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PATRON Barry's Christmas

Greetings 2019

A very merry Christmas to everybody - all Sailing Club members and their families.

All the very best and thank you for all the help you have been to me and the Club over the last 12 months.

Merry Christmas from Patron Barry Austin and wife Pat Austin

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One horse race I didn't win

by Garth Breayley

On race day Saturday 1400 start.

Turn up to get things sorted - boats in water etc.

Around 1230 I was informed that the support boats were crewed so I was not required.

Time for a sail then !

After a couple of calls and a spare at the Club I had a crew of four with one being a big guy. So covers off, launched the boat down the ramp and plus a bit (tide at 1.1m) - the good thing about an extendable tow bar.

Kicked the main away from the centre board, lowered board, came alongside the pontoon, fitted rudder, unloaded lifting frame from centre board and crew boarded. Cast off and headed out not far behind the start boat.

Heady up first. Yep, all good. About when opposite ship, "Gladstone" set main for hoist. Main jammed on deck. It had rolled under the centre board when lowering the board.

Note to Self : recheck when board is down.

Tied rope through eye with two lifting...no good. (NOTE : bulb weight around 250kg).

Starting five minute gun had gone. Turn back, lift with frame and head back out. When passing ship "Gladstone" (again) watched the Start Boat up anchor and head off. Time 1407. Yep, missed the start, also using motor so DSQ'd anyway.

Good day for a sail so went to A7 to QAL, past Q2 to say "Hi", round Q1 which is green, back to QAL and home. Wind NE 8-13 knots. Needed the big guy. Nice two sail run. On the way back surrounded by 15 knots winds. Sailed into a hole off top of Barney Point wharf. Mid channel, young Dave Burdon on the helm looked at me with a "What do I do now" look. A few strong puffs from this way and that and we were on our way again.

"Nice run," David said, "RSC is a bit quieter than Doctor's Orders".

That's how to lose a one horse race.

Save the Date!

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th January 2020

Cruising Sail





PCSC All Boats Regatta 2019

By Colleen Sawatzki

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Our Annual Regattas (since 1991) play a significant role in cementing ties with other sailing clubs and sailors, while at the same time foster renewed enthusiasm and love of the sport of sailing. This was seen again on the weekend 30 Nov / 1 Dec when the harbour came alive with twenty seven sailing boats crossing from the creek to Quoin basin to sail in the PCSC All Boats Regatta. We were more than happy with such a number.

This year our regatta is also part of the inaugural CQ Club Challenge Series.

On Saturday, the fleet of Optis, Sabots, a Micron, Impulses, a 12ft Skiff, a Taser and Arrows tacked their way across to the Quoin Basin with support vessels Herc, Red Rib, F-Troop, Lex and Caroll G. It was so great to see our harbour once again dotted with so many white sails.

In perfect sailing conditions of 10 to 15 knots skippers were kept busy, and the first race with the Junior division got underway just after 1400, followed by the Monohulls and then the Multihulls.

Brad and Maryke Barker's lovely "Tuan" was our VIP/ spectator vessel and followed the fleet in the Basin, providing their "guests" the opportunity to see some great sailing close up. The skiff powering along with her great red spinnaker is always an exciting sight.

Racing finished as planned at 1600 and the little fleet headed back to the creek to derig. Happily, thanks to our Club members' recent working bee, sailors had a pristine ramp to land on coming in on a lowering tide.



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PCSC All Boats Regatta 2019

Conditions on Sunday were more challenging – just to get out of the creek with wind being on the nose 15 to 21/22 knots. The little sabots and Optis really had to work hard to get across the harbour against the wind and tide, with some having welcomed help from support boats.

It was definitely more lively on the course, and even so for us on the Start Boat MV J rolling around. Needless to say, all the support boats had a busy morning.

With the fresh breeze we managed to finish racing just after 1200. It had been a morning to really enjoy watching fast, skilful sailing. There were a few capsizes, and also masts falling down - spectators were well entertained. The support boats did a great job in all incidents.

