John Ibell got 25th place.

Tim Williams got 29th place.







APRIL START SAILING

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI (INSTRUCTOR)

All April Sunday mornings have been full of activities to cover the courses prescribed by Yachting Australia. It has been a very busy month for our members involved.

On the first Sunday with "Buddy Sailing" as one of the activities, all beginners saw what fun and excitement sailing has to offer. More of the same followed in the second session, particularly with the capsize drill.

Wonderful weather has allowed us out on the harbour where we have more room to sail in front of Spinnaker Park, and getting there and back has been another sailing challenge for the new sailors. This is where they saw how much patience and concentration is needed at times. Nevertheless, all managed the tricky creek sailing very well.

Some of the group also had the chance to sail in the Fairway Race thanks to yacht skippers, John Ibell and Peter Leask.

As always, our thanks goes to the Club for making our last day special by providing catering after our last "debriefing".

Thanks to our helpers: Sue Doyle (Principal of Centre, Peter Mann (YA Instructor), Barry Austin, Maria Mohrholz, Murray Ware, Time Williams, Tiernan Williams and Rob Auty, Thanks also go to our juniors Will MacDougall and Chris Mann.

It is much appreciated to have their support, without which it would be more difficult to achieve the outcomes we do.

We Welcome:



Shelly Carlisle New to our City and keen sailing to learn Shelly's determined efforts our admiration did earn



Frank Depczynski Always one of the first at sessions to arrive To improve his knowledge and skills, Frank does strive

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BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI (INSTRUCTOR)



Bill Feeney Not only on Pacers does Bill sail -The Fairway on Sonofabeach and to Brissi on Restless's rail



Tim Danby
Sailing with fellow learner, Bill
Tim has met the challenges of every new skill



Tessa and Sam Templar Husband and Wife sailing together can be a test Fortunately together in the Pacer has caused no stress



We congratulate everyone and really hope they continue with future sailing.

From the Sailing Committee

Presentation Night

Presentation Night is on Saturday 28th May 2016 from 1800. Tickets are available now from reception. All family members are welcome to attend. RSVP's are due by Saturday 14th May. Ticket prices are \$40 for adults, \$20 for children between the age of 15-17yrs, and any child under the age of 15yrs has free entry.

Any 2015 Perpetual Trophy winners from last year's Presentation Night, need to make sure that they have brought back any perpetual trophies they were given so that we can send them to the engraver as soon as possible. All trophies MUST be back before 7th May 2016 at the very latest.

May Day Regatta

Congratulations to all who sailed on the May Day weekend at the Regatta and race in Yeppoon. Well done to Martin Cooper who placed 2nd, Scott Patrick who placed 4th & Stephen Lewis who placed 5th. Stephen also placed 1st in the Dash for Cash race. A mention also go to Peter & Christopher Mann, Maria Mohrholz and Morgan Lewis for their participation. Keep up the good work!

Keppel 100 Yacht Race

Congratulations to Dr Orders who took out First Place over the line, first place overall and first in the Multihull division. Well Done Lex and crew. If you get a chance, ask Lex about the provisioning of fuel for the slow sail to Yeppoon. Had to hail over a passing crabber (Fairfax stowed away down below in case he was recognised by the crabbers) to ask for fuel, unfortunately they had none to spare. If you're going to sail with Lex any great distance BYOF.

Eastern State Impulse Championships

Congratulations also go to all our sailors (eight PCSC members!) who travelled to Harwood for the Eastern State Impulse Championships: Dave Mann (2nd overall), David Cue (5th overall), Scott Patrick, Sheldon Haines, Maria Mohrholz, John Ibell, Ray Hobbs and Tim Williams.

