

# Straphanger Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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# SMIT LAMNALCO REGATTA SHINES...!



### IN THIS ISSUE

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger June 2017! This bumper 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:

- Johno 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.
- A fantastic report from Colleen on the hugely successful Smit Lamnalco Regatta.
- Maria Mohrholz updates us on the frivolities of the Impulse East Coast Titles.
- Colleen's Year in review a fantastic summary of the 2016-17 Season from our adored, gracious and greatly appreciated Vice Commodore and Life Member Colleen Sawatski.
- Photos and a write up of all the fun had at the 2017 Donald Davey Memorial Race.
- And much, much more...!

Congratulations to all those sailors who have competed throughout the 2016-17 season. I'm really looking forward to my multihull brothers getting their boats sorted this off season so that we can really boost the Division 1 numbers... Barry tells me my and Lex's boats count for three each, and Peter' Leask's boat counts as two! Between the three of us that's 8 yachts! Not bad, right!?

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 Lex! An oldie but a goodie - shot during the CCYC Round the Bay Race four years ago... I tell you what Barker - with talent like this you had better watch your back if you want to keep that commentary job! A great run from Sea Hill to Rosslyn Bay!



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Fair winds always,

Tony Constance, Editor.

#### YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

May saw the last of the regular sailing for the club with some hotly contested racing occurring until the last race was completed. It is great to see the enthusiasm doesn't wane after Easter when the water and winds get colder, apparently! The finalisation of the sailing season is always marked by the Port Curtis Sailing Clubs presentation night, and what another fantastic night it was although numbers were slightly down on last year. I will keep my column short this month so we have room for all the Presentation Night activities and report.

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, Karen the event co-ordinator with the ever calm Brian by her side, Colleen and her team of merry sailing committee, Marina's mesmerising photography, the always faithful trophy sponsors, the ever efficient and professional staff, the never waning sponsors, Tony and Steve's excellent music selection 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 went home with a trophy or not it is the competing and improving that makes you a winner in my eyes. The competition has continually heated up in the dinghies and looks like still getting hotter next season with off season purchases and building occurring. The yacht numbers still need work however I'm sure if everyone pulls together for the common cause we can turn them around also. A warm welcome to John Bell and his crew in the yacht division. John has not missed one race since his arrival in town half way through the season and has keenly taken aboard adult learn to sail participants.

We had another P&O cruise ship arrive last Sunday which saw us provide many meals and beverages throughout the day. Rigging up a pacer and Barry's' trainee grabs their attention as the meander down from the ship into town. While handing out Yacht Club information leaflets I found it easy to convince the New South Welshmen to make their first stop at the Yacht Club as the temperature was warm and humid and they seemed to think a cool drink was a great idea. It was good to see after a couple of hours when I made it back to the club I saw the same people enjoying the club, especially downstairs, and commenting that that area was excellent. I believe some didn't move form there for the day! Many thanks again for the band of volunteers that helped out on the Sunday and the staff for yet again shining in all areas when the pressure was on!

The AGM is around the corner in July. Nominations will be called shortly and I encourage you to nominate if you are keen to help run our great club. Due to my very recent work changes, the rest of the year will see me mostly in the south west area of Queensland and will have limited time in Gladstone. I am happy to stand again as Commodore however most of my communication will be via email and most likely delayed. You, the members, need to decide if a "remote" commodore is satisfactory to run the club for at least half, possibly more, of the next season. If a replacement is found I am keen to carry on whatever I can remotely in regards to leases, licences and anything else that can be done via computer.

#### YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

April trading saw an above budget trading result mainly due to the Yachties' Party and the huge amount of effort put in by the staff and our small volunteer teams. As next Easter is the 70th race and the Party will be occurring again, bigger and better, we will need all available members to volunteer sometime over the weekend to help the club out again. We are continually fine tuning costs however revenue needs to increase also which we are working on also. We are installing a new point of sale system for ease of management and marketing purposes, watch this space for further info. As we continue to make small and subtle changes please be understanding of 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 continuing time of uncertain economic stability, I thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

Thank you so much to the working bee'ers this month. If you haven't poked your nose under the club, please do as it looks spic and span. Let's be proactive and keep it that way please!

