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Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

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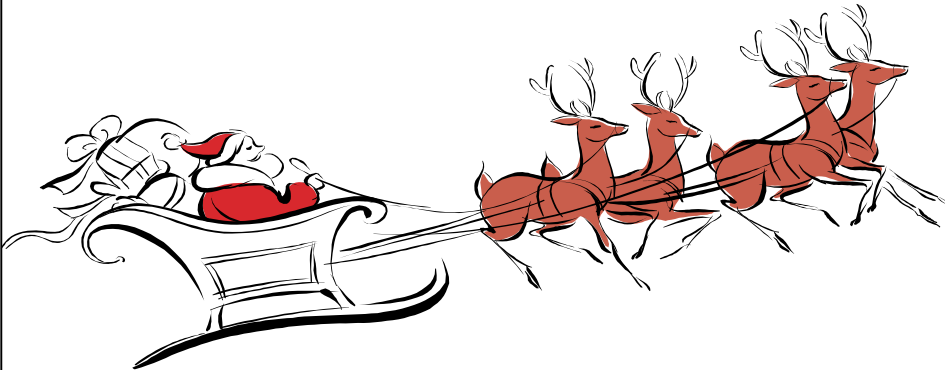
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Merry Christmas

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.



Open Now!

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STRAPHANGERS COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

Recently Sydney hosted the Century Naval Review. This involved many naval ships from various nations, which was a spectacle on its own. However it also included tall ships from around the globe. Those vessels from an age of sail past....

They never cease to amaze and the stories from the clipper ships are intriguing..

It could be said that the first ocean race under sail took place in the mid 1800's (1866) with the Great China Tea race with six Clipper ships racing to be the first to deliver tea (to get the best price of course), from China to England. The first 3 clippers arrived at the bar to the Thames River on the same tide within twelve minutes of each other.. The other 3 finished within three days of the first. ...now that could be a photo finish after some 15000 miles.

Straphanger was indeed fortunate to be on Sydney Harbour on three days to view both the modern and the old.

With some close up views !!



Being on port tack Straphanger was a bit anxious with Europa bearing down on this occasion.... Fortunately the Skipper of our yacht had it all under control !!

STRAPHANGERS COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

It may be of interest to sailors to know, that one of our own members, who has now passed on to that big ocean in the sky, Don Davey, sailed on one of these majestic ships as a commercial seaman. Don, the father of current member Graham Davey sailed on the "Pamir"



Don sailed on the Pamir as a young seaman and had "rounded the Horn" in usual conditions that prevail in those waters.

So it is now December And from that early ocean race of a century and a half ago we see the advent of another Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, the 69th, on Boxing Day later this month. A number of our members have done this race and three have entered their own vessels. "Freanda" Andy Carr (2) "Joker" Bill Webb (1) and "Sea-U-later" John Mawer (2) (I hope I've got that right and if I've missed anyone I apologise).

Tom Barker is lining up for his 10th race on Midnight Rambler and perhaps in February's issue we may have a report from him.

As great sailors have said before.... "To win the Hobart first you have to finish the Hobart"

Meanwhile I wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas holiday season.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND CRUISING SAIL

Australia Day Weekend Cruising Sail

Save the Date

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th January 2014

Tony Constance is organising a Cruising weekend for the Australia Day long weekend. Destination to be decided but we are spoilt for choice in our local region. Here are a few of Tony's photos, so who knows where he will pick.

Sure to be a TERRIFIC Social Weekend of Sailing in the company of Friends.
More information coming soon



Upcoming Events

Head of Harbour heat 4 – 7th December 2013 1400

Junior Start Sailing commences 5th January 2014 0900

Twilight 1 – 11th January 2014 1600

Twilight 2 – 18th January 2014 1600

Australia Day Weekend Cruising – 25th – 27th January 2014

Peter MacDonald CQ Championships – 2nd, 8th and 15th February 2014

PCSC Memorial Day – 22nd February 2014 1400

PCSC Shirts on Sale Now!

Our new club shirts have arrived. Ladies and Men's sizes in short and long sleeve with PCSC crest on the pocket.
Available from Reception for \$30 each.



BOAT NAMING COMPETITION

Name the Boat Competition

Welcome to the fleet...

