

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club

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# COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

## YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

Hi All,

Welcome all back to the second half of our sailing season. What an extraordinary break we have had over the Xmas/New Year period! I don't know about you but I have checked the calendar a number of times to make sure we are in February, as I can't really remember where January went, and no it wasn't because Slim plied me with plenty of Mount Gay over this period and the brain cells aren't working too well!

Although we weren't sailing here a lot of sailing was done across the country in both big and small boats as National titles and major ocean events were fiercely competed for on the water with the competitors and families then enjoying each others company socially after hours. Please see our local sailors' reports through out the Straphanger. Congratulations to all PCSC competitors who travelled and performed to their best ability. At our Impulse Nationals we had the pleasure of having Nathan Outeridge at the presentation dinner and he happened to bring his gold medal along which we all got to have a photo with, definitely a great experience. When you look at the Sailing Club he and Tom Slingsby started and still compete from you realise that anyone with the commitment, fortitude and perseverance can do well in the sailing world and one day get the break you deserve.

Speaking of which, Discover Sailing kicked off in the school holiday period and from all reports it was a great success as the kids got to sail four days in a row instead of having broken lessons over a number of weekends. Reminds me a little of our school holidays when we were kids. We learnt to sail, badly unfortunately, in the creek as we taught ourselves and learnt a lot about bailing, swimming a boat home and learning to jury rig a sabot when the rig decided to get lazy and fall down.

How about Wild Oats feat in the S2H? What a machine to be able to go as fast, if not faster in some cases, than the breeze! Makes you wonder just where the technology will stop when you witness her feat, then we have round the world racers breaking 24 hour distance records by unbelievable distances. Then we move to the smaller size of boat in the hydro foiled moths. We were sharing Lake Macquarie with them over Xmas and they become quite daunting when they get up onto their foils as they are practically silent and tend to sneak up on you very quickly. And then we move to a specially designed speed machine that smashes the world speed record. What next?

We have had a couple of "oldies" show their face again around the pontoon, boats that is! Charlie Mann had Casual Fare alongside the other day so it looks like he might be finally going to slow down a little and get the old girl back into action, the boat I mean Bron. Brad and Maryke spent some lovely time on the water bringing the beautiful Spirit back from the Whitsundays. Trip was reported to have been enjoyable and Brad was quoted to say "Maryke thoroughly enjoyed the week on the water". Sometimes chocolates and flowers just don't cut it!

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The club continued to trade well over this period with a majority of bookings being groups for break ups and end of year celebrations. The bold step of going Mexican, Salty's Cantina, in the downstairs kitchen has been a huge success with a lot of people talking about it before we opened! Meal numbers are above forecast and feedback has been good. We decided to close Salty's during the rain only to have multiple requests from clients to open it, so Salty's was a little diluted but still serving!

We weren't alone in the "leaking roof" department when we had the 1000mm of rain the other day. A lot of other businesses, accommodation and private residences were damaged and our hearts go out to people who were affected in any way during this period. We managed to keep operating with a couple of rubbish bins and buckets being continuously emptied. We must be doing something good for the number of people to still come out in the terrible weather to enjoy the club atmosphere!

Renovations continue on the downstairs pokies room. This will enable the old pokies room upstairs to be reinvigorated again and we will see the return of the Gladstone room to the original size. Great news!

You may have noticed that MV J Mortensen is now stored in the old VMR boat shed. GPC has graciously allowed us to store our boats in the shed until we can construct a shed of our own to house the boats or when they decide to use the boat shed for their own use. Many thanks go to the GPC for this kind offer. The red and grey rib should also fit in there, freeing up under the club a little.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

Wise decision by PCSC and CCYC to defer the CQ titles to a later date after the recent rains and bad weather. There have been reports of sawmill logs floating in the harbour and out to sea before the Fitzroy started flooding! Since then I have heard a report from Sea Hill that someone went past a cow on its way for a holiday at Yellow Patch the other day!

Congrats to Anthony Constance for gaining his Instructors badge recently. Also congrats go to Anna and Claire Williams and Rohan Berry for gaining their Assistant Instructors badge also. Please get behind these young members and give them all the support and encouragement you can to ensure they enjoy their instructing experience.

Thanks to all volunteers that initially rescued the low pontoon during the high winds and tide recently and to those that helped put her back together again. We have a few other working bees coming up so please keep your eyes open for them. Also to those that helped restrain Gedrick and temporarily repair the Herc shed doors. Anyone know a good welder to make a set of galvanised doors to replace the wooden ones?

There is a requirement for boats using the hardstand area to sail a minimum of races a year. I realise that it is sometimes difficult to sail regularly, so I ask you to please try to get those boats out as there are a couple that haven't turned a wheel for a while. It also looks great on the Saturday/Sunday to have as many sails in the sunset, so to speak. It makes Barry happy that he has some more boats to worry about!

There is a requirement on the registration form for registering your boat for racing that the insurance policy is sighted. We have not been monitoring this in the past and would like to commence this improvement. Please fax, email, personally present, snail mail or pigeon a copy of your insurance policy to reception, where it will be filed. I will do a sanity check next weekend to see how this request has progressed.

# COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Points go to Jack Mortensen for naming almost all the people in the last photo I queried a while ago. You missed one though mate, that was mum down the front but I will let you off this time!

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

Yours in sailing,  
Young Dinga.

*Anyone remember/know where, when and what this photo is of? I have dug up a later photo for you "younger" members! Give you a hint; it used to be our neighbour*



# Australia Day Nominations

PCSC is proud to say two of our Life Members were nominated in the 2013 Australia Day Awards

## Congratulations Ken Watson and Barry Austin

**On your nominations for Sports Official of the Year**

Barry Austin	Ken Watson
	
<p>Barry has been a member of the PCSC for 60 years making him a teenager when he first became a member. Barry was awarded Life Membership in 2009.</p>	<p>Ken became a member of PCSC when he was a primary school student and has been an active member for 57 continuous years. Ken was awarded Life Membership in 1989.</p>
<p>During the 1956 Olympics, Barry represented PCSC carrying the Olympic Torch. Barry is a keen sailor and respected member of the sailing fraternity. He has made a valuable contribution to the sport of sailing through many and varied roles including Patron, starter, race official, safety boat driver, committee member and mentor.</p>	<p>A skilled craftsman and keen sailor, Ken built his first Thorpe 12 at the age of 15 and went onto build Sharpies, Catamarans and Yachts as a hobby for family and fellow members. Over the years Ken has donated hundreds of hours maintaining club boats and buildings including a major refurbishment of Gedrick.</p>
<p>Barry has sailed 3 Brisbane to Gladstone yacht races and nowadays works tirelessly supporting club sailing making sure boats, equipment and sailors are ready for the weekend sailing.</p>	<p>Ken has sailed 38 Brisbane to Gladstone yacht races and nowadays runs the rescue rib, supports learn to sail, handicapper/measurer, committee member and mentor.</p>
<p>A family man, Barry skilfully crafts wooden toys and donates them for fundraising to several organisations including Make a Wish Foundation.</p>	<p>In the wider community Ken has volunteered his time as the handicapper/measurer for Yachting Australia, was an active VMR member, restored boats for the Maritime Museum, and handyman for community childcare. Ken is a passionate lobbyist with the heritage listing of PCSC</p>
<p>Barry is known in the wider community as a man of moral character and generosity.</p>	<p>Ken gives without expectation of reward or recognition.</p>

## Impulse State Titles at Lake Cootharaba by Maria Mohrholz

The wind was howling across the lake and produced white caps when we arrived on Friday. John Ibell , Scott Patrick and myself flying the flag for PCSC.

The men went " oh yes!" and I went " oh no!" (was hoping for some calmer conditions for the next 2 days, but it was only wishfully thinking.)

That weekend, the wind at the lake liked to wake up slowly at lunchtime blowing up to 25 knots till late afternoon and goes to bed at night.

First of 3 races on Saturday started at 1300 in howling conditions. I guess 20 knots and building. The usual triangle, sausage , triangle. Putting on a brave face, I went to battle the elements. The start was ok but the building wind tested my abilities. Fighting all the way to the top mark, than going on a reach, I have never sailed my boat that fast. Some gusts felt like they lifted my boat in the air. It was scary and fun at the same time. On the last triangle half way to the gybing mark I lost it in a strong gust and as the lake is very shallow, I got my boom stuck in the mud fast. I needed the rescue boat to pull me out. This was the end of my first race.

With seaweed still hanging on the end of my boom, I lined up for the second race. The wind was now 24/25 knots. A skiff like boat ran into me at the windward mark as I called out for starboard they kept on coming. I had to turn into the wind not to be T-boned but they still scraped me. They apologised and did a 360 and as I could not see any damage, I sailed on too. Almost flying on the reach, I capsized a bit later on the gybing mark. This time I buried my mast and sail to the first batten into the mud and the rescue boat had to pull me out again. Yes, the guys in the rescue boats had a tough job that day, with Boats capsizing everywhere.

Being too busy sailing my boat, stay afloat and recovering from the capsizing, I had no idea where everyone else was.

The third race was only scheduled for the Impulses, but with my boom filled with mud and 25 knot winds, I gave the third race a miss. Scott came back to the beach too. He got T-boned by another Impulse and had a big hole in his boat. With no damage to me or the boat, all it took was washing the mud of mast, sail and boom.

I still felt ok and ready for the next day. The first race on Sunday morning was in light wind and a confidence builder for me. Nearly caught up to John Ibell but had to turn into the wind again to avoid getting T boned by someone who didn't hear my starboard. Still the downwind runs were fun and fast.

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Lunchtime start for the second race and the wind was back. Not that strong at first, but building again. This time even more than the day before. On my last windward run I battled at least 27/28 kn at the top mark. By then I was the very last boat rounding that mark. (very demoralising ) but I wanted to finish that race. Capsizing on the gybing mark but got it up and going again without help. To the finish line still in race time. Hurray !