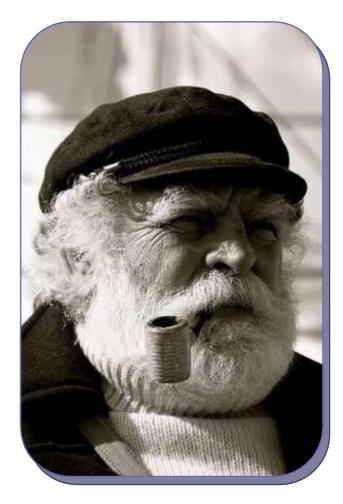
The Lady Skippers Day was yet another success. Weather turned it on, 4 yachts jostled around the course with some not having enough sailing and going back out to soak up some more of the great atmosphere after they finished! Or maybe one of them as going out to re-round the buoy they apparently missed, hmmmmm? Thanks again to all concerned for a great afternoon.

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.



Wasn't this bloke cocommentating on the live stream for the B2G?



#### FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

1. A big thank you to those who joined in supporting the Port Curtis Sailing Cub for our **Sailing Club's** Trophy Night!

Businesses include: Modern Marine Electronics, Honda Marine Gladstone, CQ Sailmakers Yeppoon, Roadpak Industries Gladstone, the Gladstone Yacht Club and Rick Niven.

Members and friends: Barry Austin, John Ibell, Lynne Campbell, Colleen Sawatzki, Marina Hobbs, Sue Doyle, the Waugh family, Scott Patrick, Ken Watson, Tim Williams, Graeme Davey, Brad and Maryke Barker.

#### Your generosity is very much appreciated!

- 2. Thank you also goes to Charlie Mann who will shelter MV J and Red Rib from out in the elements for us until the start of the next season.
- 3. Thanks to the very industrious helpers on the last working bee: grass mowed, Herc shed tidied, underneath the Club sorted, rubbish removed, cleaned, in parts painted, reorganised and tidied. It has not looked so good for a long time!
- 4. Thanks to those members doing their bit to help **during the last Cruise Ship's visit**, especially the day after the Trophy Presentation night! The Club was a hive of activity.
- 4. Ramp cleaning: Thanks goes to Lex and his machine with the new "fitting"! Great to have it done before the Regatta with the low tide!

5. Date reminders: 8/9/15 July - the CQ series

19 July AGM

22 July - Barker family Fairway and Tripod

Junior Start sailing 23 July to 27 Aug (six Sundays)





# SMIT LAMNALCO REGATTA BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI



#### PCSC says, "THANK YOU SMIT LAMNALCO!"

With the much appreciated and generous sponsorship of Smit Lamnalco for a second year, the Smit Lamnalco All Boats Regatta took place on the Gladstone harbour on the 20 and 21 May.

So exciting! A great fleet of 29 dinghies decorated the waters of our harbour, as sailors from Keppel Bay, Lake Cootharaba, Townsville and even Adelaide joined with our PCSC sailors for five heats of racing over the weekend.

Perfect conditions on Saturday saw the fleet sail in the Quoin Basin for the first three heats. Impulses, Lasers, a 125, a Pacer, Arrows, a Taser, a Moth, an Arafura and four little Optis were a spectator's delight as they sailed over to the racing area with support vessels, Red Rib, Grey Boat and Carol G. Our spectator craft, again Ray Hobbs's lovely "No Problem", on which some of Smit Lamnalco's representatives came to see the sailing, also followed across. The 6.5 knots at the beginning of the first race did not allow the Moth to really "fly", but things became increasing better for sailors from 1330 with more breeze, and all races were successfully completed in time.

As our course was off Spinnaker Park on Sunday, it provided a spectacle for those on shore, which was further enhanced as breeze of 8 to 10 knots at the start of the first race freshened though the morning to 16 knots. It may have been lively on the course sailing, but I think even more so on the Start Boat MV J with multiple starts, keeping track of all the action and then the finishes, some of which were very close.

As before, the regatta was a chance to get together with other Clubs and for sailors to enjoy new challenges on the water. Spectators certainly would have enjoyed the stiff competition evident between some boats and some great tactical moves (Particularly impressive was Josh Young in Slipknot on one finish!). It was also really great to see the four Optimists from Keppel Bay and their young skippers down with us. It was the first regatta for some and we did appreciate Keppel bringing a support boat to look after them.

