

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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August 2013



COMMODORE JOHN IBELLYOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

Hi all,

Wow, where did the so called "off season" go? The activities kept coming over the past couple of months ensuring the dust didn't collect on our boats! Also clubhouse activities kept the members and staff busy through this period.

Many thanks to the members who attended the AGM last week. Your vote of confidence in the committee ensures we endeavour to do the best for the club and most importantly, you the members. Congratulations to Barry Austin (Patron), Sue Doyle (Vice Commodore), Brad Greer (Treasurer), Lex Moran (Club Captain), Rob Auty (Committee) and Dirk Beyer (Committee) being elected to your positions. Congratulations to all the other members also that fill the other committees that are also important in the successful running of the club. Your time and knowledge is acknowledged and respected. There are one or two positions to fill so if you can spare some time please contact me to discuss where you can help the club. Remember the skipper is only as good as the crew and the vessel supporting them! Our club is in a good position at this time and Brian and the committee are continually working to improve this position, however if you have any concerns, ideas or just want to chat about something please contact me.

Sailing club members competed in the CQ titles, Yeppoon to Mackay yacht race, Keppel Bay Sailing Clubs regatta, Bay to Bay trailer sailor race, Pleiades cup weekend and the 3 islands race to name but a few. Yet again PCSC sailors can hold their heads high as trophies were won and spirited and fair competiveness was displayed.

A super huge thanks go to Helen, Marion, Stacey, Paul, Andrew and their gallant band of helpers for yet again staging another successful Pleiades cup. By all accounts it was wonderful sailing conditions over the weekend and the pizzas on Saturday night were not left going cold! Next year we'll be there!

The clubhouse and herc shed weren't forgotten over this period either with a new awning at the entrance and the herc shed cleaned out and revamped for more room. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked on these projects. For a little work it has made a huge improvement.

The grassed areas in front of the club were becoming worn down by the patrons so it was decided to install artificial turf. This was done over a month period as the concrete had to de-bleach before the mat went down. It looks a treat now and will be an asset both to the sailing members and the business, win/win.

COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

The club continues to trade well with a plateau effect now starting to shape the books as the "island workers" now have accommodation on Curtis Island. This has freed up the dining areas a tad so now is the time to bring the families down and enjoy our wonderful setting. Breakfast is on again on Sunday mornings, which is great to see, so if you are feeling lazy on a Sunday you know where to be now.

Membership renewal reminders will be sent shortly. Please keep an eye out for these and if you don't receive one please let reception know.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- Herc shed doors still need repairing/modifying/renewal. Anyone know a good welder to make a set of galvanised doors to replace the wooden ones?
- Patrons day is coming up shortly and Barry has something planned but is keeping mum on it! Watch this space as anything could happen!
- Constitution and by-law draft changes were tabled at the AGM for members review and comments. Please review them and if you have any comments, email or mark up the copy and send to reception.

Enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that show up weekly to assist with all facets of the club. It is truly appreciated! Sorry Jack, no photo this month as my computer isn't playing the game. Damn technologies! Keep an eye out for next month mate.

Yours in sailing, Young Dinga.





Introducing our 2013-2014 Committee Members

Management Committee

Commodore Vice Commodore Treasurer **Club Captain Committee I Committee II Committee III Committee IV**













Barry Austin Jackson Cooper



Patron Junior Club Captain

Sailing Committee

Starter Div 1&2 Div 4 **Sailing Instructor** Member Member **Handicapper**

















Patrons Open Day

Come along and enjoy the first day of the Sailing Season 31st Saturday August 2013 at 2pm

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Dinghy Sailing in the Quoin Basin

Saturday 17th August, 2013 1000 briefing Yachts, Dinghies and Rescue boats

The second of two practice days for sailing in the Quoin basin will focus on yacht and dinghy racing. The plan is to set a start line for the yachts in the usual position abeam of spinnaker park and once the yachts are racing the start vessel will up anchor and move into position on the dinghy start line in the Quoin area

Yacht courses will be the same as now with the exception of the finish line. The last marker to round will be A8 (this brings the fleet together), and then sail back down the harbour a short distance until pass the front Cross Clinton Swing Basin Lead. The yacht doesn't need to be near the Lead, just pass abeam of it. We have a good line of sight and can see clearly when the yacht passes. The starter will signal yacht has finished on VHF Ch72.

