



Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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FAIR WINDS IN DECEMBER!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger December 2017! This edition of the 'Strap has some fantastic stories and photos of the latest activities around the Club and from the events our fantastic sailors have been part of. Some highlights include:

- Johnno keeps us up to date in this month's Diatribe!
- Part 2 of 4 of a fantastic report from Maryke on the 1949 Brisbane to Gladstone— a must read!
- The latest on our greenest recruits in Adult Learn to sail from Colleen Sawatski!
- A farewell to Club handicapper Tim Williams from Colleen - you will be missed mate!
- The latest, up to date sailing calendar...
- And much, much more...!

Is it just me or are there so many new faces around the Club? It is fantastic to see our numbers growing and new faces in both the yacht and dinghy fleets!

As always contributions to the Straphanger are welcomed with open arms and as I've said before; if you want help telling your story get in touch and I'm very happy to help!

This month I say farewell to a mate who I must reluctantly and embarrassingly accept responsibility for infecting with a costly, time consuming and incurable disease... sailing! Tim Williams and I met teaching at Chanel College almost a decade ago. After introducing him to the Club I arranged Tim's first PCSC sail on Intrigue 1 (Roger Fawcett's F24). Soon after that he jumped ship and grasped a permanent role on the foredeck of Immigrant with Jeff and Janet Paul wherein his nautical knowledge was greatly expanded to include a plethora of new, some might say contextually based, expressions of nautical terminology!

With my purchase of Intrigue (Tim was on her maiden sail!), and the timing of Jeff and Janet's move to North America it was only natural that I invited Tim onto my crew where we sailed 2 extremely successful seasons together before Tim's sickness worsened into Stage Two and he bought himself an Impulse!

Sailing with Tim on board is a great pleasure. As a crew member he has always worked as part of the team and given his all to whatever he has been tasked with. (Even if it has been me harking on loudly about a spinnaker that MUST come down as Tim is either A being lifted 2m clear of the deck trying to douse the kite, or B copping the forward beam 'fire hose' flat in the face as Intrigue ploughed through waves at 20 knots using big ass kites as 'jibs' on occasion!) This same ability and commitment to the job at hand can be seen through his work as a Club member for the PCSC for which he will be greatly missed.

To borrow poetic license (and a boat name) from another sailor I miss around the traps, Tim - this isn't good bye because I am 100% sure we will all **Seaulater!**



Fair winds and Merry Christmas!

Tony Constance, Editor.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

The jolly, well lived and sneaky fellow in red is about to grace us with his presence, and if you have been nice hopefully presents, very soon. We have the club Christmas party this Sunday where I believe he might make a practice appearance for the great night on the 25th. Hope I see as many of you there this Sunday to celebrate a fantastic first half of the sailing year also.

This Sunday will also see the sending off for Tim Williams who is heading south to Brisbane with his job change. Tim has been a valuable cog in the sailing scenes wheel for a number of years now. Tim has become Bazza's right hand man, a title that is not given out lightly! Tim had also taken on the very much wanted and competed for task at each AGM of Handicapper. Tim also not only took on trying the Impulses he purchased and built two of them. Tim has done an admirable job on all fronts and the club will sorely miss your activities and smiling dial around the place mate. I wish you all the best in your next step of your career and look forward to catching up at one of the many regattas you attend.

The club still has many functions between now and the end of the year and require volunteer help with a number of tasks. These tasks are setting up and pulling own tables/chairs/shades/umbrellas, clearing tables of glasses and plates, general hand/tidying up. We have a sheet running now so please contact Sarah in reception or Steve McGuigan for the dates and requirements for helpers. We have a cruise ship coming in on the 23rd December that will certainly need help on as it arrives at 0900.

The 13th December will see our new manager commence duties. The manager is Craig Lonergan and comes to us from the Club Hotel in Gladstone. Please make yourself known to Craig when he starts as he is keen to meet the sailing members and work with us to keep the club progressing. Well done Tracey and the team again for the effort they are putting in while we selected a manager! The team are all continually putting in that extra yard to ensure our customers have a pleasant experience at the Yachties.

In October we lost our last founding member and inaugural life member, Jack Mortensen. Jack was a carpenter by trade and instrumental in the supervision and construction of the sailing club. The sailing members used to trolley their boats down from the RSL so it was decided a clubhouse was required. This took 10 years to build as the sailors would work on the clubhouse on a Saturday and sail on the Sunday. From when I started sailing here over 40 years ago to the last time I caught up with Jack there was always a story to be told or a bit of wisdom to be passed on. Jack was overawed to have our new start boat named after him. Our condolences to the Mortensen family.

The club closure for the sailors to watch the Sydney to Hobart start on the 26th will be a little different this year. The Mortensen family would like a time for Jack to be remembered and also to apply his plaque to our memorial monument. This will be occurring on the 26th in conjunction with the Sydney to Hobart start which I'm sure Jack would love. It will be a simple day and please bring a plate. All sailing club members are welcome.



