

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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**Well done PCSC on the wonderful success of the  
2016 Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta**



**2016-2017 Committee Members & Fee Structure pg. 4-5**

# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Wow, what a great couple of months we have had. My apologies for not submitting a diatribe last month however I felt my contribution could not shine a light on the report and photos of our presentation night.

What a fantastic night! My humblest thanks go to all the contributors of the night, sponsors and of course the Yacht Club management and staff. They have all out done themselves for yet another year! From Steve the ever effervescent MC, Brian the debonair event co-ordinator with the lovely, ever calm Karen by his side, Colleen and her team of merry sailing committee, Marina's mesmerising photography, Sarah's organisational co-ordinating, Ken's awe inspiring trophies, the ever efficient and professional staff, the never waning sponsors, the lovely ladies providing music for Lex's dance off and Barry's "not quite sure what's up his sleeve this year" volunteer vote of thanks, I feel this year was a definite winner! Please accept my apologies for anyone I missed as it was definitely not intentional.

Congratulations to all the sailors that competed throughout the year. Whether you go home with a trophy or not it is the competing and improving that makes you a winner in my eyes. The competition has heated up in the dinghies and looks like getting hotter next season! The yachts need a fair bit of work however I'm sure if everyone pulls together for the common cause we can turn them around also. There were some interclub competitions in the past couple of months and yet again PCSC stood proud. Some dates are being looked at to improve the CQ series to ensure better availability of yachts from both clubs.

We had another P&O cruise ship arrive on Tuesday 28th June which saw us provide approximately 200 meals. Currently the sailing committee are rigging up a couple of pacers and standing by them to talk to curious visitors which doesn't seem to be bringing more people to the club to dine. If there is something you think might work for the club while the visitors are here please let Brian know.

May 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. The executive committee have met and drafted a basic plan of small, but important, changes to try and bring us out of this slump. Please be assured the club is in a reasonable position and we all have to work together and embrace changes to ride through this slump.

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.



# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



He's gone on a lap of honour!

# 2016-2017 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



The 2016-2017 Committee Members are

## Management Committee

Commodore	John Ibell
Vice-Commodore	Colleen Sawatzki
Treasurer	Greg Mallet
Club Captain	Lex Moran
Committee	Anthony Constance
Committee	Ian Williams
Committee	Stephen McGuigan
Committee	Peter Mann

## Patron

Barry Austin

## Sailing Committee

Division 1&2	Dannon Ware
Division 4	Martin Cooper
Handicapper	Tim Williams
Starter	Barry Austin
Sailing Instructor	Colleen Sawatzki and Peter Mann

Member David Mann

Straphanger Editor Anthony Constance

Junior Club Captain Chris Mann

# 2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP FEE STRUCTURE



Membership renewal is due August 31 of every year.  
Membership Fees Structure for 2016-2017 is as follows

Ordinary Member	150
Junior Member	45
Family Membership (Capped)	330
Joining Fee	0
Hardstand	950
Race Nomination per vessel	60
Discover Sailing Start Sailing	0
Discover Sailing Admin Fee	50
Hardstand Service Fee	200
Tender on Rack	55
Sabot, Dinghy & BIC's under clubhouse	70
Associate Member	10
Building Levy per member or family	6

All fees are GST inclusive

# WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

## Yachties Has Something **NEW** for Everyone!



**NEW**

### MENU OPTIONS

Enjoy our healthy paleo and  
Seafood options  
All day dining—choose any  
meal, any time



**NEW**

### ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday in the Beer Garden  
Pick your own hits @ Yachties  
With the "Crowd DJ" app.  
Saturday nights - check out the Piano Bar



**NEW**

### GAMING

Come in an try  
Your luck today



**NEW**

### AT THE BAR

Canadian Club & Dry  
New on tap  
Have a drink by the water and enjoy  
The cocktails all day long

# FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

## **CQ Championships**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the CQ Championships. Whether you sailed, volunteered your time on a rescue boat or helped out in any other way it is greatly appreciated as it paves the way for a successful day. Special thanks go to PRO for the day, Peter Mann. It turned out to be a really long day with Heat 3 starting at 1800!

## **Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta - Thank you Smit Lamnalco**

Smit Lamnalco's sponsorship of the All Boats Regatta on 25th & 26th June, contributed to entrants enjoying the hospitality of the Club and receiving medallion mementos of the event together with trophies.

Thanks also go to Ken Watson for his hard work on updating the Perpetual Trophy for the All Boats Regatta, and to all our volunteers who helped over the weekend. We could not have done it without you!

## **Junior Start Sailing Course**

We require some assistance from our volunteers to help with the Junior Start Sailing Course.

Dates for the course are: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July & 7th August.

