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Hi All,

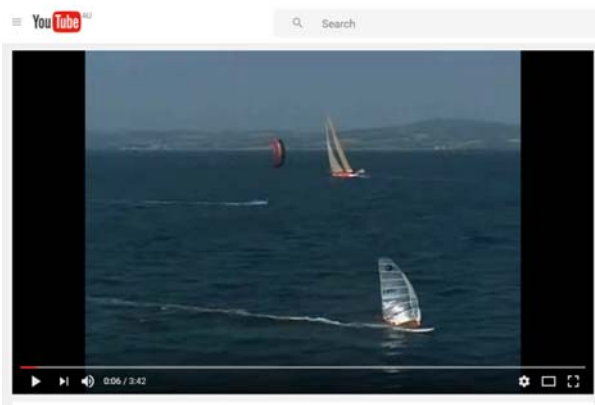
Welcome to the November edition of Straphanger! This edition is packed full of some good reads and updates on what's been happening around the Club along with some fantastic photos of some of the latest PCSC sailing action!

As always, we're always keen for any contributions to the Strap. It doesn't matter how young or old, experienced or inexperienced you are – your story is welcome! Contact either myself or Sarah Perez at reception if you would like to contribute. (Our details are on the last page!)

It's great to see some new faces and hear of some new sailors at the Club getting more involved. It's always a fantastic privilege to introduce someone to sailing, especially when they really don't know what to expect! I've heard from Lex and Johnno that they have had 'fresh' crew on board over the past weeks which is simply fantastic.

Recently I was finally able to slot in a sail with a good mate of mine and Head of Department from my Teaching days, Damian (Damo). When I bought Intrigue Damo's ears pricked up as he knew of the Farrier designs from the 80s and toyed with the idea of building one as, in his words, "having a fast trimaran would be really cool!" (Great minds think alike mate, I knew there was a reason I liked you!). Damo had never sailed until just the other week when he came out with Claire, Debbie, Ian and myself and from all reports he had a great time! (He even said he'd really like to come out in some good breeze just to see what the boat could do!)

This got me to thinking of what got me back into sailing after a brief (4 year!) racing sabbatical whilst at University... one particular video, almost 10 years old now was a big part of it... so I thought I might share it with you as my Video of the Month – it's simply called "Everybody Sailing"... I think you'll see why! (Is that Martin Cooper at the start...?)




Type this link into your browser:

<http://tiny.cc/m5kngy>

Or scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet:



I wouldn't mind trying that last trick someday...!
Fair winds always,
Tony Constance – Editor.



Port Curtis
Sailing Club Presents

PCSC Sailors Christmas Party

All Ordinary Members, Life Members & Family are
Welcome



Saturday 10th December

From 11.30am - 2.30pm in Dudleys Bar

Guest Appearance From Santa and a Jumping Castle

RSVP by 3rd December to admin@gyc.com.au or
call 4972 2294



Don't forget when you RSVP
please let us know how many kids
will be coming & ages as Santa
doesn't want to disappoint.

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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 slowly increasing which means the numbers sailing each weekend are more consistent than last year which is a great look for the club. The dinghy fleet is growing with a number of different classes increasing which is fantastic to see. I believe the starts and finishes between the dinghies have been very close and competitive. The Laser sailors have taken the following oath that needs some work to make it come true, apparently;

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!

The Impulse sailors are competing in their state titles recently at Lake Cootharaba in the first weekend of December. It is possible a fleet of at least 30 will attend. Also that weekend the Cootharaba club host the Corsair State titles and the Monomasters regatta where I believe some of our laser sailors will be competing also. Looks like a huge weekend so if you can be part of it we will see you there. What a great chance for even closer racing!

This experience will also give us an idea of requirements for PCSC hosting the Impulse State Titles next October long weekend. Yes, you read it right, WE are hosting a State title, something that has not been achieved for a long, long time. I know it's a way off however the sailing committee are planning now and of course the call for volunteers will ring out. Please mark it in your calendar now so we can provide a great weekend of sailing and enjoy socialising with each other and the visitors.

