

COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

Hi all, what an eventful month we've had both on and off the water! As mentioned last month, busy is the word of the times for our volunteers and management committee, but as they say, if you want something done, get a busy person to do it! Presentations, regatta's, new boats, old boats seeing the water again and general run of the mill club operations have the club buzzing, which is fantastic. Nothing like seeing dinghies on both lawns and yachts on the pontoon nearly half way across the creek, (yes those pickle forks do take up some width!) to whet a persons appetite for getting out and going sailing. With another couple of multi's on the horizon we might just claim our section of the creek again!

We sort of had our own "Midnight Oil" experience a few weekends ago thanks to a kind and very welcome donation from Kevin Berg on behalf of Bechtel. It was close to "red sails in the sunset", with our "orange sails in the harbour" being officially handed over to the club. We now have Hi Vis sails for the Pacers and some sabots to increase our visibility on the harbour for our learning and competing sailors. I thought they were bright when I was in the middle of the harbour and could see the sail quite plainly on the shore in front of the club, however a member of the public commented to me the other day they were coming through the Gut near Quoin Island and they could plainly see the sails from there. A very positive move for increasing our safety on the water and a huge thanks to all involved in the process. Our ever present photographer, Marina, took some glorious shots of the boats with the sails reflecting in the water. Thanks Marina, much appreciated.



While I am thanking people for donations, it was remiss of me not to acknowledge the Boyd family for their donation of a catamaran to the club in last months Straphanger. You may have noticed a catamaran, "Kissing Dynamite", near the Herc shed remaining partially rigged. We have had requests from some LTS's to sail a catamaran so in an off the cuff discussion with Mark Boyd, he volunteered the donation of the family catamaran to the club. KD has been eagerly accepted and regularly used by ex cat sailors and some mono sailors trying the dark side. Many thanks again Mark and Lucy for your kind donation. Our grey rib is about to have a makeover to allow us to have two ribs on the water for training and rescue. The major overhaul will see a new trailer, new centre console, new motor, sign writing and all associated equipment for a partial cost of a new rib. The work is being carried out by the original manufacturer of the rib. The addition of this vessel will improve our safety further on the water.

On this note I wish to compliment the organisers, both on and off the water, for the APS regatta last weekend. All comments were very positive, especially our safety on the water, and with some tweaking of dates in conjunction with other clubs we should see this weekend increase dramatically. Also there was mentioning of the Val Sisley regatta being reignited, watch this space!

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- A reminder that if you are travelling to attend State or National titles you may be entitled to financial assistance from the club. There is a procedure in place for the application for assistance so please contact Brian for the procedure if you are travelling away and if so, good luck in the regatta/s.
- A tow vehicle has been purchased for the use of launching vessels. This decision was arrived at due to a number of private volunteer vehicles being used. This vehicle will ensure a common set up for all trailers will be in place and if towing of our trailers on public domain is required then we have a legal towing platform. Until a process is formulated as to who can drive the vehicle, what it can be used for and the vehicle is set up fully the Management Committee has moved that myself and Lex Moran, or our delegated drivers, are the only ones to drive the vehicle.
- A reminder that your membership renewal is required by the end of October. Please make yourself known to the lovely ladies in reception and they will gladly help you renew your membership.
- 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. It also looks great on the Saturday/Sunday to have as many sails in the sunset, so to speak. It also makes Barry happy that he has some more boats to worry about!
- There is a requirement on the registration from 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 in December to see how this request has progressed.

I end my diatribe on a sad note. A long time friend, competitor and mentor in Peter Clayton, PC, passed away recently. PC was a member of Keppel Bay Sailing Club and Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club for as long as I can remember. PC owned and competed in sharpies, trailer sailors, yachts and anything else he had time to get his hands on. I consider myself lucky learning the finer tricks of sailing in either competing against or with PC in numerous regattas and events over the past 30 odd years, not to mention the advice also handed down at the bar during "post race debriefing". I must have been fairly slow because we seemed to spend a lot of time at the bar carrying out the debriefing!