Are you able to help? Please contact Colleen via email: [sawazkim@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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.

## **Lady Skippers Day**

Save the Date: Lady Skippers Day will be on Saturday 13th August.

## **Keppel Bay Sailing Club Youth Camp**

The youth camp will be held between 20th to 25th September. For more information contact KBSC on 49399542 or email [sailing@kbsc.com.au](mailto:sailing@kbsc.com.au)

## **PCSC Discover Sailing Day**

Save the Date: Discover Sailing Day 2016 will be on Sunday 23rd October. Help us spread the word around by telling your family, friends and work colleagues

## **Wet, Wet, Wet back in action**

Thank you Ray Hobbs for donating your time and materials to fix Wet, Wet, Wet. It really does look terrific and you've done such a great job with the repairs. It is now ready to go for the next Start Sailing course.

# SMIT LAMNALCO ALL BOATS REGATTA

## BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

How Great! A fleet of 25 dinghies racing on the harbour - the most in recent years, and how appropriate, as it is 25 years since the first Regatta was held by PCSC in 1991.

On June 25th, clear sunny skies and crisp cool air welcomed sailors from Keppel Bay and Bundaberg Sailing Clubs who joined with PCSC on a special weekend of sailing. However, the light winds or no wind at all were not at all what was wanted. In such calm conditions many boaties would have gone out to the reef fishing, but these were the conditions to really challenge the sailing skills of participants in the PCSC's newly named Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta.

Saturday and Sunday saw a variety off the beach sailing dinghies (Impulses, Lasers, a Corsair, an International Canoe, Arrows, a Weta, Nacras, and little Sabots) creeping over a glassy harbour to the Quoin Basin to race, together with our start boat, MV Jack Mortensen, and support /rescue vessels Herc, Red Rid and Grey Rib. Our spectator craft, once again Ray Hobbs's beautiful "No Problem" on which some of sponsor's representatives came to see the sailing action, also followed across.

Admittedly on Saturday there was little action in 2 to 3 knots of breeze at the beginning of the first race, but as the feeble breeze came in (we got quite excited on the start boat when it hit 6 knots@) there was plenty to look at - the mark buoys seemed to attract numerous touchings when being rounded, and there were close tussles too between boats in the same class (especially on the rounding of the marks!) Thankfully, the breeze did freshen slightly for the second race where spectators could really enjoy seeing what power machines the Nacras are.

Conditions on Sunday were again challenging - just to get across the harbour. Little or no breeze, mid-tide run, a ship coming up the harbour meant it was a busy time for all support vessels helping the fleet safely across. A fair bit of towing was involved. No breeze turned to 7 to 9 knots eventually and racing could start. Somehow there appeared were fewer incidents on the buoys, the main challenge being to just keep moving. As the race neared finishing the breeze began to drop pushing skippers to use all their skills to finish in the allotted time.

Congratulations go to all sailors for getting out and trying their best. We are particularly proud of our Junior Sailors, Georgia Mossman, Chris Mann and Will MacDougall who sailed their first Regatta in the PCSC's Sabots, and our youth sailors, Morgan Lewis in her Laser (who never misses a sailing race!) and Matt Eiser in the family Corsair (with Dad and younger sister for crew).

Special congratulations go to the winners in each division:

Junior Monohull:	Larcom - Georgia Mossman (PCSC)
Youth Open Monohull:	Crewless - Morgan Lewis (PCSC)
Intermediate:	Sail1day - Matthew Eiser (PCSC)
Senior Open Monohull:	Tarfun - Peter Mann (PCSC)
Senior Open Multihull:	Venom - Bruce Potter & Matthew Caldwell (BSC)

Overall winner 2016 of the Smit Lamnalco All Boats Sailing Regatta was PCSC.

Our Visitors, together with our sailors and volunteers were as always, well and truly looked after by Brian and Karen Dawson and their hospitality team supplying catering for "No Problem", delicious finger food for our post race socials and a wonderful breakfast to start Sunday.

This was possible, as well as being able to award prizes, medallions and ribbons, due to the much appreciated sponsorship of Smit Lamnalco. Such a regatta not only allows a chance to get together with other Clubs on the water, but is also instrument in fostering renewed enthusiasm and interest in the sport.

PCSC says, :THANK YOU SMIT LAMNALCO!"

Sailors from visiting Clubs also were heard to express their thanks and appreciation in being able to attend a regatta with no entry costs, and enjoy such excellent hospitality.