With Smit Lamnalco's support we were able to award great prizes, regatta shirts and offer Club hospitality: lunch on Saturday, a post Saturday race social, breakfast on Sunday and after racing, lunch before the presentation of trophies by Smit Lamnalco's Fiona Stephens.

# SMIT LAMNALCO REGATTA BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

#### Winners:

Junior Division: 1st George Gattey (KBSC) 2nd Annamieka Acworth (KBSC) 3rd Hannan

Brown (KBSC)

Youth Open: 1st Shelby Newton (KBSC) 2nd Will MacDougall (PCSC) Senior Mono Open: 1st Slipknot Joshua Young (PCSC) 2nd Iboat David

Cue (PCSC) 3rd Rocket Wayne Laverty (KBSC)

Senior Multi Open: 1st Mishap Tim Day (TSC) Airpower Daryl Skinner (KBSC) 3rd Mad-

ness Keith Cox (LCSC)

Overall Club winner: Keppel Bay Sailing Club

#### Congratulations to the winners and place getters in each division!

Many thanks to all who attended , particularly to those of you who drove so far. We look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Thank you again, Smit Lamnalco – such regattas do much for happy intertclub relationships, and certainly renew enthusiasm for the sport of sailing.

#### The regatta was run with the help of the following members:

PRO's: Colleen Sawatzki and Sue Doyle Support boats launching, retrieving, and prep: Barry Austin and Tim Williams, Slim Rosendahl, Martin Ten Bensel, Charlie Mann MV Jack Mortenson: Barry Austin, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki, Alexa Mann, Muriel Strahm Red Rib: Lynne Campbell, Ken Watson Herc: John Ibell, Stephen Mc Guigan and Ian Williams and Murray Ware Grey Boat: Martin Ten Bensel and Marion Hughes, Charlie Mann and Noel Carol G: Keppel Bay Sailing Club Shore Manager: Brian Dawson Registration: Martin Sawatzki, Muriel Strahm Shirts: Alexa Mann Photography: Marina Hobbs, Sue Doyle No Problem: Ray Hobbs / Tony Constance, Marina Hobbs, Claire Williams Trophies, gifts, results, paperwork: Brian Dawson, Peter Mann, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki Catering for shore and Spectator Boat: Brian and Karen Dawson and their hospitality team. And of course the PCSC's own Sponsor Representative and SL Tug master: Sheldon Haines!

For all the amazing photos of this great event see Marina's blog at: http://pcscsailing-

marina.blogspot.com.au/.

Colleen Sawatski



## **IMPULSE EASTERN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017**

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

April 22nd - 23rd Report by Maria Mohrholz sailing Windspiel.

It was time for 22 Impulses, to set sail on the Clarence River at Harwood again. In contrast to last year, where we almost got blown away, the forecast for this year was little to no wind. 4 sailors flying the flag

for PCSC.

Saturday and on race time the wind came too. Not windy, windy. Maybe so 6-8 knots. Enough to keep us going against the tide, which runs quite strong in this river. Three triangles are set for the first race, where I had a good start and kept up with the boys. 9th place and back to the beach for lunch. The wind picked up for the afternoon races and everyone was looking forward for good racing. I just pushed of the beach to get to the start line and there was this "bing". The adjustment screw for my spreader broke :( A very special screw for that purpose and not easy to come by!





Back to the beach and the end for my sailing for this weekend, so I thought. The guys from the sailing club had a look at it "If you still want to sail, we fix it for you" Ok! They welded a shackle on a similar screw and of I went, missing only one race. The next 3 races were fast. Just one triangle for each race in ~ 10 knots. Making the best out of the wind with 5 races for the day, as they had a hunch for very little wind on Sunday.

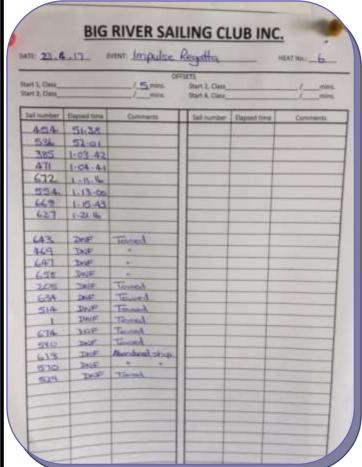
The Big River Sailing Club is a very nice venue. And with almost everybody camping there, it made for a very enjoyable social evening. Sunday morning and the only movement on the water was a strong running tide. Waiting for the wind, every ripple on the water was analysed. Thinking that the wind is just around the corner, we were send to the start line. One triangle and just enough wind to get to the windward mark. Down to the gybing mark and barely made it around the bottom when the wind stopped. Everybody who didn't get around the mark got washed down the river with the tide.



