

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



To all the PCSC members,
crew and volunteers,
thank you very much for
all your kind help and
support over the Season.

Safe travels & fair winds
to those sailing in regattas
over Christmas.

Merry Christmas to
Everyone

Love from
Barry Austin
and Patty
Club Patron



Warm Christmas greetings and the
very best for the New Year to our
members and all the great Yacht
Club Staff.

A special thank to my team on the
current Sailing Committee, the
support crew volunteers, and
Start Sailing team whose
invaluable help allows
our sailing to take place

Greetings
Colleen Sawatzki
Vice Commodore



IN THIS ISSUE

Hi All,

Welcome to the December edition of Straphanger! In this issue we will catch up with all the latest events happening at PCSC, and find out what other events are just around the corner.

In this issue we catch up with the latest news from Young Dinga and the Sailing Committee, meet the latest recruits from the Adult Start to Sail Course and read about Maria's latest sailing adventure at the QLD Impulse State Championships. There is also a notice for all skippers on page 6 so if that is you, please familiarise yourself with its contents.

Don't forget the annual PCSC Sailors Christmas Party is this weekend and if you have not already done so, please RSVP for the event. The Sydney to Hobart yacht race on Boxing Day is also coming up and sailors again have the opportunity to watch all the live action from the Clubhouse. As the Club is closed to the public on this day, we will have limited staff available so it is vital that you do RSVP for this event. If you are attending we kindly ask if you can bring in a plate of food to share around. Doors open at 1100 with the race starting at 1200 local time.


The Clubhouse has also started a Canapés and Cocktails evening which is located in the Gladstone Room every Thursday night so if you are looking for something to do during the holidays or have family visiting, this is good way to support the club.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe travels over the Christmas holidays. To all our sailors attending Regatta over the Christmas break we wish you all the best and fair winds.

The next edition of Straphanger will be in February. As always, we are always looking for any articles or contributions for the next Straphanger.

We look forward to seeing you again in the new year.





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.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Well, the end of the year is here! Where did 2016 go? Anyone feel the same way as I do about how fast the year has gone. How's the "to do" list going you made at the start of the year going? 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!

It continues to amaze me how keen we are for a sail. Over the past couple of months club members have competed in events away from home as well as keeping the local competition thriving. From yacht racing around Keppel Bay to dinghy sailing all around the state and NSW, we certainly enjoy doing what we do, and also picking up some silverware along the way!

CCYC had their presentations last weekend and PCSC members collected a number of the major trophies for the CQ series, 100 mile and the Round the Bay races. Well done all.

To top that off Dave Mann travelled to the NSW State Impulse titles and picked up a 4th place which seemed a good warm up for the Qld State titles as he picked up 1st place last weekend at Lake Cootharaba. PCSC also scored well with Maria winning the women's division and Tim collecting the most improved. These were great results with 29 competitors at the titles. Looks good for the state titles next year here in Gladstone.

November trading saw the club miss the budget. It is still a difficult time for all in Gladstone so Brian and the team are working hard to ensure the club is the preferred establishment of Gladstonites. From now until Christmas is fairly well booked with functions so if you are thinking about a last minute get together please book in early so as not to miss out.

Please remember the "members only" invite for Boxing Day again this year to watch the start of the Sydney to Hobart. I was assured last year's event was memorable and is growing each year.

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

See you this Saturday at the Christmas party and if I don't see you there I look forward to catching up in the New Year!

The sailing scene;

- ⇒ Christmas break is coming up so if you have some spare time please see Lex about some small jobs that need to be done around the club as I'm sure he will welcome you with open arms.
- ⇒ Remember to do your maintenance on your vessels also so they are in tip top condition for the second half of the season!

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.



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

Attention All Skippers!

Skipper Roster Duty 2017

The Sailing Committee will trial a roster duty plan as from the 28th January 2017, where all senior skippers will be eligible to be rostered as PRO together with one of the Sailing Committee as "mentor" as required. Average points policy will apply.

This is proposed to:

1. Involve more members in the conducting of our Club races.
2. Spread the load across the Club of duties required to allow RACING.

In previous years when there was a much larger yacht fleet sailing, all yachts were rostered on to perform duties on the support vessels during the season, but with our now large dinghy fleet, all senior dinghy sailors will be expected to participate.

For the remainder of this season, Sue Doyle and Colleen Sawatzki will do PRO duties on the remaining Championship days as will Barry Austin for the Fairway Buoy.

This will then require 8 skippers.

If skippers have a preference for a date, please let the Sailing Committee know asap.

All skippers will be advised of the timetable before January.

Cruise Ship Visits 20th Dec 2016 & 4th Jan 2017

Any member who can give some time to help rig up boats on these days or pass out brochures to the tourists please contact Greg Mallett. We urgently need helpers as a few of our volunteers will be away at this time.