Some of my fondest moments were being included in the discussions between PC and John Joseph in regards to who had the best design/modification during the period of them both building the same size and design yacht, of which PC spent many enjoyable miles at sea on. PC leaves his wife, Deb, and son Tom, to whom we send our sincerest condolences. A funeral for PC will be held on Friday 2nd November at 1400hrs in Emu Park. For further info please contact Brian or myself.

Enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks to the large number of volunteers carrying out a number of duties around the club. It is truly appreciated!

Yours in sailing, Young Dinga.

Anyone remember/know where, when and what this photo is of?

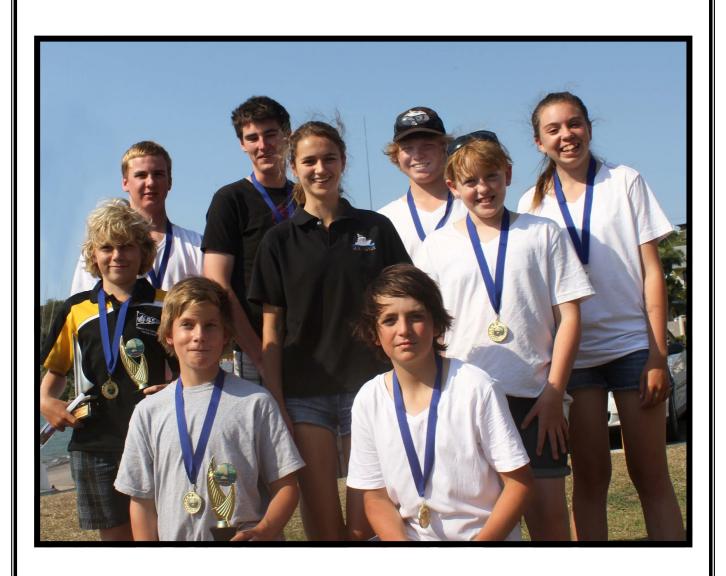


ASP/IBS Regatta

Eleven competitors from our club and Keppel Bay Sailing Club (KBSC) had a most enjoyable 2 days of sailing. First place in the open division could only be separated on a time count back with Tom Moran in his Impulse "Thumbs Up" (PCSC) and Blake Newton in his Radial Laser "Look Both Ways" (KBSC) each winning two races. The overall time between them was only 1 minute 10 seconds from four races. There were 6 Sabots in the fleet and each sailed a very competitive regatta.

Trophies were awarded for the winner of each division and best performing Club. Keppel Bay won the best performing Club. Tom Moran (PCSC) the Open Division, Jonno Pummell in Mac-Attack (KBSC) the Senior Sabot and Junior Sabot went to the youngest competitor in the fleet because we didn't have any two up sabots. Each sailor received a medallion, t-shirt, wet bag, and LED glow stick. Sailors, volunteers and parents all enjoyed a family style BBQ on Saturday night, a hearty breakfast BBQ on Sunday morning and we had Sausage Sizzles running throughout the weekend to keep the kids tummies full.

We would like to say a BIG Thank you to ASP and IBS for their sponsorship of this youth Regatta and to all the wonderful volunteers and staff who together made the Regatta the success it was.



ASP/IBS Regatta



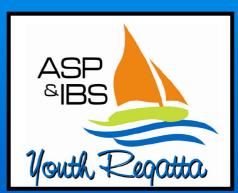












Race Starting Sequence

Can you recognise these flags and know what they mean

Our club races are started under Rule 26 of the Yachting Australia 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing. For our Division 1 and Division 4 sailing, the start sequence goes like this:-

Flag	Direction & sound	Signal	Flag	Time
	↑ Y	Postponement Only used if race was postponed	AP or Answering Pendant	Races not started are post-poned. The AP comes down 6 minutes before start
Division 1	↑	Warning	Class Flag	5 minutes before start
	↑ 	Preparatory	P Flag	4 minutes before start
	→	Preparatory	P Flag removed	1 minute before start
Division 1	→	Starting	Class Flag removed	0 minutes
Division 4	1	Warning	Class Flag for next division	5 minutes before start
	↑	Preparatory	P Flag	4 minutes before start
	\	Preparatory	P Flag removed Long sound	1 minute before start
Division 4	1	Starting	Class Flag removed	0 minutes

We use sound signals but the absence of a sound signal does not disrupt the start sequence. According to Rule 26 – "Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded".

