

Straphanger

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

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SAILING ACTION CONTINUES!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger March 2018! This jam packed 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:

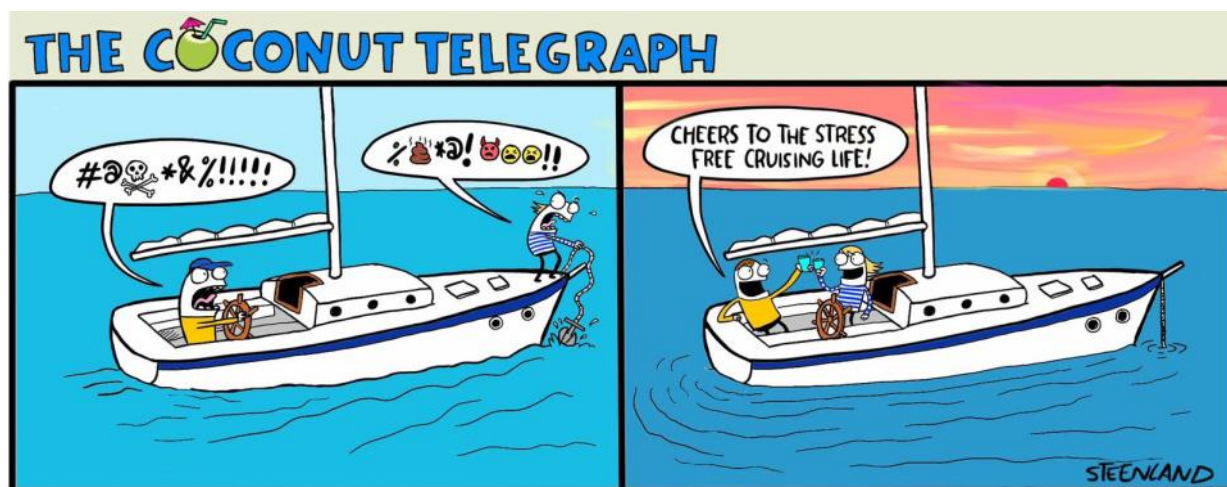
- Johnno keeps us up to date in this month's Diatribe!
- The latest Sailing Report from Vice Commodore Peter Mann!
- Club Patron Barry Austin shares memories of 65 years of PCSC Membership! (An amazing read!)
- Yacht Profile for Restless competing in the 2018 B2G!
- The latest successes from our Adult Start Sailing course!
- A flyer from KBSC for the upcoming May Day Regatta...
- The latest, up to date sailing calendar...
- And much, much more...!

How about the weather of late? A week of 25-30 knots! Hopefully things will settle down a little and allow the sailing action, especially for the dinghies, to resume.

With the B2G fast approaching there are huge efforts being put in by both members and staff to make preparations for this huge event. Craig and Marina are in continual liaison planning and organising, skippers are putting the final touches of preparation on their boats and the Sailing Committee is working hard to make sure that everything is organised at our end for the race. Work has kindly released me to compete in the race this year where I'll be going for another hoon with Ray on No Problem. Fingers crossed for 20-25 knots easterly! See you early Saturday morning!

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 continue as promised and share more of the awesome work of Sarah Steenland—Cruising Cartoonist... Expect to see more of her highly entertaining work in this space in the Strap! 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



Aloha,

My apologies for not being around the club lately, extra workloads and preparing a yacht for the Brisbane to Gladstone has got in the way unfortunately. So much has happened in the past months, it is difficult to keep track with the activities.

One of the happenings around the club is the external painting commencing and progressing well even though the weather has been throwing some hurdles at the painters. Wood and Johnson are doing a great job so please be patient and observant with any obstructions, detours, barriers or inaccessibility during these few weeks. Many thanks again to all who were involved in any way getting the painting over the line. It looks like we will need to do some low level painting ourselves so if you have some free spare time please let Ian Williams know as he is the contact point for the painting. I'm sure he will find something for you to do even if it doesn't involve a paintbrush!

Another happening, going strong in the background, is the preparation for Easter. Marina and her band of helpers are well into preparations. Although the main party is Sunday volunteers are required from Friday to Monday. Marina has the volunteer sheet and at last count we only had 12 volunteers, which is a fair way short. Please remember the more volunteers the more the staff can concentrate on their tasks and the club can do well from your efforts. Please contact Marina ASAP so she can work with Craig to get the rosters out and about. Any time you can offer is greatly appreciated and helps out the small band of volunteers we have so far. We have nearly 70 yachts and 20 multihulls nominated this year which is close to tripling the number of boats we had last year!