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Just a few notes on the sailing scene:

- ⇒ My best wishes go to all members competing in various events over this period. Please take special care whilst travelling as it seems busier than ever on the roads these days. I am looking forward many reports for the Straphanger on how your competitions went and also the trip to and from the events!
- ⇒ Many thanks to the members conducting Saturday morning sailing, Learn to Sail and taking people out for a sail. It is a great feeling to see the looks on the kids and adults faces while they are learning or perfecting their sailing skills. This is where our sport and club will grow from so please support these initiatives where possible.
- ⇒ The rescue and start boats are always looking for volunteers. The volunteer list is at minimum so, if you know someone who would like to be on the water every Saturday, roaring around in someone else's boat and gaining the experience of helping someone out when in trouble, please point them towards any member of the sailing committee. They will be welcomed with open arms!
- ⇒ The PRO roster seems to be working well so many thanks to all the skippers/boat owners that sacrifice a day or two on the water to ensure all members get to enjoy a majority of weekends sailing.

Continue to enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that continue to assist with all facets of the club. It is whole heartedly appreciated!



See you on the water,
Young Dinga.



Anyone need an idea for a Christmas present for me? 😊

THE 70th BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE OCEAN RACE WITH MARYKE BARKER

Easter 2018. Queensland Cruising Yacht Club and the Port Curtis Sailing Club will celebrate the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone Ocean Yacht Race. Maryke Barker has uncovered the Gladstone Observer article describing the dinner and trophy presentation celebrating the very first race in 1949. [Enjoy the read!](#)

Part Two

THE GLADSTONE OBSERVER, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1949 CIVIC WELCOME VISITING YACHTSMEN ENTERTAINED

(Continuing)

COMMODORE MANAHAN

Commodore Manahan said he felt honoured to be in a Gladstone to respond to the toast of the club, and he was proud to be Commodore of the Q.C.Y. Club. However, he said, he could assure those present that all the honour due goes to the energetic secretary (Mr. D. Drouyn) who had worked hard for the club and for the success of this, the first ocean yacht race in Queensland waters. The club was quite young, he said, and most of the members were young men and, naturally they were very pleased with the success of their first long-distance race.

The welcome received in Gladstone, said Mr. Manahan, exceeded all expectations and it was encouraging, on arrival, to see the foreshores lined with so many well wishers. "I have made many friends in Gladstone and I hope to make many more. Thank you one and all," added Mr. Manahan.

THE VISITORS

Mr. P. M. Jones said he had much pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Visitors", and in extending to each and every visitor the warmest of welcomes to Gladstone, he felt confident that he was voicing the feeling of every resident in the town. This, he said, was a momentous occasion and he trusted that in the annals of the State it would be an historical one - it certainly was an historical one in Gladstone.

The residents of Gladstone were anxious to make the visitors' stay a happy and memorable one, said Mr. Jones, and he trusted that the members of the club would be in Gladstone again next year and for many years to come. Gladstone, he said, was a comparatively small town and the residents of this town looked with pride on the city of Brisbane as the capital of this great State. However, we know quite well that, we in Gladstone have compensations and advantages with which you cannot compete. "You, in Brisbane, live within scent of the sea and possess, as most of us in Gladstone do, that gift which has stood for so much in the history of Britain and will be as important to Australia - the gift of 'sea sense' and I make bold to say that Brisbane-Gladstone-Queensland will be enriched by the growth the progress of the Q.C.Y. Club. May I suggest that growth and progress continue to maintain the character and the traditions by which you have been well known in the past," said Mr. Jones.

In concluding he trusted that the visit to Gladstone had yielded much pleasure to the visitors and requested that each would convey to their clubs and friends, greetings of goodwill. He also expressed

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the hope that the people of Gladstone would have the pleasure of entertaining them again next year.

In responding, the secretary of the Q.C.Y. Club (Mr. Drouyn), said that he was overwhelmed by the welcome received in Gladstone and he thanked the local committee for the co-operation received. Gladstone had been most responsive, he said, and this had played a big part in the success of the race. Determination and imagination can conquer all. One of the most pleasing features was the fact that the course had been negotiated without any mishap. "Happily, I did not win the race. If I had I could not have stood it," concluded Mr. Drouyn.



Mayor Jack O'Malley (right) and James Burrows MLA farewelling owners Ray and Van Wraight on board local entry, Graphique, first Brisbane-Gladstone Yacht Race, 1949.

Photo by Alan Mears.

To be continued...

ADULT START SAILING NOVEMBER 2017

With Colleen Sawatski



This November our Adult Start Sailing course did run,

With seven new sailors. It was such fun.

This great group quickly grasped the elements to learn.

To them, nothing was of great concern.

Rigging, leaving, returning, tacking, gybing – whew!

Sail settings, towing, rules, knots – so much to do.

Points of sail, man overboard, and capsize.

