

# Straphanger

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## SAILING ACTION CONTINUES!



# IN THIS ISSUE

## FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger February 2018! 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!
- The final part of a fantastic report from Maryke on the 1949 Brisbane to Gladstone— a must read!
- The latest Sailing Report from Club Commodore Peter Mann!
- The first of our Yacht profiles from Wistari and Tuan for the 2018 B2G!
- The latest, up to date sailing calendar...
- And much, much more...!

It looks like the Club has temporarily turned into a slipway with Johnno and Ray keeping very busy preparing their boats for the big race. It's great to see members helping each other out where they can in making these jobs achievable.

The sailing action at the Club has had a fairly quiet start to the year with one very breezy day and a few more moderate "G&T" sails. Unfortunately the Barker Fairway was postponed again with just Intrigue and crew turning up to race but given the conditions and lack of competitors it was decided to move the race to a later day in the season—watch this space.

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!

I'd like to share an absolute gem I found on Social Media in the form of Sarah Steenland—Cruising Cartoonist... to say Claire and I can relate is quite the euphemism! Expect to see more of her highly entertaining work in this space! If you can't wait, check her out on Facebook!



**Fair winds and see you on the water! - Tony Constance, Editor.**



# YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Ahoy there,

Another month down which seemed to go with the blink of an eye! So much can, and has, happened in a month that it takes some time to reflect on the month's activities! Sailing recommenced much to the enjoyment of all members. It was great to see and feel the vibe and hype around the club when the boats hit the water after the break.

Another activity that has commenced is the minor repairs of the front of the clubhouse so we can paint it before Easter. Ian Williams is leading a merry band of workers and is always open for more volunteers. There is mainly timber work repairs required so if your handy in any regards please contact Ian to find out how you can assist. We have a \$20k grant to commence our painting which has to be utilised before June so the sooner the repairs are done the sooner we will have a nicely painted building.

One item of negativity I wish to mention is the removal of equipment from boats stored under the clubhouse, mainly the pacers. Over time we have replaced numerous items ranging from blocks to tiller extensions on the club owned boats and had reports from privately owned boats of equipment going missing. We do not want to get to the stage of policing who goes under the club and we realise that sometimes you forget or break a piece of equipment and need to "borrow" that piece for the day. If this is the case please let one of the committee members or the PRO that you have borrowed it. This club was built on trust, honesty and helping each other out and it boils my blood knowing this is an ongoing issue.

We will be having a meeting shortly to commence the organisation of the club activities for the Easter period. One item will be identifying how many volunteers we require for Easter. So far we have 40 boats nominated with the possibility of 70 as a lot are waiting until the last minute. It is hoped this year will be a huge improvement both on and off shore. Gladstone Regional Council are promoting the Brisbane to Gladstone and are trying to bring it back to the large event from previous years. The main day is on the Sunday however any help will be appreciated across the weekend. There will again be live streaming of the start with cameras on chase boats and on competing yachts.

January trading saw a low trading result which has the committee and Craig identifying points of improvement. Craig has now been with us for nearly two months and is getting a good grasp on the club and what is required to keep us the best little club in town. Please think about how you and your family can support the club now and in the future. Any help counts!

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

-Looks like we will have 6 yachts in the B2G. Tuan, Fluer de Lis, Wistari, Thylacine, No Problem and Restless are all contenders. They will be busy preparing over the next month . Good luck to them all and look forward to blowing the froth off a few when we all get back.