Trying to sail back to the beach I capsized another 4 times and stuck the mast in the mud again. Big big thanks to the guys in the rescue boat!! I was so bugged, exhausted and demoralised. Completely convinced I could not come any more last as I did. No idea how the others had fared in the race. I was taken completely by surprise at the presentation when I learned that so many had given up or got badly damaged boats.

By staying out there and finish the race, gave me two races completed and overall 12 place of 14 boats. Also won the women's Impulse State championship. David Harrison in Cosmosaurus won the Impulse State Title overall, with Scott Patrick in second and John Ibell in third place. Looked like we flew the flag very well for PCSC

A big thanks to LCSC and everybody who helped to make it a great regatta.

Big thanks also to my husband Dieter who was my shore support.  
I could not have done it without you!



Image by Julie Hartwig Photography

A two day event on the 1st and 2nd of Dec.2012  
Report from Maria Mohrholz  
Sailing Windspiel

## Impulse State Titles at Lake Cootharaba by Scott Patrick

It was with some trepidation I went to Impulse States this year at Lake Cootharaba, especially with a wind forecast up to 25 knots. With two years away from the Impulse, due to injuries and health issues, I'd only sailed a handful of races and no regattas since Easter. Once we met all the guys from the association again, it almost seemed like yesterday since last time we sailed together. The Brisbane guys had also their dramas over the past two years, having to rebuild club racing and Impulse fleet after the Brisbane floods flooded their club house and member homes.

Fourteen boats turned up for the Impulse State Titles. There were three from Gladstone in self, John Ibel and Maria Mohrholz. The conditions were perfect for a howling sea breeze - very cool nights and steaming hot days. Of course at the lake the official breeze is always 15 knots - regardless. Unofficially, by mid afternoon each day it was gusting to 25 knots. Although the State Titles was run in conjunction with the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Monomasters regatta, they especially ran an extra race for us on the Saturday and tried to give us the least crowded start line - with the trailer sailors!

Our state president said the trailer sailors won't be a problem - we'll blow them off in no time and have a clear race. Yeah, tell that to the Hartley TS16 guys! In the heavy conditions we were splitting tacks with them all the way to the first mark. They were sailing so fast the top ones were beating an RL24 and a Blaser? Managing to avoid a few near misses the leading Impulses usually were able to make a break after rounding the first mark, once onto the reach. The local club did set perfect courses. The start line was almost perfectly square to the wind and the reaching legs were at a perfect angle for the strength of wind. The rides we had in 20-25 knots down the reaches made the whole trip worth it on their own. The Impulse just loves that stuff.

As for the results, former multiple state champion and top national level sailor in Dave Harrison in "Cosmosaurus" won the regatta convincingly with five straight wins. In the heavy conditions of first race, myself and the heavyweights John Ibel in "Without a Paddle" and Luke Randell in "Shamrock" were fighting it out. They ploughed through me to windward and I caught back up down wind. John beat me by 12 seconds and 40 kilos in the first race to get second, with myself third and Luke a minute behind in fourth. Second race was looking to be an action replay with us splitting tacks until Luke misjudged a port and starboard, driving full speed into my port side punching a hole and putting me out of races 2 and 3. In these races, John pulled off another second and then an eighth after a capsize. Maria in "Windspiel" put in a gutsy effort to tackle the conditions for most of the first race until it got a bit much and then headed for shore. After the unpleasanties of a protest and claiming average points, the pressure was on me to do really well in the last two races.

The Sunday morning race started at 10am in a pleasant 5-10 knots. After a clear start and some good racing with "Cosmosaurus" and "Pluto", I managed a second place. John didn't like the light winds so much and ended up down the fleet a bit. Maria really enjoyed the lighter winds to get a thirteenth. We then went ashore for two hours and lunch. By last race the sea breeze was in full force, even heavier than the day before. Again after a clear start and a drag race with Cosmosaurus to the first mark, managed to break clear of the big boys and stay in second place to the finish. With average points for the second race, pulled off second for the regatta and John gained a third on count back from Brett Buckley in "Bob". Was really great to see a second and third for the club. Maria put in another gutsy effort to finish the heavy Sunday afternoon race and get her best result of a tenth and seal the ladies champion trophy.

Having gone to my first Monomasters 30 years ago, one never tires of sailing on the lake and fully recommend it to anyone. The people there are great. I can't report on the social side too much as was a good boy for a change and went to bed early. I leave that one to Johnno.

# Impulse State Titles at Lake Cootharaba by Scott Patrick



A two day event on the 1st and 2nd of Dec.2012  
Report from Scott Patrick  
Sailing Make it So

# Christmas



# Start Sailing

Two Adult Start Sailing courses were run between the opening of the season September, and our Christmas break mid December.

These sessions were usually on a Sunday morning and occasionally for a longer day. For the most part the weather was kind to us and we were able to spend much of our time on the harbour, with the help of our PCSC volunteers. (Thanks to you all again!)

Congratulations to all who completed the courses ! We are always thrilled to see how your skills develop, as well as seeing you enjoy being on the water.

We hope that those participants who completed Basic Skills 1 & 2 will follow up with more sailing with us when the chance arises during the rest of our sailing season.

Something new was then tried for the Juniors.

