

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club

May 2012

Brisbane to Gladstone 2012 Wild Thing, Blackjack and Lahana, one two and three across the line

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Team Australia

FASTEST TIME EVER

Team Australia recorded the fastest B2G time ever in the multihull class, crossing the line in just 16 hours 28 minutes 21 seconds, smashing Raw Nerve's 2004 record by almost 2.5 hours.

Thanks to QGC, our new 2400 Kevlacat start boat is on the way; expected delivery and launch before the end of May.
See page 3 for more information.

QGC
A BG Group business

A new member was chatting to me one day in April and the realisation of how important clubs are to the infrastructure of small to medium towns came upon me.

The very first social activity for this new person to town was to find a nice friendly club for dinner, drinks and companionship. We (clubs in general) offer so much more than a pub or tab and I suppose that's why I love club life so much. Clubs are where friendships are formed, community projects are birthed, and sporting activities are founded. Clubs are for lonely people to break the routine of loneliness. Clubs assist new comers to emerge into the community. Clubs are a meeting place for old and new members alike to relax and enjoy their time away from work. Clubs hold historical significance in Australian culture and PCSC is no exception.

Normally for 3 days over Easter time we throw those values away and cater for the masses with a car park party, however this Easter for those 3 days, we became a club again when we catered for the members and boaties. One of our Life Members commented how delighted they were to be able to attend their club on Easter Saturday night and have dinner in a pleasant atmosphere. Aah, that was refreshing to hear. No members I spoke to complained about not having the car park party, so let's not have it again next year.

From management's view, it was great to be able to concentrate on the yacht crews as they crossed the line and from what I hear the sailors appreciated it. This could not have been done so well without the help of our F&B team. Steph and Tracey both gave up sleep to get to work early, Ivon didn't sleep for two days and was a real strong point, but by far the one that made the biggest sacrifice was my beautiful wife Karen. We got woken up at 00.35 with the first call from the multi hull control with notice that the boat will be in at 2am. Then another call from someone else, then a call from Lex, then another from the multi guys, so we just got dressed, came to work and stayed until the presentation started.

Back to bar staff, work they were paid to do and work they did, we got smashed for hours. As each new staffer arrived to start shift it was like a huge boost to have fresh reserves. Steph went so hard she flogged herself until she could give no more. Tracey was amazing, a real stand out, she just kept going even after replacements arrived. Mel was just another superstar, I told her afterwards that I didn't want to stop and say good job because I didn't want her to stop work long enough to listen. Mel just worked, worked and worked some more, all the time holding her normal sophisticated poise.

Then the night shift arrived led by my main man Ferhaan (gift from above he is). All night staff were called in early to start the 2nd round of "let's wear the bar staff out". I tried naming all the superstars but with so many great staff punching out such great work it took up the entire page, so to say it simply we have the best team in Gladstone and we are very proud of them all.

I can't miss out saying something further about the food service. Ivon had his team operating like the well oiled frypans they are and Mariska (who is a perfect case in point of leading by example) had the wait staff running like a Bentley. Smooth as humanely possible is another way to explain how things went. You will not see a better team of chefs, cooks, kitchen staff and front of house staff in Queensland. Ferhaan and Shayne were right behind every good session with their normal can do attitude fully supported by the entire team, (again too many to mention). There is however one more special mention: Ellie ended up in the new kitchen cooking breakfast rolls with Ivon, Shayne and myself. Thanks Ellie, you were a real good sport to take that punishment and still smile.

Sorry to bore you with dribble and not meaningful trading reports, but tell me the staff don't deserve a big rap.

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

The official launch time is 12.00 noon 26th May 2012
providing everything goes to plan that is.....

During April we received some unwelcome news that the production of the QGC start boat had been delayed due to lack of supply of inboard fuel tanks, resulting in no chance of the club accepting delivery prior to the scheduled launch on 12th May. Both the club officials and QGC were a bit taken back after hearing this so Patrick from QGC and BD got working on an emergency plan to take delivery direct from the manufacturer removing the need to pick the boat up from Mackay. At this stage Kevlacat have promised delivery around 22nd May allowing room for the official launch to be on Presentation Day.

Local member Liz Cunningham will be on site to assist. We've also invited VMRG, MSQ and the Water Police to participate; to reinforce the important message that PCSC's focus is on maintaining provision of a controlled and secure sailing environment for all age groups in the Gladstone community.

Community Raft Race

While they were serious about the start of the B2G in Brisbane, at the same time the folks in Gladstone were just as serious, if not more so, at the annual community raft race. The fantastic GYC staff team "Drunken Sailors" came third, the only reason they didn't win is that the other teams started cheating before the staff realized rules don't matter.