We are continuing to work on the future development of the club and the lease. Meetings are being planned with the GPC to assess their development plan and how we can work with them to ensure the best outcome for us all. We will then format 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 supportive of the committee with the plan.

October trading saw the club exceed budget which is a great result. Well done Brian and the team! From now until Christmas is fairly well booked with functions also. Brian is looking at the meals and trialling a few differences in the main restaurant and Salty's. Please have a look at what Brian is doing and support the club where possible. We have fired up Facebook, yep we are in the modern world, and looking at revamping the web site to make it more alluring and compatible with modern technology. 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.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- **MEMBERSHIP IS DUE.** Please note that if you are sailing or have crew on board who are not member/s you will not be given points for the races you participate in. The club allows for you to compete in 3 races before you have to join which is fair, eg. hockey do not let you take the field unless you are fully paid. Presently we have around 40 members which is far short of our normal

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100+ so please join up ASAP.

- 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!
- Discover sailing day was a success even though the weather was terrible! There were still people wanting to go on the yachts after getting cold and wet on the Pacers. We had to stop the yacht sail as the weather continued to worsen and have promised another Sunday for the ones interested in a yacht sail. Many thanks to all the volunteers that assisted on the day!

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.



DISCOVER SAILING DAY 2016

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI



DISCOVER SAILING DAY

The bright orange sails of the PCSC's Pacers brightened the rigging area on Sunday 23 October, to contrast with the bleak and grey conditions of the weather and water.

It was the annual National Discover Sailing Day once again, where our Club has the opportunity to showcase its sailing facilities and promote sailing as a safe, fun and affordable sport to the community.



The slightly discouraging weather conditions, did not hinder participants turning up to get out on the water. We welcomed four families to enjoy some great sailing in the 15 knot plus breeze in the creek with our great dinghy skippers, Martin Cooper, Peter Mann and Morgan Lewis. These sailors really deserve recognition for their efforts!

Conditions allowed fast turns of speed, and some interesting manoeuvres. However the rain, together with the increasingly chill, saw the proposed sailing on a yacht postponed.



Nevertheless, Principal of our Discover Sailing Centre, Sue Doyle, happily reports that participants are interested in our Start Sailing Courses and Club racing. That certainly makes enduring rain, the cold, the clammy clothes and freezing fingers worthwhile. (Fortunately no one needed to be treated for hypothermia!)

The success of any Club activity is due to the much appreciated efforts of our Club members.



Particular thanks goes to:

Skippers : Marty, Pete and Morgan

Shore crew : Susan Doyle and Barry Austin

Rescue Boat : Colleen Sawatzki, Chris and Alexa Mann

Yachts "Restless" : John Ibell and "Tuan " Brad Barker

Sailing Liaison Officer: Sarah Perez

Colleen



DISCOVER SAILING DAY 2016 PHOTOS



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

Membership

Just a friendly reminder to all owners and crew. As per our sailing instructions new or casual crew are permitted to race up to 3 races per season without being a member of either PCSC or another affiliated club with YA. If any of your current crew fall outside of this please ensure they complete an ordinary membership ASAP to avoid any disappointments on the result sheets. In all cases please encourage becoming a member and being able to utilize all the benefits the club membership programs have to offer.

Junior Sailing

Junior Sailing has recommenced on Saturday morning with a briefing at 0900 to be on the water by 0930 and finishing around 1130hrs. We encourage any parents to come down and join in on rescue boats. Come and watch your kids enjoy sailing in the water.

Thank You

Club Volunteers had an early start with Brian on Tuesday 25th Oct to ready the Club to welcome visitors from the cruise ship. Thanks goes to Greg Mallet, Martin Wright, Ian Williams, Tony Constance, Barry Austin, Martin & Colleen Sawatzki. Help will be welcomed on 20th Dec for the next cruise ship event.

Pacer Gear

We seem to be missing/cannot locate a double block from the boom of a Club Pacer. If you can help in any way please let Colleen know.

Round The Bay

Best wishes to all PCSC members who are entered in the Round The Bay Race.