Recall Competitors or the Fleet

+	↑	X Flag Individual Recall	
\	1	First Substitute	The warning signal made 1 minute after removal to start the sequence again.

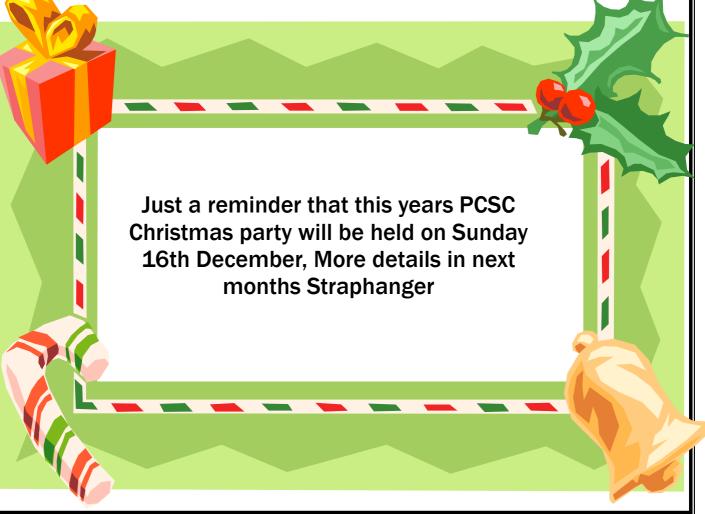
There are times when different Preparatory flags can be used, so it is worth being able to recognise them and know what they mean. They all sit in the start sequence at

↑ 4 minutes before the start

1 minute before the start

Flag	What it means
	Normal preparatory signal; no starting penalties are in effect. A boat over the line at the start can return through the line or round an ends. Remember that a boat returning must keep clear of boats not returning
	The Round-an-End Rule 30.1 will be in effect. A boat over the line during the minute before the start must sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.
	The 20% Penalty Rule 30.2 will be in effect. A boat within the triangle formed by the ends of the line and the first mark during the minute before the start will receive a 20% scoring penalty as specified in Rule 44.3(c). (20% of the number entered or as dictated by the sailing instructions)
	The Black Flag Rule 30.3 will be in effect. A boat within the triangle formed by the ends of the line and the first mark during the minute before the start will be disqualified.

PCSC CHRISMAS PARTY





Farewell Gedrick

After a long and dedicated career as our rescue vessel, the time has come for Gedrick to slip into retirement. What will happen to her, where will she go? We are open to Member's suggestions, if you have a preference please write to the Sailing Committee and let us know.

A ceremony aka retirement party is being organised to mark the occasion of Gedrick and Toot's retirement, date to be confirmed but likely January after the Christmas rush. Look out for the feature of these two much loved boats in the December Straphanger.

Committee Position Vacancy

Jon and Jeanine Drummond have announced their decision to relocate to Sydney at the end of November. Whilst we are reluctant to see their family (and Loco) leave we wish them all the best and thank them for their contribution to our Club. Both Jon and Jeanine have served on our Sailing Committee, and Jon as Vice Commodore.

The Sailing Committee is responsible for all things sailing and relies on an active and energetic team.

Interested in serving on the Sailing Committee?

(or need more information)

Contact Sue Doyle

National YA Discover Sailing Day

Sunday 11th November 2012 0900 to 1100

PCSC is joining in with the National Discover Sailing Day promoted by Yachting Australia in November. We have selected the morning of Sunday 11th November as our day and invite the public to come down to see how they can experience the fun and adventure of sailing in a safe and friendly environment. All the people who have recently contacted the club looking for sailing opportunities have been asked to come down on this day.

The Start Sailing team will be there to meet and greet people, and offer them a short sail in a Pacer. If yacht skippers would like to come down and talk to people about yacht sailing we would love to see you. Interest to Colleen or Sue please so we can organise the morning program.