March might see a cyclone or two form and annoy us and add a bit of excitement to the area. I hope all your properties and equipment are cyclone ready and you are prepared with emergency packs. Hopefully we will not need them however we never say never!

The farewell party for skippers and crews held recently was well attended and by all accounts well enjoyed. Thanks Marina for arranging the evening and bringing us together at this end of the race. It is always difficult to get us all together after the B2G so this event gave all people, family and sailors, involved with the race to get together and share some salt spray, high winds and tall seas, and that was all happening at the bar!

February trading saw lower trading results which is traditional for this time of year. As Craig is slowly getting his feet under the bar, so to speak, there are small changes occurring which seem to be starting to work. It seems since the oyster specials have been advertised the meal numbers have increased. As we fine tune the running of the club please be patient and 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. Any help counts!

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

-Good luck to all competitors travelling to events over the next month, including Easter. There are many of us travelling on water and roads. Please take care and look after each other during your various adventures. I am looking forward to catching up after Easter to hear the many stories.

-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!

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

Another month down and closer to the serious end of the season.

There are a few things coming up over the next few weeks including of course the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race. Good luck to all the yachts and crews from Gladstone competing. Not be left out is the Multihull Brisbane to Gladstone at the same time, good luck to No Problem.

A large contingent of Impulses is heading to Harwood on the 10th of March to compete in their Eastern State Titles, Dave Mann is the defending champion and will be looking at bringing home the silverware in his new Impulse, I am sure all the sailors representing our Club will do us proud.

The two 125's are heading down to Brisbane for the River Titles on the 10th of March, the family rivalry will continue with the scores level between brother and sister. Then down to Hervey Bay over Easter for the 125 State Titles.

On the 24th of February Chris Mann in Pigs In Space Too teamed up the current 125 National Champion to take out the Jason Brewer Memorial in Brisbane, well done Chris, it looks like your dad was letting the team down.

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 60 boats entered it should be a big day, don't miss the party on Sunday

We are still looking for spots to be filled in the PRO calendar, thanks to all of those that have stepped up so far. The committee will now be picking the remaining names out of a hat.

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.



65 YEARS OF MEMORIES —BARRY AUSTIN WITH COLEEN SAWATSKI

As Vice Commodore in 2016/ 2017 for our Club , I gave special awards out with a certificate at our Trophy Night. "The PP Award" below was my short summary of Barry Austin's present involvement in our Club.

The PP Award : The Perfect Patron Award

***How lucky we are to have this member,
The most diligent, busy and committed helper!
With our members' interest always at heart,
Often there at the Club on work to start.
Doing jobs and any necessary task,
Early to arrive and often to leave, the last.
Our Juniors are helped and advised,
On his advice , I too have relied.
An unpretentious, loyal member of PCSC,
Totally admired and respected by me.***



I have asked Barry to put together some information on his background. At 79 (15th of April will be 80!) years of age, Barry is still one of the most loyal, and hard working members of our Club. Sailing Committee member, our official Starter, helping look after MV Jack Mortensen and our support boats, launching, retrieving, mowing the lawn, cleaning up, being part of the Start Sailing team, for years manning the Training Room over Easter, and these days "Shore Manager" for one of our B2G competing yachts , "Restless", are some of his activities.

BARRY'S MEMORIES

My Introduction to Sailing

My life on the water started early with my family living on South Trees Island where QAL is now on the inner Boyne. On 1st March 1949 a cyclone hit Gladstone and our house in Pier Street lost its roof. Family friends, the Renton's, fixed it. This was when I met Harry Renton, a long time lover of the water, who later bought "Sea Prince", the first Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race winner. He then went on with modifications adding a doghouse and Bermuda rig, asking me if I would like to help. When she was back in the water I did a lot of sailing on her with Jack Mortensen.

First Dinghy Sailing

My first boat was a Thorpe 12ft, "Tuna 2 "with Colin Clifford sailing with me. In those days the Club we have today did not exist, so we kept our boats under the RSL Club up the road in Goondoon Street. A day sailing for me was a long day : leaving 7.30 from home in Pier Street to go to the RSL, taking the boat to the water, sailing, taking the boat back and then onto the push bike again arriving home about 5.30pm.

