

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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SAILORS PLAY AWAY...!



IN THIS ISSUE

Welcome to Straphanger May 2017! This edition of the 'Strap has some fantastic stories and photos of the latest activities around the Club and from the events our fantastic sailors have been part of. Some highlights include:

- Johnno keeps us up to date in this month's Diatribe!
- The latest report from the Sailing Committee with all those important date savers for upcoming events and racing action.
- Peter Mann has a great submission about Chris and his successes at the 125 State Titles; fantastic sailing Mann men!
- Results from the Brisbane to Gladstone, Bay to Bay, Keppel 100 and KBSC Regatta, and much, much more...

With the Brisbane to Gladstone and Easter festivities over there are only a few more weeks left in the season for sailors to make a splash and grab some points in some hotly contested series.

As always contributions to the Straphanger are welcomed with open arms and as I've said before; if you want help telling your story get in touch and I'm very happy to help!

Now, onto Video of the Month! This month's video comes from various contributors and is titled "*The big spinnaker sail fail compilation*". When you read my little Bay 2 Bay story, you'll see my inspiration for the choice of video!



The Big Spinnaker Sail Fail Compilation!

Type this in your browser or scan the QR code below!

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A final thank you from myself on behalf of the Executive Committee to all those who participated in our Club Survey. The results of the survey have now been compiled and will go to use in planning the future direction of our Club!

Fair winds always,

Tony Constance, Editor.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

My apologies for missing last month's Straphanger as time, work and preparing a yacht for the Brisbane to Gladstone all got in the way unfortunately. So much has happened in the past two months, it is difficult to keep track with the activities.

March saw the last heat of the championships with close results being the order of the day in all divisions, ramp cleaning and that troublesome Cyclone Debbie arriving at the end of the month just to add a bit of excitement to the area. I hope all your properties and equipment were not damaged during the weather event. At the club we had to close due to storm water and sewerage combining and overflowing in the downstairs area. This seemed to be common around Gladstone as we had the same issue under our house. One of my work colleagues was on Hamilton Island when Debbie hit and being from Melbourne they could not get over the noise of 262 km/hr winds as they sheltered from the storm.

April has been a very busy month both on and off the water. Unfortunately we had to cancel the Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta due to Debbie hanging around and the risk of major debris on the harbour due to flooding. This regatta has been transferred to the 20th May. On the water we saw, and I apologise if I have missed any events, State 125 titles in Brisbane, Brisbane to Gladstone yacht and multihull race, Eastern State Impulse titles at Harwood, racing at Keppel Bay for yachts and dinghies and our general racing at PCSC. Congratulations to all who participated and also to the members that worked hard to pick up trophies. I'm sure we will see their stories in Straphanger over the coming months!

April saw us with the reinvigoration of the Yachties Party, however moved to Sunday instead of the traditional Saturday. Many thanks to GRC for their support and promotion of this event. The event proved to be successful mainly due to the hard work put in by many GYC staff and volunteers over the entire weekend. Next year is the 70th yacht race which is looking like being bigger and better so we will be looking for more volunteers to help out during the weekend. Further information on the weekend will be printed as it evolves. We had over 50 yachts and multihulls this year and QCYC are hoping for 100 in total next year!

The live streaming proved successful with many positive comments coming from the event. I believe there were minor issues that can be fixed easily for next year. Other comments from the weekend was we should have the Yachties Party a few times a year so it was well received by the locals as well as the visitors.

March trading saw another below budget trading result however the loss was not as great as previous months so hopefully the small changes taken are starting to work. Two weeks of rain in the month did not help the issue either. As we fine tune the running of the club please be patient and understanding with any changes that occur as they will have been well discussed and approved to help out the club. Please think about how you and your family can support the club at this time of uncertain economic stability. Any help counts!

