

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club

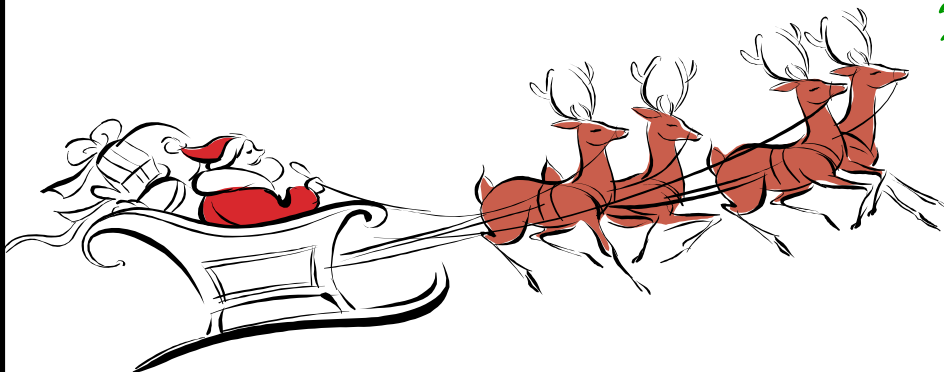
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December 2012

# Merry Christmas

*and a Happy and safe new year*

*From the team at*



*Brian and Karen would like to thank the Committee, Members, Staff and Volunteers for everything they have done over the past year to make our club what it is today.*



## Coming Soon!

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## MANAGER BRIAN DAWSON



Ho Ho Ho.....How busy are we? The club is busier now than I have ever known during our 33 months in Gladstone, not that I'm counting the days, just counting the Straphanger articles I have written.

Some noticed, others didn't, that I dodged the last couple of Straphanger issues but Narelle (the producer, sailing coordinator, receptionist and champion) put her foot down and demanded I do a Christmas cheer so here it is: Ho Ho Ho How busy are we?

There was more than one reason for not writing articles but in hindsight I don't think you missed anything. Commodore John Ibell has stepped up and delivered Young Dinda's Diatribe (YDD) which far surpassed anything I would have written. It was fascinating reading his first YDD explaining his wet head and demonstrating such deep roots. I love that sort of stuff and that's why I love working in clubs.

Ho Ho Ho..... How busy are we? I can't go one word further without publicly tipping my hat to our fantastic team in our Kitchens. Led by our Head Chef Ivon Turner this team has been producing a high volume of high quality food, consistently for a long time now. There is a balance between volume and quantity which Ivon somehow manages to control. One outstanding statistic (taken from October 2012) is we produced 190 cooked to order meals in 150 minutes, that's 1.2 main meals every minute during peak service times. Like I say – Hat's off to you Ivon.

It's not just Ivon either. While he's the man that rules the kitchen roast there is a team behind him that stands on the front line and produces the goods. Sous Chef Shayne Clarke is supported by some great chefs, cooks and apprentices who can out cook any team in Gladstone and I would dare say Qld or even Australia. Simply put, you won't find a better team.

Ho Ho Ho..... How busy are we? The thing is, busy is normal now, but what makes the current day more busy than normal is Christmas functions and gatherings, which started in early November and go right through till 23<sup>rd</sup> December. This type of revenue is not necessarily the most profitable type of trade but as a community club I see it as our duty to deliver the goods for both social and sailing members. It would be easier to just stick to normal trade but where's the fun in that?

Post Ho Ho Ho ..... the club will be busier setting a new high. More people will be arriving in town next year and we will do our best to take advantage of the situation. There are some existing changes to the FB&G (food bar and gaming) operations coming to the club in 2013 that will help the club to cope. These changes are designed to deliver extra services, give us extra space and above all hopefully (Heritage Council permitting) give you back your upstairs function room aka the Gladstone Room. Fingers crossed please.

Ho Ho Ho .....Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone who contributed last year, from staff to committee, from volunteers to suppliers, from happy customers to politicians thanks heaps for being part of our club and all the best for next year.