Great photos supplied by Marina Hobbs



Commodore Jeff Paul

March was another successful trading month for the club, with the management accounts showing a good profit diminished to a tidy profit by some extra ordinary expenses in repairs/maintenance, cleaning and gaming. The year to date trading results are strong, helping the balance sheet ratios to an acceptable position.

The Heritage Listing

We have been advised that due to Easter the matter scheduled in the Supreme Court for April has been held over to May. All members are reminded that the hearing is between GPC and the Queensland Heritage Council, the Executive of PCSC have no direct input into the result. All members of PCSC will be advised of any developments as and when the Executive Committee are made aware of the changes.

Farewell Rob Auty

Rob is off overseas for an extended period, as such he has stepped down from the treasurer position and retired from the Executive Committee. Rob has been a dedicated member of the Executive for several years, initialising projects and overseeing the finance. In recent times Rob was the driving force behind the corporate probe which has resulted in an action plan to address the clubs future and direction. On behalf of all PCSC members I extend a huge appreciation to Rob for his dedication and time served on the committee. Rob will be missed.

New Treasurer

At the executive meeting held 19th April 2012, Brad Greer accepted the nomination of the committee to stand as treasurer for the remaining term of this committee. Previously expressions of interest for this position were called from members outside the committee however as none were forthcoming the Executive selected someone from within. Brad brings a wealth of knowledge and has welcomed the role, agreeing to take charge of some heavy projects; namely the review of the constitution and by-laws, the implementation of the strategic plan and the organisation of a corporate governance tool for incoming committee members.

Call for committee members

With Rob standing down and Brad moving to treasurer, there is a position available on the committee that could be filled by a member. Anyone interested in joining the Executive or would like further information about the role of the committee, please see the Secretary Manager. Contact him 0418 722 243 or brian@gyc.com.au

Reclamation of the Gladstone Room

In the last issue, members were invited to voice concerns about reclaiming the Gladstone Room at total cost of about \$40k. The secretary reports no enquiries were received regarding this matter so the Executive Committee will proceed to the next stage of gaining approval from the Heritage Council. The club has received correspondence back from heritage people requesting further information, which will be provided in due course and if approved we will proceed with the plans to move gaming out of the Gladstone Room.

PLAIN SAILING

Saturday proved to be a quiet day on the water for members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC), with a consistent 8 knots of breeze, flat water and colourful sails creating an attractive sight on Gladstone Harbour.

Four Division 1 yachts headed out to compete in the first of the Sprint Series of races, where shorter sailing legs and more buoy rounding soon sorted the players and the stayers.

David and Shauna Taylor took Two Wright out of storage for a run, leading the fleet across the start line and settling into the rhythm without pause. Immigrant looked fast on the water, but a couple of wrong turns gave Tuan and Intrigue time to narrow the lead; however the Farr 30' wouldn't be held back and took line honours while Two Wright took handicap honours for the day. Roger Fawcett, Tony Constance and Claire Williams, on Intrigue sailed a fast race making the trimaran hard to beat.

Tuan looked a sizable adversary, but with a crew of many, was in cruising mode with Martin Ten Bensel and Brad Greer taking on foredeck duty.