Buoys not Pylons

Some will have noticed there are new buoys in the harbour, CB1 and CB2 in particular. These buoys are more suitable as rounding markers than pylons so from now on if the course shows CB1 or CB2 this means the buoys not the pylons.

Hints and Tips for Dinghy Sailors

Gearing up for a regular section in the Straphanger is hints and tips for dinghy sailors by our talented Start Sailing team. For November, only one hint -

Dinghies stay clear of the yacht starting line

Please

January School Holiday Junior Sailing

The Start Sailing team is planning to run a start sailing program for kids in the January school holidays. Just like the usual junior start sailing, but done over 3 and half days. Places will be limited depending on team resources.

Helpers most welcome



Sunday 13th January 0900 to 1200 (buddy sailing) Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th 0830 to 1500 For more information contact Colleen Sawatzki

Adult Start Sailing Program

Enrolments are being taken for the Adult Start Sailing program starting 2nd December. There are only 8 places available so interested people are strongly encouraged to register on our waiting list at reception. Two more programs for Adults are penciled in to start 17th February and 7th April 2013.

Sailing Calendar

The Sailing Calendar for January to June has been finalised. Available on the website and included in this Straphanger. A big thank you those who competed in the Sunday Head of the Harbour series. After Christmas, club sailing has gone back to Saturday 1400 start.

Trophies

CCYC Vice Commodore, Patty Burgess has reminded us we have some trophies up there and she is keen to send the prizes home to their rightful recipients. (Jeff Paul, Brad Barker, Tim Straatman, Roger Fawcett, Steve Berry and Dave Mann). If anyone is heading that way please call in and collect.

KBSC Qld Youth Championships

Rohan Berry travelled with his Laser to compete in the KBSC Queensland Youth Championships in September. Rohan, a young man of few words said "yeh it was good". It's great to see our Club being represented, well done Rohan.

PCSC Membership

Sailors, is your PCSC membership current? By the end of October all memberships should be paid. Whilst we don't want to focus on the negative, Skippers do run the risk of their boat being disqualified if competing in club events with non member crew who have already sailed three times.

YACHTING AUSTRALIA DISCOVER SAILING DISCOVER SAILING Sunday 11th November



Come along down to Port Curtis Sailing club and see how you can experience the FUN and ADVENTURE of sailing in a safe and friendly environment!

Have a chat with our Members and experienced Start Sailing team!

Go out for a short sail with an experienced sailor or simply enjoy a coffee and take in the water views from our waterfront clubhouse!

Suitable for all the family, the morning is free to attend.

All boats and safety equipment are provided by the club. All you need to bring are clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet, sun screen, and a hat.







Port Curtis Sailing Club Ph: 4972 2294

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FOR SALE 470 Sailing Skiff

Fun Sailing Boat, Could be used for Learning to Sail or for Racing.



Comes with:

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2 x Main Sails

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2 x Centre boards

1 x Trapeze Harness

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Asking \$300 neg.