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





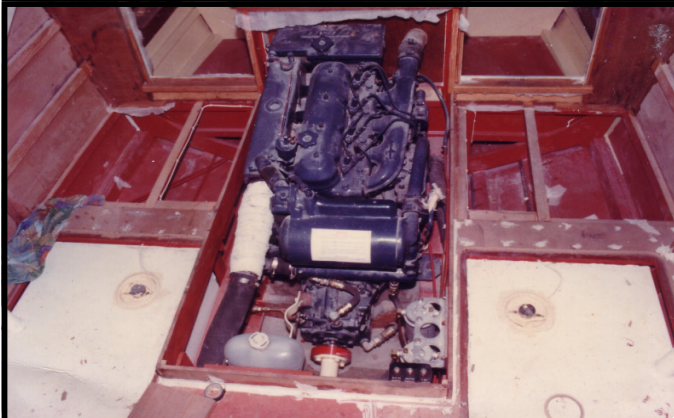
# Gedrick



Gedrick has stood the test of time. Designed by stalwart and life member of the club, Noel Patrick, she was built by Noel and other long time member Bill Geddes. Hence the name..."Gedrick" (Geddes & Patrick). Numerous other club members were involved in various arenas of her construction.

Her design is well thought out, being most capable of rescue mission within the harbour as well as open water. I for one would want her to be available for rescue of any child of mine in a Sabot or small dinghy on our busy harbour. Her capabilities of quick response and ability of hauling sailors and dinghy on board far outweighs the rescue capability of any outboard driven RIB.

Gedrick should not be 'retired' but be maintained for service to the club for another 40 years. When the club builds its strength in numbers once again and hold more and more dinghy regattas, then Gedrick will be invaluable.





# Christmas

Merry Christmas to all you wonderful PCSC Members, Staff and families.

To the Members going away to regatta, travel safe and fair winds.  
To Jeanine and Jon Drummond and family, thanks for all you have done for the club and myself. Will miss you all, fair winds and Good Luck.  
See you all in the New Year 2013.

From Patron, Barry and Pat Austin

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## Opening Hours

During the Christmas period Gladstone Yacht Club will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

## Boxing Day—Just you sailors and family

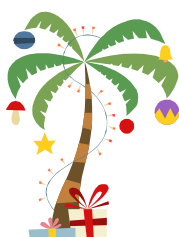
We are hoping to get the numbers to open for a private sailors viewing of the Sydney to Hobart Race on Boxing Day. Doors will be open at 11am so bring a plate and enjoy your club. Send RSVP to [functions@gyc.com.au](mailto:functions@gyc.com.au) or let Brian & Kaz know your intentions please so they can prepare.

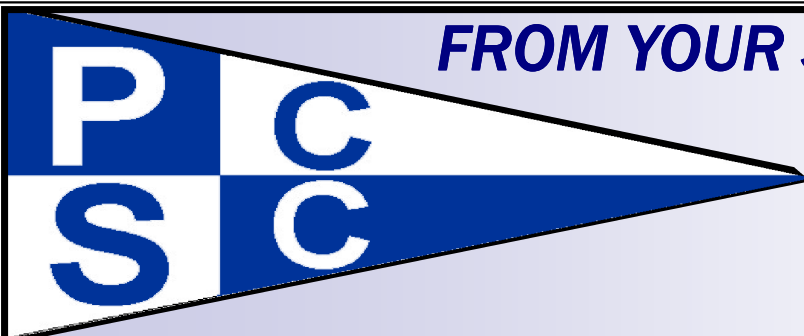
## Sailors Christmas Party

This year the Sailors Christmas Party will be held on Sunday 16th of December for a BBQ from 1pm. Santa will arrive at 2pm. If you are planning to attend please RSVP at Reception either via phone or email.

## Staff Christmas Party

We are planning a staff Christmas Party on New Years Day. The club will be closed and the staff will be let loose (a controlled loose that is). Jessica Dawson will be working the bar and Mum and Dad will host the staff with a cold buffet and some fun. All staff are invited.





## **January School Holiday Junior Sailing**

The Start Sailing team is organising a Start Sailing program for kids in the January school holidays. Just like the usual junior start sailing, but done over 3 and half days. A great way to spend a few hours of the school holidays.

**Extra hands on deck much appreciated**

*See Colleen or Sue*

**Kids + Boats = FUN**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 0900 to 1200 (buddy sailing)

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 0830 to 1500

## **Gedrick**

In the November Straphanger we asked Members to write to the Sailing Committee to voice their opinion and ideas for Gedrick's future. Decisions like these are always difficult as Gedrick has seen some very valuable service, but today is not used very often and is in need of maintenance. We received two responses, one verbally and one in writing. Brad Barker's article is included in this issue.

I encourage Members to bring forward your thoughts in writing to the Sailing Committee by end January 2013 please.

