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# Straphanger

## March 2019 Edition

Congratulations are in order again for David Mann who must eat the breakfast of champions! David has recently made us proud winning the Impulse Eastern States Championships. Club sailing appears to have settled into a clock work operation under Martin Cooper, Colleen Sawatski, Sue Doyle and Peter Mann. Thanks once again for all those people who help Sue run the Discover Sailing Centre and keep Saturday afternoons on the harbour happening.

On the Yacht Club business front, the club along with many in the hospitality area is struggling to make headway. We keep tacking and weaving and trying new directions without getting ourselves much closer to the mark. The Committee is updating members as soon as possible. We ask you to make all efforts to attend Information meetings as this is your club, and we want your input.

In the meantime, our Manager Jade, and staff are working hard to deliver great service and maintain our reputation in straitened circumstances. Please support them, smile and give positive feedback and compliments where you can.

Can I also ask members to assist around the club? If you notice bins need emptying – then **Do It!!**

We have a cellar man, one day a week. We are trying to operate with minimum staff. If someone has a few hours you are welcome to contact Jade and do a few chores such as

- Bag some ice – one ice machine has died!
- Sweep and tidy Dudley's bar if it looks neglected.
- Empty bins or take our recyclables to the re cycle centre.
- Assist on Thursday afternoon's set up for Trivia.

There are many small jobs that could be done by volunteers to the benefit of keeping the club looking well-tended and loved.

Now the weather is cooling, we are bringing back the Sunday Session. We intend to staff Dudley's Bar with volunteers on these afternoons. Contact Jade if you can assist by working the bar or collecting and washing glasses between 3-5 pm on Sundays till Easter.

We are calling for volunteers for Easter also. We will need volunteers on Saturday afternoon through until late, and Sunday from midday until late. We will need a new crew to assist with clean up and working Dudley's Bar on Easter Monday. Please help us to make this the most profitable Easter possible for the club.

Marina (Commodore PCSC)

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### Special points of interest:

- *Safety Boat Training and Rescue practice.*
- *Easter happenings and call for volunteers*



# Upcoming Member Events

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## Safety Boat Course

When: weekends 7/14 April.

The course training is for skippering and crewing our safety boats.

Please advise Lex or Sue of your interest.

(Sue Ph: 0419 649 764 sue\_doyle@ymail.com)

## Attention all Dingy Sailors!

In conjunction with Lex and Sue delivering the Support Boat training (weekends 7/14 April), all dinghy sailors are encouraged to attend a theory and practical session on RESCUE awareness.

This session is aimed to increase DIV 4 sailors understanding by referencing documents, training literature and group dialog between all sailors to cover;

- Skipper responsibilities
- Self-rescue
- Getting back on-board & MOB retrieval
- Rescue
- Dropping main
- Tidying and securing preparations
- Towing
- Dinghy safety compliance and recommended safety equipment
- Risk assessing equipment failure – likelihood and consequences.

Martin is calling on experienced sailors to participate and help by sharing their experience with newer sailors.

Some practical exercises may be done to aid Support boat training / certification.

Marty

## Presentation Night

Trophy Night 25/5/19.

Details will be in the next month's Straphanger.

## Thanks to Members

Ken has now made the new booms for the sabots.

All our PFD'd have now been tested by Sue, Marty and Colleen.



## Volunteers

Asking for Volunteers for Easter to contact the club and register their availability to assist with Easter on Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

## Donald Davey Memorial Race

A very pleasant morning sailing around the islands of Gladstone Harbour on Saturday 23rd March with 5 yachts and 5 dinghies participating. Thank you Graeme for sponsoring this event.

### And the winners are:

Div1—Super Freaky

Div1a—Doctors Orders

Div4—Fast Boat Sally



# Start Sailing February 2019

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February Start Sailing has been done.  
For some, little scares, but lots of fun.  
Nikeeta, Matthew, and Jacqui as well,  
Would have interesting stories to tell.  
With such a small group skills quickly grew  
With the help of our support team, me and Sue.  
Tacking, gybing, MOB and sail setting,  
Points of sail, rules and capsizing.  
So much was needed to get through.  
Knot tying races, and theory too!  
The weather confined us to the creek,  
But all challenges these learners did happily meet.  
For fun on the water this is the start.  
Hopefully in further sailing, they will take part.

