

# Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club

Est. 1941

September 2012



Doctor's  
**ORDERS**



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*arrives at the Club after a long and not uneventful trip from Airlie.*



Untangle the puzzle and stand the rig



Quick Christening



Ready for the water





and in she goes



hang on are we missing something



Cary's not worried



All aboard - let's go





# MANAGER BRIAN DAWSON

The club is still busy and the town is still changing at an amazing pace. I did manage to get my boat out of the garage and onto the footpath but I fear it's only to put a for sale sign on it. Anyone want a 5 metre Cruise Craft?

The club has performed well for the first two months of our financial year. In July we sold more than 43,000 items with an average item spend of \$7.11 ex GST. Food made up 59.03% of the \$\$ value of total sales while bar made up 40.97%. We sold more than 14,000 beers, 5700 main meals, 1700 bottles of wine, 1950 hamburgers and you can tell it's not sailing season because we only sold 6300 nips of rum and other spirits. I expect that will change in the coming months.

The downstairs bar and new Riverside Kitchen is serving the club well, its passing targets and meeting needs. The Sunday session in the beer garden is very popular, sometimes a little too popular for comfort but it's worth holding steady for the time being.

RSA, over intoxication and random non members is a small problem for the club compared to the huge problem for the town. We have a house rule that once a patron is cut off from drinking and asked to leave, if they argue or refuse, police will be called, and they will be arrested and charged with failure to leave a licensed venue and anything else we can get them with. At the time of writing police were called 4 times in recent weeks. This might seem a lot but when you consider that arrests are running at more than 30 a night at other venues and on the streets, we are doing OK.

This has led to another problem: the overnight watch house isn't big enough. It is the ugly side to licensed venues that won't go away as long as alcohol is served. Hopefully the islanders will settle down soon. Incidentally the arrest rates are running at about 60% islanders and 40% main land dwellers.

Don't take my relaxed style of writing as a blasé approach to the problem as I am taking this very seriously. The Liquor Accord (of which I am President, Chairman and Treasurer) are working hard to control things collectively from a venue level. There is a CBD Safety Plan being created by a group (of which I am involved as one of four). There are meetings to discuss and review this CBD Plan every other week at council (involving Police, Mayor, LNG heads, the Liquor Accord and large employee groups. Things are being done to improve the situation, including increased Liquor Licensing patrols by undercover officers. I will do everything possible to protect the clubs name while taking advantage of the financial climate, talk about a juggling act.

Lastly, you will notice an increased presence of security guards around the club, this is our front line defence to ensure customer safety. I don't like it but it's necessary.

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



# JUNIOR START SAILING PROGRAM



Start Sailing team are looking for “Sailor Mentors”, members who are willing to sail in the pacers with our new juniors during club sailing.

Interested....see Sue or Colleen



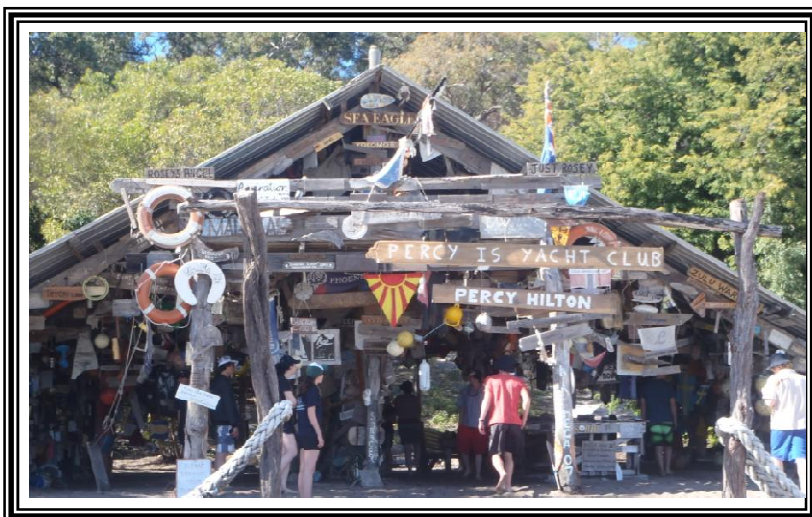
# Young Endeavour Adventure

Nothing, and I really do mean nothing can compare with hanging over the bow sprit of a Tall Ship under full sail, with dolphins racing beside the bow, effortlessly cleaving through the bow wash, and jumping gracefully from port to starboard in front of the Young Endeavour. And that was only one of the highlights of my adventure on the Young Endeavour