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BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

Working bee this Sunday, 7th May!!!!!! The club house needs a major clean out of boats and equipment. Please come down and help where possible especially if you have a boat or equipment under the club as it might not be there on Sunday afternoon if we can't find a reason for it to be stored under the club there might be some old fibreglass sabots up for grabs also. See you all there!

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!

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!

Can anyone guess who these two roosters are?



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Editor's comment: And one for Leanne... (as supplied by John...!)

If I may have one regret in life,
it will be that when I am gone...

my wife will sell my
boat for what I told her it cost.

Yours in sailing,
Young Dinga.



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

[Happily Wistari, Restless and No Problem](#) sailed safely home in the B2G. It seems like the trip down to Brisbane was more of a challenge than the trip home where the wind was rather light. Fortunately though, it did come from the right direction! Our congratulations do go to Wistari on her wins this year. Well, done, Scott and crew!

[Congratulations go also to Chris and Peter Mann](#) on impressive sailing in the Queensland 125 Championships at Hervey Bay over Easter. Chris helmed Pigs in Space Too to first place tie breaker. Great sailing by the 10 year old skipper with his Dad as crew!

[Easter would not be the same](#) without Barry Austin's manning of the Plotting Room. Thanks to Barry and to members who supported him over the two days.

[Reminder:](#) Perpetual trophies should all be returned by now for engraving.

[Next Adult Start Sailing Course:](#) Theory night is the Friday night 2/6/17 followed by [practical sessions 4/6/17 to 2/7/17.

[Don't forget!](#) Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta is now to be sailed on the 20/21 May 2017. We are looking forward to seeing all our dinghy sailors taking part, and hoping for great regatta weather.

[Attention Lady Skippers!](#) Start training your crews for the 3rd June.

[WORKING BEE 7th MAY 0900:](#) This Sunday is to clear out, clean and tidy under the Club, as well as check maintenance of the Club Pacers.

[TROPHY NIGHT 27th MAY:](#) Preparations are under way for a great evening. Hopefully we'll see all members there.

[Herc Shed use:](#) A reminder to all members that the Herc Shed is not available for members to use for general storage.

[We congratulate our Impulse sailors](#) who performed so very well in the recent Eastern States Impulse Championships. Dave Mann in Gold Digger sailed to an impressive first place Overall, with Pete Mann sailing to first place in the Senior Division (4th overall). Josh Young gained 10th place overall and Maria Mohrholz, 20th overall, was first place in the Ladies Division.

[Congratulations to Lex and crew](#) on Doctor's Orders for line honours and second on Handicap for the Keppel 100 multihull division!





2017
Smit Lamnalco
All Boats Regatta

Off the Beach Dinghies

Port Curtis Sailing Club

NEW DATE: 20th and 21st of May!

Junior, Youth and Open Divisions
Multihulls and Monohulls



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125 STATE TITLES

BY PETER MANN

Over the Easter weekend Chris and Peter Mann travelled to Hervey Bay with Pigs In Space Too to contest the 2017 125 State Titles held in conjunction with the 86th Maryborough Sailing Club Easter Regatta. The regatta itself attracted over 70 boats from throughout Queensland and New South Wales with 13 of these being 125's.

Being a new boat with very limited time on the water before the weekend the first couple of races were hampered with some rigging issues but Chris still managed to bring the boat home in second and third places. The third race saw another second place with the boat showing great speed but we were hurting on the windward legs with a lack of height. After 3 races the top four boats were separated by 3 points with Pigs In Space Too tied for second a point behind the leader.



Chris Mann skippering Pigs In Space Too

Day three dawned and I thought it would be a good idea to play with the rig to try and get the height we needed to be in the fight upwind. The first metre off the start line showed this was a mistake as the fleet sailed away with both height and speed on us. Chris did a stellar job on the helm to fight back and finish us within 6 inches of third place. This now had us equal third in the standings 3 points behind the leader. Back on the beach we had a visit from Brisbane 125 and Skiff guru John Anderson who helped set the rig up for the final race of the series (pretty much the opposite of what I had done in the morning race).