In the fresh conditions the juniors were very impressive. One tenacious little fellow fell off his boat doing a manoeuvre next to the start boat, was back in the boat within seconds, pulled on his soggy cap and sailed off full bore. Such a pleasure to see not only the confidence and determination but also the skill. Happily, Slipknot, one of the main contenders for a first prize, had finished her races before her mast fell down.

With the much appreciated and generous support of our Sponsors, we are able to award great prizes, medallions and ribbons to the place getters in all divisions, as well as offer Club hospitality to all: lunch on Saturday, a post race dinner upstairs in the Gladstone Room, breakfast on Sunday morning and a snack before the presentation of trophies on Sunday. Thanks go to hospitality gurus Kristina and Tom for providing delicious and healthy food.

Congratulation go to all sailors for getting out on the water and trying their best-particularly the Juniors. Special congratulations go to the winners and place getters in each Division.

Presentations:

Junior Division presented by Cindy Hogarth (Sealink)

First: Firefly - Caelan Byrt (KBSC) Second: Blue Crush – Robert Deards Third : Back in Black – Jordy Fee (KBSC).

Monohull YS <120 Division presented by Lex Moran (RoadPak Industries)

First: Slipknot – Joshua Young (KBSC) Second: FBS -David Mann (KBSC) Third: Missile – Wayne Laverty (KBSC).

Open Multihull Division presented by Life Member Maryke Barker

First: Airpower2 - Daryl Skinner (KBSC) Second: Hawk Eye – Andrew Fee (KBSC) Third : Bull Frog - Andrew Finch (KBSC).

A further Sportsmanship award (judged by the Juniors) was presented to Andrew Finch by Life Member Colleen Sawatzki.

Raffles in two great prizes: Family Return Trip with 4WD vehicle to South End valued at \$190 donated by Curtis Ferries, and \$100 Caltex fuel voucher were drawn at the conclusion of the presentation.



PCSC All Boats Regatta 2019

A huge thanks goes to the helpers below, without whom the Regatta would not have been possible:

Support Boat launching, retrieving, and prep: Barry Austin, Garth Breayley, Lex Moran, Slim Rosendahl, Charlie Mann, Tiernan Williams, Rob Auty, Tony Constance (Red Rib radio).

Support Boat operators and crews: Barry Austin, Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle, Wendy Barker, Lynne Campbell, Dieter Mohrholz, Dave Burdon, Dave Taylor, Ken Watson, Jim Thomas, Bill Feeney, Charlie Mann, Muriel Strahm, Lex Moran, Slim Rosendahl, Conrad and Carroll G crew.

CO – PRO's : Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle

Shore management / sign on / Raffle: Garth Breayley, Martin Sawatzki, Muriel Strahm

Trophies / shopping / results: Caltex, PCSC, Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle, Wendy Barker

Safety officer: Maria Mohrholz

Publicity / Media / Photography: Colleen Sawatzki, Wendy Barker

Spectator Boat “Tuan”: Brad and Maryke Barker



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An Inspiring Sailing Career Part 2

Article published in Sailing Scuttlebutt

Luke Molloy

Recap.....

With the European summer over Molloy was enjoying some time back in Australia when he got a phone call asking him to fly to Amsterdam for crew trials with ABN AMRO. Even at this stage he had few expectations of being selected.

"I was really just doing it for a bit of experience," he says. "I knew that the chance to get on a Volvo Ocean Race boat – even just to try out – was too good to miss."

The first part of the trials took place in the middle of winter in freezing conditions on the North Sea, before Molloy and his fellow aspiring around-the-world racers were flown to Portugal for a week of IMOCA 60 sailing.

"We had two judges/coaches who were helping select the crew," Molloy remembers.

Continuing....

"They didn't give much away, but I knew they had their bowmen and grinders and so they were only really looking for trimmers and drivers."

To his incredulity, Molloy received word that he had been selected as part of the crew of young up-and-coming sailors – including the likes of Sebastien Josse, Simon Fisher, Nick Bice and Simeon Tienpont – who were to race around the world.

Molloy remembers finding the whole concept hard to take in.