# SMIT LAMNALCO ALL BOATS REGATTA

## BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

The Regatta would not have been possible without the helpers below;

Support boats launching, retrieving and prep: Barry Austin, Tim Williams, Slim Rosendahl and Martin Ten Bense

Support Boat Operators: Barry Austin, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki, Alexa Mann, Lynne Campbell, Rob Auty, Dirk Beyer, Dannon Ware, Robert Rosendahl, John Roberts, Jim Thomas, Davida Eiser, Martin Ten Bense, Robert and Slim Rosendahl

PRO: Colleen Sawatzki

Shore Manager: Brian Dawson

Safety Check: Tim Williams

Registration: Martin Sawatzki

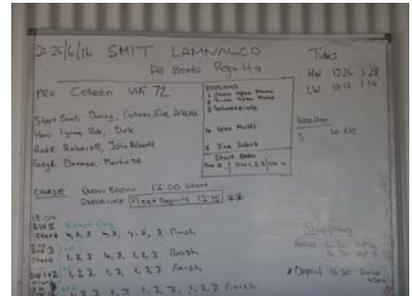
Shirts: Alexa Mann

Photography: Marina Hobbs, Sue Doyle

No Problem Crew: Ray Hobbs, Tony Constance, Claire Williams

Trophies, Gifts, Results & Paperwork: Brian Dawson, Sarah Perez, Peter Mann, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki

Thank you again  
Colleen



# PCSC-SMIT LAMNALCO ALL BOATS REGATTA

PHOTOGRAPHY COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS





## Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2015-16

W	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			
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting			
	Sunday 10-7-16	0710 1.18 1330 3.09	0800	Junior Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Sunday 17-7-16	0728 3.29 1311 0.90	0800	Junior Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Sunday 24-7-16	0611 0.73 1212 3.53	0800	Junior Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Sunday 31-7-16	0718 3.44 1323 0.66	0800	Junior Start Sailing 5	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Sunday 7-8-16	0547 0.93 1200 3.33	0800	Junior Start Sailing 6	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Saturday 13-8-16	1103 1.31 1802 3.47	1400	Lady Skippers Day	Sue Doyle				
	Sunday 14-8-16	0616 3.05 1158 1.13		SRD					
	Saturday 20-8-16	1026 3.84 1629 0.43		SRD					
	Saturday 27-8-16	1109 1.06 1743 3.83	1500	<b>SIGN ON DAY</b> (no Sailing)					
	Saturday 3-9-16	1021 3.66 1622 0.74	1400	<b>PATRON'S OPEN DAY</b>	Barry Austin				
	Friday 9-9-16	0733 1.56 1440 3.02	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 10-9-16	0904 1.60 1604 3.12	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Head Harbour1 Heat 1					
	Friday 16-9-16	1448 0.37 2101 4.35	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 17-9-16	0924 4.05 1533 0.28	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Championships Heat 1					



# LADY SKIPPERS DAY

THAT ONE DAY A YEAR ALL WE WOMEN LOOK FORWARD TO...

When the women of the PCSC grace our yachts at the helm  
Cast the lines and take control

**SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2016**  
**START TIME ~1400**



# THE HISTORY OF THE PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB

BY BETTY LAVER - PART 4 OF A FOUR PART STORY

*(Continued on from part 3 in the June Edition of Straphanger)*

Noel Patrick, the Treasurer of the PCSC, came up with the idea of approaching the town businessmen with the method of the club borrowing money from them in interest free debentures. In some cases businessmen made straight out donations in lieu of going into debentures and others refused to be paid back their loans when the time came. Noel worked hard on this project and it turned out to be a brilliant idea. Many well wishers made straight out donations while others financed the cost of certain parts of the building. The Ladies Auxiliary were also relentless money raisers running raffles, fashion parades and street stalls with all monies going to the building fund.

Lloyd Humphries, past President and local boat race starter, performed the official opening of the Clubhouse on 28th March 1959, ten years from when the club started work. When the building was opened it was announced that \$4300 was still outstanding to contractors and #3800 in debentures still owing.

Bill Golding's account was the highest and it was decided that he would be approached with the view of asking for three years credit. Noel Patrick, the Treasurer, was nominated for this meeting and he knew it wasn't going to be an easy task. It was well known that Bill was a hard person to find and "a man of very few words" when he was tracked down. Noel did make contact and asked if it was acceptable to Bill for payment three years hence and the answer was a gruff "Hum" as Bill walked away. Assuming that his answer was to the affirmative, Noel chased after him as he required further information to which all answers were similar. Noel came away believing that Bill had agreed to their request and this turned out to be the case. In due course the agreement was to be revered and the club invited Bill to a special evening to thank him for his generosity throughout the venture and his patience for payment. The PCSC presented him with a cheque with due payment and a framed photograph of the completed building. Later it was leaked back to the PCSC that Bill had been so thrilled with the presentation that he had a miniature picture of the clubhouse made and had placed it on his office table.