I joined the Royal Australian Navy's youth training vessel, Young Endeavour in Mackay on 1 August and sailed back into Gladstone Marina on 11 August 2012. Young Endeavour was a gift from the United Kingdom to mark the Bicentenary in 1988. It is crewed by the Royal Australian Navy for the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme which embarks on a series of sail training voyages. The goal is to learn about the sea, sailing and also about yourself, your ability to face challenges and your tolerance towards others. I learnt skills and a self awareness that will be with me for life.

Twenty seven youths from 16 years old– I was one of the youngest – to 23 years old sailed with me. Our first night was spent in the Mackay Harbour, and we were sent to climb the rigging to the top of the mainmast in complete darkness almost. I could only see one person in front and one below. It was awesome! All of us managed to do it – although some were not comfortable doing this.



Once under sail we headed for Middle Percy Island, which I will definitely be sailing to again. It was the perfect tropical island.



# Young Endeavour Adventure

Weather played a big part of our adventure and the winds were not kind most of the time. We spent a fair bit of time under motor. Upside was there was not enough swell to get sea sick. Throughout the adventure we were taught about navigation, by the stars and on the latest maritime equipment. We learnt to haul sail and tack a Tall Ship, and climb up to the top of the Topgallant. I even learned all the sheets and lines.

The crew teach us how to sail the boat and then hand over the reins to the youth crew to sail solely by ourselves on Command Day which is on Day 8 for 24 hours. We had to vote for our command crew and perform and complete a number of challenges. We passed- but only by a few minutes' thanks again to the variable winds.

I really enjoyed the sunsets while we barbecued on deck- and I even saw the sunrise, while on the 4am to 8am watch. We also partied and had games on deck after sunset. This was really fun times.

We sailed to Heron Island and had a tour through the Research station, did some snorkelling- the water is so clear compared to our dirty harbour water. Saw turtles, dugongs and so much fish!

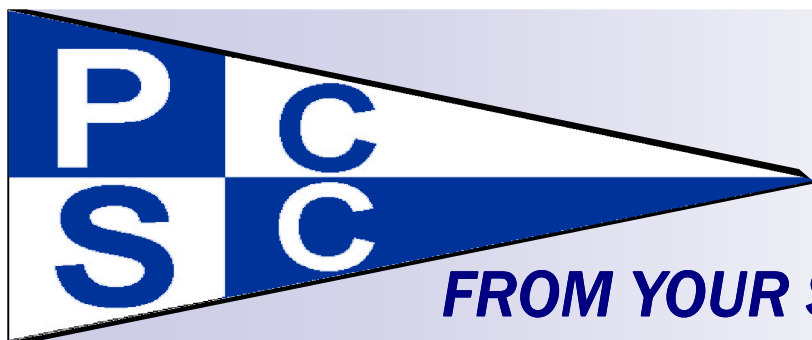
From Heron Island we actually got some sail full, and travelled to 1770- where Captain Cook first landed in Queensland. From 1770 we sailed during Command Day, and made our way back up the coast to Gladstone.

We took a party of disabled youths and their parents, from an organisation 'parent2parent', on a half day sail. The wind was in our favour and they got to experience a Brigantine under full sail. It was great to see the wonder and happiness on their faces.

The next day we disembarked, and I felt sad to leave the ship and friends I had made on board. It was a truly awesome experience and would recommend it to anyone.

**by Rohan Berry**





## ***FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE***

We hope members feel refreshed and ready to enjoy another season of sailing, good company, competition and fun.

### **Junior Club Captain**

Congratulations to Rohan Berry who has accepted the position of Junior Club Captain for this season. Rohan is a regular volunteer in our Start Sailing program and is always willing to help around the Club.