Then a hard working member of the Club, Pop Haines, bought three Thorpes from Brisbane and sold them to the boys for fifteen pounds. They were "Rascal" , " Corsaire" and " Ajax". I bought "Rascal" and sailed her with Noel Norris. In my first season we started 25 races and finished three!

65 YEARS OF MEMORIES —BARRY AUSTIN WITH COLEEN SAWATSKI

Before I got my boat I went to Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club with the PCSC where the South Qld Championships were being held. I was sitting on the beach the first day when Ken Otto asked if I would sail with him, as his forward hand couldn't sail. I said, "Yes" and we went on to win the South QLD Championship in "Scally Wag". (It was my first setting a spinnaker experience!)

After "Rascal" I bought "Fury", a modernised Thorpe 12 from John Anderson, who had sailed her very hard. I sailed with Alan Bradshore, winning the Club Championship that season. They were the days of the heavy weight Sharpies, but I, with Alan and Keith Leach then asked Ken Watson to build a light weight Sharpie for us. We called her "Electra" and sailed together for some time. As we all had nick names then, I became known as Bimbo, and still get called by it even today. In those days we travelled to different Clubs (KBSC, BSC) and certainly learnt a lot.

Building PCSC Club House

Building the Club became the main thing for us. We would sail Saturdays and also work on the building under the leadership of Jack Mortensen, Noel Norris and other members. We also had great support from the Ladies' Auxiliary. They worked hard running raffles and painting the undercoat of the timber. The back was the first covered veranda and then the north end was done. That gave us some where we could have meetings, play cards or chill out.

Under the veranda we had our bays for storage which were leased out to yacht owners to store gear, bringing in some money for the Club (Then it was in pounds). The Club was also helped a lot by Charlie Emerson of the Commercial Hotel. Hotels did not open on Sundays, and when stubbies came out Roy Dinga Ibell (Young Dinga Ibell's father) would get them from the "Comm" and sell us a ticket so the Club wasn't selling beer. He called them "turtle tickets".

Our Harbour Back Then

In those days we had a much bigger area of the harbour to sail in than we do today. Spinnaker park was not there. Our course was creek, right to Calliope mouth and back to creek, three times. Then we also could go down the harbour.

B2G

At Easter I have done three B2G's and also done numerous deliveries over the years. The first race though, in 1959 is for me the most memorable.



It was in "Mayra", owned by DR BS Skerman. That Easter, we all met up with "Mayra" at Millcraft on the Brisbane River and then took her down to the mouth of the river on the Thursday to tie up with the other yachts on the Sandgate pier. With 15 starters (Solo, Kurrewa IV, Nocturne, Tauranga, Moonbi, Syren, Elva D, Laurabada, Alita, Hoana, Sonda, Restless, Mayra, Cimba, Alvis) the pier was very busy. On the Friday, we left the pier at 1000 in light airs, and with the water a mass of jelly fish. In these conditions we did not get out of the bay until dark. Then a severe storm came in from the south west and hit the fleet. We had to reef the main and then drop it altogether. It was hard sailing. Cimba went aground off Caloundra, while on board "Mayra" the number of crew on deck got less and less, until only three of us remained.

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We were past Elephant Rocks and Double Point when the head sail blew out. Time then for me to get below. The floor was such a mess, that when I hit it, I slid to the focsle, got the storm jib, took it up and we got under way again. I then headed for the rail and was sick. Harry said, "Not you too, Barry. Go get my mug, fill it up with salty water and drink it." I did, and bought it straight up again and have never been sick since.



The next day the wind took the storm out to sea with it, and it was a very slow race from there. The results : Solo (Elapsed time 54.56'25") , Kurrewa IV, Nocturne, Tauranga, Moonbi (Elapsed time 96.36'40") finished the race with all others retiring and Alvis disqualified.

A Break

By now the building of the Club house was finished and I was enjoying Club Sailing. Then I moved to a new job at the Power House. With two boys at St Brendan's in Yeppoon, I was working 10 hours a day, seven days a week, this leaving no time for me to sail. We were also building our home so really needed a better paying job. Nevertheless I still kept an keen interest in sailing. All went well for some time but then, Easter 1989, I was told I had bowel cancer and was on Chemo for 12 months.

Club Involvement Again

Sometime later I took redundancy from my Power House job and took up with the Sailing Club again driving the support vessel, "Herc", with Noel Norris for a number of years. Then a new "Herc" was bought as a replacement, and is still doing its job today. Twenty years ago I then took on the job of Starter, and still get out on the water on Saturdays, skippering "MV Jack Mortensen".