## **Lake Cootharaba**

Great news! Scott Patrick and John Ibell got second and third place at the Impulse State titles and Maria Mohrholz won women's champion. Well done!





## Tour of Duty for Grey Rib

Did you know our Grey Rib is doing a tour of duty. Yachting Australia were looking for an inflatable rib they could take around the country to support YA events for the next few months. PCSC were proud to be able to offer Grey Rib. She passed the survey with 100% flying colours and has been fitted with a centre console, 40hp motor and signage. On return in January she will come back into service as a better equipped boat for rescue and support duties.



Photo taken before signage

## How's Ray

Ray is recovering well from a para gliding accident while on holiday in Bright, Victoria. He has advanced from crutches to a back brace, which Marina is determined to keep him in for at least 6 weeks! Ray's response to all enquiries will be "No Problem", but if anyone has paperwork they need doing – send it over – anything to keep him busy and out of the shed!



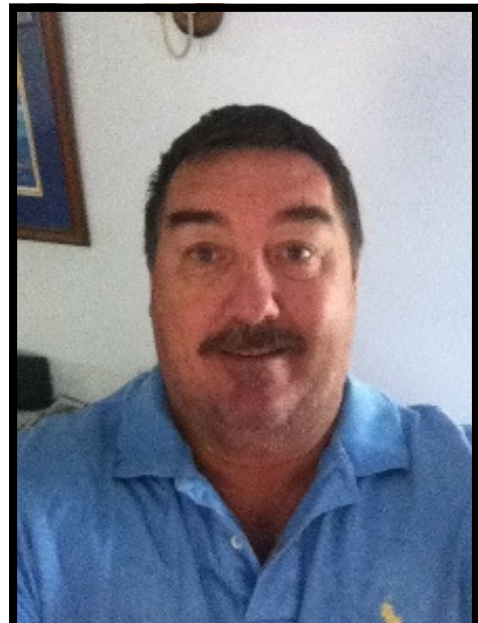
This photo was taken during the Opening of PCSC at Easter 1959.— Jack Mortensen

Some of the people that have been identified in this photo are:

Roy Ibell, Gloria Weldon (Power), Gloria Dare (Carter), Mary Steggal, Eileen Barker, Garrie Renton, Melva Ferbuse and John Bensted.



Is this Scott with some hair!



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# Dinghy Sailing Hints and Tips



## Reaching for Performance

I have done a decent amount of Windsurfing, in fact, I enjoyed a miss spent youth just reaching around most of the time. Windsurfing on short boards that sink if you go too slow, really keeps you focused on moving fast. In this article, I will quickly cover some basics of building and maintaining boat speed when Reaching.

### Apparent Wind

This is the wind actually going over the sails generating lift and causing drag.

It is not the true wind blowing over the water, but the combined effects of boat speed and direction, tidal flow and the true Wind. It is what keeps the boat moving.

Using apparent wind becomes more significant the faster you go. This can be explained by the fact that more of the wind hitting your sails is being generated by your movement, rather than the True Wind, which is blowing over the water.

Even in a Sabot you will feel that the wind seems stronger when beating upwind than when you are running downwind.

**Apparent wind *increases* if you travel into the wind.**

**Apparent wind *decreases* if you travel away from the wind.**

How can we use this apparent wind for reaching faster?

### Heading and Steering

In underpowered conditions, when keeping the boat on the plane is a challenge, Head up in the lulls to increase the apparent wind and help establish speed. Once moving well, bear off and steer as low as possible without losing speed. Look for surfing opportunities. If you sense the boat is slowing and in danger of dropping off the plane, sheet in and head up a little to maintain boat speed. Do this BEFORE you drop off the plane.

When gusts hit or good waves present themselves, turn downwind and sail a lower course to follow the gust downwind and stay in the strong wind longer. Aim to position your boat lower than the imaginary line straight between the marks. This will allow you to sail higher later during the lulls in between the gusts. Staying on the plane longer puts you further ahead of the next boat.

### Sail trim

Sails produce Lift and Drag. We tend to just mix the two together and deal with the single combined force to do what we call sailing.

Separating the two makes it easy to understand what works (or what is needed) to get better performance for any given point of sail.

Boats go better upwind, if the Lift is optimised without creating excess Drag.

When Reaching, Lift can be maximised even at the expense of creating more Drag.

For going down wind, Drag is fine and Lift is not really required. Spinnakers are the Drag specialists with their hooked leech and deep draft or camber.

Continued.....