Many will know the club had an O'pen BIC dinghy on loan recently. Our younger members (and young at heart) had lots of fun with the sporty little boat and it proved very popular during on the National Discover Sailing Day with kids lining up for a second go.

Matthew Eiser is the proud skipper of that BIC. Matthew graduated from the Junior Start Sailing course in September and is having lots of fun.

Good news is the Club was able to purchase one of the demo BICs as well. Our little BIC arrived on 10th November 2013 and will be used in our Junior Start Sailing sessions and sail training during club events in the same way the Club Pacers are.

More good news, two new Pacers on order and we expect delivery after Christmas.

All we need now are Boat Names, so we thought let's have a

BOAT NAMING COMPETITION

FOR OUR NEW

PUFFIN PACER'S AND O'PEN BIC

PRIZES TO BE WON

Rules of the Competition

- Open to Ordinary and Life Members only
- Maximum of two (2) names per boat per entrant
- Please provide a brief outline into why you have chosen the name
- Winning names will be announced in the February Straphanger
- Entries close mid January 2014

Please place entries in the suggestion box at Reception or email admin@gyc.com.au



4RO ROUND THE BAY

PICTURES COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS



4RO ROUND THE BAY

BY MARINA HOBBS

The focus of yacht racing last weekend was the 4 RO Round the Bay Race hosted by Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club (CCYC) . The race around Keppel Bay has been a feature of the regional calendar for forty years, with Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC) yachts featuring regularly on the honour board.

This year host club favourite, 'Special K' owned by Brian Spowart, took out the Handicap honours, with a combination of skilful sailing and an element of good timing in catching the following breeze to enjoy a swift sail home from No 4 buoy.

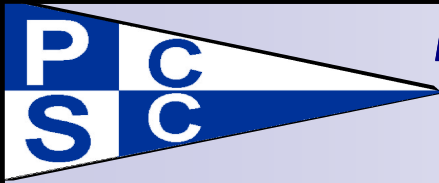
Commodore of the CCYC, Tim Mc Call, was enthusiastic about the success of the weekend event,

" This race can provide a mix of weather and conditions in a short period of time and Saturday was no exception. The starters' gun fired in light conditions, which dropped out completely by Mile Island; yachts drifted in circles for an hour, until gradually the winds built to 8 knots to progress the fleet on to Barren Island. On Arcadia, we had a nice run to No 4 buoy when the storm kicked in with 25 knots on the nose, easing to 12- 15 for a windward run home. The smaller end of the fleet got the advantage of having the storm behind them for a significant amount of time, giving them a boost in the handicap results.

The weekend success can be measured by boats on the water, with 11 yachts racing and several spectator boats following the fleet for some distance. As always it was great to welcome the Gladstone yachts and crews as this event is very much an annual inter club competition. "

Sailing will re – commence at the PCSC this week, with Head of the Harbour Heat 3, on Saturday and Adult Start Sailing on Sunday morning. Enquiries on Learn to Sail classes can be made at Reception Gladstone Yacht Club.





FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Support Boats

Between now and Christmas we will be really shorthanded supporting the club racing as our regular volunteers are away.

**MV Jack Mortensen – Starter and Starter Assistant
and**

HERC – Driver and crew

HERC duties include buoy laying and rescue

Championship heat 4 – 30th November

Head of the Harbour heat 4 – 7th December

This is an ideal opportunity for members to see what's involved with race management, have a bird's eye view of the start line, keep a safety lookout, maintain radio communications, mess around in boats and enjoy the sailing. Please see Sue or Barry if you are available.

Sailing Instructions 2013-2014

Change to Clause 17 Time Limit for Division 1 and 2 only

The Sailing Committee has reviewed the Time Limit rule (clause 17) in the Sailing Instructions with the view to give each boat in Division 1 an equal chance of finishing the race. This is necessary as the race nominated boats are considerably different in design. Several options were considered and the proposed change is seen as the fairest solution.

The proposed change will increase the overall race time to 180 minutes and remove the 45 minute limit on subsequent finishers. With finishing times counted and handicaps in place we should see competitive results across the fleet. Our thanks go to the Starter and Race Officials who could be on the water for a bit longer with a 3 hour limit.

