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## May 2019 Edition

Trophy night on Saturday night has seen the culmination of another season of sailing. Port Curtis Sailing Club members have shone both at home and away, and we can be rightly proud of the success of our sailors.

It takes a significant team of members to initiate and maintain the sailing calendar, the Club membership, volunteers and equipment.

Our thanks must go to the hard working members of the Sailing Committee led by Vice Commodore Martin Cooper, ably assisted by the team of Barry Austin, Robert Rosendahl, Mitch Brown, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki and Ken Watson, along with a team of volunteers who man rescue boats and prepare the equipment for racing. This all happens under the watchful eyes of our Port Curtis Sailing Club Patron, Barry Austin.

We are approaching the end of another year for the business and another Annual General Meeting. I encourage members who feel they can contribute to the running of the Club to consider the prospect of stepping up onto a committee, whether it is the Management Committee or the Sailing Committee.

The presentation of Trophies was a night of celebration for the members. It was great to see many of you there to celebrate. Marina Hobbs, Commodore

### Congratulations Ray Hobbs Sailor of the Year 2019



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# A Year in Review 2019

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**By Vice Commodore Martin Cooper**

Thank you Steve. Good evening, distinguished guests, Commodore Marina, Life Members, fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Please allow me to share my quick review of the Port Curtis Sailing Club 2018/19 Sailing Season.

Starting with the topic that dominates a sailor's thoughts which is the weather. Looking back, 2018/2019 has been quite a windy season, and this extends to include the B2G. This made for some fun times, exciting times and some challenging times. The challenges we faced as a result of windy weather have been on the water and some carried over to off the water.

Sailing this season has seen an average number of boats on the water consistent with the last few seasons. With our modern work rosters and often increased travel distances going to remote work, most of us struggle to attend consistently for the Saturday racing. I had hoped with the end of the gas boom, sailing might have picked up as more people resumed normal work hours. But it is evident when comparing boats that have registered to race with those on ending up on the water, that it has not helped much. This is not a criticism. It is just to say that things evolve and gradually change over time. To succeed we must be prepared to change as with them.

Port Curtis Sailing Club has been well represented in away racing this season: the Impulse dinghies in particular. They are by far the dominant class in Division 4. We have a trophy to recognise the best performing sailor, but let me say now, "Well done to all of those sailors that travelled and represented the Club."

Brisbane to Gladstone this year was a personal milestone for me. It was only my sixth Brisbane to Gladstone race, but it was the first time I have not had my head hanging over the side, making horrible noises. Thanks for the pills, Johnno. No doubt, it was memorable for every other entrant sailing in that it was the conditions that most hope for: windy and no tacking required – a fast downwind race. These are conditions that Wistari also seems to enjoy. It was unfortunate she had to miss it.

Restless acquitted herself well with a good performance as the sole PCSC monohull, with John Ibell needing the crews help to carry away the many trophies after presentation. Well done to Restless and crew.

Ray Hobbs had a quick race in his catamaran No Problem. As it may have been the last B2G for Ray on that boat, I am glad it was a good one. Like all of Ray's boats, it is central to many big adventures and great memories. Well done to No Problem and crew.

One last group, whom I see as very important, yet currently, they are poorly represented. These are the Juniors and the new sailors. This includes those completing the Start Sailing and Learn to Sail programs. This is the future of PCSC. Yes, there is merit in review and looking back, but we don't steer our boats by looking back. We look to where we are going; we look forward. Please do your best to encourage both Juniors and new sailors and make them feel welcome at our Club.

Before I hand back to Steve, please join me in a toast to next Season's Juniors and new sailing members. Thank you, Martin Cooper





# Presentation Night 2019





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Georgia, you're sweet sixteen !



**Thanks to PCSC sponsors, staff and Club members !**

**Another wonderful sailing season and happy Presentation Night.**



...we all know I did it by myself



# An Intriguing 2019 Bay to Bay

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**By Tony Constance**



A huge thank you goes to regular Intrigue crew and helpers, and Bay 2 Bay crew Claire Williams and Ray Hobbs for a very successful HBSC 2019 Bay to Bay Trailable Yacht Race.

This year's 39<sup>th</sup> Bay to Bay race saw 20 multihull entries - 19 of which were Trimarans – which made for fantastic, competitive racing. Boats ranged from Myles Rye's Ostac Tramp, *Sophie* (an early Farrier design), a few fast, modern Pulse 600s from Corsair, John Dowling's Rocketship, F-22 *Endorfin*, Peter Hackett's new F-31, *Tribute* and a few other well-known boats such as *Wilpirana 2*, *Hot Option*, *Coco* and *Aquillo*.

