

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club

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Wild Thing (pg 4)



COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

Hi all,

Welcome all back after our Easter race for some and break for others. It seems like we are having a hit and miss affair with our sailing lately with either rain causing visibility difficulties or the good old strong wind warning are preventing us from sailing. I guess every cloud has a silver lining and it now means we will be sailing longer in the season to have the resails of the postponed races!

The other cloud we have had was the passing of Ian "Stripey" Grant. For those unfamiliar with Ian's story, he was a journalist for a number of papers and sailing magazines over his 40 odd years of journalism. He passed away on Good Friday just after the start of the B2G of which he loved reporting on. I have added a column written by Bob Ross in the Straphanger honouring Stripey.

How good was it to see four PCSC yachts representing us in the Bris to Glad monohull and multihull sections? Wistari, Immigrant and Piranha in the mono's and No Problem in the multi's proudly flew the PCSC flag over the weekend. We took out the prestigious teams trophy, various mono trophies and the overall performance handicap trophy in the multi's. The Gladstone Room was opened up in time for the presentation with numerous positive comments from visitors about the presentation being back in the right place. Certainly a weekend for the club to be proud and hold its head high. Now have to work on the multi's to join the mono's in the club next year, I love a challenge!

Even though we are coming to the end of the season there are still new boats and members finding their way to the club. Dannon Ware has progressed a little from his moth to what looks like a moth on steroids. Looks like she will be a fun machine in a blow. Ben Hobbs has a skiff and I haven't seen her in action yet but I imagine the competition will hot up when we have two racing. We are consistently getting 6 or more dinghies each week and it is great to see the Pacers being fully utilised. Many thanks again to the LTS group that lay the basics for the successful graduates to compete on Saturdays.

We commenced our pre discussions in regards to the resigning of our lease with the GPC. As we know the leadership of the GPC will be changing around the time of our lease renewal so we are being proactive in commencing discussions with the GPC in regards to our and their plans. We were reasonably happy with our initial discussions and we can now grow our strategy plan alongside the lease discussions. If you want further info please contact me.

The club traded well over Easter with the decision to not go with the traditional Saturday large party again not hurting our figures too much. I think the decision to bring the atmosphere back to supporting the sailing fraternity initially over the weekend worked well and seemed to be enjoyed by the majority and a certain commodore from all accounts! If you have any ideas or suggestions on improvements, please let Brian or myself know.

COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

CQ titles will be on the Queens Birthday weekend and the weekend after, being run over only two weekends..

Thanks to all volunteers that gave their time in any way, shape or form over the Easter weekend. It was greatly appreciated.

Jack Mortensen was first again to identify the last photo, yes it was the old pool next door to us where the fountain is now. The crowd were there for the Jaycees crab racing which was a huge draw card in Gladstone each year. Yep, that is my Grandma in the front row having the odd bet!

Enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that show up after every week to assist with all facets of the club. It is truly appreciated!

Yours in sailing,
Young Dinga.

All right Jack, here's an easy one for you! But this time you have to give me the year, what number keg it was and if it was for a certain occasion! Everyone else can just give me the blokes name, I call the photo "Poetry in Motion".



Ian 'Stripey' Grant Bob Ross Tribute

Ian 'Stripey' Grant, the tireless Brisbane sailing writer and press officer for the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club's Brisbane-Gladstone race for many years, died on Good Friday, after the start of the annual Queensland coastal classic.

He was recovering in Greenslopes Hospital from a stroke he suffered on March 2 when he had a heart attack after a physio session.

Race director Herb Prendergast earlier posted an item on the race web site acknowledging Stripey as a very valuable member of the race management crew.

"He witnessed the first start in 1949 at the age of about 13 after pedalling his bike from Bulimba to Woody Point Jetty with his Vegemite sandwiches for lunch and his contribution to this race spans a period of 53 years, starting with a win, crewing on Mouse of Malhamaa in 1960 and about 1963 took up journalism," wrote Herb.

"He has been in the race control room in Gladstone every year along with his wife Marie until about two years ago, whom he lost on March 12 after a long illness.

"He was an expert at predicting the finishing time of yachts without reference to electronic assistance and could recall stories about every race and crew to entertain the control room for 24-hour periods."

Stripey was the Queensland correspondent for Australian Sailing magazine from its first issue in 1976. He covered sailing for the Brisbane Courier Mail and Sunday Mail from before that time and was still doing so until the stroke.