125 STATE TITLES

BY PETER MANN



Pigs In Space Too reaching in the final race

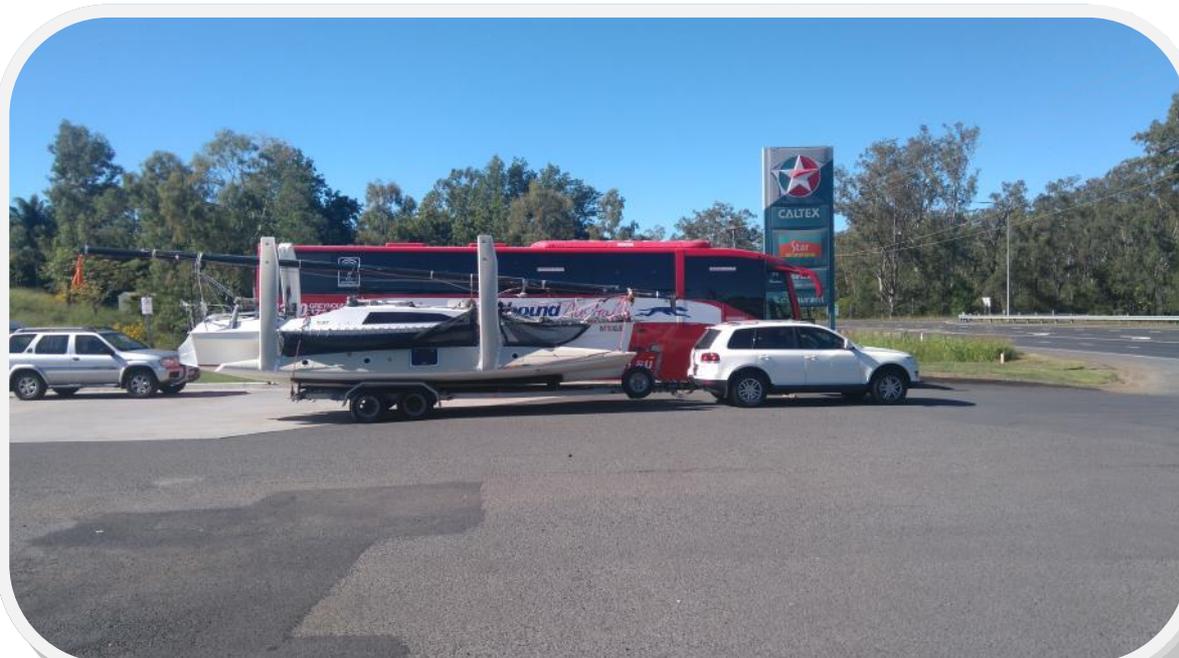
For the final race we decided that first was out of the question and to concentrate on the other two boats as the order these three boats finished the race would be our overall standings. We rounded the windward mark in a close fourth place with the two boats we needed to beat ahead of us. The next windward leg saw second through to us in fourth playing games allowing the lead boat to pull away slightly. A good square run saw Chris steer Pigs In Space Too into second place at the bottom mark with the two boats we needed to beat both behind us. The next windward saw us consolidate our position keeping a loose cover on the boats we needed to beat, not being overly concerned with the boat leading the race. Three quarters of the way up the second last reach Chris and I were discussing that all we needed to do was keep the two boats behind us up the last windward and not worry about the boat leading the race when to our surprise they capsized on the gybe mark. This was game on now and brought us back into contention for the overall win. With renewed enthusiasm we managed to stretch out our lead up the last windward to finish the series with a bullet. Back at the beach we were advised there was a three way tie for first with Slip Stream winning the State Titles over Pigs In Space Too with Oddly Enough in Third after a countback.

I would like to thank my young skipper for doing a fantastic job on the helm and our shore crew for keeping me hydrated over the weekend.