These joined Hervey Bay locals, Tony Murray on his F-24 Mk II, *F-One-Eleven* (very similar to Intrigue 1) and Rob Koch's gorgeous and rather spritely Corsair Cruise 970, *Biton Daside*, sporting a powerful masthead rig. Exciting racing was almost guaranteed with Farrier derived tris from 19 to 33ft, all racing the same course.

With a little spare time up our sleeves and some haphazard planning, Claire and I towed Intrigue to Hervey Bay and stepped the mast on the Wednesday before the race. Sailing a delivery trip down the Straits and overnighting at Garry's Anchorage, we shared the anchorage with a number of other boats including PCSC star, Bruce Janson's *Sovereign Lady*. We arrived in Tin Can Bay for lunch Friday, and were joined by Ray Friday night in time for a couple of night caps and a good night's rest.

An emotionally elated Col Verrall (PRO) greeted the fleet for briefing on Saturday morning before the near 100 boat fleet hit the water for a light day's racing. Intrigue had a fantastic start being the first boat over the line in good position with clear breeze in the Multihull Division. We flew our Screacher and Jib for almost all Saturday, with light windward work being the theme of the day. Some cool and wet rain depressions in between which didn't bring much breeze with them, made it difficult to pick your spot in the fleet. We held off bigger and faster boats with the exception of Modified F9-R *Wilpirana II* to the T1 turning mark, before Peter Hackett made a strategic move in *Tribute* and passed us in clearer air to windward. The rate that *Tribute* caught up to us on this leg under Peter's helm really goes to show that this will be a boat to watch in the northern race series like Airlie and Hammo. *Endorfin* nearly pipped us at the Saturday gate, but seemed to get a little stuck in the lighter breeze which Intrigue seems to relish. All in all, a third over the line was a great day one result with many bigger, newer and potentially faster boats behind us.

A great night stopover in Garry's saw the usual mix of red wine and rum squalls pass through the flotilla of tris rafted up on the beach, with some great socialisation and comradery once everyone had dried out and changed into warm clothes! Intrigue played jukebox with her sound system keeping spirits (both sailor's and sugar cane derived) well alive into the night. Warning was given to the fleet about "Moran's Mud Bank" where Doctor's Orders had had a lazy sleep in one Sunday morning, before anchors and stern lines were adjusted and all turned in for the night.

We enjoyed some great racing Sunday against Rob Koch and crew on *Biton Daside*. Whilst we were third over the line for the start, our kite set was great and we fended off a number of newer and



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larger boats to maintain our clear breeze by not letting them pass us to windward under spinnaker. The weather did a 180 degree flip, much to the fleet's delight with a warm, sunny downwind race making up for a comparatively miserable Saturday.

With the lifted visibility we managed to say g'day to Gladstone mates, including Bruce on *Sovereign Lady*, Damo and John on *Costalot*, and the Everetts on *Fuzzy Logic*, as we made good progress through the fleet. *Wilpirana II* and *Tribute* had the legs on us again amongst the multis, but we held our own, again finishing third over the line with *Tribute* claiming a well-deserved Line Honours on elapsed time.

At the prize giving I was excited, as I thought it may have been possible given our finishing position amongst the fleet that we could pick up a place on OMR Handicap, but I tried not to get too excited, as amongst some great sailors were some well handicapped boats in our competition. You can't imagine my disbelief when results were read and Intrigue managed to snag a first on OMR, getting her name on the Overall Bay to Bay Winners Perpetual Cup!

Credit where credit is due, Ray and Claire did a great job managing the owner's competitive streak (some say toddler tantrums) with all crew helming, trimming and joining the foredeck union at some point in the race. Gary Saxby at UK Halsey Sails designed and built a great set of race sails for the boat, that stood up well in conditions on both days. Thanks also to Col Verrall, Clare Neeskens and the team at HBSC for running another well managed, fantastically organised and networked event. We're looking forward to next year's race which, being the 40<sup>th</sup> Bay to Bay, is sure to bring one of the biggest fleets across all divisions to the event.

Full race results and trophy winner's lists are available: [http://www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au/baytobay\\_documents.html](http://www.herveybaysailingclub.org.au/baytobay_documents.html). Julie Geldard's official photo gallery for the event can be viewed at: <https://vidpicpro.smugmug.com/Bay-to-Bay-Trailable-Yacht-Race-2019>



**Congratulations to all Gladstone sailors who sailed this year's B2B in various divisions!**

**Sovereign Lady**

Bruce Jansen gained a second place.