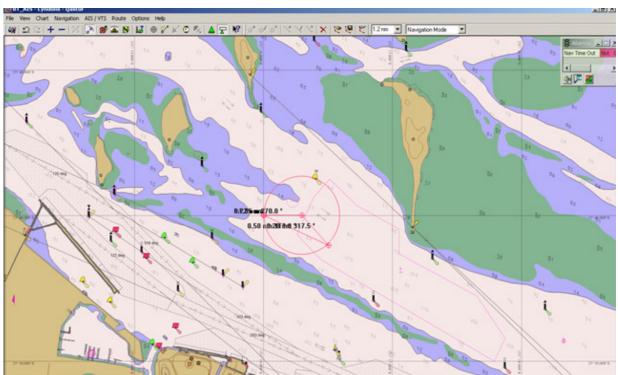
Thanks go to Jordi Oakley who charted our start boat position, possible dinghy courses and yacht finish line after our first trail day in June.

We hope to have a good turnout of sailors and support boat people so we can see what works and what may not.

Recommended position of top mark for South through to Easterly winds. Position of the top mark in Latitude 23° 49.20 'S and Longitude 151° 16.50' E. This 0.5nm leg should suit for winds all through this quadrant due to NW/SE tidal flows, however will require confirmation of suitability.

Recommended position of wing mark for South through to Easterly winds. Position of the wing mark in Latitude 23° 49.00 'S and Longitude 151° 16.30' E. This 0.77nm leg should suit for winds through this quadrant due to NW/SE tidal flows, however will require confirmation of suitablity.

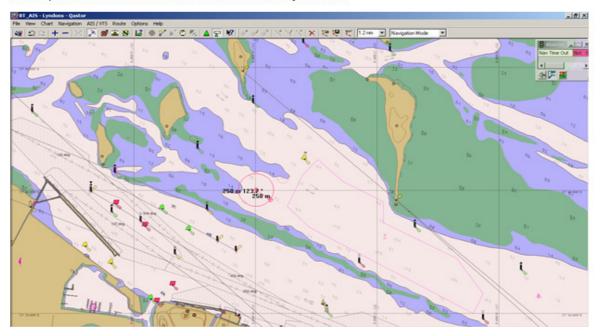
Recommended position of bottom mark for South through to Easterly winds. Pin end as bottom mark. This 0.77nm leg should suit for winds through this quadrant due to NW/SE tidal flows, however will require confirmation of suitablity.



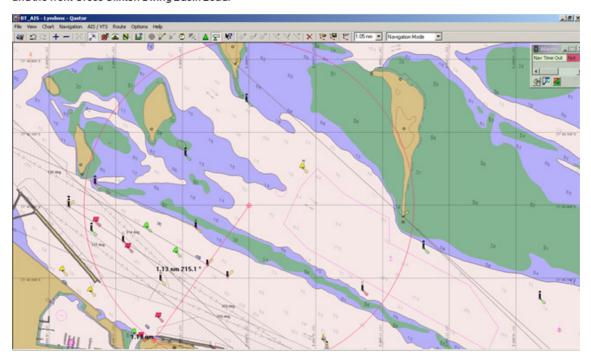
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Dinghy Start/Finish boat Position, centered on Latitude 23° 49.00' South, Longitude 151° 16.00' E.

250m clearance at depth of 1.4m at LAT (lowest astronomical tide). This will allow the windward mark to be positioned 250m upwind when wind is from a West or South Westerly direction.



View of Transit for yacht finish. Finish line to be the extenstion of a line drawn between the Dinghy Start/Finish boat and the front Cross Clinton Swing Basin Lead.





Youth Development Camp

Keppel Bay Sailing Club are holding their annual Youth Development Camp in the September school holidays – Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th September, followed by the Youth Championships.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our young sailors to receive sail training from some very accomplished sailors and coaches, as well as meet other young sailors.

