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STRAPHANGER'S COLUMN..

BY BRAD BARKER

Sailing journalist Ian (Stripey) Grant, has been awarded posthumously, the Lifetime Achievement award, along with Syd Fischer at the 2013 Yachting Australia Yachting awards.

Many words have been spoken and written about "Stripey", aka Ian Grant, but Straphanger would like to indulge and add a little more .

I cannot remember exactly when I first met Stripey, but I do remember that I thought, here is a yachtie that I am actually taller than... and he seems to have some sort of leg- iron on to stop him falling over !

How first impressions don't always give the right picture. Stripey might have been small in stature but I soon learnt that he had a heart as big as a 'tall ship', and he had a memory that could navigate through uncharted waters and a jovial manner for relating stories from that trove of memories.

Stripey's association with the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race is well documented. He was always there. From the mid 70's when I did my first race to his last year of attendance in 2012, Stripey was at his typewriter, and later his lap-top, ever the true journo, pounding out media material for the yachting world. He was there when the demise of Jack Rooklyn's Apollo occurred, & I believe sheltering a certain sailing-master under his table away from the unscrupulous media.....he was there when Bobsled broke that record....he would slip into town with his child bride, Marie, set himself up, and get to work. Stripey knew every descriptive word in the English language and then some. He was always at the northern regattas and always had time for a chat.

For us personally, we learned of Stripey's sincerity, and honesty when addressing the youth of our sport. He had interest in the exploits of the three Barker boys and always asked after them and indeed greeted them at many a regatta. He had so much to give to the kids in every avenue of sailing, and they loved his passion. Juniors from the Port Curtis Sailing Club always received his support and I am sure a number who have gone on to achieve in the sailing world owe a lot to Stripey's encouragement.

For many years there was always the debriefing after the Brisbane to Gladstone, along with his good friend and colleague Herb Prendegast, over a bottle of 'red'. Stripey was a devoted husband, family man, and a bloke who everyone called a friend. He was a giant amongst his peers, an honest person worthy of all the accolades that are bestowed upon him. Definitely deserving of a "Lifetime award for services to Yachting.

Cheers Mate



SAFETY INFORMATION NOTICE

No. 1 of 2013

Trapeze Harnesses

Issued 26 August 2013

Issue:

Risk of entrapment by a trapeze harness or hook on, or under a capsized boat

Notice:

Evidence suggests that trapeze harness users can become entrapped by the hook on the harness being caught, possibly by:

- Piercing a trampoline or mesh wing or the deck or hull and then becoming stuck;
- Becoming snagged on other parts of the boat rigging including shrouds, hiking (toe) straps and vang; or
- Becoming tangled and caught in sheets

To help reduce the risk of trapeze harness entrapment, and to help race officials and other volunteers on the course, clubs and class associations should consider the following information, and convey to race officials, volunteers and sailors where appropriate:

- ◇ Keep lines and sheets organised in the boat;
 - ◇ Wear close fitting clothing and personal buoyancy;
 - ◇ Carry a sharp, well maintained and easily accessible, preferably serrated knife and ensure crew know where the knife is located and are prepared to use it to cut a harness or trampoline mesh; and
 - ◇ Wear clothing and equipment which is unlikely to snag or can be easily freed.
- All race officials and safety boat crew should be briefed on the risk and dangers of entrapment and methods of recovery
 - Safety boats should be equipped with sharp knives to cut sheets, trampoline, harnesses etc. to free a sailor and bolt/wire cutters to cut rigging
 - Immediately it becomes apparent that a sailor has not surfaced and may be entrapped, all efforts should be directed towards righting the boat to bring the sailor to the surface.
 - In the case of catamarans, safety boat crew should also be prepared to cut the trampoline.
 - When the sailor has been brought to the surface, other equipment that should be carried by safety boat crew should be used to release the trapped sailor.

MANAGERS MINUTE

BY BRIAN DAWSON

With this being a sailing mag I am finding it challenging to deliver clubhouse news while the sailing calendar is so full and there is so much water activity going on. Congratulations to all those involved as it really is the reason we F&B people exist at PCSC.

The F&B side of the club hasn't exactly been standing still while the sailing ranks race ahead; we've been busy developing our brands and introducing new items.