*Colleen Sawatzki*

As always, we had much appreciated support from Club members on and off the water. Our Juniors, Georgia Mossman and Chris Mann were fantastic along with Barry, Robert, Garth, Peter Mann and Ray.

Disappointingly weather did not allow us out on the harbour for the first days. How lucky we are to have the creek, though at times it can be a bit of a challenge too. Our last day saw us eventually out on the Harbour (Poetic licence in the verse! I had to write it before the last day) in perfect sailing conditions for our learners.





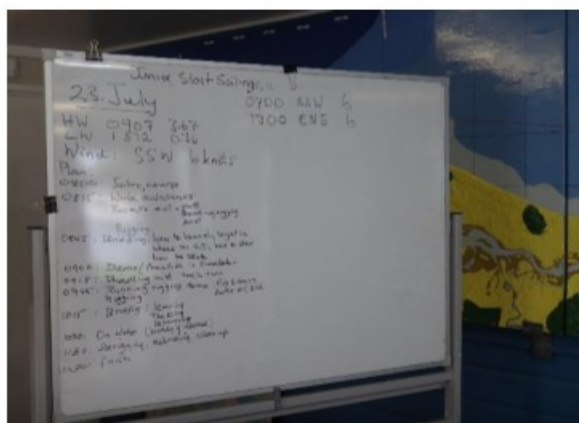
# Thanking our financial supporters



**Big Thanks to Gladstone Regional Council for funding our Discover Sailing Centre Volunteer re-accreditation**



Big thanks to Gladstone Regional Council for their financial support with a club development grant of \$1200 which enabled us to re-accredit our volunteer qualifications for dinghy sailing instructor, first aid, and professional development by attending the annual Yachting Australia Club Conference in Brisbane. PCSC is an accredited Yachting Australia Training Centre providing discover sailing and dinghy sailing courses to young persons and adults in the Gladstone community. With this grant we were able to continue our sailing programs which are well supported by the Gladstone community and thoroughly enjoyed, as can be seen with these photos.





# Sailing Goss

## Brisbane to Gladstone 2019

Best wishes for great Easter sailing goes to RESTLESS, skippered by John Ibell and crew. We wish her a trouble free sail south and a fast run home.



## Keeping up with the Manns

David Mann sailed to first place in the Eastern States Impulse Titles 16/17 March at Harwood, while in the 125 Memorial Race out of Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Bulimba, Chris Mann with crew Luke sailed to a credible second place, with sister, Alexa and crew, Natasha coming in fifth.

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2018-19					
Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
26	Saturday 30-03-19	1214 1.43 1818 3.19	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Club Championship Heat 7	Colleen Sawatzki
				Aquatic Permit to here	
				Easter School Holidays start Saturday 6-4-19	
27	Saturday 06-04-19	0947 3.96 1559 0.78	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing/Safety Boat Operator (TBC) Head of Harbour 2 Heat 2	David Cue
	Sunday 07-04-19	1017 3.84 1628 0.86	TBA	Safety Boat Operator Course (To be confirmed)	Sue Doyle
28	Saturday 13-04-19	0957 1.47 1608 3.05	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing/Safety Boat Operator (TBC) Head of Harbour 2 Heat 3	Scott Patrick
	Sunday 14-04-19	0440 3.86 1117 1.21	TBA	Safety Boat Operator Course (To be confirmed)	Sue Doyle
				School resumes Tuesday 23-4-19	
29	Saturday 27-04-19	1025 1.65 1633 2.84	0900	Barker Family Fairway Bouy	Barry Austin
	Saturday 04-05-19			SRD	
30	Saturday 11-05-19	0818 1.33 1426 3.01	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of Harbour 2 Heat 4	Sonofabeach
31	Saturday 18-05-19	0839 3.95 1450 0.52	1400	Sprint Series 2 Divison 1 Heats 3 & 4 (Rescheduled) Division 4 Heats 5-8	Solitaire TBC





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**We Want to hear  
from you!**

## Opening Times & Contacts

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### **NEW OPENING HOURS**

**Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to late**

Club Captain: Ray Hobbs

Treasurer: Maria Mohrholz

Secretary: Selina Mossman

**GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB**

Manager: Jade Thompson

Functions - Sarah Perez

### **PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB**

Commodore: Marina Hobbs

Vice Commodore: Martin  
Cooper



*The view from the water*