From Sunday, 13th January until Wednesday the 16th members of our Club were very busy (and sometimes very wet) with a group of Start Sailing Juniors.

We normally run our instruction over a series of Sundays, but as it was holidays we trialled a "block" session, which started with a "Buddy Sail" on the Sunday and then three days of theory and practice on the water. It appears to have worked well, with the participants maintaining their interest and enthusiasm, as well as gaining confidence and improving their skills.

This was only possible with the much appreciated aid of safety boat drivers, onshore helpers, assistant instructors and parent support where possible.

The kids appeared to have a ball ! In spite of ages ranging from nine to fourteen, they quickly became a cohesive group, happily working together.

Arriving early to start, enthusiastically helping getting boats out to rig, putting their fears aside re capsizing, they all managed to master the skills required to complete Basic Skills 1 of Yachting Australia's "Getting into Small Boat Sailing".

Our new sailors, Joya Ariens, Fraser and Mitchell Hannan, Morgan Lewis, Jane O'Brien and Cooper Purcell, must be particularly congratulated re their tenacity during the wet, cold squalls on Tuesday afternoon, when they were doing towing. (Also the helpers ! ) What was more impressive, there were no complaints or whinges.

Well done sailors, and thanks again to all who made the four days not only productive and enjoyable, but also a lot of fun !.

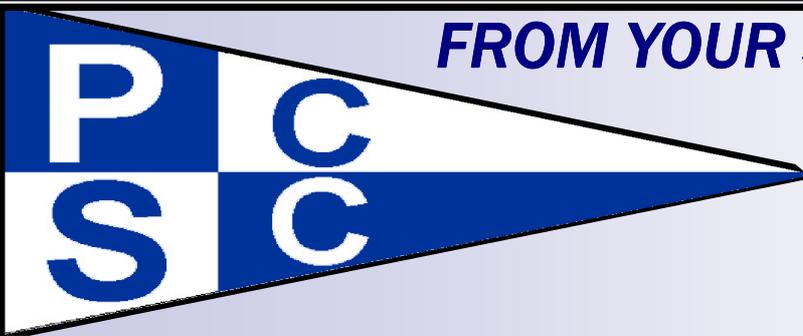
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Kids + Boats = FUN



## FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE



### A little bit about our Aquatic Permit

The Aquatic Permit is the approval we need to hold our sailing events and is issued by Maritime Safety Queensland. The primary purpose of the permit is safety and communication. We are just a few of many on our local waterways and the permit aims to let others know we are sailing, but it does impose conditions and responsibilities onto us as well.

If you have never seen the permit, or it's been a while, we encourage you to have a look. The permit is very specific about the dates and times we have been approved, along with the dinghy course area, boundary for yacht sailing and 25 conditions. A copy is displayed on the notice board in the Training Room.

It is essential the Principle Race Officer (PRO) and Race Management personnel adhere to the conditions as should all boat skippers. Of special interest are conditions 4, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 23 which in summary:-

- Require the event to be cancelled if the forecast or actual weather conditions exceed 25 knots Off the Beach.
- Our Race Management team need to specifically ask Harbour Control for a broadcast on VHF Channel 13 and 15 which announces our sailing at the start and conclusion of racing.
- We must always have adequate safety/rescue vessels on duty.
- Have a manned shore based radio communication.
- Let participants know compliance with our Sailing Instructions, Code of Conduct, Safety Management Plan and Emergency Response procedure is a condition of the authority.
- The event must be held within the limits of the approved course area.

Please support the PRO and Race Management team as they strive to provide the best possible sailing opportunity in the environment we sail today.

### Safety Checks

Introducing Rob Auty whose first role on the Sailing Committee is to review the safety category checklists which would normally be provided with your Race Nomination paperwork. Rob will be reviewing our forms but you could see him around the boats with safety equipment on his mind. MSQ have indicated they could be doing the same.

### Sailing Calendar – SRD days

If you are wondering what SRD means, it's Special Reserved Days. No specific sailing has been scheduled for these days they exist in our calendar for the Aquatic Permit. Once the day is on the permit we could use it if need be. This gives us options if races need to be rescheduled or resailed.

## CQ Championship series postponed

Unfortunately, due to flood waters and debris from the recent rain the CQ Championship series had to be postponed. This includes the ocean race back to Rosslyn Bay on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February. New dates hot off the press. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June for heats 1 & 2 here in Gladstone. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June for the ocean race to Rosslyn Bay, and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June for heats 4 & 5 at CCYC.

## 2013-2016 Blue book

Yachting Australia have the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 publication available for purchase, unfortunately looks like bundles of 14 are the minimum quantity. If we can on sell most of those 14 copies it would be cost effective to the Club and convenient for Members. Please let the office know if you want to order a copy.

As per our sailing instructions, club sailing for the remainder of the season will be under Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 however Members are reminded away events could be according to the new book.

## 1770 Festival Captain Cook Cup

The 1770 Festival Events Co-Ordinator is inviting clubs to join him in organizing "The Captain Cook Cup" sail festival at 1770 in May. We have declined from a Club perspective however if this interests you contact details are available from the office.

