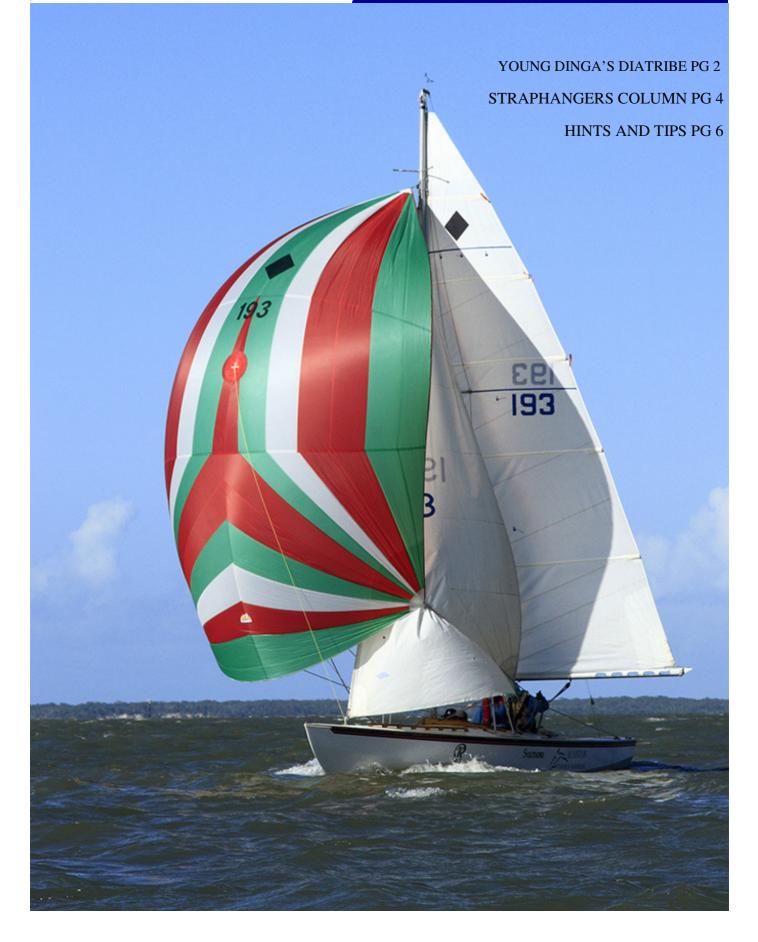


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Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc

Est. 1941 October 2013



YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Hi all,

What a great start we have had to the sailing season so far! Boats and sailing members numbers have increased with no sign of this being a one off situation. We also have a number of people requesting the opportunity of crewing on yachts and trailer sailors which is a great sign and warmly welcomed. Keep up the great work all members on this drive to improve our competition through numbers and sailing arenas.

Trading in the club continues to meet and exceed budgeted estimates which is a great sign. Our club is in a good position at this time and Brian, the staff and the committee are continually working to improve this position, however if you have any concerns, ideas or just want to chat about something please contact me, my phone is always on, except for the next two weeks while I am in Hawaii! I take my hat off to the staff that serve us day in and day out ensuring the Yacht Club is the preferred eatery and club in town. Great to see the variety of entertainment and themed days occurring on Sundays have people talking around town. Keep up the good work all involved!

Patrons and opening day was well supported and it felt great to have the old verandah full of sailors for the presentation. I will have to buy Baz a new whistle as I think I wore the pea out in the one he gave me, with specific instructions mind you, during the Patrons presentation. Many thanks Baz for your donations of prizes and your politically correct handicapping system to determine the winners!

The sailing committee trialled the Quoin Basin was carried out in full from the briefing, the travel back and across the harbour, the layout of the course and the operation of the races and it was met with thumbs up all round from the dinghy fleet. This area is far enough away from the harbour traffic to ensure a consistent wave action to assist in the downhill rides. The yacht division wasn't effected too much with this move as they started normally but the finish needs to fine-tuned which I believe a solution has been tabled.

The committee are looking at Club shirts, long and short sleeve, and should have a design shortly. We are looking at a lighter blue with Port Curtis Sailing Club embroidered on the collar, a pocket and the blazer PCSC badge embroidered on the pocket. Watch this space.