CQ Championships

The NOR for the CQ Championships is now on the PCSC website. Please follow the link below to retrieve a copy. Sailing Instructions for each race will be loaded onto the website over the next coming week. http://www.gyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/2016CQChampNOR.pdf

Rescue Boat Helpers Needed

Our dinghy fleet depends on HERC and Red Rib being crewed and on the water to keep us safe. With our dinghy fleet increasing all the time, this is more crucial now than ever. We are looking for anyone who can volunteer some of their time to help on the rescue boats. Any help will be greatly appreciated. please contact Reception (admin@gyc.com.au) or the Sailing Committee (sawazkim@bigpond.net.au).

Attention All Rescue Boat Drivers

All rescue boats drivers need to give the office a copy of their boat license for our records. There is now a list we must keep with who is licensed to drive our boats and we must have their boat license and details on file. If you bring your license into reception, they will happily copy it for you. This only needs to be done once for our records.

Volunteers Register

The Club is working towards updating our Volunteers Register which is a list of all our P.C.S.C volunteers & their qualifications. For those who have a Blue Card and work with the S2S kids, are an Instructor or Assistant Instructor, have a First Aid or Safety course Certificate, Safety Boat licence, Recreational Boat Licence, or have done a Race Official Course please make sure that reception have a copy of those credentials so we know what you are qualified to volunteer with. It is vital we keep these records up to date and that we add any newly qualified members to this list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maryke Barker

Shayne Fitzgerald

Susan Geck

Andrew "Pumpkin" Gregory

Allan Jeffery

Tierney Mallett

David Mann

Robert Rosendahl



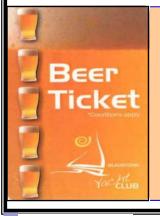


SPECIAL NOTICES

Attention all 2015 Perpetual Trophy Winners

If you still have a perpetual trophy from last year, could you please return the trophy back to the club. We need to get the trophies to the engraver as soon as possible to have them back in time for Presentation Night.

If you are unsure if this applies to you please contact Colleen Sawatzki or Sarah at reception and they will be happy to assist you.



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)

KBSC MAYDAY REGATTA 2016

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

KBSC Mayday Regatta 2016 Report from Maria Mohrholz Sailing in Windspiel

I had not missed one Mayday Regatta since I started sailing so, I had to go there, didn't I?

After a difficult and windy regatta the week before, this time the forecast was for light to little to no wind. With my ribs still a bit sore, I didn't mind.

Quite a fleet of cats turned up as the Arrows had their state Championships but we also had a fleet of Mono's including 6 impulses. 3 boats from KBSC and 3 boats from PCSC.

Morgan Lewis, Peter and Christopher Mann were also flying the PCSC flag with juniors on lasers and optimists. All together around 40 boats on the water.

3 races were set for Saturday. Triangle, Sausage, Triangle. The wind was around 5-6knots and quite sailable and a nice day on the water. Coming back to the beach, I broke my tiller-extension. But, the good sailing fairy fixed it overnight. Thank you very much Brett Holly.

Sunday morning had no wind at first. The start boat measured 1.7knot wind with 2 knot gusts. An hour later we had enough light wind for racing. The course was set to a windward return x2 for 3 races again.

Sailing was close amongst the impulses all weekend. Even I wasn't left behind. Racing against Scott Patrick and Stephen Lewis, I was beating them both in two races to the line.

Every Mayday Regatta ends with "the dash for cash" marathon. But my ribs said I had had enough sailing for the day so I gave it a miss.

Stephen Lewis surprised everyone with winning the cash for the mono's. Well done!

A big thank you to KBSC for a well run and enjoyable regatta.





KBSC MAYDAY REGATTA 2016

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ











THE HISTORY OF THE PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB

BY BETTY LAVER - PART TWO OF A 4 PART STORY

(Continued on from part 1 in the April Edition of Straphanger)

In early March 1949, a cyclone hit Gladstone damaging much of the township and surrounding areas and the PCSC organised distress funds. There was talk of disbanding the yacht race but the PCSC insisted that they were ready and there was much excitement when the yachts left Shorncliffe Pier at Woody Point in Brisbane.

