

Straphanger

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger January 2018 and Happy New Year! 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:

- Johno keeps us up to date in this month's Diatribe!
- Part 3 of 4 of a fantastic report from Maryke on the 1949 Brisbane to Gladstone— a must read!
- The latest Sailing Report from Club Commodore Peter Mann!
- A heartfelt thanks from Colleen and Sarah - Col, great to have you back on board!
- The latest, up to date sailing calendar...
- And much, much more...!

After a quiet end to 2017 with a fantastic few races in November and December and a cheeky week up at Keppel with Dad (also Tony) as special guest, Intrigue is keen as mustard to get back out on the water this year and back into racing mode!

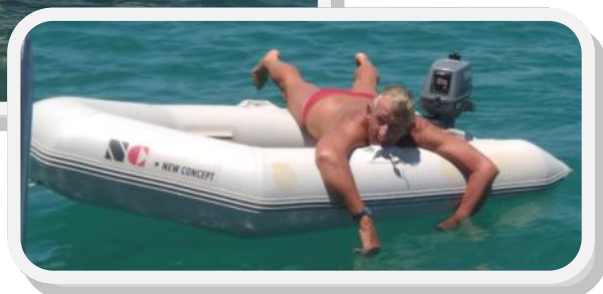
There are some fantastic away events and regattas between now and the start back of sailing here in Gladstone, the largest of which is the Surf 2 City from Southport to Brisbane. If anyone is planning on heading down for this race please get in touch with me.

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!



"Lookin' good Dad...

but that's not how to drive the tender!"



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

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

Welcome back all to the sailing for 2018! Can someone please tell me where Christmas and New Year went! I don't know about you but I am glad to be hitting the water again soon as it seems like ages since I last sailed. I hope the Christmas/New year period found you enjoying family time and also taking some time for yourselves to rejuvenate and take stock of the past year and what's in front of you for this year.

Congratulations to all that travelled away for events over these past 2 months. It is great to see everyone travelled safely and competed well above their expectations. I won't steal their thunder as reports from the travellers will be forthcoming in Straphanger. Josh Young competed at the Impulse Nationals at South Australia along with another two Queenslanders and they all were among the medal haul! Well done! The Pigs In Space Too team travelled to Gosford and competed admirably in the 125 National Titles also. Well done to Chris on his venture of skippering at a National Titles. Pity your crew didn't keep their sailing kit up to scratch!

Tot Moran and Brad Barker also travelled to Sydney to sail on Chic Morans' Camille in the anniversary of the Admirals Cup. Chic brought Camille up here in the Brisbane to Gladstone and has the boat in beautiful condition. I believe he is looking at bringing her up again for the 70th yacht race this year. Mitch Brown is currently competing in the 12' skiff Interdominion competition in NZ. Details are scratchy at this stage however I believe they are enjoying the blowy conditions. I'm sure Mitch will be up for a chat when he gets back.

What a spectacle the Sydney to Hobart provided. It makes it interesting when things don't go to plan with the small and large entrants in the race! Race record was broken convincingly again and it makes you wonder where it will stop. Wild Oats and Comanche's little dance near the heads made for headlines and has been discussed around many coffee and work tables. It is amazing how many people have asked me for my interpretation of the rule and what should have happened. Still not happy that the smaller boats in the fleet don't rate a mention in the coverage! I say the jury got it right, what say you???

The sailing committee have an action packed events calendar for our second half of the year so please support the events as much as possible as a lot of hard work and valuable time goes into the organising and set up of these events well before they happen. The support of the PRO from the members is working well with some interesting courses being laid which is great to see and adds to the enjoyment of sailing.

Speaking of help the club also requires help for the Easter period as this year is the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone and it is hoped this year will be a huge improvement both on and off shore. Gladstone Regional Council are again promoting the Brisbane to Gladstone and are trying to bring it back to the large event from previous years. The main day again is on the Sunday however any help will be appreciated across the weekend. Hopefully the fleet numbers will increase which may be rafting up again along O'Connell wharf like the old days. The live streaming proved successful last year and will continue again this year. Please watch this space for further info and requests.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

December trading saw good trading results recorded which is great news. Many functions were booked and fortunately the weather was in our favour. The continued dedicated work of Tracey and staff over this period was nothing short of admirable. The team covered all situations thrown at them with a smile and grace. Well done all!

December also saw our new manager commence. Craig commenced on the 13th and is keen to get his head around the business and sailing. He is also keen to meet and sit down with as many members as possible so don't be shy and ensure you meet Craig, if you haven't already.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene:

- Sailing starts again on the 20th, see you there!
- 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! Remember, if you available please let the sailing committee know ASAP so they are not pulling their hair out at the last minute trying to find a crew.

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.



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 Three

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

(Continuing)

"MESSAGE OF GREETING"

Mr. Drouyn then presented to the mayor (Ald. O'Malley) a message of greeting addressed to the Mayor of Gladstone from the Director of the Queensland Tourist Services (Mr. E. Ferguson) which read: I extend greetings to you on the occasion of the first long-distance ocean yacht race from Brisbane to Gladstone. This is an important occasion and the race will, I am sure, create much interest. I present the compliments of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau to you and your council and look forward to years of tourist progress in our State."