One important new item in the bar is Heineken on tap. This is something that has been in planning for a while now, however the launch was to be part of a bigger event, which unfortunately has been delayed, so in the end we ran out of time and needed to proceed with the launch of Draught Heineken independently of the other undeclared event. Anyway it's a great refreshing draught beer so during your next visit to the club consider giving it a try.

Another shift in bar news is flavoured and boutique ciders which are becoming immensely popular in capital cities and the growing trend is slowly migrating to the outer areas. I'm not talking in any small way either as the cider market has grown 150% in recent times. I noticed while watching cricket on TV the other day, that a lot of people in the audience were drinking cider and not beer. Can you imagine Doug Walters asking Denis Lilly out for a cider after the game, I don't think so! A while ago we tried James Squire Cider on tap and this has proven very popular, now customer demand has many packaged and boutique flavoured ciders in the fridge such as apple and kiwi cider, pear and a new range coming called Kirin in flavours invented somewhere other than Gladstone. These are just delightful and worth a try on a hot day.

There's more on the bar but I have to leave room for some food changes. The biggest is that Salty's Mexican has been suspended for the summer and we are pleased to offer Salty's Seafood. This change was planned months ago and timed to be up and running before Christmas. The Mexican menu was great but not really a summer menu so the good old fish and chips are back, along with lots of other tried and tested goodies. The seafood basket is the only thing above \$20 so it's a fair price for a good feed in a great location.

Salty's is also back doing Sunday Breakfast and popular it has turned out to be. Very much out of character I am not claiming credit for this as the idea belongs to Committee Member Rob Auty, who convinced me to give breakfast another go and do it differently. This resulted with a simple Alfresco Breakfast Menu from Salty's Kitchen with nothing over \$10 and lots of complementary coffee. Credit also goes to Cal (one of our trainee Sous Chef's), he and Emma do a great job everyday but they really turn it one for Sunday Breakfast. Thanks Cal and thanks Emma.

The Lunch Menu has been refined a little with a new and improved Tempura Battered Barra & Chips, a new Barra Burger and a new style Panko Crumbed Flathead. The new Barra is cut thicker and juicier than the old recipe and the good news is the price is still great value for the member.

The Main Menu has a few changes too and they have proven to be very popular. The Entrée section sees a new recipe Duo of Mushroom Tart making an appearance and there's a new Thai Chilli Oyster which is just fantastic with gin and tonic. The Pasta section receives a new Spinach and Sundried Tomato Vegetarian Fettuccine (which is helped by adding prawns or chicken for non vegis). The Meat section sees a new Lamb Cutlet dish introduced to the menu which is just perfectly matched with the new and perfectly blended Penfolds Bin 138 or the beautiful Bin 8 Shiraz Cab. The Chicken section sees a customised Chicken Mignon stuffed with Camembert, Sundried Tomatoes and Spinach served on a bed of couscous and asparagus.

MANAGERS MINUTE

BY BRIAN DAWSON

The Deserts didn't miss a face lift with new items in our Made on Premises Deserts range. Most customers know our homemade Sticky Date and Walnut Pudding, well now it has two supporters with a homemade New York Style Cheese Cake with a Mixed Berry Compote and a Yachties Rich Mud Cake served with Chocolate Ganache and homemade Ice Cream. These items are made on premises by everyone's favourite big fella Christopher Clark. I am so thrilled at what he is producing these days, I am so encouraged by his recent self-improvements and I am extremely proud to have a skilled apprentice coming through the ranks. Well done Clarky, I am glad to have you on board.

Gaming is receiving some new games and hopefully they will be installed by the time this goes to print. The new Gaming Room downstairs is doing exactly what we thought it would by producing some good extra turnover from the Sunday crowd and providing an opportunity for function people to have a punt. The room does need some new games as some are 20 years old. The new downsized Gaming Room upstairs is performing well too by producing more revenue than when the machines were in the Gladstone Room. Like the other room some games are 20 years old and not being played so we have done some deals and got some new machines in and upgraded others.