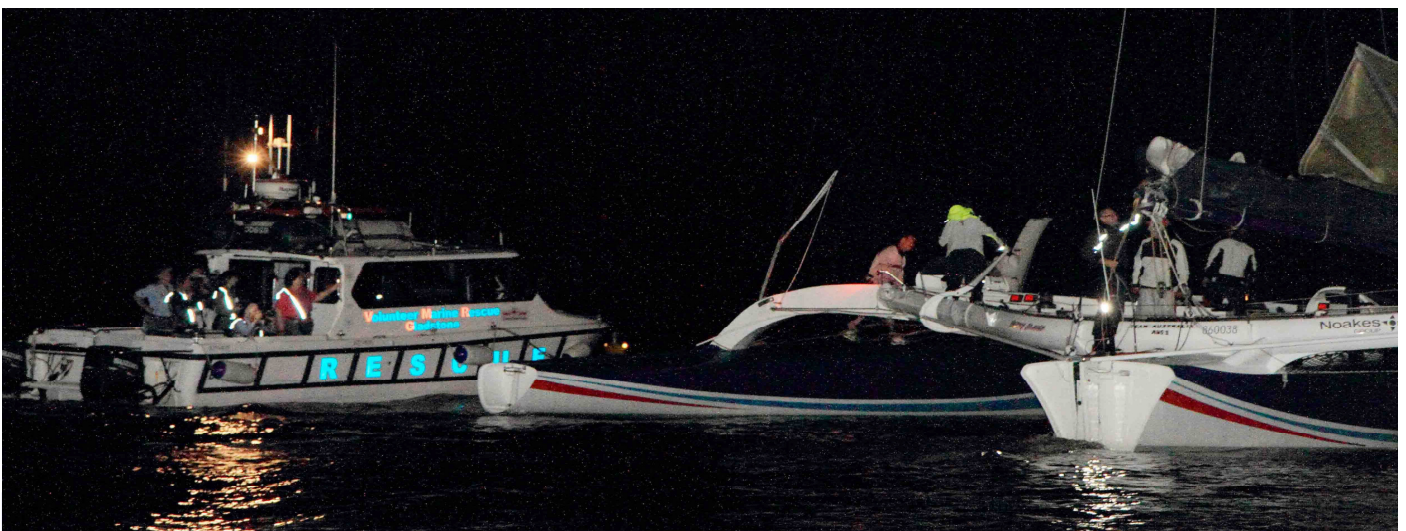
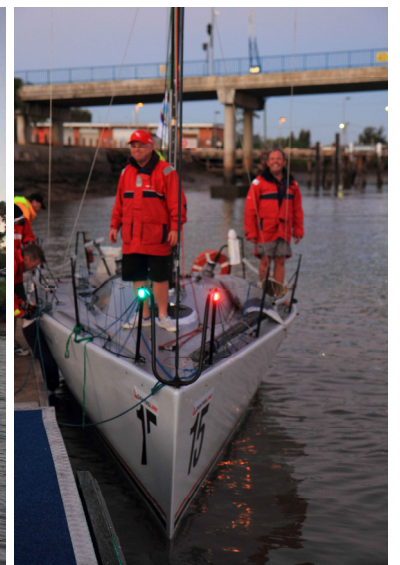
A larger dinghy fleet of Impulse, Laser and Pacer class boats enjoyed a well set course and two races of the Sprint Series, with short legs, and buoy rounding's giving valuable practise in sail trimming. Young helmsmen, Jack Paul, Jackson Cooper, Tom Moran and Rowen Berry took the competition seriously using the session as a training day for the upcoming May Day regattas.

Next Saturday will be a Club Championship Race; Photos of each weeks sailing can be viewed on the club blog at <http://pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com>.





64th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race



PLAIN SAILING

The 64th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race fulfilled all expectations. A spectacular spinnaker start in Moreton Bay with the promise of a fast record breaking race; a number of eye catching maxi yacht mono hulls and an internationally recognised Super 60' Trimaran.

These large yachts were embraced by another fifty yachts who return every year without fail to race both with and against old friends in an iconic dash up the Queensland coast. Team Australia with owner, Sean Langman on the helm blitzed the Monohull fleet, breaking the race record by approximately two and a half hours; crossing the finish line at 3.30 am to a traditional welcome from Gladstone Mayor, Gail Sellers.

The leading monohull, Grant Wharington's Wild Thing enjoyed smooth sailing in cruising conditions, crossing the finish line at 9.34 am, closely followed by Black Jack and Lahana. Local yachts representing the Port Curtis Sailing Club enjoyed a sail that proved more like a cruise up the coast, with a full moon lighting the way and moderate winds of 10 to 15 knots. Immigrant the local Farr30', owned by Jeff and Janet Paul, earned the trophy for Best placed Gladstone boat, and placed 3rd in IRC division 1, while navigator Peter O'Brien took out the award for closest estimated Time of arrival (ETA).

Wistari was unfortunate to arrive at Gatcombe Heads to face dropping winds and an outgoing tide that slowed their progress considerably and destroyed all hope of prizes. Capricorn Cruising Club entry Arcadia, finished shortly after Immigrant and multi hull entry Ray Hobbs' No Problem.

In the multi hull race, No Problem sailed consistently well, suffered no dramas and placed fifth overall in the Performance Handicap Division, also taking the navigators prize as Carli Hobbs won the sail bag for the closest ETA. It goes to prove that Gladstone sailors have the advantage when it comes to playing on the home turf.

The sailors were supported by a willing team of volunteers who worked tirelessly at the PCSC throughout the weekend supplying information, support and sustenance to the families and ground crew of the entire fleet. A round up of weekend photos can be viewed on the sailing club blog at <http://pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com>



LADIES LONG LUNCH

Thursday 26th May 2012 marked the official opening of the Riverside Kitchen (aka The Canteen). The highlight of the much anticipated event was the Ladies Long Lunch.

This was a brilliant idea Maryke and Marina put together, inviting the canteen ladies who selflessly volunteered their time over the last 40 or so years to come and see the new kitchen and taste the menu.



Lynne and Jan



Chris and Colleen



Sue and Alison

Special mention needs to go to Karen and Steph who both worked on her day off with Maryke to set up the tables and provide the service along with the help of Mel. Even Brian did a bit and acted as the food waiter. From all reports the ladies enjoyed the day, the food and the company.



