

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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THREE ISLANDS RACE RETURNS...!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger July 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:

- Johno keeps us up to date in this month's Diatribe!
- The latest report from the Sailing Committee with all those important date savers for upcoming events and racing action.
- A fantastic report from Carli Homann on the hugely successful GEA Three Islands Race.
- Photos of the recent Lady Skipper's Race.
- Some photos from presentation night courtesy of Marina Hobbs.
- The latest events calendar...
- And much, much more...!

Congratulations must go to Emirates Team New Zealand for their epic win against 'the Yanks' in the America's Cup! What a fantastic result for this team who came so close at the last 'Cup to bringing the oldest, most revered trophy in our sport (other than the Austin / Barker Fairway Buoy trophies of course!) back to the southern hemisphere. I'd like to be the first to suggest that the waters of Gladstone Harbour be chosen for the next series of races! (Pigs will fly too!)

AGM 19th of July—be there or be square!

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!

Now, onto Video of the Month! This month's video comes from The Official America's Cup YouTube Channel! It contains some of the thrills and spill that highlighted the Kiwi's road to victory... Lucky *Intriguing* ex-PCSC member / token Kiwi multihuller Roger Fawcett isn't still around... we'd never hear the end of it!



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**Fair winds always,
Tony Constance, Editor.**

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Mahalo,

June saw a quiet month on the water with sailing activities limited to the Lady Skippers and Three Islands races being held locally. KBSC held a training weekend during the month also. There are a few compilations in this issue on all the happenings around the club over the past couple of months so I will keep my diatribe short this month and let you enjoy the ambience of the editors presentations.

The Lady Skippers was held in lovely breezes and weather. It was well supported, yet again, and saw a number of non-sailors out and about enjoying our lovely weather and harbour for the day. Many thanks to the organisers and sponsors for the event as it is truly well enjoyed.

The 3 Islands Race was re-invigorated by Ray and well delegated to Carli to arrange, which as is her way, did a mighty job. The race saw the most vessels on the water in a race all season. The Road Runners Club did not let us down with supplying the runners ensuring the average runners per vessel was 3. The winds were light to start with and slowly fell away during the event, turning the event into a motor race. The fun of the day was enjoyed by all, except for someone who decided to go oyster picking at Turtle on the way to Quoin. Both sailors and runners were adamant to continue the race next year. Many thanks to GEA for their sponsorship of the event and their trainees for the overall organisation.

The AGM is around the corner in July. Nominations will be called shortly and I encourage you to nominate if you are keen to help run our great club. Unfortunately my work changes have not changed and have actually increased my absence from Gladstone for the rest of the year and into next year. I am happy to stand again as commodore however I feel the club needs a more of a "hands on" leader to assist the club and the staff through this time of uncertainty in Gladstone. This is something I cannot do at this stage. You, the members, need to decide if a "remote" commodore is satisfactory to run the club for the next season. If a replacement is found I am keen to carry on whatever I can remotely in regards to leases, licences and anything else that can be done via computer.

We have had the auditor visit during this month and will receive their report shortly.

May trading saw a dip in the results, which is traditional for the this time of the year however what we really don't want at the moment. The new POS and Server were installed this month which will see smoother and efficient point of sale operations and admin operations. This should free Brian up more from laborious admin duties and out and about more. We are continually fine tuning costs however revenue needs to increase also which we are working on also. As we continue to make small and subtle changes please be understanding with any changes that occur as they will have been well discussed and approved to help out the club. Please think about how you and your family can support the club at this continuing time of uncertain economic stability, I thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

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Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- The off season gives you the chance to maintain your vessels and so does the sailing club vessels and equipment. If you have some spare time please contact Lex to see what jobs he has up his sleeve to assist him also as his workload has seen him burning the midnight oil.

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.



FROM THE SAILING COMMITTEE

1. **Reminder: CQ Championships** - See PCSC web for details.
8 July Heats 1 & 2 (Gladstone)
9 July Heat 3 / Alternative Heat 3 (Gladstone)
15 July Heats 4 & 5 (Yeppoon)
2. **Mid Year Junior Start Sailing program** will run each Sunday from 0800 to 1200 23 July to 27 August. Please contact Sue or Colleen if you can help on the safety boats or on shore.
3. **Reminder: Barker family Fairway Buoy/ Tripod** will now run on the 22.7.17. Start 1000.
4. **Thanks goes to Sue Doyle** for sponsoring this year's Lady Skipper Race, which was again a fun afternoon on the water.
5. **Thanks also to Carli Hobbs, our PCSC members and the Road Runners** who contributed to the successful holding of the Three island Race after a few years break, and also to GEA for their generous sponsorship.
6. **AGM : 19 July.** Sailing and the Club need your support. Please attend.
7. **Vice Commodore's thanks:** Our 2016 - 2017 season is just about to close. My thanks goes to all of the "team" who have made sure we have been able to get out and sail our Saturday races, run a Regatta, sail special events, and offer Start Sailing programs in well maintained vessels. I really appreciated your help, advice and cooperation.



Congratulations to Emirates Team New Zealand for bringing the America's Cup back to the right hemisphere!



GEA THREE ISLANDS RACE

BY CARLI HOMANN

A Trail Run with a difference!

Congratulations to No Problem, winners of the 2017 Three Island Race and to skipper Ben Hobbs, runners Ray Hobbs, Riley Barton and Emily Barton and to crew Lynne Campbell.

This adventure race saw teams of skilled sailors and the quick feet of Gladstone road runners join land and water for a day of fun. Seven yachts and 21 runners jostled at O'Connell Wharf on Saturday June 24, for a handicap start, with Thylacine departing at 8:00am, and Intrigue the lucky last at 8:40am.