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### Message from Barry Austin

A big thank you for the Australia Day Award Nomination.

To the person, or persons who nominated me, Barry Austin for the Australia Day Sports Official Award 2013, I say thank you. I see this nomination as a huge honour to represent the P.C.S.C. in this way. Once again thank you, and to all the members of P.C.S.C.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Home Events

### **Replacing the postponed CQ Championships—Sprint Series 2 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1400**

Adult Start Sailing commences with a theory evening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 1800-2000 followed by practical sessions starting Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 0800

Fairway/Tripod - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1100  
Club Championship heat 6 – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1400  
ORC series Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 1400  
Handicap Series heat 1 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1400

### Away Events

Sail Paradise 2013 on Gold Coast 15-17 March 2013 at Southport Yacht Club  
Incorporating the Queensland IRC State Championships and Go To Blazers Regatta  
For more information visit [www.sailparadise.com.au](http://www.sailparadise.com.au)

65<sup>th</sup> Brisbane to Gladstone Ocean Yacht Race – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1100

Brisbane to Gladstone Multi Hull Race (starts from Shorncliffe)

## 29th Australian Impulse Championships by Maria Mohrholz

Maybe I was a little bit ambitious going to a National Impulse Championship, as I knew there would be a lot of good sailors there. But from the point of learning, that would be the place to be, and I was very determent not to be last.

To entice the husband to come along we loaded the motorbike in the back of the van and with boat in tow we set off to Wangi Wangi at Lake Macquarie.

The Impulse Championship was a 10 race Regatta held on the 29th,30th Dec,1st & 2nd Jan 2013. PCSC was represented by John Ibell (Without a Paddle), Scott Patrick (Make It So) and me (Windspiel).

All was to start on the 28th of Dec. with an invitation race. Everybody was ready to hit the water when, out of the blue came a weather warning:" 35kt wind @Sydney airport, Storm travelling north." The locals knew what it meant and the race got cancelled even so it looked like perfect sailing weather.

Dieter and I made use of the motorbike and went for a nice ride around the lake. As we got to the other side near Belmont Sailing Club the storm hit with 38kt winds @ 3.30pm.

We would just have started the our race.

Excellent decisions from the Wangi Wangi OOD. Instead we were watching the Cherubs at Belmont blown to bits as they also had their national championship.

With the start of the races the next day, the wind was gone, all what was left, was a very light breeze. By the time we got to the starting line, maybe 8-10 kt and building to maybe 15 kt by the third race. Even so it was perfect wind for me, I struggled to find my bearings and a good sail setting.

First 3 races I finished 42/ 41/ 43 out of 46 starters. So at leased not last.

3 Races for the next day again. The wind and weather conditions were similar to the day before, but this time I ask John Ibell to help me with my sail settings. Immediately the boat felt so much better. Thanks John!! My results for the next 3 races 41/ 41/ 38 and very happy.

Poor John, light wind races are not in his favour, and I sailed passed him in 4 races.

Still, there were parts in the races where I could not catch him. Looks like I still have lots to learn.

The 31st was a rest day and time to explore the region with the motorbike again. It was a hot day and we decided to seek the comfort of the very flash Belmont Sailing Club for lunch again. Found a large contingent of the Impulse fraternity at the club watching the Cherubs racing to the windward mark , setting their spinnakers as they went around. Great action very close to the club veranda. Everybody was laughing. What do we do when we have a day of between boat races? We go and watch another boat races. And we all met up for a nice new years party at the Wangi Wangi Sailing Clubhouse again in the evening.

Without much hangover we started the next 2 races on the 1st of Jan.2013. Nice sailing for me again 38/ 39 place in light and dying wind. Had a tussle with 'Topaz' ( Keith Briers from Brisbane) to the finish line but messed up a tack and Keith got me as we both crossed the finish line together but I'm on port tack and had to let him pass first.

## 29th Australian Impulse Championships by Maria Mohrholz

For the last 2 races the next day, the wind came back. 15 kt for the start of the first race but building to 25 kt in the second race. I was struggling again.

Place 40 and 39 are not so bad, as many gave up and went back to shore. But I found myself again being the last boat over the finish line. (gives you the "being last" feeling)

Final results for all 10 races: Scott Patrick placed 21, John Ibell placed 39 and me placed 41

Still I had a great time and learned so much. I also had a top shore crew with Dieter and Lesly (my husband and my niece) Thanks for your help !

The Impulse presentation dinner was well organized and as was the whole Regatta. Top marks for the Wangi Wangi Sailing Club.

As the Wangi Wangi Sailing Club is also home of our Olympic Sailors we had Nathan Outteridge, 2012 Olympic Gold Medallist (49er) giving everybody the opportunity to see his Gold medal and talking to us. Telling about his sailing and the career opportunities he has now after the Olympics, sailing now on the Swedish American Cub team.

A bit of a damper for me the next morning.

We picked up my boat from the sailing club to go home and all my rigging which I left in a bag in the boat under the centre board got stolen.

