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**Intrigue with the Clements on
Sophia II (*see page 5*)**



PRESENTATION NIGHT

**Port Curtis Sailing Club
is Proud to Present**

2013 Annual Presentation Night

Saturday 25th May 2013

RSVP your seat by May 18

Tickets can be purchased on the night at Reception.

\$40 for Adults \$20 for children aged 15-17

Free for Children Under 15 Years

Pre-Dinner Drinks From 1800

Dinner Service 1900

Presentation 2000



**Prizes for Loudest Shirt
or Ladies Blouse**



MANAGER BRIAN DAWSON

Those folks who haven't been to the club in the last month or so won't know that the Gladstone Room is back! Yeap the pokies have been moved out and the room is now once again available for hospitality. I have not received any complaints about the change and you would be run out of town if you did whinge. The process took over two years to complete and would still be ongoing if not for Ray Hobbs, so a final thank you is in order to the "can do" man, thanks Ray.

Don't know about you but I have noticed a change in town. The club does not have the same people visiting this year as we did last year. I'm not talking about the locals (you're still here) but the new locals have changed. Along with the change in type of customer, product trends and tastes now differ. I know the real local won't change there tastes, Barry will drink his VB and Lex will drink his rum and eat his rump steak, but the other folks are not afraid to try something new.

For example, this month last year we sold 662 Corona, this year we sold 1258. Bundy soft drink is down 98 units while Red Bull is up 106. J/Walker Red cans are down 47 on the month while Canadian Club is up 97. Tap beer is down 1804 units but spirit nips and wine are up 2023 units.

The changes don't stop at the bar either. The specialty sauces that you pay top dollar for are down while the less expensive ones and the "all included" ones are up. Oyster sales are down, as are entrees. Seafood sales are down while steak sales are up, "Well done" and "medium well done" steaks are down by 50% while "medium rare" and "rare" are up 50%.

All this tells me we are heading into a federal election and the bottomless expense account is on hold for the moment, (some might say "until we get a change in government"). I'm not saying heading for a crash; I'm just saying we're having a breather. Last month people were looking for value for their money or put another way, are picking volume over quality. Ironically people seemed to want to drink more and eat less last month which is typical of uncertain times.

Bucking the trend are some new items recently introduced to the menu, the new Skippers Feast (seafood tower of hot and cold at \$100 per serve) sold 33 units in its' first month while the Big Boy of steaks (500gm fillet at \$45 per serve) sold 64 units.

We saw changes in the coffee station too. We moved the machine from the kitchen to the bar and this has resulted in increased sales 264% - sounds impressive but what that means is 164 extra sales were generated. As a by product we also now have more space in the kitchen to utilize, which will lead to additional options and new items being available to members.

Suffering such confusing times over the last three months Kaz and I thought we better get out and have a look at some other venues to see how they are travelling. In recent times we have been to most clubs and pubs in Gladstone, Woodgate, Elliot, Rocky, Bundy and Calliope to name a few, plus Emerald, Capella and even some in Brissy. (Thanks for giving up your time Kaz just to come on a rather large pub crawl with me; I suppose you could have stayed in the office). There is one thing in common across the group; no one needs to stash cash under the mattress. They are all doing it tougher this year. It appears the disposable cash surplus has tightened up.

Back closer to our world, Gladstone has 12 clubs and pubs, 28 additional restaurants and someone else can count the takeaway joints. What tha? Outside a major over crowded city, you would not find anywhere else in the world that has so many F&B establishments. Some of these are viable others not so, but it has to be asked, how many fingers can fit in to one pie?

This means we need to do things smarter, better and offer a superior product than our competitors. We need to make sure GYC is the first place of choice when it comes to going out for a feed and a few drinks. To win the game we need to be the place to be.

By the way, don't be afraid to try something new, we sold 212 James Squire stubbies and 1397 James Squire tap beers over the bar last month. It must be those new locals because Slim didn't drink them.

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

OLD SALT'S RENDEZVOUS

By: Tony Constance

I'd like to tell you about a recent international reunion with a past Port Curtis Sailing Club Member who became well known for his jovial attitude and competitive yet fun-loving approach to sailing.