**Costalot**

Damien van Deudekom a fourth.

**Intrigue**

Tony Constance a first.

Happy to see ex PCSC boat, **Fuzzy Logic** Rick and Jan Everitt also with a first.

# KBSC May Day Regatta 2019

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*By Maria Mohrholz*

It was a dreary morning as I got to the Yeppoon beach. The forecast was light SSW wind for Saturday, and up to 20 knots SE for Sunday. Forty one monos and cats turned up for this event.

On Saturday the course was set as windward / return x 3 races. The water was flat except for small but power packed little surf waves, which swamped my boat as I put in my centreboard. A boat full of water on a light wind day. Great! Bailing the boat before the start.

First race was slow and testing. David Mann and Naomi Rea had a close first and second place. I was happy with fourth.

The second race started like the first, but in the middle a rain squall came with some wind and a big shift, putting me directly in line to the windward mark without an other tack. Yes ! Third place for me yes :) This time it was Naomi first and David in second place. (It was Naomi's first sailing back after the birth of her baby, while Joshua was baby sitter for the day).

The third race was abandoned for lack of wind, and most of the fleet had to get towed to the beach.

A trivia night with a feed was put on for the sailors in the Club upstairs. It was fun and very social. A nice end for day one.

The next morning had bright sunshine, but where was the wind they promised us ?? The little wind there was came from the west. Bigger! The windward / return course had fluky wind with lots of holes and unpredictability . The second race was abandoned as the wind stopped all together. A tow back again to the beach for most of the fleet for lunch.

As soon we got to the beach a sea breeze started, and it looked good for the afternoon and the Dash for Cash. An eight to nine knots steady wind for a quick windward / return race, and a big triangle for the Dash for Cash were fun to sail. The two Sharpies took the money out for first and second, closely followed by four Impulses. Wayne Laverty got the money for third place, while sixth place for me made me very happy. David Mann and Naomi Rea had equal points for first place, but David won the Regatta on recount. I got fourth overall and was very happy with my result.





# Australian Sailing News

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## QUEENSLAND CLUBS CONFERENCE – Brisbane – 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July

<https://www.sailing.org.au/events/35545/>

FREE – Every club should work towards be represented at this annual conference. A great opportunity to network and learn from your fellow club administrators/volunteers/committee members. A great line up of hot topics relevant to clubs. Combined with the QUEENSLAND SAILING AWARDS on the Saturday night and a Yachting Queensland General Meeting on the Sunday morning. Don't miss out on this great event. *Travel assistance available for regional clubs.*

## SHE SAILS SHIRTS

Ladies (and fellas), anyone interested in purchasing a She Sails Shirt with our PCSC and She Sails logo. Promoted by Australia Sailing, Clubs are requested to make their own orders with the shirt supplier. Presales are required. Please let Sue know ([sue\\_doyle@ymail.com](mailto:sue_doyle@ymail.com)) if you're interested.



Ladies sizing from XSM to XL.  
Mens sizing from SM to 3XL.  
Price is \$33 each for the Polo



There is a T-Shirt option with the logo printed on the back.

## Off the Beach sailors - Save the Dates !!

### SAIL CQ Club Series (preliminarily called CQ Beakhead Series)

New travelling sailing series for Central Queensland with Off the Beach class boats for the 2019-2020 sailing season is being firmed up with Ben Callard, Australian Sailing. The Sail CQ Club Series has been created to foster good relations between clubs in the region and to help participation at already established events.

The following Regattas constitute the 2019/20 Australian Sailing Sail CQ Club Series.

- Mackay Sailing Club (Dinghy Regatta ~ 7th & 8th September 2019)
- Port Curtis Sailing Club (All Boats Regatta ~ 21st & 22nd September 2019)
- Port Denison Sailing Club (Sail Bowen, Bowen ~ 2nd & 3rd November 2019)
- Bundaberg Sailing Club (Bundaberg Regatta, Bundaberg ~ 7th & 8th March 2020)
- Whitsunday Sailing Club (Easter Regatta, Airlie Beach ~ 10-12th April 2020)
- Keppel Bay Sailing Club (May Day Regatta, Yeppoon ~ 2nd & 3rd May 2020)

All clubs will run their event with the same divisions so that series points can be collated on an event basis

There will be no club championship racing on the signature event dates to give everyone the opportunity to travel.