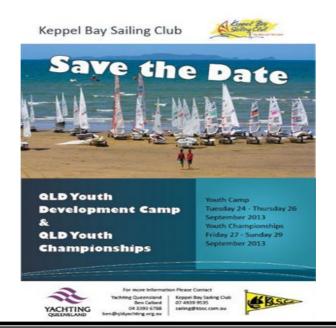
Visit the KBSC website for more details www.kbsc.com.au

Here is a brief introduction from their website of two coaches KBSC have organised.

John Bertrand is the current QLD High Performance Coach working with Yachting Queensland. He has an impressive 30 year career in the sport of sailing. He took home a silver at the 1984 Olympics, won the World Laser Championships in 1976 and 1977 and won the Finn Gold Cup in 1980. Last year he coached on the Australian Olympic Team in London. This year he will be coaching at the Queensland Youth Development Camp. Junior Sailors racing at this years' Camp will be lucky enough to be coached by one of the world's best!

Danny Fuller is a fitness coach as well as a sailing coach and also enjoys mountain biking. His sailing journey started at Port Denison Sailing Club over 30 years ago, sailing sabots.

He took on the role as Queensland Identification & Development Pathway coach to support junior sailors and their club coaches from Mackay to Cairns. Danny would like to build on what they've started and improve the sailing skills and knowledge in North Queensland. Danny is also a Laser Coach with the Queensland Development Squad.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Lady Skippers Day – Saturday 24th August 1400 Sign On Day – Sunday 25th August 1400 Patron's Open Day – Saturday 31st August 1400 Championship Heat 1 – Saturday 7th September 1400

Away Events

Sea Hill Weekend – CCYC – Saturday 17th August Airlie Beach Race Week – Thursday 8th August to Thursday 15th August

Val Sisley

Keppel Bay Sailing Club has indicated they are keen to hold the Val Sisley series again this year. The following dates have been locked in.

Heats 1, 2 and 3 at KBSC on Sunday 1st September Heats 4 and 5 at PCSC on Sunday 20th October (during the Youth Regatta).



Sunday 25th August 2013

Membership renewals open from 2pm until required Tony Constance is organising a Pacer Challenge in the creek, join the fun from 2pm

As a reminder Yacht owners are required to bring paperwork for Insurance, Boat Registration and Safety Compliance Checklist to accompany race nominations.

Dinghy owners are also required to present Public Liability Insurance paperwork for the club to copy and keep on file.



NOTICE OF RACE

2013 Lady Skippers Race

Saturday 24th August 2013 on the waters of Gladstone Harbour

Rules

This event will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the special regulations of YA, and the Sailing Instructions.

Special Rules

A woman must be on the helm at all times

At least half of the crew of any vessel must be female. (Failure to meet this condition will affect the vessel's handicap.)

The vessels usual helmsman must be quiet and civil at all times, particularly if he is the spouse of the Lady Skipper.

Safety

This event is classified as Category 5.



Schedule of Events

1230 - Briefing

1400 - Start

1530 - Champagne and Nibbles

Prizes

Places will be decided using any arbitrary system devised by the sponsors.

Sailing Instructions

Will be available at the briefing.



For more details, contact Sue Doyle 0419 649 764 sue doyle@ymail.com



PLEIADES PLATE WEEKEND

BY MARINA HOBBS

Members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club, recently enjoyed our 14th Annual Pleiades Cup weekend, sponsored by Helen Joseph and family. The sail down to Colosseum Inlet was a brisk but pleasant sail into a light south easterly breeze, with Pleiades and No Problem setting off on the appointed time of 9am, leaving Intriigue and Doctor's Orders still tied to the club pontoon. The only excuse offered was "we had to wait for the tide", but I am more inclined to think it was the late night beforehand!

Upon arrival at the Joseph family retreat, Andrew Joseph gathered the keen and competitive and organised a short race within the inlet; made up of three multi-hulls and Pleiades it was a stretch to put the weekend papers aside, up anchor No Problem and join the start. We did manage to qualify for the notorious Yabby pump award for the bow of the boat crossing the start line with engines running, and the stern in sailing mode by the time it crossed the line!

