



Port Curtis Sailing Club

Straphanger

April 2012

PACER LAUNCH DAY



**QGC COME ON BOARD AS PROUD SUPPORTERS
OF PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB.**

I just can't win. "You should not have written that or you should have written this, you should stick to business and not allow personality to show in your writing, you should keep the jesting up"....this is all different advice I have received since the last issue. Truth is I was in two minds about actually writing anything at all this month. However there are words running around my head, "you can't have good times without experiencing bad" and for another set of words, "harden up princess and get back to work". So here's another issue to cause more controversy.

We had a visit from Queensland Heritage (QH) inspectors. They issued a stop work order on both the canteen and the new section of the upstairs deck roof. On inspection of the works the QH people, who were very helpful, advised us of no problems and invited us to carry on with completion. Thanks for the panic guys, blood pressure is high enough without that kind of stress. Lesson learnt I suppose, from now on we ring and get permission if we want to hang a picture, well maybe not that immaterial but you get the drift.

So, of course we are doing things by the book and have an exemption application lodged, which if approved, will allow us to reclaim the function room and move half the gaming machines back into the EV room while creating another room downstairs where the compressors used to be. The QH people were not apposed to the concept but asked that we lodge an exemption application as due process. Also please note the "Commodores Address" in this issue.

Trading wise February was a good month, not great by our recent standards but a massive improvement on previous years. The trading profit before depreciation came in at about 11.5% without adjusting for interest. The food department missed budget (but we set a hard target), the bars made budget and the gaming blew the budget away by heaps. Overall I was only slightly pleased.

What did elevate its' ugly head last month was the increase in cost of goods. Every year suppliers put their price up in January/February and normally I follow them, however this year I withheld passing on the increase immediately. I just wanted to see if we could absorb the increase or not. Bottom line is not! GP dropped 2.5% last month and it would be poor management if we did nothing about it. Look at it this way, do we want small pain or big pain? Meaning if I don't maintain margins the next time we put the price up it will be a huge increase rather than a couple of smaller ones as required. Any price increase sucks but I have to do it.

There's a big time ahead called Easter which brings the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and plenty of sore heads. Things are different this year because we are not doing the outside party. There are a couple of reasons for this but the positive reason out ranks them all. We are hosting a private sailors party from 12 midnight Saturday night to 10.00am Sunday and we expect this to be big because the boats will be rafted on a temporary pontoon in the creek, which means easy walking distance to the club. Also there is a bus running every 15 mins from the marina to the club. There are 442 crew plus support crew plus club members so we figure that's enough, the public will be shut out by midnight if not before. Wish us luck.

Thanks for reading, happy living and be nice to each other, especially me!

From the Manager...

64th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race



GIVE BARRY A HAND

Barry and team will be manning the sailing office during the B2G race and he is calling for volunteers to do some shifts tracking yachts on the historical race board. So if this is for you please see Barry.



The 2012 Qantas Link Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race will start on Good Friday, 6th April 2012.

To all involved and entering the Brisbane to Gladstone this year, PCSC wishes you every success

We will all be here at the finish line looking for our crew's safe arrivals home.

There will be plenty of RUM and good times at the club house for after parties guaranteed.

A list of yachts intending to race is also available for view on B2G Website.



Best of Luck to the crews of "Wistari" "Immigrant" and "No Problem" who are entered in the B2G Yacht Race

Collect your Yachties Pass from reception, club duty manager or race control

COMMODORES' ADDRESS

With some important times and crossroads approaching I will use this forum to keep members informed of developments and changes.

The Heritage Listing

Currently there is an action in the Supreme Court by the GPC to overturn the heritage listing placed over the club house. The fact is that this action has nothing to do with the club or club officials; it was instigated by GPC as our footprint could possibly be included in Stage Two of the Eastern Creek Development Plans. The hearing is scheduled for April and it is hoped the Executive Committee will be in a position to report facts to members at the next AGM if not before.

Expressions of interest for Treasurer

Rob Auty has advised the Executive Committee this is his last term on the committee and intends to step down as Treasurer. This creates a hole which needs to be filled. At the last Executive meeting it was decided to put the call out to our Ordinary Members to fill the role.

Calling all Ordinary Members; you are invited to lodge an **Expression of Interest** with the Secretary Manager if you are interested in joining the Executive Committee and becoming the Treasurer of Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

The Manager will give you a short job description and answer any questions you have so contact him on 0418 7222 43 or brian@gyc.com.au.

Reclamation of the Gladstone Room

The Executive Committee and the Secretary Manager wish to make changes to the existing gaming room and reclaim the much loved and missed Gladstone Room. The budget is approximately \$35k.

Plans to achieve this require three steps.

- Relocate some of the gaming machines into the EV room. That is the room that used to be the old pokies room. Budget \$5K
- Relocate some of the machines to a new room downstairs, off the new bar, where the compressors used to be. This room will need to be built at a budget of \$30k.
- Remove the temporary wall dividing the Porthole dinning area and the existing gaming area, tidy up the room and carpet. Budget depends on what needs to be done but we are expecting very little.