Working Bee - 7th Jan

A working bee has been set for Saturday 7th Jan for to clean the boat ramp. Any members or volunteers who have a gurney or can get their hands on one are welcome to help. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please let Sarah know if you are able to lend a hand.

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. Please see Colleen if you are available to help.

Good Luck

To all our sailors flying the PCSC flag over the Christmas holidays we wish you safe travel and fair winds.

Upcoming Dates

Twilight Series Sat 14th Jan

KBSC All Boats Regatta Thurs 26th Jan



ROLEX SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE 2016

The Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race is the ultimate test for skippers, tacticians and crews.

The 2016 race is the 72nd edition of this 628 nautical mile, time-honoured and classic offshore race. With close to 100 yachts, including ten overseas entries, competing for the Tattersall's Cup and coveted Rolex timepiece awarded to the overall winner, this year's contest looks set to uphold the reputation of this renowned event.



SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER—BOXING DAY

RACE START TIME 12PM (LOCAL TIME)

Exclusive to PCSC Life Members & Sailing Members

Access to the club at 1100

Bring a plate of food to share

Enjoy watching all the live coverage



Bookings via RSVP only: (07)4972 2294 or admin@gyc.com.au

NOVEMBER ADULT START TO SAIL COURSE

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI

As this Straphanger goes to print our adult Start Sailing group would have just finished their course. They have covered all the required elements of Start Sailing 1 and 2 and everyone is looking forward to sailing some triangle courses out on the harbour on their last day.

"Buddy" sailing with Club members, (Peter, Morgan and Colleen) on their first day included the basic skills of leaving, returning, stopping and tacking. Confidence and competence grew after the next sessions where capsizing drills were practised, with towing and gybing (intentional!) also being added to their sailing skills and techniques.

In spite of the wind on our fourth Sunday not allowing us out on the harbour, we were very impressed with the new sailors tackling the challenging conditions of sailing in the gusty creek. Man overboard drills were successfully mastered before doing practice sailing where Peter and Morgan played "musical boats", allowing everyone extra, more appreciated guidance. We were impressed that there were no capsize, though at times there were some spectacular recoveries. (On ya, Morgan!)

Congratulations go to our participants, whom we hope will continue with their sailing.

Thanks goes to our Club members who gave their time for the many tasks involved (launching/ retrieving support boats, instructing, crewing on shore and on the water): Peter Mann, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki, Alexa Mann, Chris Mann, Will MacDougall, Garth Breayley and last, but not least, Morgan Lewis who does deserve special mention for 12 capsize with the learners in our second session (hope the bruises have now faded).

As is our usual practice, Sue Doyle has prepared a disc of pictures for each participant to receive, together with a Club certificate prepared by Sarah Perez. It is custom to present these mementos at our final briefing, where we also enjoy the Club's hospitality. (Thanks Brian, Karen and team!)

Colleen Sawatzki
Sailing Instructor

Have to admit I never thought I would get in the boat!! But with yours, Colleen's and Peter's amazing instructions and support I actually did it, and even did the capsize twice. Wow! Thank you PCSC sailing team.

Thank you Sue, great teachers make great students. Thank you for all your commitment.



NOVEMBER ADULT START TO SAIL COURSE

BY COLLEEN SAWATZKI



JOHN FEDDERSEN



ROBEYA VAN DER WALT



HAYDEN COWARD



GORDON DWANE



PATRICIA PEREIRA



JOSIE MACAULLAY



AT THE GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB

NEW TO THURSDAY NIGHTS

Not sure where to go on Thursday?
How about hitting the waterside and enjoying cocktails by the water with an added bonus of canapés and live music!

Come watch our bartenders put on a show while making some old school favourites as well as some new personal creations!!

\$10 COCKTAILS

\$10 CANAPÉ

LIVE MUSIC

Thursdays
7pm - 10pm



NEW MENU OPTIONS

Check out our new \$15 burger menu in Salty's Restaurant. Pictured here is the BBQ Burger: Tender Rib Fillet Steak, butterflied Beef Sausage, Bacon, BBQ Onion, fried Egg, melted Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and Beetroot topped with BBQ Sauce on our Turkish Bun



\$15



AT THE GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB

NEW IN THE BAR

Introducing the new Vodka Cruiser range we have available including Strawberry, Watermelon, Zesty Lemon & Lime, Black Raspberry & Black Lemon, Lime & Bitters



CONTINUING IN THE GLADSTONE ROOM

Mother & Daughter duo Heidi and Wendy are a reoccurring act at the Gladstone Yacht Club and when you hear these lovely ladies perform you will understand why. From 7pm on Saturday nights in the Gladstone Room get swept away by their music while you relax over dinner, coffee or drinks



Please note the Gladstone Yacht Club will be closed for business on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day
We will be open all other days with our normal trading hours

QLD IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

**QLD Impulse State Championships
3rd and 4th December 2016
Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club - Monomasters
Regatta**

Report from Maria Mohrholtz Sailing Windspiel

Lake Cootharaba looks calm and peaceful most mornings.

