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**Brisbane To Gladstone
Yacht Race
18th April 2014**



STRAPHANGER'S COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

“ I, Robert Bradley, Mayor of Redcliffe and Patron of the Humpybong Yacht Club , take this opportunity of sending greetings to the people of Gladstone per medium of the commodore of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Mr Lee Wilson and his yacht Norseman. I think it must be many years since greetings were sent to Gladstone from Brisbane by a sailing craft. I trust that these greetings reach you safely and the town of Gladstone may see the finish of many more ocean yacht races.”

Signed **Robert. T. Bradley**
3RD April 1952

So was this greeting sent on a scroll and which for many years was held in custodianship by Bill Barker past patron and member of the Port Curtis Sailing Club. It is now held by Brad and Maryke Barker as custodians.

It is of interest that the Gladstone & District Philatelic Society Inc. established in 1980, has continually produced commemorative covers for each Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race since 1982 and been carried by a participating yacht.

Straphanger wishes every success to yacht and crews in this the 66th Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race for Monohulls and the 50th race for Multi-hulls.

Fair winds and safe sailing !!!!

2013-14 AUSTRALIAN IMPULSE TITLES

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ SAILING WINDSPIEL

2300km did not deter 13 Queensland Impulse sailors to go south for their annual National Championship. This time in Largs Bay, Adelaide SA.

The six boat Brisbane trailer was already packed at Lake Cootharaba, which John Ibell hauled all the way in three days, allowing half the fleet to comfortably fly to Adelaide.

Our plan was to drive down in a few days as well, stopping for Christmas in Coonabarabran.



Passing a deflated Christmas in Hay



Endless plains



A steel wool sheep



And Hell's Gate on the way.



Finally... Larg's Bay. With 43 boats on the start, it was a very good turn out.



The Largs Bay Sailing Club is a nice Venue but a long way to the water. So we had to help each other to and from the beach.

The racing started on the 29th with an invitation race. A trapezoid and a triangle/sausage course were given as possible courses depending on the weather. For the first 2 invitation races we sailed the trapezoid course. The weather was fine, the wind was perfect (12-15knts) and the course was great for the Impulses as they love to go on a reach. Placing me 36+35 was a real confidence builder.

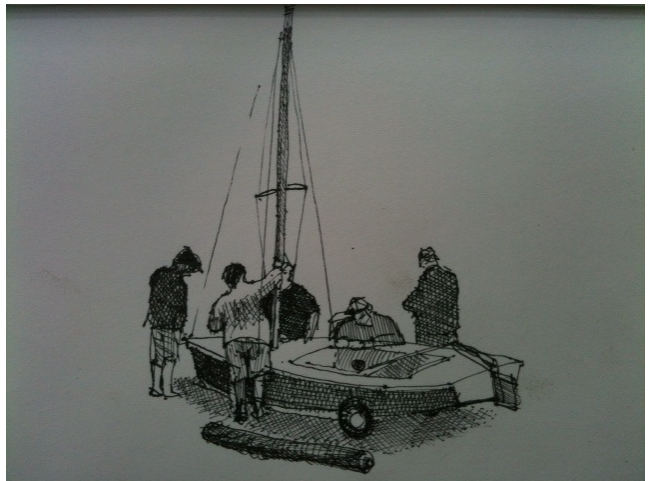
sailed race 3+4 in ~ 20 - 22 knts and some swell. The Brisbane guys meant well with me and recommended that I change the rake of my mast to suit the stronger wind. With no experience about mast rakes I was happy for them to change it for me. With the new adjustments I struggled and could not get my boat going. Yes, I do struggle in heavier wind, but I was not happy with me or my boat. And so came the New Years break and it would all look better the next year.

We all came back for more on the 2nd of Jan14 for race 5+6. The wind could not make up it's mind and everyone expected a wind change with strong winds to come. So we had a postponement of the races for a couple of hours. Even so I was not happy with the new adjustments, I was not sure if it was me or the boat. With all the good advice from the guys, I left the setting as it was and decided to give it another try. The wind blew 2 bags when we finally hit the water. Tricky to even get to the starting line. This time we were sailing the triangle/sausage course. Still strong winds as we had a failed start and reassembled for a new start. As soon we all got over the starting line the wind dropped out to a light breeze. Usually I sail fine in light winds, but I could not get the boat going at all. So bad, that I finished last. Totally demoralised and doubting myself. It was a very big bruise on my ego. Nobody likes being last. The wind disappeared completely and the second race got cancelled.