For more info please contact: Alex M: 0409 726803

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2012-13									
W k	Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Rescue Red	Duty Boat Roster	Tides
					2 members	Roster D capable of pe suppor	erforming dut	ies onboard	
20	Satur- day 3-11-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 3	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	NA	1121 3.63 1736 1.28
	Sunday 4-11-12	0830 1200	Adult Start Sailing - 4	Colleen Sawatzki					1204 3.48 1820 1.42
	Satur- day 10-11- 12	1400	SRD						1214 1.02 1816 3.75
21	Sunday 11-11-	0900 1100	NATIONAL Yachting Australia Discover Sail- ing Day						1308 0.77
	12	1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 4	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod - away	Ken Watson	Rag Top	1906 3.85
22	Satur- day 17-11- 12	1400	Sprint Series - Heats 1 & 2	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod - away	Ken Watson	Doctors Orders	1138 4.28 1807 0.69
	Sunday 18-11- 12	0800 1300	SRD (aquatic permit 1300 to 1800)						
	Satur- dav		Round the Bay Race	CCYC					1238 1.18 1838 3.48
20	day 24-11- 12	1400	Sprint Series (DINGHIES)	Jeanine Drummond 0406 631 148	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod		Loco	
	Sunday 25-11- 12	1300	SRD						
	Satur- day 1-12-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 4	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413 (may be away)	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	na	1025 3.95 1647 1.06
24	Sunday 2-12-12	0800 1300	Adult Start Sailing - 1	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sat 1- 12-12 Sun 2- 12-12		Qld Impulse Champion- ships	Lake Cootharaba					
	Satur- day 8-12-12	0800 1300	Adult Start Sailing - 2	Colleen Sawatzki					1040 1.44 1636 3.49
25		0800 ** 1200	Adult Start Sailing - 3 Follow with Head Harbour	Colleen Sawatzki					
	Sunday 9-12-12	1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 5	Jeanine Drummond 0406 631 148	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	Solitaire	1148 1.20 1741 3.56
		1300		0406 631 148	Barry Austin		Ken Watson	Solitaire	

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26	Satur- day 15-12- 12	1400	Sprint Series - Heats 3 & 4	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Dirk Beyer & Alan McLeod	Ken Watson	Immigrant	1033 4.59 1701 0.44
20	Sunday 16-12- 12	1300	Christmas Party						1123 4.43 1749 0.57
			Aquatic Permit						
20	27th to 31st Decem- ber		Australian Impulse Championships	Wangi Point Lake Macquarie					
30	Satur- day 12-1-13	1600	Twlight 1 - Yachts only	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	na	na	na	0933 4.69 1559 0.39
	Sunday 13-1-13		Junior Start Sailing (Buddy Sail)	Colleen Sawatzki					1018 4.64 1642 0.41
	Mon - Wed 14 to 16		Junior Start Sailing (numbers limited)	Colleen Sawatzki					
31	Satur- day 19-1-13	1600	Twlight 2 - Yachts only	Tony Constance 0410 678 459	Barry Austin	na	na	na	1455 3.07 2119 1.50
			End School Holidays Mon 28-1-13 (Aus Day)						
	Satur- day 2-2-13	1400	Club Championship - Heat 5	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1305 3.54 1919 1.21
	Sunday 3-2-13	0900 1300	CQ Championships Heats 1 and 2 Gladstone Harbour	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1410 3.32 2026 1.32
34	Satur- day	ТВА	CQ Championships Heat 3 Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Ocean Race. Cate- gory 3	PCSC	Barry Austin	na	na	na	0836 4.58 1458 0.48
	9-2-13	ТВА	CQ Championships Alt Heat 3 Trailer Yachts - Keppel Bay	Don Fuller CCYC					1502 0.48 keppel
	Satur- day 16-2-13	0900 1300	CQ Champs Heats 4 and 5 Keppel Bay, Buoy Race	Richard Wat- son CCYC					0659 1.73 1923 1.55 keppel
35	Satur- day 16-2-13	1400	PCSC Dinghy Sailing ONLY	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Max Lubke & Dirk Beyer	Ken Watson	na	1300 3.20 1903 1.50
	Sunday 17-2-13	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sa- watzki					0744 1.88 1355 2.93

Our Sailing Blog

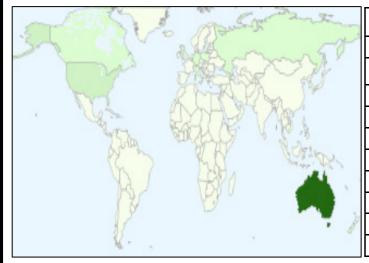
Ten days ago we achieved a milestone when hits on the blog reached 10,000 and have now gone into over 10, 240 hits since I began the blog two years ago. www.pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com has proven to be a great success with sailing members and many of our members, friends and family overseas. The chart below gives you a view of the spread of our audience from just last week alone.