None of the yachts carried a wireless and the PCSC members like Noel Norris (timekeeper for the race) and his helpers Bert (Pop) Haines and Eddie Stevens, didn't hear anything more until the yachts were seen off Bustard Heads, Excitement rose as the first yachts were seen coming up the harbour and it was the timekeepers job to witness when they crossed the line at Auckland Point Wharf. Having no communication with the yachts, the crew would call out the name of their boat as they crossed the line.

First over the line at 8am on Sunday, with two local fishermen Roy Haack and Jack Thompson on board was "Hoana". She had taken 47 hours, 8 minutes and 25 seconds to complete the race and "Sea Prince", with Doug Friend as a crew member, gained handicap honours. Mayor O'Malley was in charge of the official welcome in the Town Hall and with all yachts arriving before 8pm Sunday, an official dance was held at the Trocadoro, which was a howling success. To top the Easter holidays off, a race on the harbour from Auckland Creek to South Trees was organised on Easter Monday and the yachts were all loaded with locals and friends. This was a great sight on our beautiful harbour.

Once the QCYC and the PCSC had successfully organised the first Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race at Easter in 1949 it was decided that this would become an annual event. The PCSC was responsible for the Gladstone finish line and ultimate festivities of the race. In 1950 they conducted a small boats Easter Regatta in conjunction with the yacht race so as to bring the crowds for gala celebration. Visitors came from Brisbane, Bundaberg, Bowen and Maryborough and they sailed on the harbour throughout Saturday and Sunday while waiting for the yachts to come in. The Regatta became an annual event to coincide with the yacht race and was put on by the PCSC.

The plans for the Boat Shed were discussed at length by the members of the PCSC and they eventually came up with a proposal, which was long term. The boat shed was to be constructed with volunteer labour as finances became available to purchase building material. When this plan was put to the Harbour Board, the PCSC committee were of the opinion that the board had envisaged them erecting a small tin shed. This wasn't in line with the Master Plan, which included a clubhouse, that they had come up with. The board was impressed with their suggestion and they were given the "go ahead" and were allocated the area where the clubhouse stands now. Although the PCSC were forging ahead with membership it was still a comparatively small club and they knew that what they had requested would be a big ask and there was much to be done.

They began looking to purchase building material as they could afford it and timber was going to be the biggest cost. The PCSC had won the hearts of the Gladstone business people and the general public when they run distress funds in the 1949 cyclone and also being the promoters of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. When it was learned that they were taking on the contract to construct their own building they were blessed with many contributions to their cause.

The 1949 cyclone which had flattened much of Gladstone and the surrounding district, became a "God send" to the PCSC. Two property owners in the Calliope River area, Percy friend (Carrara) and Bob Shaw (Wycheproof), were keen followers of the PCSC and they offered all the trees that had fallen on their properties during the cyclone as building material for the structure. Other timber contributions that were greatly appreciated was acquired from Bill Colthorpe of Calliope and Tom O'Connor of Benaraby. With all this timber available to the PCSC, more plans were submitted and this became a two storey building, which included a modern ballroom.

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BY BETTY LAVER - PART TWO OF A 4 PART STORY

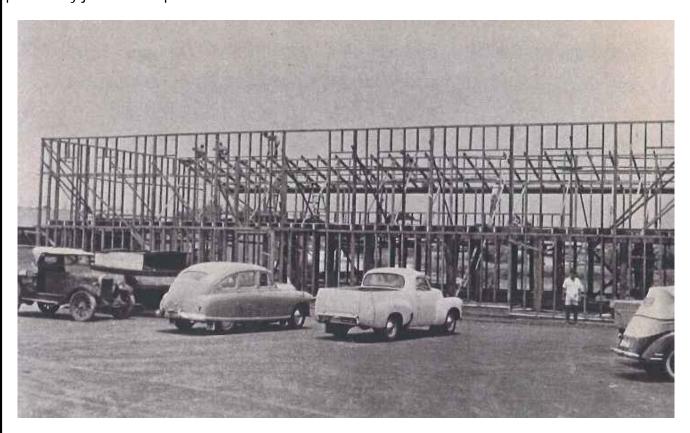
This was when their hard toil began as the timber had to be procured from these properties. Jack Mortensen, a carpenter for Bill Golding, was elected to supervise the building of the clubhouse and Noel Norris, employed by George Young & Sons and of the same profession, was his assistant. These were both capable tradesmen and Jack found himself in charge of working bees that took the volunteers out into the country to retrieve the timber.