Generally the club is trading well, it is moving along in an upward direction, budgets are being met and ratios are being achieved. There have been heaps of breakdowns with parts just giving up or wearing down. Food costs have an ever increasing upwards pressure on them and bar costs have increased slightly but at this stage and while budgets are being met there will be no upwards movement of prices. Staffing continues to be an issue but fortunately (I can't say lucky because it is hard work) we have the best team in Gladstone and we have taken steps to improve even further.

This is such a great club with a lengthy history. In recent years changes have been forced upon the club by the changes the City of Gladstone has undertaken. These changes are clearly recognised by the long term members but new members have not known anything different to how the club is today. Moving forward is moving into unknown events but isn't that the spice of life, nothing stays the same! It will be interesting to see how the club evolves in the forthcoming years.

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

Notice of Meeting of Members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

Date: **Thursday 21 November 2013**

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Committee Room Port Curtis Sailing Club

Order of Business:

1. Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc. Constitution
2. Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc. By-Laws

YQ DISCOVER SAILING DAY

PICTURES COURTESY OF MARINA HOBBS

Smiles all round as adults and children arrived at the club on 27th October to go for a sail as part of Yachting Australia's National Discover Sailing Day. Our wonderful volunteers and Start Sailing team had the Pacers, Sabot and O'pen BIC rigged and happily took our visitors for a sail in the creek. Meanwhile, on shore the 'Meet and Greet' team promoted PCSC, our facilities and Start Sailing opportunities at the club. A fantastic day and something we are planning in doing periodically throughout the year.



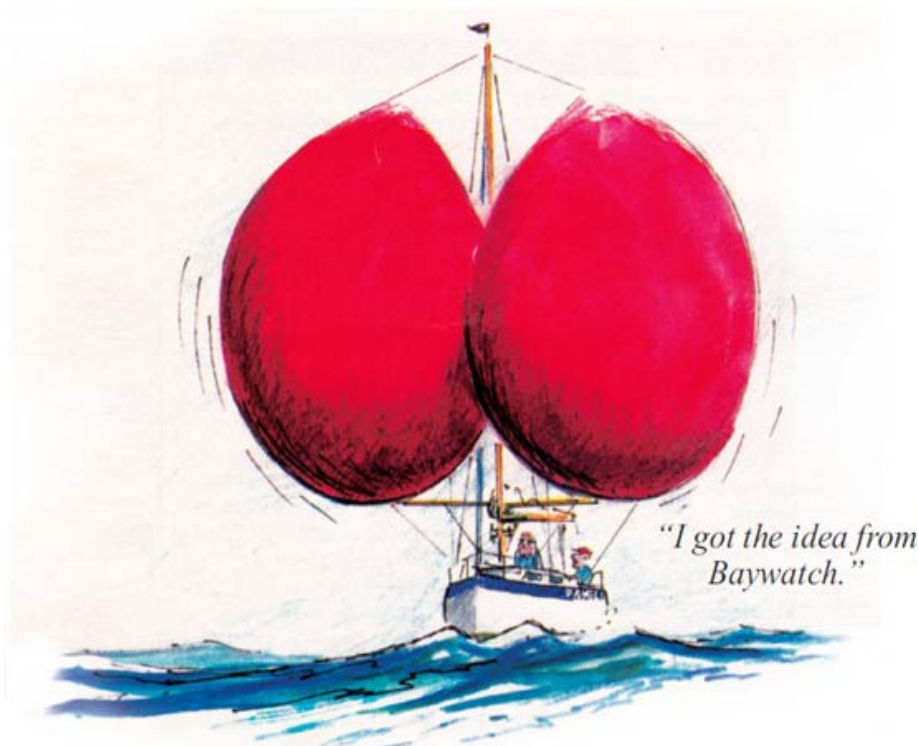
Kids + Boats = FUN

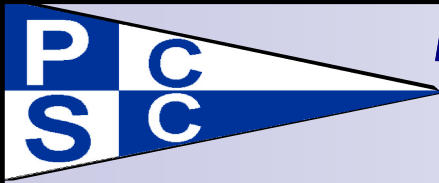


2013 Sailors Christmas Party

Saturday 14th December 2013

An Invitation is extended to all
sailors, their family & friends to
celebrate Christmas with a party
at the Port Curtis Sailing 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

Head Harbour heat 2 – 9th November

Head Harbour heat 3 – 23rd November

Championship heat 4 – 30th November

(no club sailing 16th November due to CCYC Round Bay)

HERC – driver and crew

From 9th November until Christmas

HERC duties include buoy laying and rescue

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, but please don't wait until the Saturday afternoon before you put your hand up.