There will be two drops in the series to allow for non attendance for the longest distance events.

# Upcoming Member Events

## SAFETY BOAT COURSE

June dates and session content for Safety Boat Operator and Crew Certificates are now locked in.

**Safety course dates:**

**Saturday 8th and Sunday morning 9th June and Saturday 15th June.**

Places still available. If you would like to join the support boat team and contribute to the safe running of Club events, we welcome you. Just let Sue know.

For those who have put their name down please expect an email from Sue in the next few days.

The Safety Boat Operator course is an Australian Sailing accredited course with pre-requisite powerboat Handling. However the practical sessions have been designed as a pathway to build skills with two levels of competency based assessment: Crew Certificates and Safety Boat Operator.

Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
Saturday 08-06-19	0702 1.01 1305 3.18 1858 1.25	0830	Safety boat theory and boat familiarisation Herc and Red Rib, PFDs, Radios. Onboard equipment including first aid/safety equip. 10am rescue boat launching. Buoy laying practice. Radio communication. Boat controls - steering, engine tilt, throttle, neutral engine. General boat manoeuvring skills, hold position, come alongside fixed object (pontoon).	Sue Doyle Lex Moran
Sunday 09-06-19	0803 1.06 1415 3.18	0800-1300	Safety Boat. Leaving pontoon, general boat manoeuvring skills, come alongside dinghy, hold sailboat into wind, capsize assistance on capsized dinghy. Towing procedure. NEED Dinghy sailors. Rescue boats back on trailer, flush engine, clean and storage.	Sue Doyle Lex Moran
Saturday 15-06-19	0737 3.65 1347 0.69 2012 4.21	0830 til done	SRD. Safety boat. Launch rescue boats. Advanced boat handling skills. Lee shore, non lee shore, man overboard recovery. Rescue boat back on trailer if tide permits.	Sue Doyle Lex Moran

## ATTENTION ALL DINGHY SAILORS!

In conjunction with Lex and Sue delivering the Support Boat training, all dinghy sailors are encouraged to attend a **theory and practical session on RESCUE awareness in the morning of Saturday 8th June.**

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



# Sailing Goss

## What's happening over the Winter Season

*(planned thus far)*

### Fun day 22 June

Bring your family to another chance to get out on the water in a Club dinghy, sailing in the creek in front of the Club 1100 –1300.

### Junior Start Sailing

Starts 28 July for five Sundays finishing on 25th August. Waiting list and enrolments will be available online using our revSport event & membership software. More information will be available on the website in the coming weeks.

### Vale

The PCSC recognises the sad passing of Life Member, **Noel (Windy) NORRIS** 13.01 1926 – 16.05.2019.

and the unexpected and sad loss of **Jackie WAUGH**, wife of Life Member, David WAUGH.

### End of Season Thank you's

Sponsors have made a big contribution to the success of our Club Sailing and PCSC Presentation Night in 2019.

The Sailing Committee warmly thanks the following members and businesses for their much appreciated contributions:

Barry Austin, Ken Watson, Marina Hobbs, Lynne Campbell, John Ibell, Scott Patrick, Brad and Maryke Barker, the Waugh family, Sarah Perez and Graeme Davey.

Smit Lamnalco, RoadPak, Treasury Wines, The Dinghy Shop, Rick Niven Capri Schweppes, Gladstone Nissan, Murray Ware Photography, Print Wright, and Gladstone Yacht Club.

### Presentation Night brought to you by:-

Invitations and sponsor seeking: Sarah Perez

Trophies and gift preparation: Colleen, Sue and Barry

Results collation and Program: Sue

Setting up: Slim, Barry, Colleen, Sue, Martin Cooper, Lynne, and the Autys

Master of Ceremonies: Steve Lewis

Photography: Murray Ware

Hospitality: Club Manager Martin Ten Bensel along with GYC Kitchen and Bar staff

Sunday tidying up: Barry and Colleen

### PATRON'S MEDAL

### 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award

**Colleen Sawatzki and Sue Doyle**





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from you !**

## Opening Times & Contacts

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#### NEW OPENING HOURS

Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to late

Treasurer: Maria Mohrholz

Secretary: Selina Mossman

GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB

Club Manager: Martin Ten Bensel

Functions - Sarah Perez

#### PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB

Commodore: Marina Hobbs

Vice Commodore: Martin Cooper

Club Captain: Garth Brealey



*The view from the water*