Which resulted in brand new rigging for my boat. And as I could copy some better ways of rigging from the new boats, I hope now it will all work in my favour



Report from Maria Mohrholz

# Northern assault on the 29th Australisan Impulse Championships

Article provided by Scott Patrick

Eight intrepid Queenslanders made the teak to NSW to take part in the 29th annual Australian Impulse Championships, hosted by the Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club on the beautiful waters of Lake Macquarie. A strong fleet of 46 Impulse contested the series which was ultimately won by—surprise, surprise—Michael Brown (aka "Brownie"), who thoroughly dominated racing throughout the regatta in his recently launched "Brownie's Toy 3". This brought Brownie's 4th title win, firmly placing him in the pantheon of Impulse Legends. Well done Brownie! Victorians Dougal Watt ("Stroke of Luck") and Paul Farrell ("Mr Plow") took out 2nd and 3rd respectively.

After cancellation of the Invitation Race due to a strong southerly front, the remainder of the regatta was sailed in variable, shifty, light-to-moderate breezes over the first three days with moderate-to-fresh breezes on the final day of racing. The Wangi SC committee did a sensational job of managing racing under these tricky conditions. The only annoyance was long periods spent waiting between heats in order to accommodate a 41-strong OK Dinghy fleet on the same waters. But ultimately, the club succeeded in ensuring clear racing for both fleets and the OK's made a great spectacle approaching their bottom mark stationed directly in front of the Impulse start line.

Each QLD skipper made a great contribution to the regatta and I believe that each skipper finished all ten races—well done! A quick summary for each sailor:

## **10th—Dave Harrison ("Cosmosaurus" 570)**

After a slow start on day one, Dave picked up the pace and did not place outside the top ten for the remainder of the regatta. Dave's best showing was in the fresher breezes of the final day including a 3rd place (unlucky not to place 2nd) in the final heat. Well done!

## **11th—Andrew Turnbull ("Imposter" 251)**

Unlike Dave, Andrew got off to a blistering start, recording his best finish of 3rd place in Heat 1. At the end of racing on day one, Andrew was holding down 3rd overall and backed this up with a 4th place in the heat of day 2! Andrew fell back into the pack slightly over the remainder of the regatta, but still managed to place consistently in the low-to-mid teens, taking out 11th overall. Again, well done!

## **21st—Scott Patrick ("Make It So" 470)**

Scott joked during the presentation dinner that he now intimately knows everybody in the fleet as he jostled alongside each and everyone of them at some point in the regatta. There's defiantly some truth in the joke, with Scott recording places ranging from 7th to 37th and everywhere in between. Possibly not Scotty's most consistent regatta, but when he had it going, he really had it going! Scott scored his best heat (7th) in the fresher conditions of the final day.

## **22nd—Brett Buckley ("Bob" 208)**

Brett sailed a very consistent regatta, displaying good tactics and boat speed across the entire wind range. This included five heat where he placed in the top 20—well done! Brett recorded his best race result (14th) in the final heat.

## **29th—Damian West ("Bit on the Side" 454)**

Yours truly got off to a shaky start over the first two days, but improved remarkably in the latter half of the regatta, consistently placing in the low-mid 20's over the final two days of racing. I recorded my best place result (18th) in heat 3. I also received the dubious honour of placing 29th in the 29th Australian Impulse Championships which is a trophy category nowadays—I hope NOT to win this trophy ever again!

### **33rd—Keith Briers ("Topaz" 328)**

After struggling on day one, Keith recorded 4 consecutive finishes in the 20's during the middle stages of the regatta, and generally continued his trend towards ongoing improvement in the class. Keith's improvement was handsomely rewarded with a 1st on Handicap for the regatta—well done Keith, a great achievement! Keith also turned the tides against his arch rival, John Ibell. Rumour has it the carton of beer is in the mail!

### **29th John Ibell ("Without a Paddle")**

After an outstanding Queensland State Titles, The Wind Gods were not to smile upon Big John Ibell during this regatta. Even on the final day the wind never kicked in steady enough to really let John off the leash. Nevertheless John sailed well throughout and was able to leave other skippers in his wake in each heat under less-than-ideal conditions. John's best placing of 21st in heat 3 attests strongly to his skills given the light-medium prevailing conditions.

### **Maria Mohrholz (Windspeil" 514)**

Like Keith, Maria also showed consistent improvement throughout the regatta. Maria's first five heat results were all in the 40's and the second five heat results all in the 30's—enough said! Maria recorded her best results in heat 6 and 7 (38th in both). Maria's motivation to improve and learn from each race will no doubt see this trend continue in future regattas.

I think its fair to say that we all enjoyed participating in a very well organized regatta attended by a big, strong Impulse fleet. Big thanks to the NSW crew (particularly Perrin "Pez" Hardie and Brownie who I believe both took lead roles in pulling the event together). We also grateful to the Wangi SC and to all of its members, race committee and the volunteers on a fantastic job.