All Ordinary Members are invited to have their say about these changes so please lodge your opinion, objection or support with the Manager, who will answer your questions, contact him on 0418 7222 43 or brian@gyc.com.au.

QGC DONATION HELPS PCSC HELP THE COMMUNITY



Sue Doyle from PCSC, along with about 25 of her fellow club members, officially received the two new Puffin Pacers funded by the QGC Sustainable Communities Fund. The project was eight months in the making but well worth the wait as the boats allow PCSC to provide greater training facilities.

Pictures: above Chris QGC and Tony PCSC testing the dinghy, below Patrick QGC and Colleen PCSC taking it easy. The two new dinghies



SAILING



PLAIN SAILING

Plain Sailing

Port Curtis Sailing Club patron, Barry Austin was thrilled to see large fleets in both dinghy and yacht divisions gather for Club Championship on Saturday. "It makes the work of getting rescue boats, and volunteers organized worthwhile, when you have such a fantastic day on the water," said the elated patron.

Jordi Oakley tested the waters with his new 14' skiff 'Ride 'em and Wreck 'em," while fellow crewman Ben Miers provided skilled support as the two gave a brilliant display of sailing, hanging out on trapeze, and managing the frisky skiff with its huge blue spinnaker. The adrenaline rush of speed under spinnaker provided a few exciting spills for spectators picnicking at Spinnaker Park.

The two experienced big boat sailors, carried out a seamless recovery to get the kite and rig out of the water and up and running again.

The dinghy fleet sailed two races, under highly competitive conditions, making the start a jumble of sails and calls for space on the start line.

The Division 1 and 2 yacht fleets sailed a course down the harbour to Q1, with a return leg to A8, A3, and then finish. The wind conditions were too light for the multi hulls, Intrigue and No Problem with Immigrant making best advantage of the light breeze.

Once again many of the yachts numbered adult learn to sail students amongst their crew; an initiative started by sailing co-coordinator Sue Doyle that is proving highly successful.

The finish was picture perfect as yachts sailed to the finish line flying spinnakers in brilliant reds, blues and greens.

Photos of the day can be viewed on the sailing blog <http://pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com>



Go to; <http://pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com.au/> to have a look at Marina Hobbs Blog.

DONALD DAVEY MEMORIAL RACE

In late February a small fleet of mixed dinghies and yachts of the Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC) took to the harbour with enthusiasm to compete in a race that rounded Witt and Picnic Islands in pursuit of the Donald Davey Memorial Trophy.

Donald Davey was a member of the PCSC in the days when the club was not more than a large timber hall at the end of the township. Davey was a young seaman in the Navy, and is amongst a group of distinguished naval men who rounded both Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope. He loved sailing, helping to crew Joy Bird to victory in the Brisbane to Gladstone Race in 1953, and crewing on both Sea Prince and Mahra in the early days of the race.

Anthony Constance completed the round island course on Solitaire, and reported on the conditions of the race; "there were great upwind legs for the yachts and a good breeze all the way round the course. It was close racing with only minutes separating the yachts".

Junior sailors, Jackson Cooper and Jack Paul sailing the Club Pacers, had a tiring day, with rugged windy conditions and winds gusting up to 30 knots forcing several to retire back to the club house.

Racing was followed by a bar-b-que and presentations to all involved in the day.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Trophy Presentation Evening

The Port Curtis Sailing Club Annual Trophy Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday the 26th May. Starting around 6.30pm with dinner followed by the presentation at 8pm.

Learn to Sail

During March, 8 new Adult sailors successfully completed our Learn to Sail program. Congratulations Mark, Graeme, Vlad, Neil, Phillipa, Alan, Louwrens and Russell. And to quote...“We had a great time and learnt heaps”

Please make these enthusiastic sailors welcome when they come down on Saturdays.

Learn to Sail Vacancies

With 10 children on our waiting list we decided to run a Junior program again, unfortunately only two children have signed up. We won't be able to run this program unless a few more come along.

6 sessions held on Sundays from 8.30 - 11.30am

April 1, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13

Contact Reception 4972 2294 or Brian 0418 722 243

Upcoming Away Events

32nd Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race (HBSC) May 5 & 6

Yeppoon to Mackay (CCYC) May 5

May Day, All Boats Regatta (KBSC) May 5 & 6

Members Survey

Watch out for the member survey being done. We are interested in your opinion on Sunday sailing and a few other ideas before working on the sailing calendar for next season.



Food and Beverage

Easter Trading Hours for Sailors

BAR SERVICES

SAT	10.00 - midnight	Open to General Public
SUN	Midnight - 3.00am	Private Yachties Party
	7.00am - 10.00am	Private Yachties Party
	10.00am - midnight	Open to General Public
MONDAY	10.00-Midnight	Open to General Public

FOOD SERVICES

SAT	11.30-2.30pm	Upstairs
	2.00pm - 7pm	Beer Garden
	5.30pm-6.00am	Upstairs
SUN	6.00am - 10.30am	Beer Garden
	11.30-am - 2.30pm	Upstairs
	2.00pm - 7pm	Beer Garden
	6.00pm-8.30pm	Upstairs
MON	11.30am -2.30pm	Upstairs
	2.00pm —7.00 pm	Beer Garden
	6.00pm—8.30pm	Upstairs

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Great simple burger style menu
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The Restaurant

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Open for Lunch and Dinner daily.