BAY TO BAY 2017

BY TONY CONSTANCE

The 2017 Bay to Bay was another fantastic weekend away sailing the Sandy Straits in flat water and, this year, there was some decent breeze to push us along! Ray Hobbs and Tiernan Williams joined me for this year's campaign with Tiernan travelling up from Brisbane and Ray assisting as road crew for the trip down and back up again. The trip was uneventful with Claire's new 'truck' doing the tow job nicely... (I think it even used less fuel than the Cruiser Timbo!)



The stage was set for a good race. Winds were forecast for 15 to 20 from the south on Saturday for the run up to Garry's Anchorage easing to a leisurely 10 to 15 knots for Sunday's jaunt up to Urangun as Intrigue enjoyed a night in Tin Can Bay Marina and a few glasses of wine with Ray.



BAY TO BAY 2017

BY TONY CONSTANCE

After a great start we enjoyed a cracked sheets run out of Tin Can which turned quickly into a downhill run as we beared further away to head to our first mark at the edge of the Straits. We set the kite and went about hunting down Intrigue's old owner—Peter Hackett in his faster F28R Trinity. Peter is known very well for his skills in racing this class of vessel (for you Impulse guys, he is our "Brownie"!). All was going extremely well when we chose to gybe close to the edge of the channel to avoid the tide and we quickly overhauled Trinity.



I'm not sure who was more surprised, Peter or me! Over the next two jibes we put around 75m on him but then... approaching a sand bank we had to jibe back towards the fleet. As we went about we soon realised that we'd have to run hot quickly to get around a few monohulls who were running square down the channel or risk being stuck beside or below them. It was on this jibe that my beloved red bag gave her last efforts—she tore along the head and straight down the tape line on the leech! Safe to say this slowed us down significantly as we changed down sail size but we managed to recover quickly setting a smaller, slower sail.

Without our big downwind kite Sunday's run was a challenge but we held our own against many other boats in our division who still had large spinnakers to run with. Purple Haze, a Grainger Essential 8 owned and skippered by Danny McMillan took out line and handicap honours in our division with Peter Hackett picking up a second on OMR and some special recognition for his efforts in assisting and facilitating the multihull aspect of the race winning the 2017 Sportsmanship award. Peter very much deserves this award given his efforts in this and many other events!

They say every cloud has its silver lining— in this case I'm feeling more confident than ever about having a crack at the race next year having been right at the front of the pack before losing our kite. Words of wisdom from Ray - "Always bring a spare coloured sail to get you home!" Thanks to the crew and to Claire for their support in making attending this great event possible! Next year, finger's crossed we can go back with a new kite and try our luck again!



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 5-5-17	1150 1.02 1809 3.61	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 6-5-17	1238 0.89 1857 3.81	1400	Sprint Series 2 heats 3-4 yachts heats 5-8	John Ibell				
	Friday 12-5-17	0954 3.55 1541 0.89	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 13-5-17	1024 3.40 1605 0.99							
			1400	Donald Davey Memorial Race					
	Friday 19-5-17	1545 3.03 2133 1.66	1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday / Sunday 20/21-5-	1044 1.23 1655 3.31	0900	Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta					
	Friday 26- 05-17								
			1600	Friday Social Sailing					
	Saturday 27-05-17			2017 Annual PCSC Presentation Night (<i>no</i>					
	Friday 02-06-17		1800	Adults Start to Sail Theory Lesson					
			1400	Lady Skippers Day					
	Sunday 04-06-17	0538 3.60 1200 1.01	0800	Adult Start to Sail 1					

**Sailors please note new dates for Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta!
20th and 21st of May 2017.**

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

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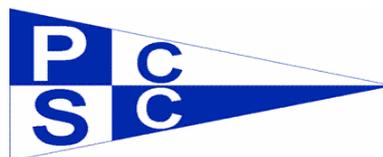
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