To every task, they did happily rise.

The first day on the water was such a success,

and my helpers were really impressed.

Everyday saw improving confidence and skill,

Even when stronger gusts their sails did fill.

Our Start Sailing team congratulates all on their success,

And in future sailing, wishes you all the best!



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With Colleen Sawatski

The above summary of our course was for our PCSC certificates which we awarded to the course participants, together with a DVD (prepared by Sue Doyle) of pictures taken during sessions. The Australian Sailing completion of course certificate was also presented at the end of our last debriefing session.

This five week course ended with a big weekend on the water with most of the new sailors on board yachts in the Austin Family Fairway Buoy race on the Saturday, thanks to skippers John Ibell (Restless), Lex Moran (Doctor's Orders) and John Bell (Fleur de Lys).



Sunday then proved to be perfect on the harbour for tackling sailing courses – very successfully. Though all were soaked in a rain squall after racing home, spirits were not dampened, and after de-rigging and debriefing, all enjoyed our Club's hospitality. How lucky we were with the weather!

Our Club has run four Start Sailing courses this year – two Junior and two Adult.

For the successful running of this last one, the willing and much appreciated help of Barry Austin, Sue Doyle, Morgan Lewis, Mitch Brown, Lynne Campbell,

Peter and Chris Mann, Will McDougal, Sarah Perez and myself must be acknowledged. Morgan, our "Capsize Queen", has to have special mention for doing 14 capsizes in the second session (Great to be young and fit!)

Lex Moran, Tiernan Williams, and Garth Beardly and Charlie Mann also helped to launch and retrieve support boats on our last day.

Sincere thanks goes to these members for their part in enabling the course to run, helping our new sailors achieve all goals required, and helping to foster their love of sailing.

- Colleen



CHRISTMAS PARTY...!

Be there or be square!



PCSC Sailor's Christmas Party

All Ordinary, Life Members & their Family are welcome

*Santa will be dropping by at 2.30pm to wish everyone a Merry Christmas
(Parents to supply presents of up to \$15.00 value)*

Kid's activities on the day!!

When

Sunday

10th December 2017

Time

From 1.00pm

Where

Dudleys Bar

Gladstone Yacht Club.



Ta Ta to TIM!

By Colleen Sawatski



*Tim, you I will truly miss,
As we say "goodbye" and send a kiss.*

*When doing L2S March 2014 with me,
A keen new sailor I could see.*

*Even before the course was done,
On the harbour you had already had fun*

*Sailing an Impulse, I remember,
At the start of Club sailing, that September.*

*Saturdays always saw you then
With the odd rescue from "Red Rib" Ken.*

*Regattas away, you did start,
Travelling miles to take part.*

*But not only did you sail,
To always help, you did not fail -*

*Helping Barry: launching, retrieving or fuelling .
Helping me also with Start Sailing.*

*On our Committee were you there,
A volunteer handicapper – pretty rare!*

*Now with your new Impulse "Triple T",
No longer on Saturdays you we will see.*

*As now, a new venture you do start,
And soon PCSC will depart.*

*All the very best and a BIG "thank you",
Before you pack to then shoot through.*

Colleen



SAILING CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2017-18

Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
Saturday 9-12-17	1401 3.94 2026 1.08	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Handicap Series 1 Heat 2	Lex Moran
Sunday 10-12-17	0847 1.42 1505 3.79	1300	Sailors Christmas party	
			Christmas School Holidays start Saturday 9-12-17	
			Aquatic Permit to here	

No Planned Sailing Events

Sunday 07-01-18	0703 3.46 1210 3.81	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
Monday 08-01-18	0805 1.47 1422 3.73	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
Tuesday 09-01-18	0919 1.62 1522 3.51	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
Wed 10-01-18	1038 1.63 1629 3.37	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 4	Colleen Sawatzki

No Planned Sailing Events

Saturday 20-01-18	1058 4.06 1724 1.07	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Handicap Series 1 Heat 3	
			School Resumes Monday 22-1-18	
Saturday 27-01-18	1150 3.81 1748 1.38	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Club Championship Heat 5 Div 4 - Handicap Series 1 Heat 4	
Saturday 03-02-18	1121 4.53 1739 0.64	0900	Intermediate Sailing Barker Family Fairway Bouy	
Saturday 10-02-18	1219 1.54 1812 3.19	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A Handicap Series 1 Heat 4 Div 4 - Club Championship Heat 5	
Friday 16-02-18		1800	Adult Start Sailing theory evening	Colleen Sawatzki



Please note; events may be subject to change however prior warning will be given. Always check the online calendar available at <http://www.gyc.com.au/sailing/important-information/>

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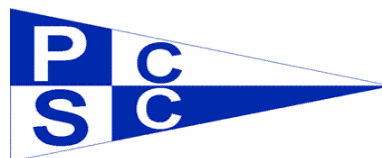
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FAMOUS for our Wines, FAMOUS for our Service.***