Roger Fawcett successfully campaigned his Farrier F-24 MkII trimaran Intrigue for over a season here in Gladstone in 2011 and 2012 where his efforts were rewarded with a host of trophies and prizes at the end of last year's season. Now residing in Inglewood, New Zealand (or in Fawcett's words "the Eastern Islands of Australia"), he continues to race Intrigue at the New Plymouth Yacht Club. In January this year the opportunity presented itself for me to visit Roger and catch up for a sail, and sail we did.

We packed up Intrigue and got her ready for the 5 or 6 hour trip up north to what Roger promised me were some of the best cruising grounds in New Zealand. The mountainous, winding roads with tight tunnels and huge cliffs made for interesting trailering to say the least – and Roger's eclectic taste in old school American mountain music set the scene as Alabama blasted out the stereo!

After launching Intrigue at the Kawakawa Bay Yacht Squadron in the Hauraki Gulf off Auckland, we headed to Waiheke Island, also known as New Zealand's 'Island of Wine'. We explored a few of the many picturesque bays and vineyards and met up with Taranaki locals, and friends of Fawcett, Phil and Bronwyn Clement and their daughter Kirsty. The Clement's Bavaria 38 made a comfortable mother ship for the night in comparison to the Spartan like interior appointments of Intrigue.

A few days around Waiheke left us wanting to see more of this beautiful area. We headed to the opposite side of the Gulf to the town of Coromandel making a host of new friends in the area. From Coromandel we headed to Port Fitzroy on Great Barrier Island where unbeknownst to us the Fitzroy Mussel Festival was well underway. I can highly recommend the 'special' mussels where a steamed mussel and chunk of camembert are wrapped in a thin slice of prosciutto, battered and deep fried – it has to be tasted to be believed. (Hint: Brian – can we do this here?!)

From Great Barrier Island we completed our Hauraki Gulf circuit with a sail around Kawau Island and dormant volcano Rangitoto before heading back to Kawakawa Bay to pack up the little tri for the trip back south. Overall the stunning scenery, spectacular cruising grounds and amazing food and wildlife we saw 'across the ditch' were truly remarkable.

Roger promised a visit soon – watch this space... Tony.

**IMAGES AND CAPTIONS – ALL
PHOTOS CREDIT TONY CONSTANCE**

Image 1: New stompng grounds – New Plymouth Yacht Club

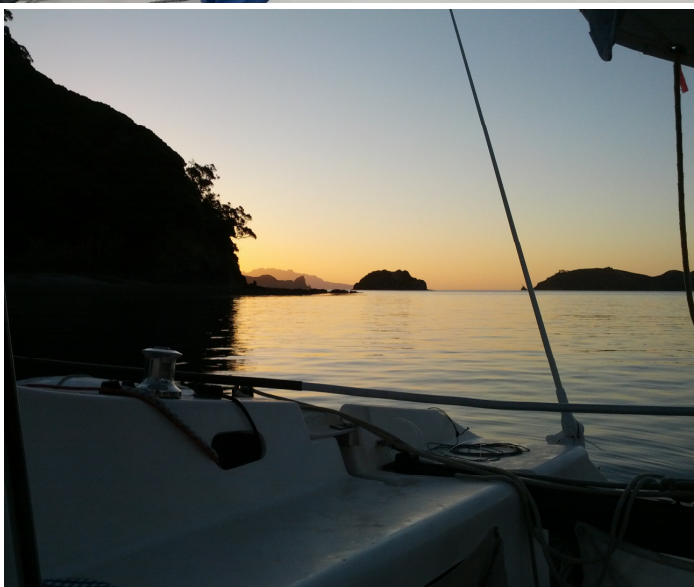
Image 2: Taranaki fraternity – Intrigue with the Clements on Sophia II

Image 3: Familiar face – Fawcet sailing Intrigue into Coromandel

Image 4: Spectacular scenery – at anchor in Te Kouma Harbour

Image 5: Superb sunset – Karaka Bay, Great Barrier Island

Image 6: Map – The Huaraki Gulf, North Island, NZ.