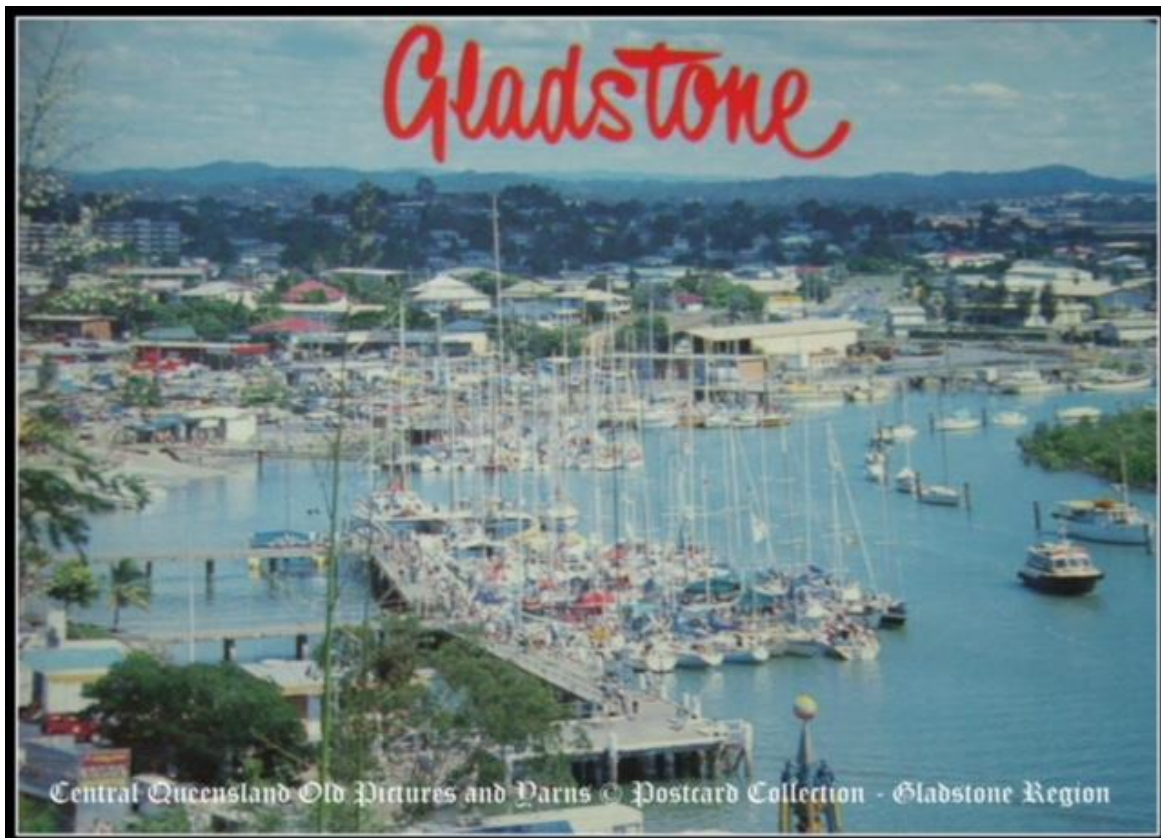
-The rescue and start boats are continually looking for volunteers, so if you know of someone who would like to be on the water every Saturday, roaring around in someone else's boat and gaining the experience of helping someone out when in trouble, please point them towards any member of the sailing committee. They will be welcomed with open arms!

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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 truly appreciated!

Yours in sailing,  
Young Dinga.



# SAILING REPORT

## WITH VICE COMMODORE PETER MANN

Well we are one month down in the second half of the season and already have some changes in the calendar due to some not so pleasant weather.

The 70th Brisbane to Gladstone is coming up quick, if you can help out on the weekend with anything from greeting the yachts, helping out in the race room downstairs or even picking up glasses to help out the staff over the Easter weekend let us know. It is expected to be a big race this year with a lot of older boats committing to racing up. Good luck to our local boats competing in the race, hopefully this year will be a quick ride up the coast so everyone gets to enjoy the festivities planned at the Yacht Club

We are still looking for spots to be filled in the PRO calendar, thanks to all of those that have stepped up so far. If all the races aren't covered in the next couple of weeks the sailing committee will draw the remaining names out of a hat, so get in now and reserve your preferred weekend. Here is the link again [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1spPuawH3sXWAM-qm5b3h5IGGENgKcegnbReLOK\\_HNrw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1spPuawH3sXWAM-qm5b3h5IGGENgKcegnbReLOK_HNrw/edit?usp=sharing)

Our Intermediate / Green fleet is running on a Saturday morning for our Start Sailing Graduates and Youth Sailors, we are always looking for volunteers so if you are doing nothing on Saturday mornings come down and lend a hand, we try to get on the water by 0930 and are finished by 1130 leaving plenty of time to get ready for afternoon sailing.

### Upcoming Events:

- Just a reminder that Championship Heat 3 Resail will be conducted on Saturday the 24th February.
- Senior Start Sailing commences 16th February with the on water side commencing on the Sunday, volunteers are always welcome!



# 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 Four

### THE GLADSTONE OBSERVER, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1949 CIVIC WELCOME

#### OTHER TOASTS

Other toasts honoured were:- "The Donors" by Mr. L. Waterson, and response by Mr. C. Eaton, who said that in the beginning the owners of the yachts were prepared to race for peanuts. However he had approached various firms in Brisbane and they had responded right royally. Next year he hoped the race would be worth at least £500.

"The Helpers" - proposed by Mr. V. Linden and C. Heselwood and responded to by L. Humphries. "Press and Radio" by A. Mears and response by R. Barrett.

#### WINNERS AND TROPHIES

The official placing s and prizes were as follows:-

First place: Sea Prince, skipper, J. Bourne, "Courier-Mail" trophy and cup and £25 open order.

Second place: Sea Tang, skipper, D. Drouyn, Dulux Cup and £15 open order.