How awe inspiring was the Americas Cup? Firstly, the speed these machines were achieving in that flat water was phenomenal! I'm happy to do 7 knots to windward, let alone 37 knots! Secondly, America came back from 8-1 down to win 9-8 was a much better comeback than Greg Norman or Ian Thorpe!

Thirdly, how many Aussies were on both boats? The American boat had a majority of Aussies on board, including Joe Newton from Keppel Bay Sailing Club who is a local protégé. NZ had a few of their neighbours on also. All we have to do is find someone with a lazy \$200 million lying around and Australia could launch its own campaign!

Any takers???

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

Herc shed doors still need repairing/modifying/renewal. Anyone know a good welder to make a set of galvanised doors to replace the wooden ones?

Constitution and by-law draft changes were tabled at the AGM for members review and comments. Please review them and if you have any comments, email or mark up the copy and send to reception. This is your last, final, end chance!

We have a GPS for Herc which needs wiring in. I am away for two weeks and will do it when I get back, but if anyone feels they can do it before then, please let Brian know and he will let you into the shed.

We have a few jobs left over from the last working bee plus a few new ones have popped their head up. If you are handy please see Lex for the tasks or be ready for another working bee to complete the tasks. Many hands make light work, so does electricity! J

Friendly reminder Ollie Riorden, a fellow Impulse sailor, will be here next Wednesday to show off the Open BIC dinghies, designed for the kids! Keep an eye out for the ads as the U Tube footage of these craft make them look like an exciting machine!

Enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that show up weekly and tirelessly to assist with all facets of the club. It is truly appreciated!

Remember the skipper is only as good as the crew and the vessel supporting them!

Yours in sailing, Young Dinga.



Joe Newton, trimmer on Oracle Team USA, with this Parents Gail and John after winning the 2013 America's Cup.

Joe from Keppel Bay Sailing Club grew up racing dinghies and participated in many inter-club events. Joe continued into match racing and has many accomplishments to his name. Well done Joe, a wonderful example of Central Queensland sailing skill, and the possibility for all. Read more about Joe's sailing at: http://oracle-team-usa.americascup.com/team/joe-newton.

STRAPHANGER'S COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

While the battle for the America's Cup goes on across the waters in San Franciso Bay, (and at the time of writing the Kiwis all but have it in the bag), and with our sailing season off to a flying start, it may be a good time to reflect on one of the ongoing Club's regattas.

Remembering the inaugural BHP Transport Youth Regatta - 5th and 6th October 1991 By Maryke Barker

The PCSC was going great guns in the late 80's and 90's with big fleets and lots of competition between the region's clubs. BHP Transport was already supporting Youth Regattas in Newcastle and Port Kembla and soon in Auckland and together with the executive of the club at the time saw the opportunity to support Youth Sailing in Gladstone.

BHP Transports aim was to promote:

Youth sailing in the Central Queensland region;

Youth sailing as a healthy, family sport;

Youth sailing as a natural extension of BHP Transport's marine activities;

Create community awareness of BHP Transport activities in the Gladstone region and Merchant sea-going careers to the youth of the region.

All the regattas were open to youth under 18 and contested in three classes – one up sabots, two up sabots and an open youth class.

The most exciting thing about the inaugural and then the following 7 years was that the Major Prize was a fully rigged brand new sabot to the winning club. This very generous sponsorship was greatly responsible for the high quality of the sabot fleet in the Central Region. The competition was enthusiastically competed for among sailors from PCSC, Keppel Bay Sailing Club and Bundaberg.

Go forward 4 years to 1995 and the fleet had grown to 17 1Up Sabots and 15 2Up sabots and an open fleet of 11.

See if you recognise some of the names.