### **ASP/IBS Youth Regatta & Val Sizzley**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012**

Calling all Junior sailors to the ASP/IBS Youth Regatta to be sailed on the waters of Gladstone Harbour.. The remaining heats of the Val Sizzley for open aged groups will also be sailed on the Sunday. Courses will be set in our approved dinghy sailing area adjacent to Spinnaker Park beach. KBSC has responded to our invitation and are keen but the final decision to proceed will come down to numbers so if you are interested please let us know by 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Sailing Information on our Website**

Last year the club website went through a re-design process which has made it much easier to maintain the content. This year the Sailing Committee will work on providing current and useful sailing information on home page links and the sailing pages.

[www.gyc.com.au/sailing](http://www.gyc.com.au/sailing)

PCSC Sailing Instructions for the 2012-13 season

Fairway/Tripod Sailing Instructions

Sailing Calendar to December 2012

Race Results

Current Straphanger

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Maria Mohrholz who competed in the Apollonian Hotel Allboats Regatta at Lake Cootharaba recently. Maria received 6th place from a fleet of 19. Well done Maria.



## **SMS Messages**

Letting members know during the season the Club will send an SMS message to members as PCSC ALERT with details of the weekend sailing and duty boat. We hope members find this convenient, however if you do not wish to receive the SMS please let Reception know.

## **Sunday Sailing**

Sunday Sailing has been quite topical so the plan is to sail Sundays' for the Head of Harbour Series until December as a trial.

**Head of Harbour Series**  
**Yachts and Dinghies**  
Heats 1 to 5 sailed on Sunday  
**1300 start**  
(except for 7-10-12 @ 1100 for tides)

## **Duty Boat roster**

The duty boat roster system is needed again this year to ensure our support vessels have sufficient crew. As in previous years the rostered duty boat is required to provide two members capable of performing the duties onboard the support vessels. Check out the Sailing Calendar for who's on roster.

## **Volunteer Boat Familiarisation**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September – time to be advised**

For members who volunteer on the club support vessels, come along down for this informative session.

## **Adult Start Sailing Program**

Enrolments are being taken for the next Adult Start Sailing program starting 14<sup>th</sup> October. There are only 8 places available so interested people are strongly encouraged to register on our waiting list at reception.

## **Keppel Youth Development Camp**

KBSC are running the Youth Development Camp again this year at Yeppoon. Three days of sail training (Tue/Wed/Thur) followed by the Qld Youth Championships on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. A wonderful September school holiday activity. Flyers included here, or visit KBSC website [www.kbsc.com.au](http://www.kbsc.com.au) for more information.

## **Moreton Bay Yacht Club Fairway/Pearl Challenge**

29th and 30th September. More information can be found at

<http://www.fairwaychallengembyc.com/>

## FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE continued ...

### Pleiades Plate

For the Pleiades Plate this year, yachts had to write 50 words or so on why they should win the event. Below is RagTop's entry, written by Colleen Sawatzki.

On why RagTop should win the 2012 Pleiades Plate:

*Why?*

*In the Pleiades Plate sailed every year  
RagTop should receive a trophy, that is clear.*

*This exciting event of sailing fun  
By the Joseph Family is expertly run.*

*"Why RagTop?" I hear you ask.  
Simply because she is so fast.  
With skipper Lynne watching the opposition  
Her hardworking crew maintain good position.*

*But sailing is not all about first across the line.  
It's enjoying being on the water, good company and the odd  
glass of wine.*

*Thanks, Joseph Family for your generous hospitality  
RagTop says "Grazie, grazie!!"*

*Why not??*

### Pleiades Day

Ragtop was chasing down Tuan in the final leg to the finish line.





# Apollonian Hotel Allboats Regatta

18-19th Aug 2012

There was a strong wind warning on Wednesday, but by the week it was sunny, cold and a very light wind at Lake Cootharaba.

My Impulse “Windspiel” joined 19 different boats Division 2 Mixed Class. There were also 5 Skiffs, 50 catamarans in different Divisions and 11 kids with sabots. The lake was bustling.

First race started with light but steady wind, which made for good racing. Triangle, sausage, triangle. Last triangle, the wind started to shift and turned. The windward run became a downwind run and by the gybing mark it stop. Every boat was like frozen on the lake. Quite a sight. By the time the wind came back, the race was over. So it got scratched.

The wind was very good to me in the second race. It was fun racing against teenage boys and girls with their lasers. They seemed to be competent sailors, but were looking very grim when ‘grandma’ was beating them to the mark.