Wangi Wangi is a beautiful little town (God's Country as some say) and once you hit the water and talk to few locals, it's no wonder the place is home to Olympic gold medallists and mecca for many of Australia's (read, "The Worlds") top sailors. Tom Slingsby was out on the water during our regatta pushing a foiling moth to the limits of human capability in preparation for the Australian Moth Championships (the Moths commenced their nationals at Wangi shortly after the Impulses cleared out of town). "Nathan and Goobs" could start their own religion there and immediately appoint themselves as God and Executive Vice-God. I saw their names in graffiti form in a wide variety of places, and I'm sure if the perpetrators were noticed by the police mid-act, the officers would mealy have said, "Ahhhhhh, you're writing 'Nathan and Goobs'.....Carry on then! Even non-sailors in Wangi seem to hold a close interest in the sport and are quick to ask "How'd you go today?" the second they sense you as one of the sailing tribe.

The joint presentation night for the Impulse and OK Dinghies was a great ending to the week, held at the Wangi RSL Club immediately next door to the sailing club. With around 90 competing sailors plus family, entourage and regatta organizers, around 200 people attended the event. The announcement of Keith's 1st place on handicap came as a great triumph. The BIG surprise of the evening was the unexpected attendance of the 49'er class Olympic Gold Medallist, Nathan Outteridge, who assisted in the presentation of trophies and who also spent time talking about his sailing career, including his current America's Cup campaign. Nathan also brought along his Gold medal and was kind enough to allow it to pass it through 200 sets of hands and 200 photographic lenses, transforming it into 200 Facebook profile pictures five minutes later. Nathan also hung around for a while afterwards to chat and pose for photos with his legion of fans. Needless to say, many (including Andrew and yours truly) couldn't resist! Having held an Olympic Gold medal, I can now say they are very beautiful and surprisingly heavy.

As a final point of interest, the AIA Annual General Meeting was held midway during the regatta. Keith presented the Qld report of behalf of Mike Robinson in his absence. The most notable piece of General Business surrounded use of the smaller D2 (6.6) sail and, in particular, the potential for skippers to use two sails (i.e D2 and stranded) within the same regatta according to conditions. There were strong arguments for both for and against such an arrangement. Ultimately, a motion will need to be put to members to vote on. I'm sure this will be a prominent issue on Impulse and on the forum in the coming months, so keep your eyes open and throw in your two-cents if you have an opinion, ideas or a spleen to vent. Phil Wise also unveiled plans for the 30th Australian Impulse Championships to be hosted by the SA Impulse Association. Largs Bay Sailing Club has been selected as the host venue which is about 15km NW of Adelaide CBD. Dates are yet to be locked in, but it seems as though it will be the normal deal, commencing shortly after Christmas and concluding after New Year's.

*Damian West ("Bit on the Side". Impulse 454)*

## Introducing “Sonofabeach” Peter Leask’s new Catamaran

“Sonofabeach” is an 8.5 x 5.3 timber catamaran based on the proven Malcolm Tennant stable. The NZ Multihull Association was looking for an unsinkable cast affective catamaran and John Tezlass came up with the design.

The hulls are made from tortured 4mm epoxy saturated Gaboon ply with a 300 gram unidirectional cloth outside, held together with 4 stringers and 3 bulk heads positioned opposite the 3 beams. The cab top and deck is made from double diagonal strip plank Cedar and the cockpit consists of Duracore glassed over (450 grams).

Building time took around 2 ½ years in my garage at home and the boat was launched at Port Curtis Sailing Club late December 2012. The sails were made by “Quantum” in Manly Brisbane consisting of a Main, Jib and Screecher. (no spinnakers as yet). *By Peter Leask*



*Congratulations Peter, she looks like a lot of fun – see you out there!*



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## Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2012-13

Wk	Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat Roster	Tides
					<b>Roster Duty Boat</b> 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats				
33	Saturday 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 (POSTPONED to June) Gladstone Harbour	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1410 3.32 2026 1.32
34	Saturday 9-2-13	1400	Sprint Series 2 - heats 1 & 2	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	help needed	Ken Watson	help needed	0836 4.58 1458 0.48
35	Saturday 16-2-13	1400	Sprint Series 2 - heats 3 & 4	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	help needed	1300 3.20 1903 1.50
	Sunday 17-2-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 1 (and Friday night theory 1800-2000)	Colleen Sawatzki					0744 1.88 1355 2.93
36	Saturday 23-2-13	1100	Fairway - <b>Category 4</b> Tripod - <b>Category 5. aquatic permit 11am to 6pm</b>	Barry Austin	Barry Austin	na	na	na	1406 1.04 2013 3.58
	Sunday 24-2-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki					0824 4.20 1439 0.89
37	Saturday 2-3-13	1400	Club Championship - Heat 6	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1157 3.70 1805 1.03
	Sunday 3-3-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki					0646 1.35 1248 3.43
38	Saturday 9-3-13	1400	ORC	Ken Watson 4979 0750	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	help needed	1354 0.63 1958 3.93
	Sunday 10-3-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki					0818 4.41 1435 0.51
39	Saturday 16-3-13	1400	ORC	Ken Watson 4979 0750	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	help needed	1142 3.36 1735 1.27
	Sunday 17-3-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1216 3.09 1800 1.51