Slowly sailors and boats arrived. 26 Impulses made an impressive fleet.



The wind started around 11am, building to white caps and waves. By the time we got to the start at 1pm, it was blowing 3 bags. The wind felt very strong, a constant 18 knots with 22-25 knot gusts. The course was set to triangle, windward - return, triangle. 3 races back to back.

The Impulses got the first start and it was hard going to the windward mark. Big waves swamping the cockpit and slowed the boat down. I had to go starboard on the windward mark. Going around a boat, I jammed my till extensions under the thwart and could not get it out. So I went for a swim. As the boat was still in the wind, it got up by itself and sailed away from me. I had to swim after it, bugger. It capsized by itself again and stuck the boom in the mud. At least I could catch it again but needed help to get it unstuck. DNF for the first race.

I was in good company. Many Boats with chocolate tops joined me at the start boat. The wind eased a bit after the first race. The reaches were fast, the gybes difficult and hard work to windward. I finished the next two races on 16th /17th place.

David Mann got three first places for the day, as 3 of his close competitors all broke the same gooseneck fitting even before the start.

The evening was as always very social with very nice food at the sailing club. A big storm kept everyone inside and we still got drinks even with the black out.

QLD IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Sunday morning and the lake had its normal peaceful face. Again, 3 races back to back, same course and start at 10am. All the boats had been repaired and lined up for the start, in light patchy, shifting wind. Some pot-luck if you went to the right tack. Still, I seemed to kept my boat going good and finished on 13th place.

The wind was late, but came in time for the second start. Quickly building to the same and a bit more strength as the day before. Lots of archy-barchy on the start line. The reaches were very fast and even the square run with so much pressure in the sail did not allow for any lapse in concentration. 22nd place for me.

It was John Ibell and Sheldon Haines kind of wind. They looked comfortable on their boats. :)

The third race was fast too, but the wind eased a bit and I got 18th place. For the way back to the beach, the wind gave us some extra. I had to do 2 granny's to get home.

PCSC had 8 Impulse members flying the flag for the club. Morgan Lewis sailed in the mono masters with her laser and got 3rd place in her division. David Mann became Queensland champion and I got the lady championship award. I had Gillian Miller (she is a good sailor), to keep me on my toes.



Here are the placings for the PCSC Members;
David Mann 1st, Steve Lewis 5th, Peter Mann 9th, Sheldon Haines 10th, John Ibell 15th, Ray Hobbs 18th, Maria Mohrholtz 19th, Tim Williams 20th.

It was still blowing 3 bags on the lake when I left for home.



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			
	Saturday 3-12-16	1109 3.85 1736 1.18	0900	Junior Sailing					
			1000	Austin Family Fairway/Tripod	Barry Austin				
	Sat & Sun 3&4 Dec 2016			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					
	Tuesday 17-1-17	0616 1.25 1238 3.90	0800	Junior Start to Sail					

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						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Weds 18-1-17	0659 1.53 1321 3.63	0800	Junior Start to Sail						
	Friday 20-1-17	0925 1.87 1511 3.21	1600	Friday Social Sailing						
	Saturday 21-1-17	1045 1.81 1627 3.13	0900	Junior Sailing						
			1400	SRD						
			End of Summer Holidays 22-1-17 Back to school 23-1-17							
	Thursday 26-1-16			KBSC All Boats Regatta						
	Saturday 28-1-17	0928 4.31 1552 0.83	0900	Junior Sailing						
			1400	Handicap Heat 3						
	Friday 3-2-17	1339 3.61 2008 1.26	1600	Friday Social Sailing						
	Saturday 4-2-17	0841 1.59 1451 3.41	0900	Junior Sailing						
			1400	Championships Heat 5	Sue Doyle					
	Friday 10-2-17	0853 4.59 1514 0.61	1600	Friday Social Sailing						
			1800	Adult Start to Sail Theory Lesson						
	Saturday 11-2-17	0933 4.59 1553 0.59	0900	Junior Sailing						
			1400	Handicap Heat 4						
	Sunday 12-2-17	1011 4.15 1630 0.65	0800	Adult Start to Sail 1						
	Friday 17-2-17	1312 3.30 1910 1.55	1600	Friday Social Sailing						

Please note; events may be subject to change however prior warning will be given

The PCSC proudly gives thanks to;



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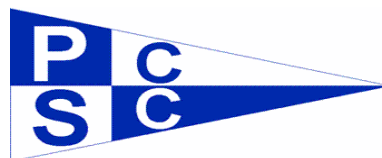
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FAMOUS for our Wines, FAMOUS for our Service.***