Monday - Thursday

Lunch 12pm - 2pm & Dinner 6pm - 8.30pm

Friday - Saturday

Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm & Dinner 5.30pm - 9pm

Sunday

Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm & Dinner 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Bookings are Preferred

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32nd Annual

Bay to Bay

TRAILABLE YACHT RACE 2012



Queensland Labour Day long weekend
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 5-6 MAY, 2012

Notice of Race

View previous race images by Jules at www.Vidpicpro.com

The Hervey Bay Sailing Club invites entries from eligible Trailable Yachts to sail this approximately 90km long Category 5 event with limited rescue boat availability on the waters of the Tin Can Bay Inlet, the Great Sandy Strait and Hervey Bay between Tin Can Bay and Hervey Bay with an overnight stop in Garrys Anchorage between Stewart Island and Fraser Island and a trophy presentation function at the Hervey Bay Boat Club Urangan Boat Harbour.

The event will be sailed over the Queensland Labour Day Long Weekend with Leg 1 Tin Can Bay to Garrys Anchorage 1100hrs to 1600hrs on Saturday, Leg 2 Garrys Anchorage to Hervey Bay 0730hrs to 1530hrs on Sunday and with trophy presentation at 2000hrs on Sunday at the Hervey Bay Boat Club.

The event starts and finishes in populated areas and follows a path through what is essentially a sparsely populated wilderness area of general use, habitat protection, conservation park, buffer and marine park zones bounded by the Great Sandy National Park World Heritage Area on Fraser Island to the east and the main land including a military reserve to the west. While the course is largely protected from the extremes of the open ocean by Inskip Point and Fraser Island difficult, unsafe and potentially life and boat threatening strong tidal conditions, strong winds, large and difficult

wave action can be experienced in a variety of weather conditions.

Safety issues and the increasing pressures of the rapidly expanding residential, recreational boating, tourism, commercial, interest groups and government regulatory and enforcement activities in the course area which was once quiet fishing villages along the Great Sandy Strait joined by a marine habitat that was largely undisturbed by the above offer special challenges to the event organizers and participants which are identified in this Notice of Race and must be addressed by all participants in the event.

Eligible Trailable Yachts include Type 1 standard monohulls with a Yachting Australia (YA) Australian Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule (ATYSBR) Appendix "A" CBH rating, Type 2 sports monohulls with an ASBA SMS rating, Type 3 standard multihulls and Type 4 sports multihulls with an Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR) and Multihull Yacht Club of Queensland (MYCQ) rating will compete in mixed fleet racing in groups of the boat types listed above for class and mixed fleet CBH/SMS/OMS and PBH corrected time results specified in this Notice of Race.

The Bay to Bay is an inclusive event that values entries from all levels of competitive racing and cruising sailors.

For further details and the latest available up to date information please:

Visit the official event website – www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au

Home page or go to downloads > Hervey Bay Boat Club 32nd Bay to Bay 2012 where you will find essential **race information** including this Notice of Race (download), Entry Form (preferably on line entry or email or download), Course Map, Sailing Instructions, Race Numbers, Type, Division, Class, CBH, SMS, OMR and PBH ratings, etc. and **non race information** including Friday and Saturday night social events and Sunday night trophy presentation (no bookings for social events just turn up) and bus, mooring, car trailer parking, etc. (please make your own bookings and make your bookings early to avoid frustration and disappointment) contact details will be listed on the web page.

If you have any unanswered questions or need further information please contact for:

Additional Bus bookings & non-racing issues: email enquiries@herveybaysailingclub.org.au or phone mobile 0400 917 983 particularly for persons with last minute bus booking changes or persons delayed in meeting their bus.

Race issues: contact Race Officer Colin: mobile 0427 628 511 or email bay2bay@herveybaysailingclub.org.au

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SLIPPING CHARGES

Boats up to 35ft	\$9.50 per ft
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5% discount to pensioners

STANDING CHARGES ON SLIP-WAY CRADLE (FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAY)

Large Slipping Trolley	\$106.00 per day
Multihull Trolley	\$106.00 per day
Small Slipping Trolley	\$79.00 per day

Contact Dallas Richards—Ships Ashore
0429 926 690 or 4972 3343

Congratulations to;

Bronwyn Mann, \$500.00 Cash
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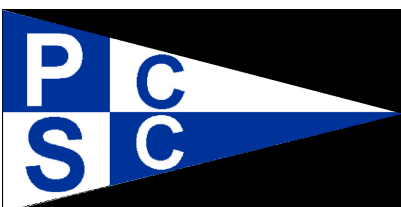
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Straphanger Contributions

We want to hear what you have to say.

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