### IMPULSE EASTERN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

After lunch the wind came back and we had two more fast races bringing it to a total of 8 races for the weekend. I thought I did quite well in the last two races with a 13th and an 12th place. But I didn't realised I got washed over the start line and got an DNF for the last race: (David Mann got first place over all, 4th place for Peter Mann, 10th for Joshua Young and with 3 DNF for me, I just made 20th place.







We stayed for one more night and took the long way home!



Still a very enjoyable and well run Regatta! Thank you Big River Sailing Club! Maria Mohrholz

#### **VICE COMMODORE'S REVIEW OF THE SEASON**

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

SPOKEN BY LIFE MEMBER AND VICE COMMODORE COLLEEN SAWATSKI AT THE PCSC PRESENTATION EVENING— 27TH OF MAY 2017.

How time flies! It only seems like yesterday I was here with the 2015- 2016 review! They say that times goes by faster with old age, but I think that it was because we had such a busy sailing year. It was hard not only just organising to fit in all our weekend sailing activities, but also keeping up with the huge number of away events our sailors have attended. It is outstanding. In fact, a few months ago when I was collating our Club figures for a Sailing Australia census, the number of PCSC sailors who had attended away regattas and state title events, was an impressive total of 189 - and that was before the end of the season.

Our regular PCSC travellers have headed to such destinations such as Keppel Bay, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Lake Cootharaba, Teralba, Brisbane, and Tin Can Bay. My admiration goes to those taking on these drives - special recognition, I think, must go to Bruce Jensen



who annually towed Sovereign Lady down to the Bay to Bay for 19 years. Other regular drivers include: Maria Mohrholz, Dave Mann, Tim Williams, Ray Hobbs, David Cue, John Ibell, Peter and Chris Mann, Sheldon Haines, Steve and Morgan Lewis, and Joshua Young for dinghy regattas, and skippers, Ray Hobbs, Lex Moran, John Ibell, Scott Patrick, Tony Constance and Bruce Jensen with their crews for yacht events. Events include: Airlie Beach Race week, Keppel Round the Bay, the B2G, The Keppel 100 Miler and the B2B. Thank you all for flying our PCSC flag so far and wide, and also in many cases, as we'll see later tonight, with huge success at State and National level.

I am very impressed, and happily report no major disasters to my knowledge. Rigs did not fall down (like last year), and the B2G was an easy sail after yachts did it tough on the way down to start. Also impressive is again, the number of dinghies in our Saturday Division 4 fleet, which too, continues to grow with Slipknot now a welcomed addition. Unfortunately the number of yachts sailing is still low, but has been boosted with the arrival of Fleur de Lis from WA. Besides our Saturday regular sailing, as an accredited Discover Sailing Centre we have had two Junior and two Adult Start Sailing Courses this year, these mostly being run on Sunday mornings, except for the Junior four day Program in the January holidays. When Junior Sailing was on Saturday mornings as well, for a few of us, some weekends were very busy! Our Junior Sailing number sadly dwindled, and when there were more of us on the Start Boat than on the water, common sense prevailed and we did not continue. Next season though, we'll make another attempt, possibly including Adult SS graduates.

#### **VICE COMMODORE'S REVIEW OF THE SEASON**

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

Nevertheless, some of our Junior sailors are doing particularly well on the water. Will MacDougall is following Morgan Lewis's lead and never misses a day, Chris Mann is having success skippering Pigs in Space Two, and Georgia Mossman has skilfully skippered Super Freaky all season. Her performance on the last Championship day when a rain storm sent the dinghies home after one race, and visibility became zero on the harbour, was noteworthy. Well done to all our Junior Sailors!

It has not all been 28 weeks of racing our different series! We have also had Lady Skipper's Day, Patron's Day, A Rescue Boat Course, The Thorpe Launching day, Working bees and ramp cleaning days, The Fairway Buoy and Tripod races and a number of Regattas! In fact, since last Presentation Night we have had two regattas generously sponsored by Smit Lamnalco for which we are extremely grateful. The last one was run last weekend with 28 boats on the water, one from as far away as Townsville.