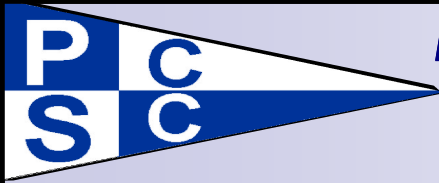


Alcohol Free Boats

Reminder, we have a 'no alcohol' rule on board all club boats while on performing club duty. Volunteer free drinks are available afterwards so meet at Dudley's Bar and enjoy a cold one.

SMS Messages

Some may have noticed we are having a bit of trouble with the Yachting Australia, My Club SMS messaging system we've been using for the weekly SMS. Yachting Australia is transitioning to a new service provider so we hope to get our weekly SMS working reliably again soon.



FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Flat Tyres

Did you know the Club has an air compressor in the VMR boat shed for Member's use.

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. KBSC and Mackay Sailing Club have been advised.

Sailing Calendar

The Sailing Calendar taking us to the end of the season has been finalised. The latest version can be downloaded from our website.

A Request for Redress was lodged by Solitaire on championship heat 2, pending the decision of the Protest Committee this heat *may* need to be re-sailed (Division 1 only). If this is the decision of the Committee the heat will be doubled up onto another Saturday event. Saturday 1st March has been earmarked should a resail be necessary.

Start Sailing

The next offering for Adult Start Sailing commences with a theory evening on Friday 1st November followed by four sessions. Sundays 0800 to 1200 on 2nd, 8th, 23rd November and 1st December. Helpers always welcome.

A junior Start Sailing program is scheduled for the January school holidays (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th January 2014), and an adult program in March. If anyone is interested, or knows someone who may be, please encourage them to contact the office and get their details on our Start Sailing waiting list.

Upcoming Events

Adult Start Sailing – 2nd, 8th, 23rd November, and 1st December 0800 - 1200

Head of Harbour heat 2 – 9th November 1400

No club sailing on 16th November

Head of Harbour heat 3 – 23rd November 1400

Club Championship heat 4 – 30th November 1400

Head of Harbour heat 4 – 7th December 1400

Christmas Party – 14th December

Away Events

CCYC Annual Trophy Presentation evening – Saturday 2nd November 1800

CCYC Round the Bay (Category 4) – 16th November

http://www.ccy.org.au/main/page_sailing_information.html

SAILING WIINDSPEIL

BY MARIA MOHRHOLZ

IMPULSE STATE TITLES @ Hervey Bay

A three day event on the 5th, 6th and 7th of Oct.2013

With only 2 month warning to run the Impulse state titles in conjunction with the Torquay Hotel Multihull Challenge on the October long weekend , John Ibell and Scott Patrick had already other activities booked. So it was up to me to fly the PCSC flag in Hervey Bay.

The forecast was light NE wind with a NNW change on Monday. Saturday's start was at 1pm and 15 Impulses arrived well in time to a beautifully flat blue light wind Hervey Bay. Low tide also gave us plenty of beach to lodge the boats easy. Course was set to 2 triangles with the start/finish line becoming an obstruction. This time I knew what that meant and made sure I would not sail there.

First start in 6-7 knt but steady breeze every one tried to find clean air as quick as possible. As most of the Impulse sailors are experienced sailors, I found myself quickly racing with the tail end of the fleet. Nobody wants to be last, so even at the fleets end racing was fierce and everybody gave their best. Rebecca Price in Sparrow was sailing so well, she nearly won the first race against our raining champion David Harrison. He won by one second and admitted that he worked as hard as he could not to be beaten by a woman.

11th place for me. I was ok with that. A steady wind of 7-8 knt's in the second race gave me 13th place and a shorten course for the 3rd race as the wind topped again, gave me 12th place. But everyone was in great spirit and ready for more racing when we all met in the pub on a long table.