Third place: Hoana, skipper G. Pickers, Hixco trophy and £5 open order.

Fastest Time: Hoana, skipper G. Pickers, Jeffrey and Forman trophy and £5 open order.

Galley Slaves Race: For the cook on the last boat to finish, Spindrift, skipper J. Highland, National Motorist trophy.

#### DONATION

Before the conclusion of the function the commodore of the club, Mr. Manahan, moved a hearty vote of thanks to the chair and handed Mr. O'Malley a donation of £13 for the cyclone relief fund. He thanked Mr. O'Malley and the citizens of Gladstone for their part in the race and reminded him that they would be back next year.

In responding Mr. O'Malley thanked Mr. Manahan for his kind remarks and for the generous donation to the relief fund. He also conveyed his deepest appreciation to the members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club, to the lighthouse keepers for their assistance and to the Press and Radio for the magnificent publicity given over the past two months; And also to the C.W.A. for the splendid dinner provided. He concluded by wishing the visiting yachtsmen a safe return journey home.



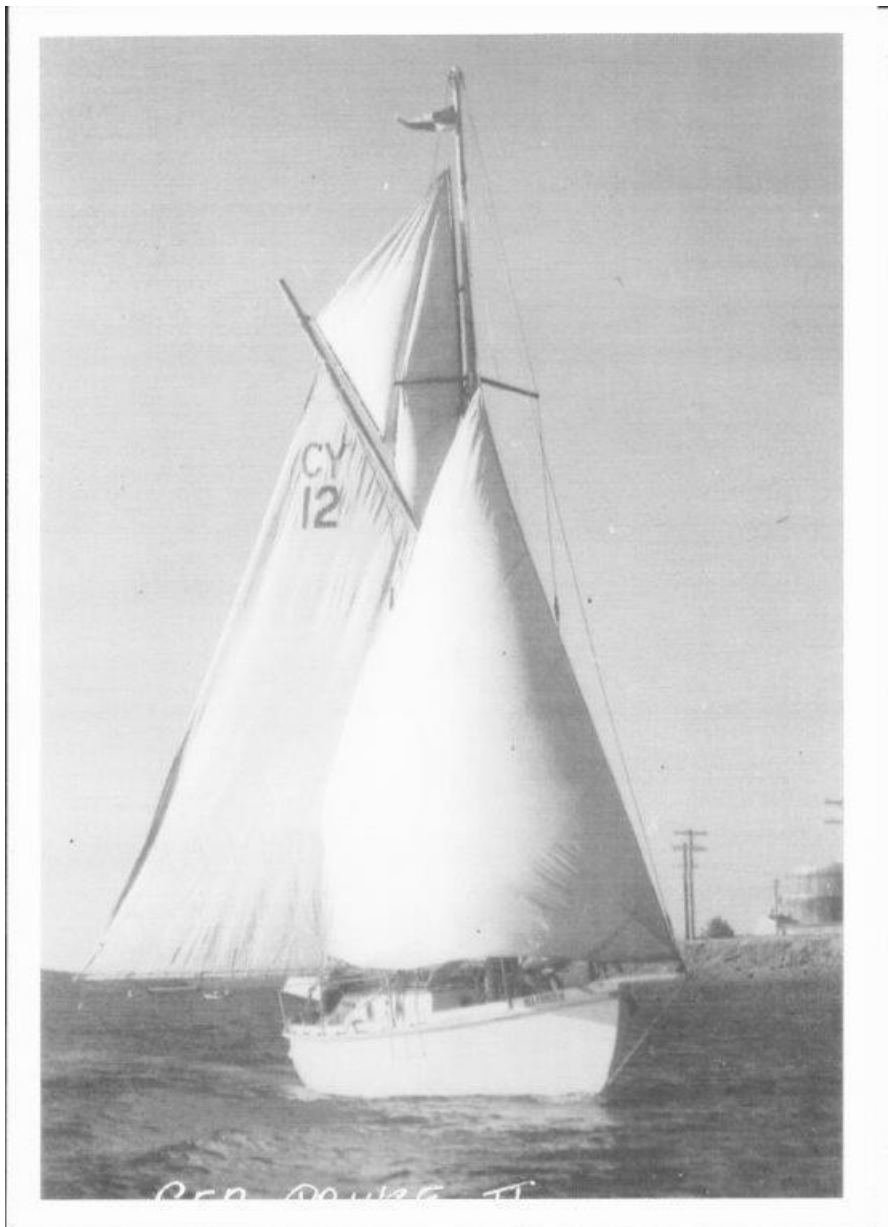
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## DECORATIONS

The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the main feature being the large welcome sign extending across the stage. The catering was in the capable hands of the Gladstone Branch of the Country Women's Association, who are to be congratulated on the success of the evening.