Doctor's Orders took out the winner's trophy, Intriigue should have an award for flying a spinnaker both upwind and downwind and Dirk had the prettiest boat there.

Once again the Joseph clan offered us exceptional hospitality, coupled with beautiful and highly original pizzas. My personal favourite was the banana, prawn and chilli.. (Next year please!)

Thank you Helen, Marion and Paul, Andrew and Stacey and your crew of assistants for inviting us back each year! This event is one that we look forward to each winter.















* Credits, and a thank-you, also go to Lynne Campbell for her pictures

ORICA THREE ISLAND RACE

As I see it by MARION HUGHES

It started off as a lovely winter's days sailing on Tuan with Brad and Maryke Baker. We were allocated 2 runners....all good...We attached the dingy and headed to the Wharf to pick them up. Thylacine was ahead of us and we were to start at 9.11am. Not a worry there and we headed on after them, runners aboard.

Reaching Compigne Island was where all the fun started. We had been warned there were crab pot a plenty and were going to cause a bit of a hazard for some. We prepared to get the runners into the dingy and noticed a Curtis ferry lingering. They wanted to offload at the ramp so we decided it better to let them go first and we would then let the runners row to shore. Seemed like a good plan but the poor runners were tossed about trying to row in the soupy wake caused by the boat.

Then there was a call from Thylacine to inform all of us in the vicinity that there was a possible crab pot rope around their prop. We sailed around waiting for the runners to get back and watched the other participants arrive. Doctor's orders comes in heading for shore at what could only be described as "flying" Look out for the...bouy! Too late, the bouy popped out behind.

There was a scramble to get their runners ashore. in what can only be described as a toy dingy. There were three good sized runners trying to get into that dingy... or not. It had taken on just a "little" water and with 3 guys trying to get in as well... it kinda sank and Lex was then informed that it was the first we heard that this leg was a swim leg... Poor guys, they had to swim for it and the rescue boat was called to help retrieve the dingy. All I can say is Margy is one strong lady! She manhandled that little boat aboard Herc like a champion.

Next bit of entertainment was Intriigue. It was nice of them to get close to shore for their runners but actually being on the shore was probably not what they had in mind exactly. There were a few adjectives heard but all turned out for the best in the end.

"No Problem" had no problems getting their runners organised and we all finally headed for the next Island being Quoin and the run there was a breeze. Runners were dispatched and retrieved and it was plain sailing from there to the finish.

Tuan continued in her tradition of being the G&T boat and we enjoyed a little lunch as well on the home leg. We arrived to the finish with all on board dry and happy (the only boat with no runners or crew having to get wet) be it last but we did get the biggest trophy for that privilege.













ORICA THREE ISLAND RACE

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

Second place for Thylacine in the 3 Island race HURRA! It was the yearly fun race with the Gladstone roadrunners and the PCSC Sailors.

Mike Phillips made a big effort and prepared Thylacine well. Diving into the cold water to wash of the winter growth, so she will be fast. Skipper Mike and Brett Stevens were the runners of the day. The handicap gave Thylacine the first starting boat and with a crew of 7 we set spinnaker to Compigne Island the first running leg. Some of the first time sailors had to grow muscle fast, as the sheets and winches on Thylacine are heavy duty.

A good SE wind between 10 - 15 kt got us quick to the first island. Quick into the boat, row fast and run fast. Mike knew what to do. Circling and waiting for our runners to return, there was less and less water to manoeuvre in as the other boats arrived. Top it all of, the island barge arrived just in time to add to the mayhem. Our prop got caught on a crab pot line and we got stuck as Intriigue hit some rocks.

Our runners came back to tussle with the barge as well and the exhausted runners (mainly Mike) had to row a fair bit, as we were still stuck on a crab pot and could not move. Doctor's Orders runners dinghy capsized and needed some assistance from Herc the rescue boat. Then, the crab pot line decided Thylacine was not a crab and let go.