The wind was back to 20 knts the next day as we got out to the starting line for race 7+8. No, I did not change my mast settings, as the guys assured me the mast setting was the correct one. So must be my sailing. I was struggling to the windward mark as the wind was building. By the time I got to the mark, it was gusting 28-30knt. The reach was breathtakingly fast and I could see at least 10-12 boats upside down in the water on the next buoy. Trying to manoeuvre around them but got to square, raced down a wave, buried the nose in a big wave and joined the upside down club. The two red ribs where so busy checking on everybody. I managed to turn the boat in nearly a meter swell, got it up and got going to the next mark. Nearly there, my mast came down gently and lied itself nicely next to me on the boat. Great. The forestay got itself undone and there was no other damage. Not much to do but wait for the rescue boat, as they where still very busy with too many capsized boats in the water. I was trying to take my sail off the boom when they tossed me a rescue line. "Just sit on the sail and we'll tow you quickly to the beach". "ok". A big gust got hold of my sail, stud up the mast and then speared the mast into my deck.



I capsized again, nearly getting trapped under the boat. Two more guys hopped in the water and helped me to up-right the boat again. It came up with the mast stuck fast in the deck. I swam with the towline to the rescue boat and the two guys got in my boat for balance. With the towline in hand, I had to watch as the mast was levering my deck open with every wave and the boat got pounded in the surf. I could have cried. The second race got cancelled too as the wind was gusting over 30knts. The Impulse guys are great. They rallied around and while I was in the shower, tried to repair the damage as much as they could.



The last day and the wind was back to 20knts. So much for the 'duck tape repair'. I stayed on shore while everyone else went out to have fun. Three races for the last day and it was tough for everyone. I watched them from the club veranda. It was good racing but I wished I could have been there too. Paul Farrell in Mr Plow won the championship just before David Harrison who is our Queensland champion. John Ibell came 27th and Ray Hobbs was improving with every race and ended up in 36th place. Well done everybody.



Queensland is all packed up and ready to roll home. We will see you all back in Yeppoon for the 2014/15 championship PS for any body wondering about the rake of my mast. I have learned a bit more in the meantime about it and measured the rake at home again.. It was way out. No wonder! My boat is sailing fine again since I made new adjustments.





2014



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MYCQ 50th Year Brisbane to Gladstone Multihull Sailing Extravaganza



Honorary Parton: Mr Rob Mundle

When: Easter 2014

Program Content - Three fleets.

1. Race fleet: Start 11am Moreton Bay on Good Friday 18th April
2. Follow the fleet Multihull Cruisers: Start at any time either on Good Friday or the day before
3. Multihull Cruise Rally: Start anywhere to arrive at Pancake Creek (~25nm South of Gladstone) by 16th April

Event Instructions

Race Fleet

For details of race rules and entry, refer to Notice of Race issued shortly. See www.mycq.org.au

Follow the Fleet Multihull Cruisers

Make your way to Gladstone Harbour following the instructions provided to entrants and moor in an allocated berth (at owner's expense). Please register your interest early with the Fleet Cruise Captain:

Contact Ray Perry Phone: 0427 576 781 Email: perrysr@tpg.com.au

Multihull Cruise Rally

After arriving at Pancake Creek by 16th April, check in with the rally organiser & spend a few days exploring & socialising.

On Easter Saturday sail in company to Gladstone following the bulk of the Racing Fleet during daylight hours

Moor up at an allocated berth (at owner's expense) and join in the festivities.

Please register your interest early with the Cruise Rally Captains:

Contact Jim and Barbara Stubbings

Phone: 0419 760 369 Overseas: +61 419 760 369

Email: jimbarbstubbings@bigpond.com

Post Race Program

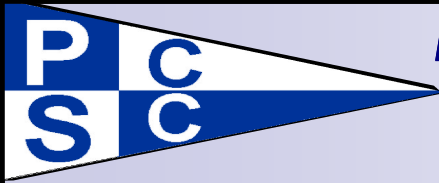
For the post race program it is envisaged that those returning South may wish to be involved in a Cruise in Company taking in some of the Islands and perhaps the Sandy Straits.

For those heading north or other destinations please make other arrangements

This is a very special year for our club and for the promotion of multihulls so come along and join



Photos of Boss Racing (background), Frequentflyer (top left), Team Australia (top right) and Rhythmic (bottom right) by Jules at VidPicPro.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Championship heats

The two remaining Championship heats have been MOVED to new dates.

Championship Heat 6 - now 10th May 2014

Championship Heat 7 - now 24th May 2014, in conjunction with Head of Harbour

This frees up the weekend of 3rd May 2014 so Members can participate in away events

Bay to Bay

Yeppoon to Mackay

KBSC All Boats Regatta

Brisbane to Gladstone

Good Luck to Restless (John Ibell and crew) and Wistari (Scott Patrick and crew) representing PCSC in the 66th Brisbane to Gladstone ocean race, with 29 entrants at last count. Follow the fleet with news feeds and tracker on B2G site <http://www.brisbanetogladstone.com.au/>

Good Luck to No Problem (Ray Hobbs and crew) as well, representing PCSC in the 50th year for Multihulls in the Racing Fleet.