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40	Saturday 23-3-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 1	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	Rag Top	1253 1.20 1906 3.46
	Sunday 24-3-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1330 0.99 1942 3.69
<b>Aquatic Permit approved to here</b>									
<b>EASTER 29-3-13 to 1-4-13 - Start School Holidays</b>									
41	Saturday 30-3-13		<b>EASTER</b>						1101 3.83 1707 0.77
	Sunday 31-3-13		<b>EASTER</b>						1148 3.57 1746 1.00
42	Saturday 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	Saturday 13-4-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 3	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	Solitaire	1043 3.44 1634 1.05
	Sunday 14-4-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki					0513 1.23 1113 3.22
<b>End School Holidays Sun 14-4-13</b>									
44	Saturday 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	Saturday 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

# Valentines Day Menu

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*Your choice of a Seafood Platter \$99 per couple*

## Seafood Platter for Two

A Selection of the finest Seafood served Hot and Cold consisting of fresh Oysters, Prawns, Mussels and Bug Tails ,Crumbed Calamari and Prawns, Oysters Kilpatrick, Beer Battered Fish served with Salad, Chips and Tartare Sauce.

*Or a 3 course meal \$99 per couple*

## Entrée

Tender Lamb Cutlets cooked to your liking served on Sweet Potato Scallops, Wilted Baby Spinach and finished with a Red Wine Julie'. GF

Or

Morton Bay Bug Tails pan fried in Clarified Butter served atop a bed of Chiffonnade Lettuce, Crispy Pancetta and a drizzle of Hollandaise Sauce. GF

## Main

Premium Eye Fillet Mignon cooked to your liking served with Roasted Chat Potatoes, Baby Dutch Carrots, Broccolini and finished with a Béarnaise Sauce. GF

Or

King Prawn Stuffed Chicken Breast served with Grilled Capsicum and Snow Pea Rice Pilaf, topped with Hervey Bay Scallops and a Creamy Garlic Sauce. GF

## Desserts

Grand Marnier Parfait with a Berry Jelly and Strawberry Coulis.

Or

Mango and Lime Cheesecake with Brandy Snap Wafers served with Whipped Cream.

Booking close on Tuesday 12th Feb at 3pm.



Bookings Essential Ph: 4972 2294

# Introducing the new Beer Ticket

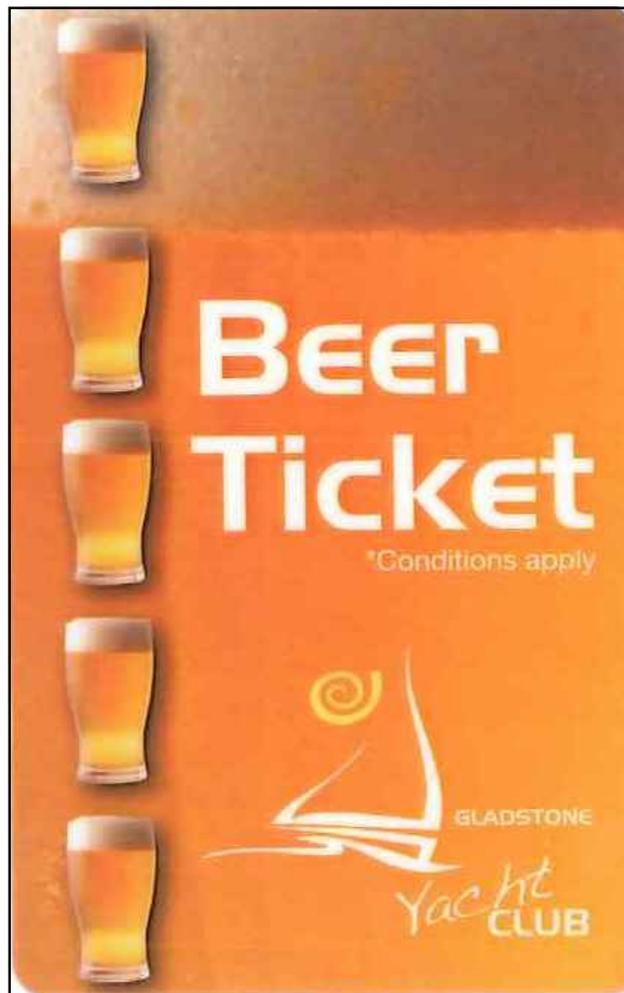
As of Friday the 1st of February Happy Hour will discontinue. In place of Happy Hour we will run a voucher system which is only available to Life and Ordinary Sailing Club Members and Pensioners.

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.



# SALTY'S CANTINA

## Al fresco Dining

**Mexican Cuisine by the Water's Edge**



## OPENING HOURS

***Wednesday ~ Thursday 5pm***

***Friday ~ Saturday 2pm***

***Sundays 1pm***

Subject to Weather conditions, Sailing Regattas and Large bookings.

# 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

**Birthday Draw**

Congratulations to our birthday winner!

**Gerard Carter**

*Next Birthday Draw;*

Wednesday February 27th at 8pm

Is it your Birthday Month?  
Have you got your Birthday Vouchers from Reception?  
You could be the Lucky Winner of \$500.00 cash!

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