Preliminary race results for the first day put me in first place on the board. I was ecstatic with this winning feeling. Didn't last long. They miscalculated and I finished in 4th place. (4 points) I was still ecstatic as my goal was not to come last, like the last time I sailed here.

I started the next day with the new found confidence. The wind was light, tricky and cruel. Only the faster boats finished that race. I saw the wind stopping 100m ahead of me and there was nothing that could be done about it. Last race after lunch was fun again. Up to 15 km winds cold but steady. Racing against the laser kits again and got bullied by the fast cats around the marks.

By than, I was only racing one boy on a laser as we left the others far behind. It was a good tussle to the finish were he was beating me by 2m over the line. I finished again in 4th place for this race. Over all result got me in 6th place of 19 boats. Very happy !!!!!!!



# Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2012-13

Wk	Date	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter	Herc	Gedrick	Rescue Red	Tides
					Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats				
11	Satur- day 1-9-12	1300	Open Day and Lady Skipper Race	Lynne Campbell					0933 3.81 1538 0.52
	Sun- day 2-9-12	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing - 5						1007 3.80 1611 0.64
12	Satur- day 8-9-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 1		Barry Austin				1429 3.04 2100 1.84
	Sun- day 9-9-12	0830 1200	Junior Start Sailing - 6						0910 1.67 1556 3.10 2242 1.69
13	Satur- day 15-9- 12	1400	SRD						1437 0.46 2046 4.21
	Sun- day 16-9- 12	1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 1		Barry Austin				0909 3.91 1519 0.37 2123 4.20
			Start School Holidays - Sat 22-9-12						
14	Satur- day 22-9- 12	1300	Donald Davey Memo- rial Round Island BARNEY POINT START. Dinghy course southern side barney point wharf and yellow buoy south trees wharf		Barry Austin				1414 3.56 2048 1.32
15	Satur- day 29-9- 12	1300	Fairway/Tripod		Barry Austin				1441 0.60 2047 3.95



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			Public Holiday - Mon 1st October						
16	Saturday 6-10-12	1400	SRD						1236 3.27 1841 1.60
	Sunday 7-10-12	1100	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 2		Barry Austin				1338 3.13 1956 1.72
			End School Holidays Sun 7-10-12						
17	Saturday 13-10-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 2		Barry Austin	Max Lubke away 2 months			1331 0.65 1937 4.03
	Sunday 14-10-12	0830 1200	Adult Start Sailing - 1						1417 0.47 2019 4.08
18	Saturday 20-10-12	0900 1700	ASP/IBS Regatta		Barry Austin				1250 3.87 1918 1.05
	Sunday 21-10-12	0900 1700	ASP/IBS Regatta		Barry Austin				1400 3.71 2032 1.16
19	Saturday 27-10-12	0830 1500	Adult Start Sailing - 2 & 3						1343 0.83 1947 3.74
	Sunday 28-10-12	1300	Head Harbour Sunday - Heat 3		Barry Austin				0808 3.96 1420 0.80 2022 3.67

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Home Events

Championship first heat – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September 1400

Graeme Davey Memorial Round Islands – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1300

Fairway/Tripod – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> September 1300

### Away Events

KBSC - Qld Youth Development Camp

CCYC – Sea Hill weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

RSVP for catering requested.

CCYC – Qld Trailer Yacht Titles 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September

### Yacht Club Entertainment

Playing on Sundays in the Beer Garden from 2:30pm

2nd September	Steve Jay
9th September	Mark Porter
16th September	Steve Jay
23rd September	Tim Anderson
30th September	Tiny

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## Junior & Senior Staff **Wanted** Apply within...

The GYC are searching for staff for immediate start.  
Positions include the Bar, Kitchen and Floor / Service.  
Experience and Gaming License's are preferred but **not**  
essential.

Please leave a current resume at Reception or at the Bar, or  
alternatively, e-mail to [admin@gyc.com.au](mailto:admin@gyc.com.au)



# 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

## **RIVERSIDE KITCHEN**

Riverside Kitchen Now Open  
Great simple burger style menu  
Cheap as chips  
Trading hours 2pm til 6.30pm  
Friday though to Sunday



Is it your Birthday Month?

Have you got your Birthday Vouchers from Reception?

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