Senior Sabots

I'm Akuna – Lawrence Clark, Inside Edge - Ben Skennerton, Misere - Matthew Stratton, Breakaway – William Barker, Woodstock – Richard Stratton, So Good – Daniel Dunnett, Chrysler – Matthew Daly, Prime Mover – Kane Ivers, Toxic Slime – David Mann

Junior Sabots

Iron Gippsland – Ben Hobbs & Tom Barker, Howard Smith – Avril Young & Emma Eborn, Larcom – Andrew Patrick & James Penny, Frisky – Lorenz Clark & Nick Flutter, In the Red – Craig Larkin, Breakthrough – Andrew Austin, Natso – Nicholas Miles & Alistair Poolman, Pop Haines – Scott Paul & Tim Hanley, Black Crab – Leisa McBryde & Shannon Florence, Green Frog – Chris Johnson & Katie Daly, Elusive – Blaney Ware & Louisa Lanyon, Red Devil – Phil Dick & Matthew Lamberton, Spruce Goose – Sarah Jacobs & Gabby Matamoros, Scorpion – John Eldridge & Andrew Byers.

STRAPHANGER'S COLUMN

BY BRAD BARKER

Mixed Dinghies

Sorcerer's Apprentice – Craig Armour, Ace Dragon – Andrew Skennerton & Luke Molloy, Lynchpin – Dannon Ware & Tim O'Connor, Halcyon – Kevin Glossop, It is gratifying to see that The Youth Regatta has continued with ASP/IBS being the major sponsor these days.

And from the past....... 1976 club member H T Buckley "kite flying" from the yacht "Joker" (Bill 'Tangles' Webb) off Gatcombe who remember s??!! Haven't seen that done in a while............



don't just sit there.....
sail something!!!!!"

HINTS AND TIPS - Rule 42 PROPULSION

The Judge officiating at the recent CQ Youth Championships in Keppel Bay issued forward notice to all the competitors that he would be watching for any breach of Rule 42 Propulsion, and unfortunately he issued penalties to these young competitors.

His advice was to avoid bad habits especially in the early years of sailing. As we head towards our Youth Regatta, and for those competing elsewhere, understanding Rule 42 is important to avoid being penalised while racing. Remember our dinghy Start Sailing Instructors and Mentors are around on sailing days, introduce yourself and have a chat.

42. Propulsion

42.1 Basic Rule

Except when permitted in rule 42.3 or 45, a boat shall compete by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed. Her crew may adjust the trim of sails and hull, and perform other acts of seamanship, but shall not otherwise move their bodies to propel the boat.

42.2 Prohibited Actions

Without limiting the application of rule 42.1, these actions are prohibited:

Pumping: repeated fanning of any sail either by pulling in and releasing the sail or by vertical or arthwartship body movement;

Rocking: repeated rolling of the boat, induced by

Body movement

Repeated adjustment of the sails or centreboard, or

Steering

Ooching: sudden forward body movement, stopped abruptly

Sculling: repeated movement of the helm that is either forceful or that propels the boat forward or prevents her from moving astern.

Repeated tacks or gybes unrelated to changes in the wind or to tactical considerations.

42.3 Exceptions

- a. A boat may be rolled to facilitate steering
- b. A boat's crew may move their bodies to exaggerate the rolling that facilitates steering the boat through a tack or a gybe, provided that, just after the tack or gybe is completed, the boat's speed is not greater than it would have been in the absence of the tack or gybe.
- c. Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planning is possible, the boat's crew may pull any sail in order to initiate surfing or planning, but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind.
- d. When a boat is above a close-hauled course and either stationary or moving slowly, she may scull to turn to a close-hauled course.
- e. If a batten is inverted, the boat's crew may pump the sail until the batten is no longer inverted. This action is not permitted if it clearly propels the boat.
- f. A boat may reduce speed by repeatedly moving her helm.

Clauses g, h, and i are not repeated they relate to danger, grounding, colliding and SI.

Sourced from Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016

PLAIN SAILING

Last week's first Club Championship race was sublime. A strong fleet of fourteen boats hit the wet stuff where scattered clouds, moderate winds adorned the harbour and well prepared crews were primed to prove their mettle against competitors.

The Division I course was greatly in favour of the yachts with a long windward leg towards the southern end of the harbour. Thylacine, Solitaire, Doctor's Orders and Wistari all got off to strong starts. Intriigue and Doctor's Orders tussled for line honours on the downwind legs with the Doc having the extra legs on the second circuit. Thylacine with skipper Mike Phillips went on to claim a handicap victory by over three minutes to the majority of the fleet.