"CITIZENS OF GLADSTONE"

Mr. A. L. Wilson said he deemed it a great honour to be entrusted with the proposing of the toast of "The Citizens of Gladstone." He did not know, he said, who was responsible for having proposed Gladstone as the terminal point for the race in the beginning, but after having seen the wonderful harbour and tasted the hospitality of the Gladstone people he was quite prepared to accept the responsibility.

"We will do everything to make Gladstone more widely known. It is a beautiful city and you have a magnificent harbour. I have fallen in love with it. After having sailed into it and raced on its waters I feel I have a better knowledge of it and hope to be here again next year," concluded Mr. Wilson.

The toast was suitably responded to by the mayor, who said that it was the intention of the Gladstone committee to present a silver plaque to each of the skippers of the competing yachts in commemoration of the first yacht race to Gladstone. Unfortunately they had not arrived in time for the presentation that night but they would be forwarded to them at the earliest possible date.

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"SKIPPER AND CREWS"

In proposing the toast of the "Skippers and Crews" Mr. C. N. Joseph said that yacht racing was one of the cleanest sports on record. He congratulated the visiting skippers and crews on the wonderful job they had done in carrying to fruition the first long-distance ocean yacht race to be held in Queensland waters, and it was pleasing to see youth so well represented.

Mr. Joseph congratulated the Skipper and crew of the first boat to cross the finishing line - the Hoanna: also the skipper and crew of the smallest boat in the fleet and the winner of the race, Sea Prince.

The toast was responded to by Mr. R. Burnett who thanked the Gladstone committee for the hearty welcome to the skippers and crews on their arrival at the jetty.



To be continued...

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Sailing Report from Peter Mann

Hi all and welcome to the second half of the season. I hope Santa brought you all the boats bits that you asked for.

The Christmas period has not seen any sailing in Gladstone however several club members have ventured away to regattas over the period. A contingent of Impulses and Pigs In Space Too represented the Club at Monomasters at Lake Cootharaba with Chris and myself sailing Pigs In Space Too coming away with the win in Division 2 and Dave Mann sailing Pigs In Space taking out the Impulses, congratulations to all that attended. Pigs In Space Too then ventured to Brisbane for the South East Queensland 125 Titles coming away with second.

Joshua Young travelled to Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club, Adelaide sailing Slip Knot in the Impulse National Championships and after a hard fought week picked up 8th overall and 3rd senior, well done Josh. Chris and Myself travelled to Gosford for the 125 National Titles placing 7th overall and being part of Team Queensland taking home the State Teams Trophy. Chris was also presented with the Spirit of Sailing award presented by the Gosford Sailing Club Commodore. Again well done to all that travelled and I am sure we will see some stories in Straphanger in the coming issues.

Before Christmas we farewelled Tim Williams, not only a competitor every Saturday but also an all-round hard working volunteer who assisted with organising support boats and also Club Handicapper. Good luck in Brisbane Tim and I am sure we will catch up around the traps at sailing events. Tim's departure has left the role of Club Handicapper open, I know there will be a rush of volunteers to fill this position but if this is not the case just remember, the first person to complain about their handicap will be volunteered for the role.

Congratulations to Morgan Lewis who completed the Instructors Course in December, Morgan has been an asset to the Start Sailing Team for several years and we are all looking forward to working with you in your new capacity as Instructor.

A new Impulse was also delivered after Christmas with rumours flying around about hull colours, as the delivery driver I can confirm that the colour is.....

Our Intermediate / Green fleet sailing will recommence on the Saturday morning 20th of January 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.

With the second half of the season quickly approaching just a reminder to get your name down for PRO duties using the following link https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1spPuawH3sXWAM-qm5b3h5lGGENGKcegnbReLOK_HNrW/edit?usp=sharing an email reminder will be sent with the PRO duties, list of support boat personnel and Sailing Calendar attached.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Sailing Report from Peter Mann

Upcoming Events include:

- 20th January first race of 2018.
- Just a reminder that Championship Heat 3 Resail will be conducted on Saturday the 17th February.
- Senior Start Sailing commences 16th February with the onwater side commencing on the Sunday, volunteers are always welcome.



- Peter Mann



Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!



*A sincere thank you to all staff and sailors of our Club
for the good wishes, card and lovely flowers.*

All the very best for the New Year.

Colleen Sawatski



*A massive thank you to all our volunteers who helped over Christ-
mas with functions and P&O!*

*I know they spared me a lot of pain of setting up functions by my-
self and I am so grateful for the help I was given!*

Sarah Perez



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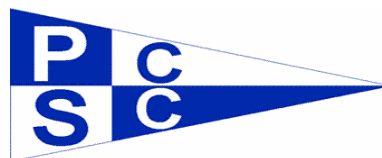
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FAMOUS for our Wines, FAMOUS for our Service.***