MYCQ is doing something different for their 50th (multi's doing things in multi's) with three separate fleets. The traditional Racing fleet, and then a Follow The Fleet Multihull Cruisers and Multihull Cruise Rally fleet. Interested, have a look at the poster or visit <http://www.mycq.org.au/>

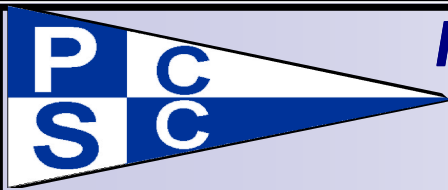
To all sailors, we wish you safe passage.

For those on shore, Barry and his team will be in the Training Room tracking the yachts on the board and the website. Come along down and enjoy the atmosphere. Helpers appreciated.

Thank you Support Boat helpers

A BIG thank you to everyone who has skippered/crewed on Herc and Red Rib over the last few months when we've been short handed. Ken is back on his feet again but the Lubke duo are still on holidays, so we are still looking for helpers to get through the remainder of the season. Running the support boats makes a significant contribution to our sailing and should be appreciated by everyone who sails.





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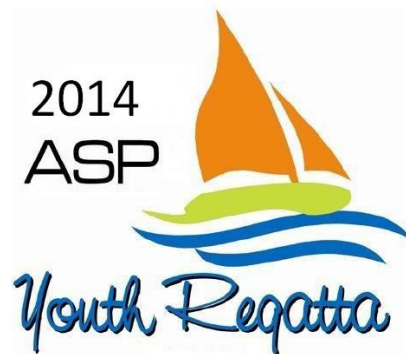
ASP Youth Regatta

Unfortunately the weather won and the ASP Youth Regatta was postponed.

Tentative new date is the weekend of **28th and 29th June 2014** which is the first weekend of the June School Holidays.

The more youth sailors participating in the Regatta the better so we are asking Keppel Bay, Mackay and Bundaberg Sailing Clubs if the date suits.

Our Youth and Parents have a say too, so please let us know if this weekend is not suitable before we lock it in.



Club BICs, Sabots (good ones) and Pacers are available to sail

Val Sisley

Two heats of the Val Sisley will be sailed on the ASP Sunday. Tentative new date is 29th June. Open to all senior dinghy sailors.

Junior Start Sailing - July 2014

Our main Junior Start Sailing program is scheduled to start on 27th July 2014 and run for six weeks. Suitable for children aged between 7 and 14 yrs. If you know of anyone who is interested, please encourage them to register on our junior waiting list at Reception. We'll have the 2014 Junior Sailing poster ready soon if you wish to promote in your workplace or school. Please see Sue or Colleen.

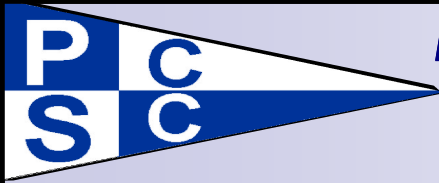


Sunday 27th July

0800 – 1200

For 6 weeks

Buddy Sailors and helpers much appreciated.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Upcoming Events













Sprint Series 2 – 5th and 12th April 1400

Flags and Starting Sequence

When the dinghies sail in the Quoin basin area it is likely Race Officials will use the Answering Pendant (Postponement) flag before the dinghy Start Sequence commences for race 1. This is because the actual start time is not known, rather being dependent on the Starter being in position and ready.

When the AP flag is raised, two sound signals will be given. If the AP flag is flying the Start Sequence has not commenced. However in this instance, it is recommended sailors stay close enough to the starting area to see or hear the next signal.

When the AP flag is lowered with 1 sound signal, this means the familiar 5 minute Start Sequence will commence in 1 minute.

Flag	Direction & sound	Signal	Flag	Time
	↑   ↓ 	Postponement	AP or Answering Pendant	Races not started are postponed. When the AP comes down there is 1 minute before the start sequence commences.
 Division 4	↑ 	Warning	Class Flag	5 minutes before start
	↑ 	Preparatory	P Flag	4 minutes before start
	↓ 	Preparatory	P Flag removed	1 minute before start
 Division 4	↓ 	Starting	Class Flag removed	0 minutes

Away Events

Bundaberg Sailing Club – Learmonth's Foodworks Open Regatta 5th 6th April 2014

Southport Yacht Club – The Great Race – Sat 5th April 2014

Hervey Bay Sailing Club – 34th Bay to Bay weekend 3rd May 2014

KBSC All Boats Regatta weekend 3rd May 2014

CCYC – Yeppoon to Mackay ocean race.