A much appreciated and appropriate musical program was contributed by local and visiting artists. Vocalists were Mesdames J. Crowe and C. Joseph: Instrumentalists, Mr. D. Drouyn and Masters Bensted and Goschalk: and Miss Shirley McCray with a dance number. Mesdames D. Drouyn and Joseph played the accompaniments.

After the playing of the duet by Masters Bensted and Goschalk each were presented with a badge and declared junior members of the Q.C.Y. Club by the commodore of the club.



# BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT PROFILE

## WISTARI—Scott Patrick



**Number of B2G Entered:** 49

**Past Results:** First overall in 1971, 1976, 1977, 1982 under Noel Patrick. Second overall in 1967 under Noel Patrick. Second overall in 2000 under Scott Patrick. Third overall in 2002 under Scott Patrick. Lots of top 10 finishes.

**Design:** Noel Patrick

**PCSC Sailing History:** Wistari was the first yacht in the club, initially sailing in the dingy fleet from 1966. Won Club Championship three times under IRC in 2003/4, 2006/7 and 2007/8.

**Memorable Moments:** In 2002, we had the race won by a large margin, until lost kite in a squall while entering Gladstone Harbour and fighting a 4-5 knot ebb tide while sorting it out. Beat Saltash 2, but lost race by just 15 minutes to maxi Grundig. Sean Langman congratulated me in bar afterwards. While being congratulated Pagan finished, putting us back into third by a couple of minutes.

**2018 Crew List:** Scott Patrick, Tony Craner, Tim Patrick, Andrew Turnbull and Nick Dagan.

**Skipper's Comment:** After ten straight years of dying breeze races suiting the big boats, we can only hope we get a chance at our conditions this year. Is great to have kept Wistari together long enough to make her fiftieth race.



# BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT PROFILE

## TUAN—Brad and Maryake Barker

This will be Tuan's first B2G. She nominated in 2008 but bad weather prevented the crew from getting her to Brisbane in time. Tuan is a Beneteau Oceanus 46 and much more cruising oriented than the Barkers previous yachts. It will be a comfortable race.

Skippered by Brad Barker who is a veteran of the race. This will be his 26th race having raced on Ballyhoo, Cavalier, Jackie, Midnight Rambler and skippered his own yachts and PC entrants El Encierro, The Liquidator, Lunchcutter, and Spirit.



Brad has a rich sailing history with the PCSC on his various yachts and has also campaigned Lunchcutter and Spirit in the Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island race weeks.

Over the many years since 1978 when they first purchased El Encierro, Brad and wife Maryke have given countless numbers of people the opportunity to learn to sail, race and crew on racing yachts with the club and regattas on the Queensland coast.

Memorable moments have to be the 50th B2G on Spirit crewed with their family, their three boys Tyson, William and Tom and Maryke's father Theo, plus their trusty stalwart crew of Bruce Malcolm, Ian Chapman, John Kluck, Jeffrey Paul, Paul Jansen.

The crew for the 70th B2G will once again be the family, Brad and Maryke with sons Tyson, William and Tom, ably assisted by Tom's Midnight Rambler skipper Ed Psaltis and crew Shane Guanaria and Jonno Whitfield.

Skippers comments...

Having had a "rest" from doing the B 2G for over 10 years the 70<sup>th</sup> is a bit of a mile stone for the event and so having attained my 70<sup>th</sup> year of age it's 'once more dear friends'..... but this is definitely it.... Until next time at least! I am looking forward to having a nice long "Off watch" and let the young guns look after the proceedings.... Still...."Old age & treachery will best youth & vitality all the time!"....

This is a big year for the PCSC too and perhaps the birth of a new and exciting era for its involvement with the QCYC and the B2G and I wish all involved all the best.—Brad Barker

# SAILING CALENDAR

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 20-01-18	1058 4.06 1724 1.07	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Handicap Series 1 Heat 3	
<b>School Resumes Monday 22-1-18</b>				
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
Saturday 17-02-18	1006 4.22 1628 0.86	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing SRD No Planned Sailing	
Sunday 18-02-18	0420 0.84 1037 4.16	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 24-02-18	1013 1.64 1612 1.40	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 1	
Sunday 25-2-18	0510 3.81 1139 1.40	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 03-03-18	1121 4.53 1739 0.64	0900 1300	Intermediate Sailing Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 2	
Sunday 04-03-18	0443 0.59 1053 4.38	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 10-03-18	1039 1.84	0900	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 3	



**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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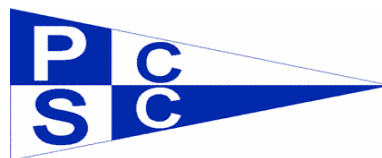
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