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With runners safely on board we set sail to Quoin island. Still in first place, we made sure to stay out of trouble this time. Our runners off on Quoin Island, we relaxed and watching the rest of the fleet arriving. Intriigues's runner are off and No Problem runners are just about to go. Their lady runner slipped in the dinghy and fell overboard. "man overboard" drill in action on No Problem was no problem. Ray got into the dinghy and retrieved his fellow runner. At the same time our runners came back. Quick get them! And we off.

Still in first place gave us wings (not quite) but a good sailing leg to Q2 our turning point and back to A8 our finish mark for the sailing leg. Being a fast tri, Intriigue caught us on the turning mark but we were holding on to second and send our runners off to their last run and back to the yacht club. Crew and runners did well. SECOND PLACE!! HURRA. Well done Thylacine!!

Thank you Orica for sponsoring the event again this year!





FAREWELL TO THE PAUL FAMILY

BY MARINA HOBBS

Last Friday evening, friends and family from many aspects of Gladstone life, gathered to farewell Jeff and Janet Paul and children Jack, Skye and Tom as they embrace new adventures and a new life in Canmore, Alberta, Canada.

The sailing club members will also miss the Saturdays crewing on Immigrant, the well- known and high achieving Farr 30' raced by Jeff and Janet for the last 10 years, and no doubt Jeff's irreverent sense of humour.

We wish them well, and a safe voyage ... no doubt Jack, Skye and Tom will be snow skiing champions when next we see them. I guess holidays in Canada are looking good!

Goodbye, Good Luck, from all at the Port Curtis Sailing Club.

"For memory has painted this perfect day, with colours that never fade" (Carrie Jacob Bond)















BOAT PROFILE "SACHSONIA"

STORY BY MARINA HOBBS

The recent Pleiades Cup brought Dirk Beyer and his 16' Gaff rigged boat 'Sachsonia' to our attention, and after admiring it in photos I had taken, I decided to interview Dirk and find out a little more about it.

The little boat comes from an impeccable pedigree! Dirk took the plunge as a boat owner in 2005, purchasing the small craft from a previous owner in Port Stephens, North of Newcastle.

Dirk comes from an area of Germany called Saxony, and hence the name 'Sachsonia' was apt. Sachsonia is a 16 'Scruffie, designed by Derek Ellard of Scruffie Marine; a company founded by Derek in 1991 when the first kit boat the Scruffie 16' was built. Since then his company have shipped boats to seven countries, and produced almost 300 timber kit and finished boats. Surprisingly the boat yard is situated on Tamborine Mountain in South East Queensland.

For those who love fine detail, the specifications for a, Scruffie 16' are as follows;

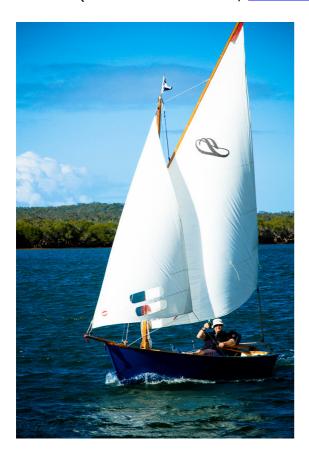
LOA: 17'6" Draught: 1'6" Rig: Lugsail sloop

Standard Weight: 300 kg Beam: 6'6" Sleeps: 2+ under canvas

Materials: BS1088 Marina Ply and Hoop Pine plantation ply, Western Red Cedar, Selected Queensland Red Cedar, Silky Oak, and selected hardwoods. Spars in Clear Douglas fir.

So next time you spot Dirk and the family out in Sachsonia, have a good look at the beautiful workmanship and lines of this elegant little boat. Dirk tells me he sails the boat mostly during the winter season when the winds are not as strong in Central Queensland... perhaps he can be persuaded to bring her along for a club sail day and give us a chance to admire her and have a

sail in her! (Source of information; www.scruffie.com)







Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14										
Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides		
				2 members ca	apable of _l	Duty Boat performing du ort boats	uties onboard			
Saturday 3-8-13	0800 1600	SRD - all day						305 1.01 929 3.86		
Sunday 4-8-13	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki					751 3.23 343 0.90		
Saturday 10-8-13	0800 1600	SRD - all day						104 3.49 705 0.89		
Sunday 11-8-13	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki					0532 0.80 141 3.45		
8-8-13 to 15-8-13	TBA	Airlie Beach Race Week (Thursday 8th to Thurs 15th August)	Whitsun- day Sailing Club							
Saturday	TBA	Sea Hill Weekend	Patty Burgess CCYC							
17-8-13 [°]	briefing 1000	Quoin Basin trial sail day Dinghies and yachts-LOW TIDE						142 0.88 826 4.01		
Sunday 18-8-13		SRD - all Day Botanic To Bridge Fun Run								
Sunday 18-8-13	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing 5	Colleen Sawatzki					650 3.42 251 0.66		
Saturday 24-8-13	1400	Lady Skipper Day	Lynne Campbell					121 3.84 722 0.74		
	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing 6	Colleen Sawatzki					548 0.69 203 3.67		
Sunday 25-8-13	1/1/1/1	SIGN ON DAY with Pacer Challenge	Tony Constance 0410 678					203 3.67 800 1.06		
Saturday 31-8-13	1400	Patron's OPEN DAY						153 1.28 819 3.57		
Sunday 1-9-13	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing 7 - trailing small course sailing for the kids	Colleen Sawatzki					649 3.09 241 1.09		
Saturday 7-9-13	1400	Championship Heat 1						007 3.75 616 0.63		
Sunday 8-9-13	0800 1800	SRD						122 3.70 733 0.94		
Saturday 14-9-13	1400	ORC	Ken Wat- son 4979 0750					018 1.16 706 3.72		
Sunday 15-9-13	0800 1800	SRD						136 0.95 812 3.98		
		Start School Holidays 9 21-9-13	start Sat							
Saturday 21-9-13	1400	Sprint Series 1 - Heats 1 & 2						011 4.04 621 0.56		

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2013-14									
Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat	Tides	
				Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats					
Sunday 22-9-13	0800 1800	SRD						1049 3.93 1657 0.79	
Tues 24- 9-13 to Thur 26- 9-13	ТВА	Qld Youth Develop- ment Camp	KBSC						
Fri 27-9- 13 Sun 29-9- 13	ТВА	Qld Youth Campion- ships	KBSC						
Saturday 28-9-13	1400	Sprint Series 1 - Heats 3 & 4						1009 1.64 1635 3.21	
Sunday 29-9-13	0800 1800	SRD						1117 1.45 1736 3.41	
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Saturday 5-10-13	1400	Fairway/Tripod						0909 3.96 1521 0.53	
		Start School Holidays 10-13 (pub hol)	end Mon 7-						
Saturday 12-10-13	1400	Championship Heat 2						0842 1.32 1527 3.61	
Sunday 13-10-13									
Saturday 19-10-13		Youth Regatta						0908 4.14 1523 0.59	
Sunday 20-10-13		Youth Regatta (including Val Sisley)							
Saturday 26-10-13	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 1						1408 3.18 2042 1.64	
Sunday 27-10-13		NATIONAL DIS- COVER SAILING DAY							
Saturday 2-11-13	1400	Championship Heat 3						1422 0.63 2022 3.84	
Sunday 3-11-13									
Saturday 9-11-13	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 2						1351 3.79 2023 1.06	
Sunday 10-11-13									

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Sunday Breakfast

Operating from Salty's Cantina 8am ~ 10.30am



Sunday Lunch

The ultimate dining experience offering the best food, freshest seas breezes and a stunning view

Sunday Music By the Water

Live, Local talents by the water kicking off from 2pm



Gladstone Yacht Club



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Lunch

Dinner

 $\begin{array}{lll} Monday \sim Thursday & 12:00pm \sim 2:00pm & 6:00pm \sim 8:30pm \\ Friday \sim Saturday & 11:30pm \sim 2:30pm & 5:30pm \sim 9:00pm \\ Sunday & 11:30pm \sim 2:30pm & 6:00pm \sim 8:30pm \end{array}$



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Month?

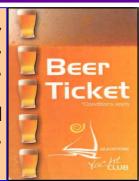
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See Reception staff within 31 days of your birthday to claim your club vouchers.

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