A beautiful sunny Sunday morning start @11am wind 10-12 knt NNE could not be more perfect. A big high tide meant we had to carry the boats into the water as there was no beach left and a one meter drop in soft sand. But it was a delight to sail in the steady breeze. I had a good start and managed to keep up with the faster boats to windward. But for some unknown reason to me they sailed away from me on the run. I thought I sailed fast, well faster as I ever had sailed before, but these guys with 30 years sailing experience still knew a bit more about sailing fast. So I got 12th place again in race 4.

A good start in race 5 and good work to the windward mark, I was 10th around the buoy and very close to all the top guys. The reaches were so much fun and fast. I managed to surf the waves well and still, they sailed away from me. Looks like I still have a lot to learn. Was happy with place 11. Made a few mistakes in race 6 and got 13th place. Still a very enjoyable sailing day for everybody. As we finished the wind started to pick up, got stronger and stronger till it was howling through out the night.

A wild and woolly sea put a stop to the last two races on Monday morning. We had may be 15 knt's on the water, but a big high tide and a rough surf did not allowed the boats in the water. With 6 races and 2 beautiful days of sailing, nobody complained. David Harrison won 5 out of 6 races and became again Queensland Champion, and I was happy with place 12 overall. I learned a lot and there is still a lot to learn for me.



TONY'S TOONS

BY ANTHONY CONSTANCE

A multihull poem...



We're coming we're coming our brave little band,
On the right side of sailing we do take our stand.
We never crawl round the foredeck on our hands & knees,
We always sail upright when we're on the breeze.

We never use gimbals or any such trash,
The things in our galley don't ever go crash.

We never use ballast because we do think,
That those that use ballast are likely to sink!



SAILING AT THE PCSC

PHOTOS COUTERSY OF MARIA HOBBS



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 onboard support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Friday 1-11-13	1800 2000		Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Tony Constance					
	Saturday 2-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Championship Heat 3	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry (on shore) help needed	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1422 0.63 2022 3.84
	Sunday 3-11-13	0800 1300		Adult Start Sailing 1	Tony Constance					0846 4.20 1505 0.53
	Saturday 9-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Head of Harbour Heat 2	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry (on shore) help needed	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1351 3.79 2023 1.06
	Sunday 10-11-13	0800 1300		Adult Start Sailing 2	Tony Constance					0827 1.32 1503 3.72
	Saturday 16-11-13	0800 1800		SRD						1428 0.78 2027 3.62
	Sunday 17-11-13	0800 1800		SRD						
	Saturday 16-11-13	0900		Round the Bay Race – Category 4	Josh McCall CCYC					
	Saturday 23-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Head of Harbour Heat 3	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry (on shore) help needed	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1222 3.51 1840 1.41
	Sunday 24-11-13	0800 1300		Adult Start Sailing 3	Tony Constance					0609 1.59 1315 3.38
	Saturday 30-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Championship Heat 4	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry (on shore) help needed	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1314 0.92 1912 3.65
	Sunday 1-12-13	0800 1300		Adult Start Sailing 4	Tony Constance					0744 4.19 1403 0.73
	Saturday 7-12-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Head of Harbour Heat 4	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Max away help needed	Ken Watson		1231 4.17 1858 0.78
	Sunday 8-12-13			SRD						

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 onboard support boats				
						Quoin Area is the preferred dinghy course - weather permitting				
	Saturday 14-12-13			Christmas Party						1332 1.06 1932 3.45
				Start School Holidays start Sat 14-12-13						
				Aquatic Permit to here						
	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 MacDonald CQ Championships heats 1 & 2 - Gladstone Category 5	PCSC	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1101 4.57 1722 0.42

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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.

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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 1pm

SUNDAY BREAKFAST OPENING HOURS

Sundays from 8am

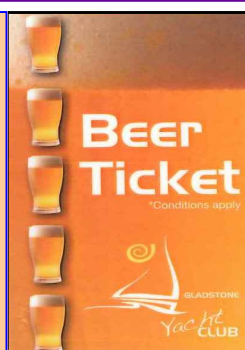
Is it your Birthday Month?

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.

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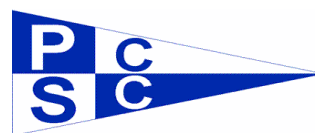
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