As the 2012/13 sailing season comes to a close we congratulate sailors on your sailing achievements both at home and away, and hope everyone is in the mood to celebrate at our Presentation Evening on 25th May.

In line with our PCSC Strategic Plan, over the winter season, we will be looking at two additional sailing areas to be included in our Aquatic Permit, the Quoin Basin and Barney Point. From a race management perspective club sailing in these waters will require a review of how we do things and some changes will be necessary.

Please watch out for our information sessions, straphanger articles, handouts, sailing trial days, volunteer familiarisation days and feedback opportunities.

Race Briefings

Race briefings will be a focus next season so like previous years, the race briefing will be conducted by the PRO (Principle Race Officer) on the day at an advertised time in the usual area.

Everyone who will be on the water that day must attend the briefing. The briefing is another important avenue to communicate our courses, start/finish lines, travel to/from the course area, shipping and safety procedures. The intention is to be seriously strict with attendance.

Race Nominations

Another area we are tightening up next season is the race nomination paperwork and safety compliance. Rob Auty, our safety audit officer, has provided the following advice to boat owners who wish to race next season.

Yacht Owners need to provide:-

- A copy of your yacht insurance policy confirming public liability (min \$10,000,000) and race risk insurance.

- A copy of your yacht registration certificate from Queensland Transport.

- A copy of completed safety compliance check list as a minimum "YA special regulations equipment audit form – Category 7" or a higher category depending in which race you participate (Cat 4 and 5 for Fairway and Tripod)

Dinghy Owners need to:

- Provide a copy of your boat insurance policy confirming public liability (min \$10,000,000).

- Be open to an inspection to ensure safety equipment complies with the YA Special Regulations, Part 2 (for Off the Beach Dinghies). See pages 305-310 Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-16.

You should have all documents available when you sign on and pay your fees, otherwise your race nomination cannot be accepted.

Brian and the admin team have been made aware of the supporting documents that need to accompany the race nomination form, however if you have any questions about these requirements please do not hesitate to contact Rob Auty (0417 609 293), or in his absence Sue Doyle (0419 649 764) on the Sailing Committee.

2013-2016 Blue book available office

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

YA Accredited National Equipment Auditor

Congratulations Rob Auty who has successfully completed the course "Yachting Australia Accredited National Equipment Auditor (NEA) Scheme". Once the formalities go through, Rob will be the Port Curtis Sailing Club NEA auditor qualified to conduct Category 1 and 2 safety audits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Home Events

Handicap Series heat 5 – Sat 11th May 1400

CQ Championship heats 1 & 2 – Saturday 8th June on Gladstone Harbour

CQ Championship heat 3 ocean race to Rosslyn Bay – Sunday 9th June

Pleiades Plate Colosseum weekend – Saturday 13th July

Away Events

Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Race - Weekend 4th May.

Hervey Bay Sailing Club – 33rd Bay 2 Bay - Weekend 4th May.

KBSC All Boats Regatta – Weekend 4th May

CQ Championship Alternative heat 3 for Trailer Yachts – CCYC Monday 10th June

CQ Championship heats 4 & 5 – CCYC Saturday 15th June

CCYC Presentation Night – Saturday 10th August

Sea Hill Weekend – CCYC – Saturday 17th August



LAST START TO SAIL PROGRAM FOR THIS SEASON COMPLETED!

The April Start to Sail was such great fun
By the PCSC happily run.

Molly, Kevin, Farzin, Stephen and Ceanne did very well
Even when challenging moments their way befell !

Basic Skills 1 and 2
These participants sailed cheerfully through.

Out in light conditions or more testing winds,
They always returned with happy grins.

Rigging, launching, tying knots and the right of way rule,
How to reach, tack, gybe... it was just like school.

School though was not as much fun
Better to be in a Pacer, sailing in the sun !

Congratulations to all !
Let nothing your future sailing stall !