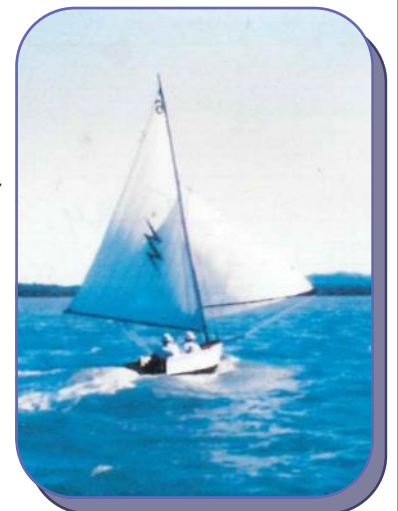
A Few Memorable Moments

In my first dinghy sailing days, racing in "Rascal" we were followed by two sharks around the course. When the South QLD titles were on at Lake Cootharaba, I was working at Port Curtis Motors. After work I drove down to Pomona with Wally Craig to meet up with the Lake boys for a few beers. I was giving a bit of cheek, so it appeared, and when it was time to go they hung me up by the collar of my work overall on a hat peg. They did come back for me.

After being for the one and only time seasick in my first B2G race, Bob Adamson our cook, made a nice stew which he put out alongside the companionway to cool. "Mayra's" Owner, Dr BS Skerman, then came up for a look, stood in the cooling stew, walked around the cockpit and went below again. Harry and I (the only ones on deck) looked at each other, and I said, "I'm bloody hungry !". Putting aside where BS's shoes had been, I went below, grabbed two mugs to scoop it up. It was beautiful.

Present Day Club Work and Recognition

On 17th September 2009 I was honoured with life membership of the PCSC of which I am very proud, and then was very humbled when asked to be Club Patron in 2010.

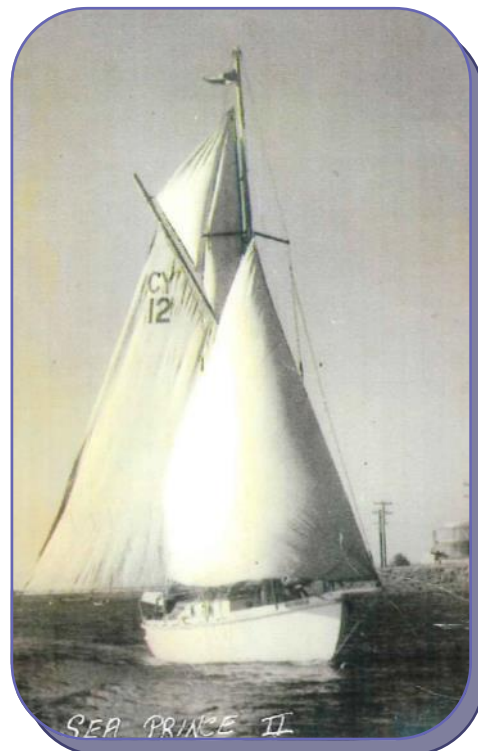
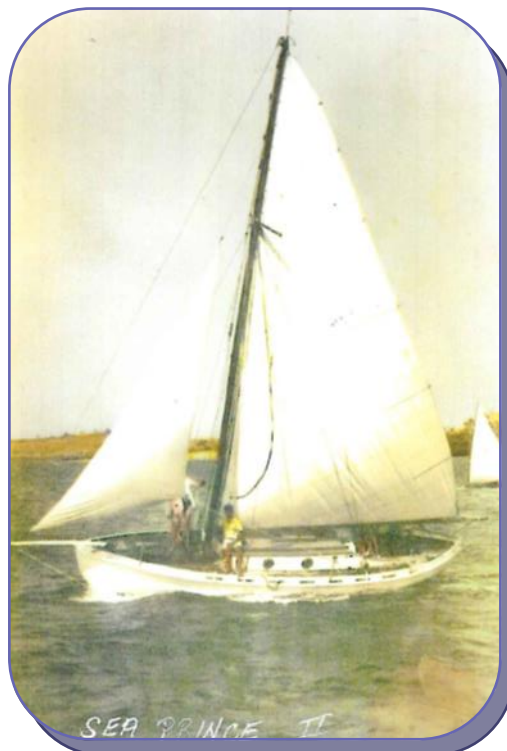


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I have been (and am still on) the Sailing Committee for numerous years, and since the Club became a Discover Sailing centre in 2010 have been a part of the Start Sailing team when courses are held. At Easter, I have manned the PCSC training room where the yachts' courses and positions are tracked for countless years.