He also had a regular column in Afloat magazine, contributed to local Queensland publications and provided expertise to television crews covering Audi Hamilton Island Race Week.

Over time, the proud Queenslander developed a distinctive style of reporting that always drew a chuckle:

"The sheaves ran hot through the tacking duel."

"Tactically-tormenting conditions."

"Bramble Bay torture track."

Ian 'Stripey' Grant Bob Ross Tribute

My absolute favourite was in a press release he prepared for the 2007 Brisbane-Gladstone race:

"Ichi Ban remains short-priced favourite for the line honours trophy."

"There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that Matt Allen is considering a pre-race name change from Ichi Ban (number one in Japanese language) to Ichi Bum in Aussie slang after the super sloop scorched her bottom peaking an anti-foul blistering boat speed of 33 knots during last week's race to the Gold Coast."

So long old pal.

- Bob Ross



WRAPPING UP A SUCCESSFUL BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT RACE - BY MARINA HOBBS

Members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club can be justly proud of the four club yachts, No Problem, Immigrant, Piranha and Wistari, their crews on the water, the members who sailed on other yachts such as CQ's Arcadia, and the team of helpers who supported club Patron, Barry Austin and Club Manager Brian Dawson.

The race start provided a spectacle on the water, with a perfect spring day in Brisbane encouraging a large crowd of onlookers from the shore and a flotilla of spectator craft on the water.

The two yacht races, the Mono hull fleet and the Multi hull fleet were once again using the same start line, though 25 minutes apart.

I was fortunate to be on one of the QCYC media boats, owned by Ian Gidlow. Not only was he a great host for the day, but also manoeuvred us into some strategic positions for close shots of the yachts at the start and again at the first mark.

As expected Wild Thing, its mast towering over the fleet led from the start, closely followed by Black Jack and Wedgetail, Rodd & Gunn. Arcadia, owned by Tim Mc call from CCYC, and Immigrant soon followed in their wake, with Piranha mid fleet and Wistari bringing up the rear.

The multi hull fleet start was too far away for us to see, or photograph, however the first of these, Boss Racing and Power of Nature soon caught the monohull fleet. No Problem was comfortable in mid fleet as they rounded the mark and headed out of the bay and out of sight... though we could see those shirts for miles..

The finish was also spectacular as Wild Thing streamed down the harbour in Gladstone at approximately 4.15 on Saturday afternoon, followed by Black Jack shortly after and Wedgetail Rodd & Gunn. The rest of the fleet were unfortunate in having to battle outgoing tide combined with zero degrees of wind causing frustration and times where yachts were parked up off Fraser Island and in Rays case, going backwards off Barney Point for 20 minutes just 0.60 nm from the finish line!

The fleets were smaller than has been seen since 1971 in the case of the Monohull race, however the smaller numbers contributed to a convivial and friendly crowd at the club, where Brien and staff worked tirelessly all weekend to keep everybody happy.

As far as results go, the members of the PCSC took away swags of trophies, including 1st on Performance Handicap for Ray Hobbs and crew, a 2nd in the Courier Mail Cup for Immigrant plus too many others to remember, Piranha won Division 2, Scott Patrick and crew took away what was left (almost), and the Team of Immigrant, Piranha and Wistari won the best prize of all, the Federation Cup for the best performing team from any club.

The whole weekend was a fantastic effort from all involved, including the support teams, the mums and dads, the wives and the mini crews, of which we seem to have a few on the rise!

Marina Hobbs







Congratulations to everyone on a very successful B2G Easter racing weekend. Our four local yachts (Immigrant, Piranha, Wistari and No Problem) all put in an excellent performance. To top the weekend off PCSC was awarded the Federation Cup for best performing team from any club. Club history reveals we have won this prestigious award before but not for a very long time. Discussions with Herb Prendergast from QCYC looks like the Cup will be housed with us for the year.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly behind the scenes, of special mention are Barry and his team in the race room and Marina Hobbs for her excellent photography, writing and media liaison. And it would be amiss not to applaud Brian and GYC staff for their excellent service and hospitality too.

Club Championship Heat 6

Date for Club Championship heat 6 has been confirmed as Saturday 13th April 1400. This heat was postponed on 2nd March due to weather and poor visibility.