Scott Patrick, skipper of renowned local yacht Wistari, is planning on racing the series with son Tim and enjoyed the day immensely; "After not having raced Wistari around the buoys on the harbour for over three years and with two new crew in a team of four we had a lot of learning to do on Saturday, thus sailed fairly conservatively using smaller spinnakers. We did get a fairly good start and with a reasonably clean bottom Wistari was going as well as ever through the water."

Division IV boats also had a top day out with some new and returning faces to the competition. Davida Eiser made her debut race appearance sailing her Corsair dinghy whilst battle hardened sailors like Maria Mohrholz, Jackson Cooper, Steve and Morgan Lewis, and Martin Cooper fought to draw first blood in the Championship. Experience was key with Commodore John Ibell taking out races 1 and 2 onboard Impulse dinghy Without a Paddle.

This weekend the first of the Ocean Racer Chaser series is set to begin at 2pm. Watch this space next week for a full report.









IMAGES AND CAPTIONS: <u>Photos credit S. Patrick and M. Hobbs</u> IMAGE 1: Pretty Picture: Thylacine cruises downwind to victory

IMAGE 2: Just hanging out: Solitaire powering upwind IMAGE 3: Family first: Tim and Scott Patrick on Wistari IMAGE 4: Busy dock: boats returning after the day's race

PLAIN SAILING

BY ANTHONY CONSTANCE

"Even though I'm not an experienced sailor at all, it was still so much fun. I really love the thrill of being out on a yacht; able to get away from all the stress and just enjoy myself... the conditions were lovely. There was also some friendly competition which is always great." This is how Farr 40 Keel High crew member Sidony Miller-Waugh described racing at the Port Curtis Sailing Club last weekend – and I cannot disagree with any of it!

Last Saturday's Ocean Racer Chaser (ORC) race was one to be remembered with a fresh 15 to 20 knots of breeze, plenty of harbour chop and an excellent length course set by Series Race Officer Ken Watson providing an exquisite day out for sailors. One unique and extremely fun element of the ORC Series is that the application of handicap occurs prior to the start of the race with boats given individual times for starting allowing the typically slower boats to get away and setting the faster boats the challenge of chasing them down.

A great turnout was present in the yacht division with no fewer than nine big boats trading tacks on the course. Yachts Miss Behaviour, Solitaire, Ragtop and DaLukje were given the initial advantage and allowed to cross the start line within ten minutes of the 2pm official start. After these boats was Dannon Ware's sports boat Wocket in my Pocket with a fledgling crew followed by Peter Leask's catamaran Sonofabeach, Cameron and Lesley Pryce's rocket ship Farr 40 Keel High and last but not least giving the fleet a 25 minute head start was F27 Intriigue, skippered by Claire Williams.

After the windward leg the multihulls enjoyed a cracked sheets run down the harbor with boat speeds in the high teens allowing them to catch the monohull fleet with Sonofabeach in the lead. After some fast spinnaker work on the final home leg Intriigue caught and passed Sonofabeach to take line and handicap honours.

In the Division IV races the competition sizzled between John Ibell (Without a Paddle) and Morgan and Steve Lewis (Wind and Water) with both parties clutching a win in each of the two heats of the race day. This weekend racing kicks off tomorrow at 2pm abeam Spinnaker Park with Race 1 of the PCSC Sprint Series.

$\begin{array}{l} \text{IMAGES AND CAPTIONS} - \underline{\textbf{ALL PHOTOS CREDIT MARINA}} \\ \textbf{HOBBS} \end{array}$

Image 1: Powering Upwind: Solitaire punches through the chop Image 2: Salt and spray: Intriigue reaches across the harbor