Reaching is what we are talking about here today. Set up for plenty of Draft, slacken the Cunningham and Outhaul, ease the Vang to allow some twist. This also lets the end of the boom lift up to help clear waves. The twist can help reduce the heeling moment in stronger winds and open the leech. Some Over Sheeting can be tolerated as Drag is not a big penalty. Over sheeting can be good to accommodate the apparent wind swinging forward as you accelerate on to the plane or surf down a wave.

Reaching can be Shy (upwind) or Broad (downwind). In these cases, some thought needs to be given to the sail trim requirements mentioned for Upwind and Downwind, Flatten and reduce drag for Shy reaching. Deepen draft and power up for Broad reaching.

### **Boat trim**

Boat trim is dependent on hull shape, the basic guideline is to utilise the flat section if you want to plane. If you don't know where the flat section is on the bottom of your boat, have a look. Don't expect to plane fast if you heel the boat and present the chine or curved part of the hull to the water.

Moving forward for more area can be good to help plane at lower speed. Moving aft at high speed helps keep the bow from burying and reduces wetted surface area and drag.

If you can not plane, trim so the transom is not dragging water.

Adjust your Heel to neutralize the helm. If takes effort to hold the tiller you are creating drag and holding the boat back. You are not letting it reach its full speed.

### *About Martin Cooper,*

I graduated from PCSC Learn to sail in 1977. Since 1977, my longest absence from some type of sailing has been about 6 months.

Still learning today, I don't really know much about boats, but I have a good understanding of the wind. I gained some dinghy experience sailing locally boats such as; Sabot, Manly Junior, Cherub, Sharpie and Laser. I've had the odd run in a Cobra cat and 12' Skiff. On rare occasions I have crewed on some longer boats that had winches and lead on the keel.

Most of my ocean experience is from windsurfing, specifically on the shorter boards and in stronger winds. In the late Eighties, I was a sponsored sailor. I was respected at a national level and was employed as a sailboard shaper.

I regularly competed in international professional events. On several occasions, I finished in the top ten and was amongst the best performing Australians.

I currently race Division 4 in a Club Pacer. I am privileged to be crewing for Jack Paul. Cheerful in all weathers, Jack is recognised as the club's most talented skipper under 35kg.

*Article by Martin Cooper*





# 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				
20	Satur- day 3-11-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 3	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	NA	1121 3.63 1736 1.28
	Sunday 4-11-12	0830 1200	Adult Start Sailing - 4	Colleen Sawatzki					1204 3.48 1820 1.42
21	Satur- day 10-11- 12	1400	SRD						1214 1.02 1816 3.75
	Sunday 11-11- 12	0900 1100	<b>NATIONAL Yachting Australia Discover Sail- ing Day</b>						1308 0.77
		1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 4	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod - away	Ken Watson	Rag Top	1906 3.85
22	Satur- day 17-11- 12	1400	Sprint Series - Heats 1 & 2	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod - away	Ken Watson	Doctors Orders	1138 4.28 1807 0.69
	Sunday 18-11- 12	0800 1300	SRD (aquatic permit 1300 to 1800)						
23	Satur- day 24-11- 12		Round the Bay Race	CCYC					1238 1.18 1838 3.48
		1400	Sprint Series (DINGHIES)	Jeanine Drummond 0406 631 148	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod		Loco	
	Sunday 25-11- 12	1300	SRD						
24	Satur- day 1-12-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 4	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413 (may be away)	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	na	1025 3.95 1647 1.06
	Sunday 2-12-12	0800 1300	Adult Start Sailing - 1	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sat 1- 12-12 Sun 2- 12-12		Qld Impulse Champion- ships	Lake Cootharaba					
25	Satur- day 8-12-12	0800 1300	Adult Start Sailing - 2	Colleen Sawatzki					1040 1.44 1636 3.49
	Sunday 9-12-12	0800 ** 1200	Adult Start Sailing - 3 Follow with Head Harbour	Colleen Sawatzki					
		1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 5	Jeanine Drummond 0406 631 148	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	Solitaire	1148 1.20 1741 3.56
			<b>Start School Holidays - Sat 15-12-12</b>						