2013-2016 Blue book available office

The YA Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 books have arrived. Selling at cost price of \$33 each, books can be purchased from Reception.

Pleiades Plate

A club favourite, the Pleiades Plate Colosseum weekend is on the calendar. Helen Joseph and family have selected Saturday 13th July.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Trophy Presentation Evening

Reminder - Trophy Presentation evening on Saturday 25th May.

Home Events

Club Championship - 13th April, and 20th April - 1400 start

Handicap Series - 6th April, 13th April, and 27th April - 1400 start

Adult Start Sailing commences Sunday 7th April for four Sundays - 0800 to 1200

Away Events

Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Race 4th May. See NOR on our website

KBSC All Boats Regatta 4th and 5th May. See NOR on our website or www.kbsc.com.au

Hervey Bay Sailing Club Bay 2 Bay 4th May. www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

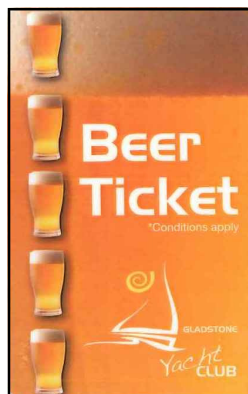
In place of Happy Hour we will run a voucher system which is only available to Life and Ordinary Sailing Club Members and Pensioners.

The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm

How it works.

Eligible customers can buy a Beer Ticket at Reception or our Main Bar for \$13 per ticket.

This will allow the holder of the Beer Ticket the option to purchase 5 x 10oz Beers, House Wines or 10oz Soft Drinks or a combination.



Sport & Recreation Active Inclusion Grant



Queensland
Government



Commencing January 1st 2012, the Queensland Government provided Port Curtis Sailing Club with \$5,000 to provide education and training for coaches and volunteers to support sailing in Gladstone to get more Queenslanders active through sport and recreation.

Our Discover Sailing Training Centre is certainly appreciative of this Queensland Government initiative and as the program concludes we are proud to say 12 of our volunteers received certification in several important areas including first aid, safety boat handling, marine radio operation and YA Dinghy Instructor and Assistant Instructors, all fully paid through the grant funding.

PCSC will continue to offer and promote the sport of sailing to young people and adults in our community.





Find Your Way TO KEPPEL BAY

KBSC 'All Boats' Regatta

incorporating the

2013 Queensland Moth Championships

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 4 & 5 MAY 2013

MAIN BEACH, YEPPOON



5 Buoy Races & Dash for Cash

Nomination Fee

\$66 per Senior Boat

\$33 per Junior Boat

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



SeaFM * Capricorn Coast Mirror
Salt Beachfront Yeppoon
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Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2012-13

W k	Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat Roster	Tides
					Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats				
42	Satur- day 6-4-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 2	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	NAP	1245 0.80 1853 3.80
	Sunday 7-4-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sawatzki					0713 4.11 1329 0.66
43	Satur- day 13-4-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 3 and Championship Heat 6	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1043 3.44 1634 1.05
	Sunday 14-4-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki					0513 1.23 1113 3.22
			End School Holidays Sun 14-4-13						
44	Satur- day 20-4-13	1400	Club Championship - Heat 7	Ken Watson 4979 0750	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1116 1.41 1737 3.17
	Sunday 21-4-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki					0543 3.63 1205 1.16
45	Satur- day 27-4-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 4	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	Dr Orders	1006 3.86 1610 0.52
	Sunday 28-4-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki					0458 0.64 1053 3.70
46	Satur- day 4-5-13	1000	Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Yacht Race. Con- firmed. Category 3	Tim McCall CCYC					
	Sat & Sun 4th 5th May	TBA	Bay 2 Bay. To Be Con- firmed. Not public holiday long weekend	Harvey Bay Sailing Club					
	Satur- day 4-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						