Colleen (Instructor)



BIG THANK YOU to the Start Sailing team

To our regulars, Colleen Sawatzki, Anthony Constance, Dirk Beyer, Anna Williams, Maria Mohrholtz, Barry Austin, Rohan Berry, Jackson Cooper, Boti Hajos and Tiernan Williams congratulations on a successful season of Start Sailing, together we have held two junior and four adult programs introducing sailing to 13 children and 21 adults. Please take pleasure in our achievements, the success of our Training Centre can be directly attributed to you, our skilled and dedicated volunteers.

Sue Doyle (Principal)



Champagne Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

*Treat your mum this Mother's Day at the
Gladstone Yacht Club*

Champagne Breakfast

8:00am ~ 10:30am

(full bar service for breakfast)

Lunch

11:30am ~ 2:30pm

Dinner

6:00pm ~ 8:30pm

Bookings are essential

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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
					Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats				
46	Saturday 4-5-13	1000	Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Yacht Race. Confirmed. Category 3	Tim McCall CCYC					
	Sat & Sun 4th 5th May	TBA	Bay 2 Bay. To Be Confirmed. Not public holiday long weekend	Harvey Bay Sailing Club					
	Saturday 4-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						
47	Saturday 11-5-13	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 5	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	Immigrant	0951 3.41 1540 0.90
	Sunday 12-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1022 3.29 1603 1.02
48	Saturday 18-5-13	1400	SRD - spare in case championship postponement	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	0905 1.48 1527 2.92
	Sunday 19-5-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						1013 1.32 1639 3.16
49	Saturday 25-5-13	1830	PRESENTATION NIGHT exclusive use of upstairs	Steve Lewis					1510 0.39 2133 4.58
			End Season						
50	Saturday 8-6-12	0900 1300	Queen's Bday long wknd, rocky show CQ Championships Heats 1 and 2 Gladstone Harbour	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin				0901 3.33 1449 0.85 2114 4.09
	Sunday 9-6-13	1300	CQ Championships Heat 3 Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Ocean Race. Category 3	PCSC	Barry Austin				1517 0.89 2145 4.05
	Monday 10-6-13	1100	CQ Championships Alt Heat 3 Trailer Yachts - Keppel Bay	Don Fuller CCYC					

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5 1	Saturday 15-6-13	0900 1300	CQ Champs Heats 4 and 5 Keppel Bay, Buoy Race	Richard Watson CCYC					
			Start School Holidays Sat 22-6-13						
5 2	Saturday 22-6-13	0800 1800	SRD - all day						0803 3.63 1407 0.43 2033 4.51
			Aquatic Permit						
			Seafood Festival in July - check dates						
	Saturday 13-7-13	TBA	Pleiades Plate (Colosseum)	Helen Joseph					1205 3.21 1754 1.23
	8-8-13 to 15-8-13	TBA	Airlie Beach Race Week (Thursday 8th to Thurs 15th August)	Whitsunday Sailing Club					
	Saturday 10-8-13	TBA	CCYC Presentation Night						
	Saturday 17-8-13	TBA	Sea Hill Weekend	Patty Burgess CCYC					
	Saturday 16-11-13	0900	Round the Bay Race – Category 4	Josh McCall CCYC					

The Gladstone Yacht Club Presents
**SUNDAY BREAKFAST
BY THE CREEK**



Starting Sunday 19th May 8am

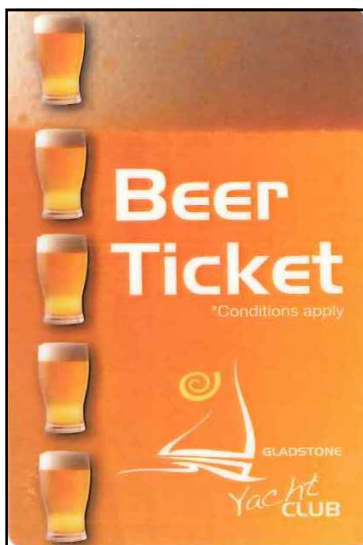
In place of Happy Hour we will run a voucher system which is only available to Life and Ordinary Sailing Club Members and Pensioners.

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.



Gladstone Yacht Club



BISTRO OPENING HOURS

Lunch

Dinner

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



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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