I am extremely proud of the PCSC members, past and present, and our Club staff.

—Barry Austin, Club Patron



BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT PROFILE

RESTLESS — PCSC Commodore John Ibell



Skipper: John Ibell

No. of B2G's: 15 years

Past results: 2nd in division, 2014, I think! Hahaha

Design: Cape 35

PCSC sailing history: Have sailed at the club since I was about 9. Have participated in local, state and national championships in dinghies and yachts over my sailing career. Have also carried out rescue boat and start boat duties for many years.

Memorable moments: None that stand out, however any day sailing is memorable!

2018 crew list: John Ibell, Matthew Ibell, Paul Janson, Bruce Janson, Kerry Millard, Martin Cooper, Chris Jones.

Skippers comments: Have competed in the B2G's mainly with friends and families over the years. This adds to the enjoyment of the race and always makes the welcome at the finish special. The B2G has been founded on the back of volunteers and still is to this day. I take my hat off to all the volunteers and the selfless works they continue to provide year in and year out. I wish all the participants in the 2018 race all the best for this years race.

MARCH START SAILING SUCCESS!

Colleen Sawatski

Club Members again rallied to help run our February / March Adult Start Sailing. Sue and I thank Barry, Murray, Garth, Dirk, Morgan, Peter, Chris, Alexa, Fraser and Lynne for their time and help!



*A Friday Theory Night the course did start.
Colleen, Sue and new sailors taking part.
Perfect weather on day one
Made sure everyone did have fun.*

*Gloomy weather on day two,
Sal all on the water really drenched through,
Learners, though, showed impressive sailing,
Mastering reaching, leaving and returning.*

*Great tacking was used to change direction.
There was scarcely any need for correction.
Then ending the day with capsize drill,
Morgan's aid helped all with this "skill".*

*Weather was again great on day three,
And on the harbour we were happy to be
With beautiful gybing when doing a turn,
And tacking now of no concern.*

*Day four's weather was a bit worrying,
Forecast to have a strong wind blowing,
But in the creek it was okay.
MOB and towing were done that day.*

*Our last day is always fun,
Sailing to windward, reaching and on a run.*

*Congratulations to all on their success,
And in future sailing, all the best!*

Colleen (Instructor)



MAYDAY REGATTA 2018
KBSC

MAY DAY REGATTA 2018

Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 May



To view NOR and register go to <http://kbsc.com.au/may-day-regatta/>
For more info contact 4939 9542 or email sailing@kbsc.com.au

ENTRY

\$45 Senior Boats

\$25 Junior Boats

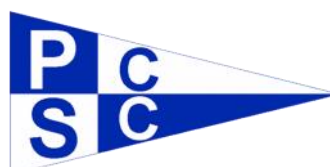
Includes Buffet Dinner Saturday night



SAILING CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2017-18			
Date	Tides	Start	Event
Sunday 25-2-18	0510 3.81 1139 1.40	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 2
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
Saturday 10-03-18	1039 1.84 1627 2.88	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 3 Div 4 - Club Championship Heat 6
Sunday 11-03-18	0519 3.40 1150 1.63	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 4
Saturday 17-03-18	0911 4.21 1528 0.73	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Club Championship Heat 6 Div 4 - Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 3
Sunday 18-03-18	0943 4.20 1602 0.70	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 5
Saturday 24-03-18	0826 1.60 1429 3.06	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of the Harbour 2 Heat 4
Easter School Holidays start Friday 30-3-18			
Saturday 07-04-18	0806 1.65 1357 2.79	1300	Donald Davey Memorial Race
Saturday 14-04-18	0808 4.05 1424 0.71	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Sprint Series 2 Heats 1 & 2
School resumes Tuesday 17-4-18			
Saturday 21-04-18	0706 1.30 1310 3.13	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Sprint Series 2 Heats 2 & 3 Div 4 - Club Championship Heat 7
Saturday 28-04-18	0806 4.15 1421 0.56	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Div 1 & 1A - Club Championship Heat 7 Div 4 - Sprint Series 2 Heats 5, 6, 7 & 8



Port Curtis Sailing Club

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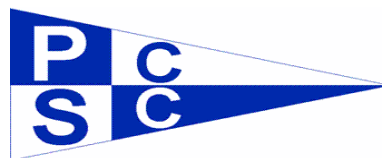
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FAMOUS for our Wines, FAMOUS for our Service.***