Junior Start to Sail

Dates for the next Junior Start to Sail have been set.

Sunday 15th - Wednesday 18th January 2016.

We are looking for anyone who can volunteer their time to help with the course.

Leak Fixed!

Herc crews no longer need to be concerned about copious amounts of water coming in the stern around the outboard bracket, due to the efforts of members: Max Lubke, David Mann, Peter Mann and Barry Austin.

New Straphanger Deadline

The new deadline for all Straphanger articles is now the 25th of every month. This is to give time for editing and publication. Articles sent in after this date will be carried over to the next edition.

Upcoming Dates

PCSC Championships 26th November

Austin Family Fairway Buoy 3rd December

Impulse State Titles 3rd & 4th December

WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

NEW MENU OPTIONS

Check out our new \$15 burger menu in Salty's Restaurant. Pictured here is our Chicken Nacho Burger topped with Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, Crunchy Corn Chips, Melted Cheese, Salsa, Guacamole, Sour Cream on Mexican Spiced Seasoned Burger Bun.



NEW IN THE BAR

Introducing our new Tequila additions to the bar: Patron XO Café Coffee Liqueur and Silver Patron. And for the Beer lovers we are proud to introduce Mountain Goat Beer which is 100% Organic.



NEW SUNDAY SESH

Check out live, local music from 2pm



NEW DUDLEY'S BAR

Dudley's Bar has had a revamp right in time for Summer! Come on Down for the next Sunday Breakfast or Sunday Sesh to check out the new look.



Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2016-17

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			
	Friday 4-11-16	1127 3.61 1748 1.33	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 5-11-16	1210 3.47 1836 1.47	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Championships Heat 3	Sue Doyle				
	Sunday 6-11-16	0558 1.45 1306 3.36	0800	Adult S2S 2					
	Friday 11-11-16	1228 0.90 1838 3.95	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 12-11-16	0711 4.07 1323 0.66	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Handicap Series Heat 1	David Mann				
	Sunday 13-11-16	0757 4.32 1413 0.48	0800	Adult S2S 3					
	Friday 18-11-16	1200 4.22 1822 0.87	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 19-11-16	0625 1.09 1257 3.98	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Handicap Series Heat 2					
				CCYC Round the Bay					
	Sunday 20-11-16	0730 1.35 1359 3.78	0800	Adult S2S 4					
	Friday 25-11-16	1253 1.12 1850 3.63	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 26-11-16	0726 3.86 1332 1.02	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Championships Heat 4	Colleen Sawatzki				
	Sunday 27-11-16	0759 3.97 1408 0.96	0800	Adult S2S 5					

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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			
	Friday 2-12-16	1033 3.95 1658 1.08	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 3-12-16	1109 3.85 1736 1.18	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1000	Austin Family Fairway/ Tripod	Barry Austin				
	Sat & Sun 3rd & 4th Dec 16			Impulse State Titles & Mono Master LCSC					
	Friday 9-12-16	1058 1.31 1706 3.68	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
			Summer School Holidays Start Saturday 10-12-16						
	Saturday 10-12-16	1206 1.08 1809 3.76	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1130-1430	Sailors Christmas Party					
	Saturday 17-12-16	1140 4.35 1803 0.81	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	SRD					
Aquatic Permit to Here									
	Friday 6-1-17	0905 1.55 1520 3.55	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 7-1-17	1032 1.47 1635 3.52	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	SRD					
	Friday 13-1-17	0949 4.67 1613 0.55	1600	Friday Social Sailing/ Twilight Series					
	Saturday 14-1-17	1033 4.58 1656 0.63	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1400	Twilight Series					
	Sunday 15-1-17	0458 0.73 1116 4.40	0800	Junior Start to Sail		Colleen Sawatzki			
	Monday 16-1-17	0537 0.97 1158 4.16	0800	Junior Start to Sail					

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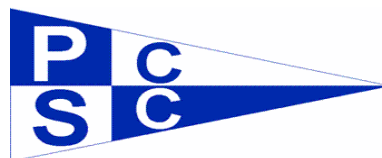
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Straphanger Contributions

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