All of the mentioned Club activities are not able to occur without the support and help of our members, some of whom put in an incredible amount of time and effort on the water and maintaining our boats. Any help is appreciated, but to those who have been able to commit to regular activities, I am truly grateful, particularly to the support boat crews. My worst nightmare is not having the boats fully crewed on Saturdays. Thank you so much.

Much of our action is captured by photographers, Marina, Murray and Sue - thank you all for your great work is capturing our sailing history, and providing members with wonderful mementos. Thanks also goes to my fellow Sailing Committee members for their help, guidance when needed, and doing their respective jobs. In particular, Barry and Sue on the Start Boat and with results. Thanks also to our sailors for taking on our new PRO roster duties since mid season. This hopefully will continue. I also really appreciate the help our young members have given me with the learn to sail classes. Thank you so much Morgan, Will, Chris and Alexa! Last-but not least, we are again thankful for Brian and Karen's support, along with their hospitality team.

My year was enhanced by being made welcome to sail on Restless when I was not doing other duties. Many thanks, John, for some lovely sails. To conclude I congratulate all who get out on the water and give it a go no matter what the conditions, as well as all the prize winners. I thank again the helpers in our Club community who make our sailing possible. — Colleen

Editor's note - Club Photographer Extraordinaire Marina captured some great photos of the Presentation Night and promises to put together a fantastic blog on her return from Alaska! - Tony



#### DONALD DAVEY MEMORIAL RACE

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI AND TONY CONSTANCE—PHOTOS: SUE DOYLE

The 2017 Donald Davey Memorial Race was held in ideal conditions with Yachts and Dinghies setting off in perfect weather for the special round the islands race. Club Patron and Starter Barry Austin, armed with flags, hooter and radio was a lonely figure on the banks of Spinnaker Park where he remained up until the last yacht had finished—thankfully not too late Baz!









Yachts sailed a course around the islands in the north-western part of the Harbour abeam Clinton Coal Facility before heading down the Quoin Channel, rounding Q2 for a dead square run to the finish line in light breeze.



## DONALD DAVEY MEMORIAL RACE

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI AND TONY CONSTANCE—PHOTOS: SUE DOYLE



Dinghies looped the same islands in the company of Red Rib crewed by Sue Doyle, Murray Ware and Helpful Hervey the Dog, before heading straight for the finish line.

In the Yachts, Restless made the most of the light airs and square legs beating Intriigue over the line in a tight race to claim victory. Pigs in Space Too took home the silverware in the Division 4 dinghy fleet.

Thanks goes to Graeme Davey for his ongoing support of this great event!









# SAILING CALENDAR

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS**

Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
	Sunday 18- 6-17	0956 1.14 1614 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Sunday 25-6-17	1007 3.69 1611 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Sunday 2-7-17	1012 1.21 1654 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Saturday 8-7-17	0845 3.37 1425 0.84	0900 1300	CQ Series Heats 1&2	
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	Sunday 9-7-17	0918 3. <mark>3</mark> 6 1459 0.81	0900 1100	CQ Series Heats 3 & Alternative	
				End School Holidays Sunday 9-7-17	
	Saturday 15-7-17	0711 1.10 1318 3.23	0900 1300	CQ Series Heats 4 & 5 (Yeppoon)	
	Saturday 22-7-17	0817 3.61 1422 0.42	1000	Barker Family Fairway Buoy/Tripod	
	Sunday 23-7-17	0907 3.67 1512 0.36	0800	Junior Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 30- 7-17	0811 1.27 1450 3.15	0800	Junior Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 6- 8-17	0825 3.37 1410 0.83	0800	Junior Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 13-8-17	0641 0.96 1254 3.44	0800	Junior Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday	0641 0.96 1254 3.44	0800	Junior Start Sailing 5	Colleen Sawatzki
	Saturday 26-8-17	1216 3.45 1812 1.22	1500	SIGN ON DAY (no Sailing)	
	Sunday 27-8-17	0626 1.11 1257 3.29	0800	Junior Start Sailing 6	Colleen Sawatzki

Please note; events may be subject to change however prior warning will be given. Always check the online calendar available at <a href="http://www.gyc.com.au/sailing/important-information/">http://www.gyc.com.au/sailing/important-information/</a>

# For Sale 125 Dinghy – Pigs In Space Too – 3198

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