The first voyage saw runners disembark the yachts at Compigne to row ashore for a 3km hill run. Ray Hobbs was first to hit the pebbles, closely followed by Mike Philips off Thylacine. The ladies on Deluca navigated the bullet proof dinghy to shore with strong Communication on the Oars "1, 2, 1, 2", while the Sykes Family on board Restless used the time for some family bonding.

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The second stop saw yachts sail to Quoin Island, where runners enjoyed a 4km run along the train track, to the far end of the beach, enjoying the wild life along the way. Herc assisted those runners who fell behind on the water, while Road Runner Jack Smith learnt a thing or two about how to untie a bowline, after Matt Eiser, craftily created some distractions.



While skippers, hoped for more wind, Doctors Orders used the "Active" runners to their advantage, with all yachts (bar one) heading for home, runners lunged from the side to hit the dock running for the last leg around the Gladstone water front.

A celebration by all who participated at the finish line, the event generated such a vibrant energy, with all looking forward to next year.



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LADY SKIPPER'S DAY

PHOTOS— LEANNE IBELL

With the generous Sponsorship and Support of Sue Doyle, the 2017 Lady Skipper's Day was a great success! Yachts sailed in moderate but enjoyable conditions rounding out a great day on the water where the finer gender of the Club showed the men how it is done properly! Leanne Ibell was de facto photographer for the day, sharing some great shots of the frivolities of her outing on her yacht Restless! My personal favourite is this photo of our esteemed Commodore...



Good to see you
"assuming the posi-
tion" with a smile
on your face
Johnno!



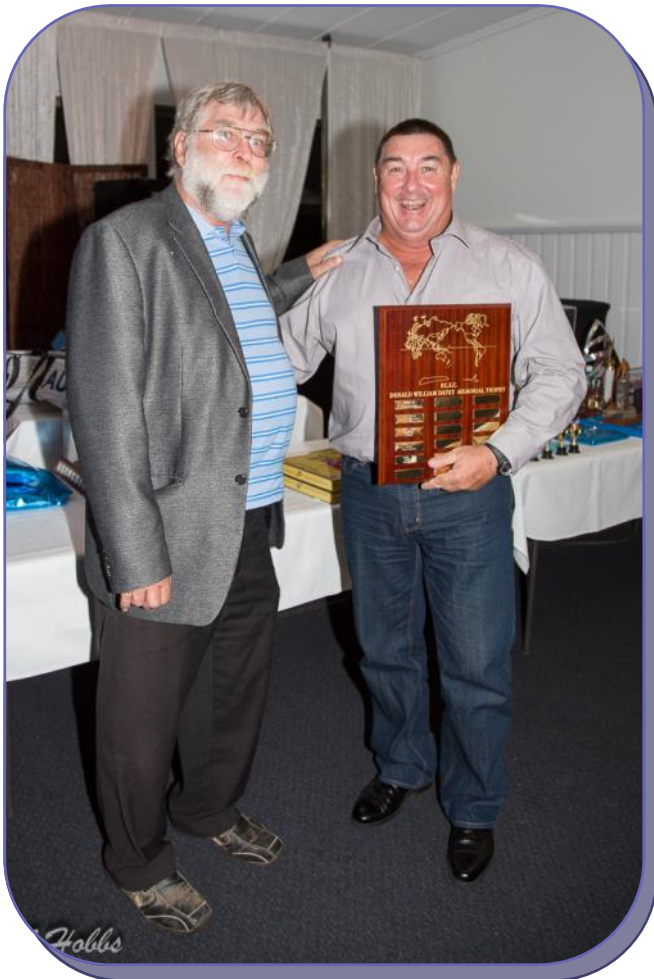
LADY SKIPPER'S DAY

PHOTOS—LEANNE IBELL



PRESENTATION NIGHT PHOTOS

BY MARINA HOBBS



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SAILING CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
	Sunday 18-6-17	0956 1.14 1614 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Sunday 25-6-17	1007 3.69 1611 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Sunday 2-7-17	1012 1.21 1654 3.35	0900	SRD	
	Saturday 8-7-17	0845 3.37 1425 0.84	0900 1300	CQ Series Heats 1&2	
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	Sunday 9-7-17	0918 3.36 1459 0.81	0900 1100	CQ Series Heats 3 & Alternative	
	End School Holidays Sunday 9-7-17				
	Saturday 15-7-17	0711 1.10 1318 3.23	0900 1300	CQ Series Heats 4 & 5 (Yeppoon)	
	Saturday 22-7-17	0817 3.61 1422 0.42	1000	Barker Family Fairway Buoy/Tripod	
	Sunday 23-7-17	0907 3.67 1512 0.36	0800	Junior Start Sailing 1	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 30-7-17	0811 1.27 1450 3.15	0800	Junior Start Sailing 2	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 6-8-17	0825 3.37 1410 0.83	0800	Junior Start Sailing 3	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday 13-8-17	0641 0.96 1254 3.44	0800	Junior Start Sailing 4	Colleen Sawatzki
	Sunday	0641 0.96 1254 3.44	0800	Junior Start Sailing 5	Colleen Sawatzki
	Saturday 26-8-17	1216 3.45 1812 1.22	1500	SIGN ON DAY (no Sailing)	
	Sunday 27-8-17	0626 1.11 1257 3.29	0800	Junior Start Sailing 6	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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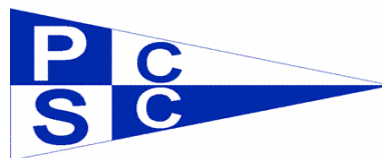
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