Existing Clause **17. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race shall be 150 minutes for Divisions 1 and 2. All subsequent finishers must be within 45 minutes of completion of the first boat. The time limit for Divisions 4, 5 and 6 shall be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within the prescribed time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS Rule 35.

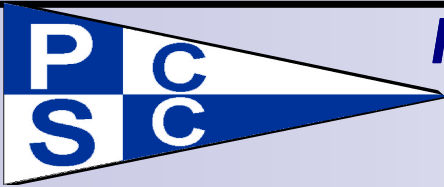
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The formal process to change the Sailing Instructions will commence in the next few weeks.

SMS Messages

Our SMS system is up and running again. We send a PCSC ALERT message to Life and Ordinary Members on Thursday each week with brief update on sailing or other important club events. If you're not receiving these messages please see Reception and update your mobile phone details, or alternatively to opt out.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Date Claimer - Youth Regatta/Val Sisley

The weekend of 8th and 9th March 2014 has been set aside for the Youth Regatta, with Sunday 9th March including the Val Sisley.

Championship heat 2 – Division 1

The decision of the Protest Committee was to abandon Championship Heat 2 for Division 1, with a recommendation to resail the heat.

The Sailing Committee has endorsed the recommendation, so for division 1 ONLY Championship Heat 2 will be resailed on Saturday 1st March 2014 in conjunction with Head of Harbour series 2 Heat 1.

School Holiday Junior Start Sailing

A junior Start Sailing program is scheduled for the January school holidays

Sunday 5 th January	0900 – 1200
Monday 6 th January	0900 – 1500
Tuesday 7 th January	0900 – 1500
Wednesday 8 th January	0900 – 1500

We have 12 children on the waiting list and enrolments are being taken on a first in basis. If anyone is interested, or knows someone who may be, please encourage them to contact Reception.

The Start Sailing program depends on volunteers, and the team really appreciates the extra help from Members who come along and share their enthusiasm for sailing and assist with boat driving, buddy sailing, rigging/de-rigging and activities.

Come along and join in the fun

Kids + Boats = FUN



Christmas Trading Hours



The Gladstone Yacht Club will be closed on
Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Years Day

ADULT START SAILING



Introducing new sailors from our November Start Sailing program. Maria Phillips, Francesca Mulcahy, Tim Lucas, Paul Burns, Craig Eiser, Paul Moreton and Darren Chesson.

As with all our Start Sailing sessions, it's into to the classroom for some theory, out to the rigging area to learn how the boat goes together then we're on the water tacking and sailing a reaching course. The capsizing drill is done early in the program (just in case), and as boat controls develop gybing, and sailing a triangle course is introduced. Each week a bit more practice with the knots, more sailing terminology and rules and smiles. Special thanks go to the Start Sailing volunteers.



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				
	Sunday 5-1-14	0900 1200		Junior Start Sailing school holiday	Colleen Sawatzki					0544 0.72 1210 4.33
	Mon-Wed 6-1-14 to 8-1-14	0900 1500		Junior Start Sailing school holiday	Colleen Sawatzki					0633 1.01 1304 4.04
	Saturday 11-1-14	1600		Twilight 1		Barry Austin				1230 1.41 1826 3.26
	Sunday 12-1-14			SRD						1318 1.26 1918 3.34
	Saturday 18-1-14	1600		Twilight 2		Barry Austin				1018 4.14 1637 0.97
	Sunday 19-1-14			SRD						10.49 4.05 1708 1.01
	Saturday 25-1-14			Australia Day weekend (cruising weekend)						1014 1.71 1559 3.20
				End School Holidays Tuesday 27-1-14						
	Saturday 1-2-14			<i>no sailing including dinghies</i>						1016 4.73 1939 0.30
	Sunday 2-2-14			Peter Mac-Donald CQ Championships heats 1 & 2 - Gladstone Category 5	PCSC	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1101 4.57 1722 0.42
	Saturday 8-2-14			Peter Mac-Donald CQ Championships Ocean Race Gladstone-Rosslyn Bay Category 3	PCSC	Barry Austin				1101 1.76 1657 3.01