Image 3: Top gun team: Morgan and Steve Lewis

Image 4: On the gunnels: Dannon Ware and crew hike out for speed





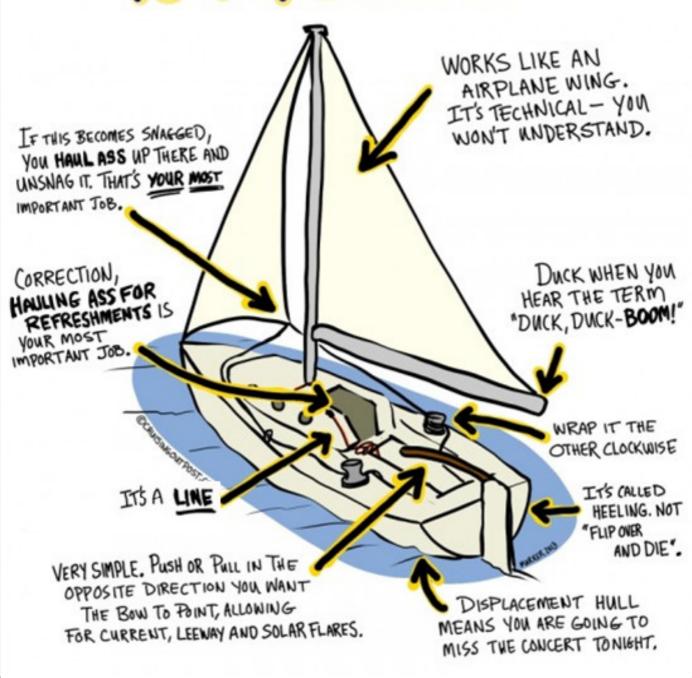




TONY'S TOONS

BY ANTHONY CONSTANCE

HOW I EXPLAIN SAILING TO MY GUESTS



Sailing in the Quoin Basin

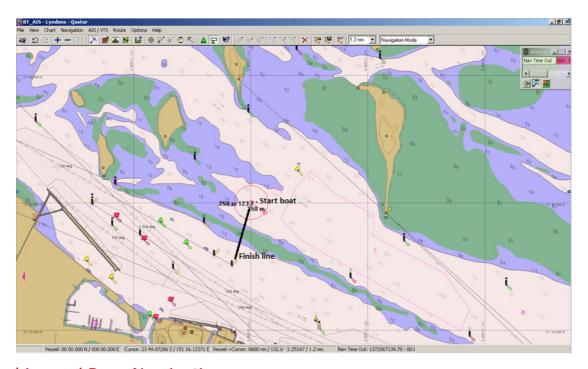
Quoin Area Dinghy Sailing (zone 3)

The first opportunity to use Quoin was Championship heat 1 with dinghies sailing in the Quoin area and the yachts trying their new finishing line abeam of the Front Cross Clinton Swing Basin Lead Marker.

The day went well for the dinghies, however with a full fleet of yachts Race Officials found it difficult to identify and get a fix on the finishing yacht due to the distance. Skippers also reported it was difficult to ascertain the finish line. Suggestions were received and we've made a change.

YACHTS Change to finishing line when dinghies sailing in Quoin Area

The suggestion we have adopted is Yachts will finish between the Start Boat and the Back Cross Clinton Swing Basin Lead Marker, leaving the marker to port as depicted in the following diagram.



Memberships and Race Nominations

Reminder Membership renewals and Race Nomination fees with the accompanying paperwork for insurance, boat registration and safety compliance checklists are well and truly due. If you have been approached for these items please respond. If you need assistance or have questions please see Rob Auty. Any non compliance will be brought to the attention of the Sailing Committee in October, heads up we need to be strict in this regard.

Briefing Announcement

To quote Barry "the sound signal is our customer service to you, the sailors".

Barry is referring to the sound signal that accompanies the raising and lowing of flags during the start sequence but we thought we could do something similar for the briefing.

As the briefing time approaches, the PRO will make a short announcement using the loud hailer letting everyone know the briefing will commence in a few minutes.



Youth Regatta - postponed

Turns out the State Sabot selection trials for going to the Sabot Nationals will be held at Lake Cootharaba on the same weekend (19th 20th October) as our Youth Regatta.

Keppel Bay Sailing Club apologised as several of their families will be going to the trials and speaking with Mackay Sailing Club their sailors are planning to do the same.

The Youth Regatta is something we really wanted to do again this season. As there isn't a suitable date before Christmas we are planning on early next year after the January break. We are currently liaising with KBSC for a date that fits in both our calendars.

This change also relates to the remaining heats of the Val Sisley series.

National Discover Sailing Day

Our Training Centre is participating in the National Discover Sailing Day promoted by Yachting Australia on Sunday 27th October between 1000 and 1400.