Ros and Brian



Shirley Paul and Heather Miles

Riverside Kitchen Now Open
Great simple burger style menu
Cheap as chips
Initial trading hours 2pm til 6.30pm
Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

FROM YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE

Trophy Presentation Evening

The Port Curtis Sailing Club Annual Trophy Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday,

May 26 as a private function upstairs (inside)

Starting at 6.30pm

Buffet meal at 7pm followed by Presentation at 8pm

Ticket prices \$25 per head

For catering please RSVP to Reception by Sunday, May 20

Tickets can be purchased on the night from Reception

Recreational Boat License

The Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre is running the Boatsafe Recreational Marine Driver License course on 2nd May, 20th May and 16th June

For more information contact the Centre on 4973 7312



B2G From The Start Boat

Lex Moran, Sue Doyle and Dirk Beyer proudly represented Port Curtis Sailing Club on the official starting vessel for the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. As usual it was all go aboard the *nerve centre* a.k.a.

Start Boat as nervous Lex fired the 4 minute signal. We enjoyed the best spectator spot for a wonderful spinnaker start and then settled back to calm the nerves.

Photo: Lex fires the four minute signal. Who was the lunatic that gave him a gun?

Upcoming Away Events

Yeppoon to Mackay (CCYC) May 5

May Day All Boats Regatta (KBSC) May 5-6

32nd Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race (HBSC) May 5-6

Queensland Trailable Yacht Titles (CCYC) June 9-10

Date	Start	Event	OOD	Starter	Herc	Gedrick	Rib Rescue	Tides	
				Roster Duty Boat 2 members capable of performing duties onboard support boats					
Saturday 5-5-12	0900	Yeppoon to Mackay <i>Briefing at 1830 Friday 4-5-12 Yeppoon Coast Guard followed by BBQ at CCYC.</i>	CCYC						
Weekend 5th 6th May		May Day "All Boats Regatta"	KBSC						
Weekend 5th 6th May		32nd Annual Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race	Hervey Bay Sail Club						
Sunday 6-5-12	0830 1300	Learn to Sail 10 - 0830 to 1230 Adults	Colleen Sawatzki					0905 3.97 1514 0.33	
Saturday 12-5-12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 7	Steve Lewis 0419 742 413	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Pat Lewis	Ken Watson	0835 1.19 1442 3.13	
Sunday 13-5-12	0830 1300	Learn to Sail 11 - 0830 to 1230 Adults	Colleen Sawatzki					0941 1.21 1554 3.20	
Saturday 19-5-11	1400	Sprint Series - Heat 3, 4 and 5	Jon Drummond 0439 664 983	Barry Austin	Max Lubke	Ragtop	Ken Watson	1406 0.84 2029 4.06	
Saturday 26-5-12	1830	Presentation Night	Steve Lewis	Exclusive Use of Upstairs for Presentation Evening					
Sunday 3-6-12	0830 1230	Learn to Sail - (Tentative)	Colleen Sawatzki					0801 3.72 1408 0.41	
Weekend 9&10-6-12		Qld Trailable Yacht Titles	CCYC						
Sunday 10-6-12	0830 1230	Learn to Sail - (Tentative)	Colleen Sawatzki					0753 1.07 1403 3.20	
Saturday 16-6-12	1400	Social Sail <i>Note: can't change to Sunday - aquatic permit for Sat</i>						1301 0.97 1933 3.89	
Sunday 17-6-12	0830 1230	Learn to Sail - (Tentative)	Colleen Sawatzki					0751 3.23 1337 0.91	
Sunday 24-6-12	0830 1230	Learn to Sail - (Tentative)	Colleen Sawatzki					0605 0.97 1204 3.19	

Food and Beverage



No more Searching for a
GLUTEN-FREE menu!
We cater for everyone.

New menu layout and
presentation being
launched 30th May

The Restaurant

Dining at Gladstone's ONLY Waterfront Club is an experience not to be missed!!!

Open for Lunch and Dinner daily.

Monday - Thursday

Lunch 12pm - 2pm & Dinner 6pm - 8.30pm

Friday - Saturday

Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm & Dinner 5.30pm - 9pm

Sunday

Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm & Dinner 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Bookings are Preferred

Contact GYC now on 07-4972 2294 now to reserve your table.

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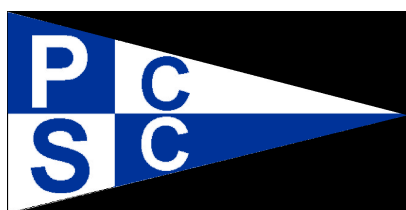
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We want to hear what you have to say.

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FAMOUS for our Sailing, FAMOUS for our Service.***