An extract from the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the club pays tribute to the voluntary workers of the PCSC and reads as follows:- "The clubhouse is a monument to the organisation and sheer hard work of the supervisors, club members and volunteers who gave their time and energy over the ten year construction period. Gladstone people also supported the venture when they saw the huge effort and dedication of the club members. The PCSC was admired for its perseverance in constructing what was, at the time, the biggest project utilising volunteer labour ever seen in Gladstone. The whole town seemed to rally behind the effort when it saw a club that was prepared to put so much energy into improving the sport and being prepared to work themselves to get there. For the help and support of the Gladstone people and businesses, all club members then and now are most appreciative".

Noel Patrick was clubhouse designer and major fundraising organiser of the ten year building venture and went on to be Treasurer of the PCSC for twenty-two terms, although not all consecutively. He and Jack Mortensen were inaugural club members and in 1972 became the first life members of the PCSC. With so many dedicated PCSC members and a wonderful clubhouse at their disposal, the world was their oyster.

In 1961 Noel Patrick pushed for the introduction of extensive "learn to sail" classes and the purchase of ten select class training boats (Sabots). This was an outstanding success and bolstered membership significantly. Many of the new members were Gladstone State High School (GSHS) students and this avenue led to the PCSC developing Queensland's first Sailing Program to be included in the GSHS sports schedule.

# THE HISTORY OF THE PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB

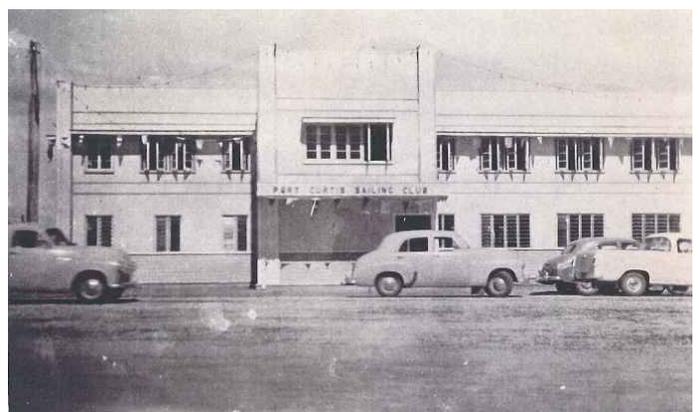
BY BETTY LAVER - PART FOUR OF A FOUR PART STORY

In 1962 the council launched the Harbour Festival in conjunction with the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race but the segment was run by the Gladstone Council. Over the years this event has grown bigger and bigger and, while the PCSC is still connected with the race, it has many more concepts to it now. The PCSC has appointed a manager to administer the running of the clubhouse and the sailing is supervised by a commodore and a vice commodore who runs all the local activities.

There was a number of the volunteer brigade who were keen to play hockey and in April 1956 the PCSC sough application for a Seniors Men's Team to enter the Gladstone Hockey Association. They called themselves Sailors Hockey Club and Wally Craig was Club Patron and Ian Renton was President. The aim of these novices was to improve their form and eventually win a premiership. They had lots of fun in the following year attempting to proceed to this purpose. Finally in 1960 they came away with the premiership and, on gaining this target, withdrew their team for the following years. Members of this teal over it four year existence were:- Ian Renton, Ken Watson, Geoff and Keith Leach, Bruce and Frank Doble, Geoff Wassell, Doug and Arthur Bensted, Bill Elms, Des Pederson, Les and Brian Norris, Errol Schmidt, Allan Bradshaw, Mick Absolem, Graham Fenton, Bill Geddes, Barry Austin, Clive Selwood, Mike Thompson, Keith Pashley, Roy Ibell, Ollie and Ed Stanley, Vince Chapman, John Beck and Darryl Erbacher. In 1985, a thirty year reunion was held in the Gladstone Club for this defunct club and many of the past members attended.

In 1981 Bill Geddes and Noel Patrick were instrumental in the building of the specialised club rescue boat, "Gedrick". ("Ged" for Geddes & "rick" for Patrick). Bill and Noel spent hours on the design and construction of this craft and they had the help of Ken Watson, Ian Chapman and Grant Patchett. They finally saw the rewards of their labours when it was dropped into the water in November 1981 and was seen to perform "beyond all expectations".

The PCSC still leases the reclaimed land from the Gladstone Ports Corporation and the Clubhouse has been heritage listed.



Easter weekend at the clubhouse 1959

The PCSC proudly gives thanks to;



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Club Captain: Lex Moran (0418 794 286)

Treasurer: Robert Auty (0417 609 293)

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FAMOUS for our Wines, FAMOUS for our Service.*