Audience Oct 20, 2012 9:00 AM - Oct 27, 2012 8:00 AM



<u>Entry</u>	Page views		
Australia	92		
United States	21		
Germany	5		
Russia	3		
New Zealand	2		
United Kingdom	1		
Malaysia	1		
Romania	1		

Page views by Countries - overall since October 2010



Entry	<u>Page views</u>		
Australia	8405		
United States	634		
Germany	136		
United Kingdom	116		
Canada	85		
Russia	72		
New Zealand	51		
Italy	46		
South Korea	41		
Poland	26		

Photographs can be copied from the blog, (I don't mind), however I am reducing the file size to a small file which is fine for the web or Facebook, but do contact me if you would love to see yourself in a large printed photo on your desk! I will e- mail you the large file!

The first blog post was on the 9th October 2010, and there have been 68 posts to date. It is also interesting to note that approximately one third of hits on the blog come via Facebook!

Please remember I do retain copyright of my photographs, even though I am happy to share them- especially with my wonderful subjects.

Marina Hobbs

3 firsts and a 2nd

It was refreshing to be back on the water after a 6 month absence. I was ready and the crew were all looking forward to a good championship race. The start was a little slow, meaning we missed the 5 minute gun, the 4 minute gun and just saw the blue peter going down, one minute to go! We were a little late at the start. The fleet split into two groups, the go fast boats (Mumms and multihull) and the rest. We led the second group from the first windward mark. Windward work was good and the trapeze artist was doing well (could have done with a little more wind). QAL to Q1 tack, tack, tack, went around QAL the second time, harden up tack, tack again and again and then the trap artist was swimming after us (knot must have come undone, he reckons!). Went straight into man overboard routine; bear away, jibe, harden up and pull up along side. The remaining crew dragged him into the boat, he shook his head and jumped on the other trapeze wire and we were off and, still in the lead of the second pack (well done sir)! That was the first, first for the day!

Went around Q1 spinnaker up and off to A2, jibed and settled down for a reach home, so I thought! Another crew member, thinking we were on a fishing trip, decided to burley up on the windward side; he was quickly put straight and told to go to leeward side thank you! It wasn't a fishing trip but the last rum must have been off last night (actually 3am this morning). He soon felt much better with the load off his mind! Second first for the day!

We continued to the finish line and finished in front of the second pack (which had diminished in size). We then realized that we had had no grog during the race another first! Third first for the day!

Went ashore had a couple of drinks at Dudley's bar, a few prawns and other stuff. When the results were announced, we finished second.

Three firsts and a second!

Thanks to everybody who made the race and entertainment possible.

No guts, no glory, go for it.

Y W Diamond - Solitaire

Rob Auty



UPCOMING EVENTS

Home Events

Club Championship heat 3 – 3rd November 1400 Club Championship heat 4 – 1st December 1400 National Yachting Australia Discover Sailing Day – 11th November 0900-1100 Adult Start Sailing commences 2nd December 0800 Christmas Party – 16th December 1300

Away Events

Qld Impulse Championships – Lake Cootharaba – 1st and 2nd December Australian Impulse Championships – Lake Macquarie – 27th to 31st December

CCYC Round the Bay Race

Full NOR available on our website.

Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club

2012 4R0 Round the Bay Race

Saturday 24 November 2012

Organised and conducted by

CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB

JOHN HOWES DRIVE,

ROSSLYN BAY HARBOUR, QLD

Program of Events

Friday 23 November	Saturday 24 November
1800 – Meet and greet	0700 - Breakfast
1900 – BBQ at CCYC club house	0730 – Race briefing
	0900 – Race start
	1900 onwards – Dinner for returning crews



Gladstone Yacht Club



BISTRO OPENING HOURS

 $\begin{array}{ccc} & \underline{Lunch} & \underline{Dinner} \\ Monday \sim Thursday & 12:00pm \sim 2:00pm & 6:00pm \sim 8:30pm \\ Friday \sim Saturday & 11:30pm \sim 2:30pm & 5:30pm \sim 9:00pm \\ Sunday & 11:30pm \sim 2:30pm & 6:00pm \sim 8:30pm \end{array}$

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Straphanger Contributions

We want to hear what you have to say.

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