WANTED - Loving Home

Regretfully, after 31 years we are looking for a new home for our much loved trailer sailor, Rumbo 2. She, as we are, may be old but she never-the-less will still provide heaps of fun, pleasure and competitive sailing for a new owner.

She has three mains, one genoa, two jibs (one of which is barely used) one storm jib and two spinnakers.

Between February 1983 until May 2010 she rarely missed a club sail, sailing Saturday afternoon. She represented the Club sailing in the Gladstone to Keppel races (Best performance 1994: 1s Div1), 17 Bay to Bay races (Best performance 2009: 3rd overall, Type 1 mono SBH) and in the Queensland Championships (Best performance 2007: 1st pace PBH).



She has provided us and many others with many enjoyable exciting sails. we really want to find a new home for her and see her on the water again.

For more information please phone: 4972 2844

Martin and Colleen
Sawatzki



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2014 May 'All Boats' Regatta

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

3 & 4 MAY 2014

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\$66 per Senior Boat

\$33 per Junior Boat



SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11.00am - Briefing 11.55am - Race 1 Races 2 & 3 to follow on	9.25am - Race 4 Race 5 to follow on 1.00pm - Briefing 1.30pm - Marathon "Dash for Cash" 4.00pm - Presentation



Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14

Wk	Date	Start	Briefing	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides
						Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties on board support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Saturday 5-4-14	1400		Sprint Series 2 - heat 1 & 2	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1257 2.97 1826 1.64
	Sunday 6-4-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 4	Colleen Sawatzki					0749 1.76 1401 2.79
	Saturday 12-4-14	1400		Sprint Series 2 - heat 3 & 4	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		0723 3.87 1333 0.93
	Sunday 13-4-14			SRD						0758 3.94 1406 0.79
				Easter Friday 18-4-14						
	Saturday 19-4-14			Easter no sailing						1035 3.89 1644 0.85
	Sunday 20-4-14			Easter no sailing						
				End School Holidays Sat 5-4-14 to 21-4-14						
	Saturday 26-4-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 3		Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1319 0.56 1929 4.13
	Sunday 27-4-14	0800 1200		SRD - Aquatic Permit 8am to 1pm						0746 4.06 1402 0.48
	Saturday 3-5-14			Bay to Bay weekend Yeppoon to Mackay KBSC All Boats Regatta						
	Saturday 3-5-14	1400		championship heat 6 MOVED to 10-5-14 clashes with away events						1143 3.13 1713 1.33
	Sunday 4-5-14	0800 1200		SRD - Aquatic Permit 8am to 1pm						0618 1.42 1224 2.94

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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				
	Saturday 10-5-14	1400		championship heat 6		Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1209 1.09 1837 3.58
	Sunday 11-5-14	0800 1200		SRD - Aquatic Permit 8am to 1pm						0640 3.64 1250
	Saturday 17-5-14	1100		Graeme Davey Memorial		Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1052 3.56 1647 0.76
	Sunday 18-5-14	0800 1200		SRD - Aquatic Permit 8am to 1pm						0547 0.83 1143
	Saturday 24-5-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 4 and Championship heat 7		Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1202 0.77 1820 3.90
	Sunday 25-5-14			SRD						0636 3.72 1252
	Saturday 31-5-14	1830		Presentation Night Exclusive use upstairs club-						1044 3.26 1625 1.05
			End Season							
	Saturday 7-6-14			Peter MacDonald CQ Championship heat 1 and	PCSC					1022 1.29 1656
	Sunday 8-6-14			Peter MacDonald CQ Championship Ocean race to Rosslyn Bay.	PCSC					0457 3.33 1116 1.11
				Monday 9-6-14 Queen's Birthday						
	Saturday 14-6-14		SRD	Peter MacDonald CQ Championship heat 4 and 5 at CCYC. Cate-	CCYC					
				SRD						0958 3.67 1556
	Sunday 15-6-14			SRD						1046 3.64 1643



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Fri ~ Sat 5:30pm till 9pm

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Fri ~ Sat from 2pm
Sun from 10am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

From 8am (Salty's kitchen)

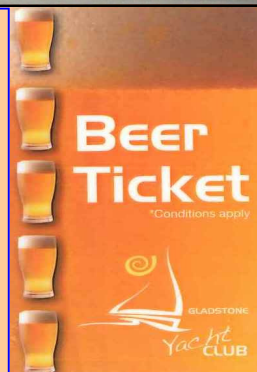


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