These people became known as "Woodcutters" and the title stuck. Bill Golding, building contractor and owner of the Gladstone Sawmill was asked to be Honorary Advisor of Construction. George Tutton (saw-doctor) and Billy Moore were two long time employees of Bill Golding and they were willing volunteer assistants on this timber work. The club was indebted to the sawmill for the loan and maintenance of cross-cut saws, axes, picks and shovels and other tools needed for this handiwork.

The volunteer workers were now entering the first stage of obtaining the timber for the job and it was a surprise to everyone to find so many trades people who had an interest in the club. Those who couldn't use their trade or were non tradesmen learned to adapt.

The two mill hands who were non-members, supervised the following volunteers who answered the call from the PCSC: Jack Mortensen, Noel Norris and Cedric Cooper (carpenters), Noel and Doug Patrick (Watchmakers), Len Waterson and Murray McNae (Deckhands), Bill Heinegar (Printer), Roe O'Neill (Solicitor), Fred Gamgee, Bill Barker (Chemist), Alan Bradshaw, Ken Noon, Des Smith and Clive Selwood (Meatworkers), Bill Sorenson (Meat Inspector), Alan Cameron, Alan Ruddle and Rolf Haines (Fitter & Turners), Ralf Pender (Clerk), Roy Ibel (Barman), Barry Austin (Cooper), Ian Renton and Godfrey Ruddle (students), Lloyd Humphries (Stationary Engine Driver). There were possibly more whose names have been missed here.

There were some blistered hands initially but being dedicated they returned again and again until this preliminary job was completed three months later.



Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2015-16										
W	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 1-5-16	1042 1.25 1650 3.31		KBSC May Day Regatta - Arrow State Titles						
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	Friday 6-5-16	1457 0.27 2107 4.16	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing						
	Saturday	1540 0.31 2152 4.65	1400	Championship Heat 5	Peter Mann	Barry Austin				
	7-5-16			Head of Harbour 2 Heat 5						
	Friday 13-5-16	1512 3.04 2114 1.65	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing						
	Saturday 14-5-16	1004 1.35 1628 3.15	1400	Championship Heat 7	Dan Ware	Barry Austin				
	Friday 20-5-16	1412 0.81 2040 4.05	1600 2000	Friday Social Sailing						
	Saturday 21-5-16	1441 0.79 2110 4.09	1400	SRD		Barry Austin				
	Saturday 28-5-16			PRESENTATION NIGHT Exclusive use of upstairs dining area						
				School Holidays Start	Friday 25-	6-16				
		1424 3.04 2022 1.64		CQ Championships Heats 1 & 2 Gladstone						
		1533 3.06 2136 1.69		CQ Championships Heat 3 Gladstone to Rosyln Bay/ Alternate Race Trailer Yachts Gladstone						
	Saturday 25-6-16	1226 3.28 1812 1.14		ASP Regatta Heats 1 & 2		Barry Austin				
	Sunday 26-6-16	0721 1.04 1325 3.27		ASP Regatta Heats 3 & 4 Val Sisley Heats 4 & 5						
	End School Holidays Sunday 10-7-16									





Sunday May 8th 2016

Treat Mum to Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner at
Gladstone Yacht Club

8am Breakfast

11.30am Lunch - Free Jumping Castle for the kids
6pm Dinner

All mums receive a \$2 pokies voucher and a discount meal voucher

Book Mum a table today

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