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47	Saturday 11-5-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 5	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	Immigrant	0951 3.41 1540 0.90
	Sunday 12-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1022 3.29 1603 1.02
48	Saturday 18-5-13	1400	SRD - spare incase championship postponement	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	0905 1.48 1527 2.92
	Sunday 19-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1013 1.32 1639 3.16
49	Saturday 25-5-13	1830	PRESENTATION NIGHT exclusive use of up-stairs	Steve Lewis					1510 0.39 2133 4.58
			End Season						
50	Saturday 8-6-12	0900 1300	Queen's Bday long wknd, rocky show CQ Championships Heats 1 and 2 Gladstone Harbour	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				0901 3.33 1449 0.85 2114 4.09
	Sunday 9-6-13	1300	CQ Championships Heat 3 Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Ocean Race. Category 3	PCSC	Barry Austin				1517 0.89 2145 4.05
	Monday 10-6-13	1100	CQ Championships Alt Heat 3 Trailer Yachts - Keppel Bay	Don Fuller CCYC					
51	Saturday 15-6-13	0900 1300	CQ Champs Heats 4 and 5 Keppel Bay, Buoy Race	Richard Watson CCYC					
			Start School Holidays Sat 22-6-13						
52	Saturday 22-6-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						0803 3.63 1407 0.43 2033 4.51
			Aquatic Permit						
			Seafood Festival in July - check dates						
	Saturday 13-7-13	TBA	Pleiades Plate (Colosseum)	Helen Joseph					1205 3.21 1754 1.23
	8-8-13 to 15-8-13	TBA	Airlie Beach Race Week (Thursday 8th to Thurs 15th August)	Whitsunday Sailing Club					
	Saturday 10-8-13	TBA	CCYC Presentation Night						
	Saturday 17-8-13	TBA	Sea Hill Weekend	Patty Burgess CCYC					
	Saturday 16-11-13	0900	Round the Bay Race – Category 4	Josh McCall CCYC					

Harbour Festival Raft Race

Special thanks to Ray Hobbs & Ferhaan Nana for designing and building the raft.



The Team: Hayden Comadira-Smith, Leah Ward, Zac Lamport, Tia Pehi, Simone Crouch, Ferhaan Nana



Pressures on



A lot of laughs



Off to a slow start



Man over board!



A lot of Fun!





Houston we have a problem!



Now what do we do?



An even slower finish. A helping hand?



Rescue mission in action

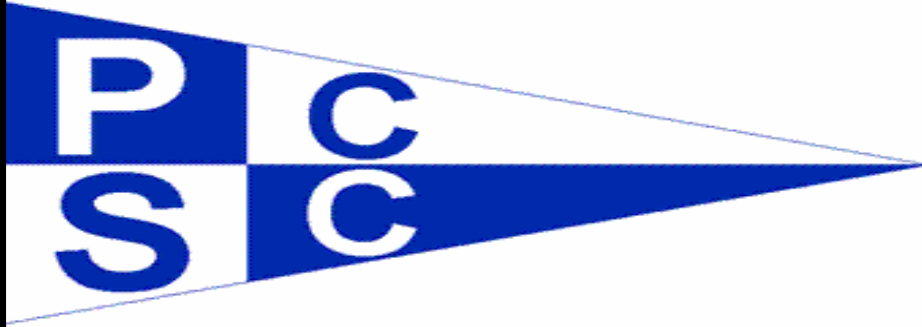


We're picking up our pieces and going home!



See you next year at the Annual Gladstone Harbour Festival Raft Race

Competition Time!



Can you come up with a slogan for our club?

**If you would like to give it a go please email
admin@gyc.com.au with your thoughts**

Here are some examples

PCSC for sensational sailing
Sail the sea with the PCSC
Sail to success with the PCSC
Fun on the sea with the PCSC
PCSC – safe, sensational sailing !
The sailor's choice – the PCSC
Super sailing, fantastic fun – the PCSC
Have fun , feel free with the PCSC
Great sport, great friendships, great facilities
Sail to the future

The winner will receive a \$50 club voucher!



Try Our New Skippers Feast

Available 7 days
Advanced Bookings Preferred

\$99
*Members Price



*Limited number available per day



SALTY'S CANTINA

Al fresco Dining

Mexican Cuisine by the Water's Edge



OPENING HOURS

Thursdays 5pm

Friday ~ Saturday 2pm

Sundays 1pm

Subject to Weather conditions, Sailing Regattas and Large bookings.

Gladstone Yacht Club



BISTRO OPENING HOURS

Lunch

Dinner

Monday ~ Thursday	12:00pm ~ 2:00pm	6:00pm ~ 8:30pm
Friday ~ Saturday	11:30pm ~ 2:30pm	5:30pm ~ 9:00pm
Sunday	11:30pm ~ 2:30pm	6:00pm ~ 8:30pm



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FAMOUS for our Sailing, FAMOUS for our Service.*