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26	Satur- day 15-12- 12	1400	Sprint Series - Heats 3 & 4	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	Immigrant	1033 4.59 1701 0.44
	Sunday 16-12- 12	1300	Christmas Party						1123 4.43 1749 0.57
			<b>Aquatic Permit</b>						
28	27th to 31st Decem- ber		Australian Impulse Championships	Wangi Point Lake Macquarie					
30	Satur- day 12-1-13	1600	Twilight 1 - Yachts only	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	na	na	na	0933 4.69 1559 0.39
	Sunday 13-1-13	0900 1200	Junior Start Sailing (Buddy Sail)	Colleen Sawatzki					1018 4.64 1642 0.41
31	Mon - Wed 14 to 16	0830 1500	Junior Start Sailing (numbers limited)	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Satur- day 19-1-13	1600	Twilight 2 - Yachts only	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	na	na	na	1455 3.07 2119 1.50
			<b>End School Holidays Mon 28-1-13 (Aus Day)</b>						
33	Satur- day 2-2-13	1400	Club Championship - Heat 5	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1305 3.54 1919 1.21
	Sunday 3-2-13	0900 1300	CQ Championships Heats 1 and 2 Gladstone Harbour	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1410 3.32 2026 1.32
34	Satur- day 9-2-13	TBA	CQ Championships Heat 3 Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Ocean Race. <b>Cate- gory 3</b>	PCSC	Barry Austin	na	na	na	0836 4.58 1458 0.48
		TBA	CQ Championships Alt Heat 3 Trailer Yachts - Keppel Bay	Don Fuller CCYC					1502 0.48 keppel
35	Satur- day 16-2-13	0900 1300	CQ Champs Heats 4 and 5 Keppel Bay, Buoy Race	Richard Wat- son CCYC					0659 1.73 1923 1.55 keppel
	Satur- day 16-2-13	1400	PCSC Dinghy Sailing ONLY	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1300 3.20 1903 1.50
	Sunday 17-2-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sa- watzki					0744 1.88 1355 2.93



## Round the Bay Delight



Last weekend all of the region's sailing action was staged on the beautiful waters of Keppel Bay with the running of the annual Round the Bay Race. Hosted by the Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club (CCYC) of Rosslyn Bay, this coveted race often attracts a strong, competitive fleet, and this year was no exception.

The first windward leg of the day's course directed the Division 1 fleet east from the start line to The Child Island. A beam reach followed to a mark just north of Sea Hill on the northern tip of Curtis Island, where sailors trimmed cracked sheets, powering them back to where it all began for a fast finish.

Lex Moran's trimaran Doctor's Orders competed in this division and reveled in the conditions. Speed was the name of the game in the second and third legs of the course where the Doctor made up ground lost on the slower upwind section of the course. The crew sailed the boat with surgical precision but were pipped on line and handicap marginally by Wild Spirit, a much larger racing multihull, taking out second place. The ride was nevertheless exciting and some exciting footage of Moran's rig in action, including an entertaining commentary from Lex himself, can be viewed in HD on Marina Hobb's blog: [pcscsailing-marinablogspot.com/](http://pcscsailing-marinablogspot.com/)



*Just Cruising: Tuan flying a kite downwind*

In the cruising division the PCSC had two entrants, Brad and Maryake Barker's Tuan and Tim Straatmans' Dalukje, both of whom sailed competitively. Lynne Campbell, crew member of Tuan, enjoyed the relaxed pace of the division and was put in charge of the morale of her fellow crewmates; a job she took very seriously. "I had to make sure that everyone onboard Tuan was well rested, so it was most important that we had a nap roster, just to ensure no one got worn out" she quipped, teasing the crew of Doctor's Orders after their wet, wild day out. Tuan and Dalukje respectively took out second and sixth place in this division.



*Trimaran sailor in the making: Slim Rosendahl with Wild Spirit in the background*

Thanks goes to the CCYC for their consistently welcoming hospitality and professional organisation of another wonderful event.

*Article by Tony Constance, PCSC, 28/11/12.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Home Events

Adult Start Sailing - theory evening Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1800  
Adult Start Sailing – on water sessions commence 2<sup>nd</sup> December 0800  
Head of Harbour heat 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 1300  
Christmas Party – 16<sup>th</sup> December 1300  
Twilight heat 1 for yachts only – 12<sup>th</sup> January 1600  
CQ Championships heats 1 and 2 – Gladstone Harbour – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
CQ Championships heat 3 – Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay ocean race – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## Away Events

Australian Impulse Championships – Lake Macquarie – 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December  
CQ Championships heats 4 and 5 – Keppel Bay – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> February 0900



Congratulations to our  
birthday winner!

*Next Birthday Draw;*  
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# Gladstone Yacht Club



## **BISTRO OPENING HOURS**

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
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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