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	Saturday 15-2-14			Peter MacDonald CQ Championships Heats 3 & 4 - Rosslyn Bay Category 5	CCYC					
	Saturday 22-2-14	1400		PCSC Memorial Day	Barry Austin	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1406 3.16 2014 1.48
	Sunday 23-2-14			SRD						0947 1.70 1535 3.11
	Saturday 1-3-14	1400		Head of Harbour 2 - heat 1 <i>(count towards championship in the event of a postponed or re-sailed heat)</i>	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		0912 4.65 1533 0.29
	Sunday 2-3-14			SRD						0954 4.58 1613 0.31
	Saturday 8-3-14			Youth Regatta	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				0839 1.85 1445 2.87
	Sunday 9-3-14			Youth Regatta / Val Sisley	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				1021 1.83 1627 2.86
	Friday 14-3-14	1800 2000		Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Saturday 15-3-14	1100		Fairway (Barker) / Tripod (Watson)	Barry Austin	Barry Austin				0832 4.11 1441 0.86
	Sunday 16-3-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 1	Colleen Sawatzki					0902 4.13 1512 0.78
	Saturday 22-3-14	1400		Championship heat 5		Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1241 3.27 1833 1.35
	Sunday 23-3-14	0800 1200		Adult S2S session 2	Colleen Sawatzki					0756 1.58 1354 3.10

PCSC SAILORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday December 14th

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Santa arriving around 2pm!

Place: Dudley's Bar

RSVP: Please let Reception know the Ages and Gender of any children attending so Santa's helpers can organise presents.

Email: admin@gyc.com.au or

Phone: 4972 2294

Get Ready for FUN!



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PANKO CRUMBED CALAMARI

Japanese style crumbed calamari served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.

\$17 / \$18.5

PRAWN TORPEDOES

Crispy prawn torpedoes served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.

\$17 / \$18.5

CRISPY BATTERED FISH

Crispy battered fish fillets served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.

\$17 / \$18.5

SALTY'S BASKET

Crispy fish fillets, panko squid rings and prawn torpedoes served with chips, lemon and tartare sauce.

\$25 / \$27

SIDES

Chips & Sauce \$6.5 / \$6.9
Chips & Gravy \$8.5 / \$8.9
Wedges, Sour Cream & Chilli \$9.9 / \$10.9



BURGERS

All burgers come on a fresh seeded bun with a side serve of chips.

CHICKEN \$15 / \$16.5
Chicken breast fillet, tomato, bacon and mayo.

STEAK \$15 / \$16.5
100g rib fillet, caramelised onion, lettuce, tomato and BBQ sauce.

FISH \$15 / \$16.5
Crispy battered fish, lettuce, tomato and tartare sauce.

GET OUR **FAMOUS**
SALTY'S BASKET TODAY!
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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

DUDLEY'S BAR & SALTYS SEAFOOD HOURS

Friday ~ Saturday 2pm
Sunday 10am

SUNDAY BREAKFAST OPENING HOURS

Sundays from 8am

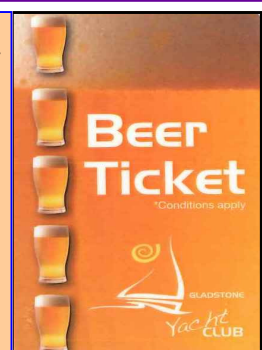
Is it your Birthday Month?

From September 2013, for a limited time, GYC will help celebrate your birthday by gifting you some club house treats.

See Reception staff within your birthday month to claim your club vouchers.

Price Buster Beer Ticket \$13.00 per ticket or \$2.60 per drink, basic beer, house wine or soft drink.
The vouchers can be used on Fridays from 2pm to 6pm.

Only available to Life and Ordinary Sailing Club Members and Pensioners from reception or bar.



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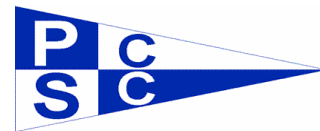
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Vice Commodore: Sue Doyle (0419 649 764)

Club Captain: Lex Moran (0418 794 286)

Treasurer: Brad Greer (0419 244 245)

Secretary Manager: Brian Dawson
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Straphanger Contributions

We want to hear what you have to say.

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FAMOUS for our Sailing, FAMOUS for our Service.*