The Start Sailing team will be on hand to meet and greet people and we are offering a sailing experience in the Pacer for kids and adults.

Helpers would be most appreciated.

Changes to Sailing Calendar

ORC – the second ORC day has moved from November to the vacancy created with the Youth Regatta. So instead of 16th November which coincided with CCYC Round the Bay event, ORC will be held on Saturday 19th October.

Youth Regatta and Val Sisley postponed until after January

Upcoming Events

Fairway/Tripod – Saturday 5th October 1300 briefing 1130

Championship heat 2 – Saturday 12th October 1400

ORC – Saturday 19th October 1400

Head of Harbour heat 1 – Saturday 26th October 1400

National Discover Sailing Day – 27th October 1000 to 1400

Adult Start Sailing commences in November – enrolments from the waiting list open soon.



Farewell to the Miers Family

Fun Morning with O'pen BIC

Fun, smiles and "can I have go" was the theme as Oliver Riorden rigged the O'pen BIC dinghy. Oliver, also a YA Instructor demonstrated how easy the little boats are to rig, sail and transport. After 10 minutes of on water tuition from Oliver our young kids were sailing by themselves. Cooper Purcell who completed our Junior Start to Sail in September came along with his grandfather Jim. Cooper enjoyed sailing and did a 'text book' capsize recovery. Colleen's grandchildren Joya, Theo and young Lucy had smiles all round. Joya liked to gybe, and Theo liked to tack. Brother and Sister in competition. Morgan Lewis got the little boat humming along. Big kids Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki and Rohan Berry also had a sail. Tony Constance and Anna Williams on Herc and onlookers Barry Austin, Steve Lewis, Rob Auty, Martin Sawatzki and Jim Purcell were entertained.

The good news is Oliver has left one of the O'Pen BIC dinghies here with us for a four week loan so other young members can see and sail these delightful little dinghies. The demo boat is for sale.

Colleen and Sue are organising some 'Come Try days' – watch out for the dates. BIG thank you to Oliver, and the volunteers – a wonderful school holiday Wednesday morning.



















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	Wed 2-10-13	0930 1230		Open BIC Day	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764					3.51 1326 0.84
	Saturday 5-10-13	1300	1130 briefing	Fairway/ Tripod	Barry Austin	Barry Austin		Ken away		0909 3.96 1521 0.53
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			1230 Race	Mon 7-10-13	Ĭ					0842
	Saturday 12-10-13	1400	Org 1245 Briefing	Champion- ship Heat 2	Sue Doyle 0419 649 764	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken away		1.32 1527 3.61
	Sunday 13-10-13			SRD						
	Saturday 19-10-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	ORC	Ken Watson 4979 0750	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		0908 4.14 1523 0.59
	Saturday 19-10-13			Youth Regatta (POSTPONE D new date to be advised - after January)						
	Sunday 20-10-13			Youth Regatta (including Val Sisley) (POSTPONE D new date TBA after January)						
	Saturday 26-10-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Brief- ing	Head of Harbour Heat 1	Maria Mohrholz 0427 725 554	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson	Sue Working	1408 3.18 2042 1.64
	Sunday 27-10-13	1000 1400		NATIONAL DISCOVER SAILING DAY						0902 1.78 1520 3.19
	Friday 1-11-13	1800 2000		Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Tony Constance					
	Saturday 2-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Briefing	Champion- ship Heat 3	Colleen Sawatzki 4972 2844	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ken Watson		1422 0.63 2022 3.84

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	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		Barry Austin	Max Lubke	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			SRD						1428 0.78 2027 3.62
	Sunday 17-11-13			SRD						
	Saturday 16-11-13	0900		Round the Bay Race – Category 4	Josh McCall CCYC					
	Saturday 23-11-13	1400	1230 Race Org 1245 Brief- ing	Head of Harbour Heat 3		Barry Austin	Max Lubke	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 Austin	Max Lubke	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 Lubke	Ken Watson		1231 4.17 1858 0.78
	Sunday 8-12-13			SRD						
	Saturday 14-12-13			Christmas Party						1332 1.06 1932 3.45
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Gladstone Yacht Club



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 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

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Friday ~ Saturday 2pm Sunday 1pm

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Sundays from 8am ~ 10.30am

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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.

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