"Primarily, I couldn't believe that they were going to give a state-of-the-art Volvo Ocean Race boat to bunch of under thirty-year-olds. But they literally did. I don't think anything like that has happened again – I think we kind of broke the mould."

The race itself was a tumultuous experience for Molloy and his crew mates.

There were high points, like setting a new monohull 24-hour distance record and finishing in fourth place overall, but also the crushing blow of losing crewmate Hans Horrevoets overboard in the Atlantic during the seventh leg of the race. Despite his crewmates managing to find him and get him back aboard, sadly the 32-year-old Dutch sailor could not be resuscitated.

"Losing Hans was devastating to us all and it is a memory/experience I will never forget," Molloy says. "It was a tragic loss and shows just how dangerous ocean racing can be."

After completing his first lap of the planet, the following year Molloy got his chance to be part of the America's Cup, working as a mainsail trimmer for the Swedish syndicate Victory Challenge.

Following that experience he spent several years plying his trade as a pro-sailor in a range of one-design owner/driver classes like the Mumm 30, Farr 40, and Melges 32 together with well-run Grand Prix campaigns including eight years of TP52 MedCup/ Super Series.

A call-up from ABN AMRO 2 crew member Simeon Tienpont to join his team AkzoNobel campaign saw Molloy return to round-the-world racing for the 2017-18 Volvo Ocean Race – in which he finished fourth once more.

After the race Molloy has moved his family – wife Sally and two young children Ted and Alice – to the Spanish Mediterranean island of Palma, Mallorca, where he has taken on the role of grand prix sail consultant at the Doyle Sails Palma loft there which compliments his busy professional sailing career.

Molloy says his new role centres on his ability to communicate effectively with his clients to enable them to get the best out of their sails and their boats.

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Team AkzoNobel during the 2017-18 Volvo Ocean Race passing the Fastnet Rock © James Blake/ Volvo Ocean Race



Luke Molloy at the helm, setting new 600 nm 24-hour distance record with Team AkzoNobel during the 2017-2018 Volvo OR

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Luke Molloy

“I’m drawing on thirty years of racing experience, but that doesn’t count for much if you can’t create the right dialogue with the owner,” he says.

“These days the owners are generally the helmsman and often my role as trimmer is as much about coaching them on the most effective way to sail the boat.”

As Molloy has found, there is sometimes a fine line between feeding someone the appropriate information without overwhelming them.

“While you are doing your job trimming and feeling the boat you are also trying to act as a guide. Everyone is different – some people thrive on lots of information and with others you can’t complicate things with too many technicalities.

“It took me quite a few years to nail down my own patented technique and to find out what works and what doesn’t.

“I’ve got a lot of experience in a wide range of boats it’s good to be able to get on any boat and be able to bring some sort of improvement – whether it’s with sail shapes or designs or even just the way you sail a boat.

“I believe you can always add something, which is really satisfying. I’m happy that I’ve got the experience to be able to do it.”



The new Doyle Sails Palma loft has recently opened a 3300 sqm facility, making it the largest sail loft in Mallorca.

Source: [Doyle Sails](#)

CLUB SECRETARY

The Management Committee would like to hear from Members who are interested in joining the Management Committee in the role of Club Secretary.

Apart from being a Constitutional requirement, the Secretary holds an integral role in managing and facilitating communication, incoming/outgoing correspondence, agendas/minutes, and appropriate record keeping.

Please email admin@gyc.com.au if you are interested.

Sail CQ Club Series—Bowen

Port Denison Sailing Club on 2nd and 3rd November 2019

Report by Maria Mohrholtz



Yes Bowen - 700km mostly boring highway going north. I have never sailed in Bowen and was curious about sailing and the sailing club up there. Left Miriam Vale at 6am Friday morning and got there by 3pm.

A nice big clubhouse, situated right on the beach. Not a bad spot. Inside, all familiar Yeppoon faces who came to help with the Regatta, greeted me. Enquiring where I could unload my boat, a young Bowen Sailor named Jake (11 years) offered to help unload and help to rig my boat. Full of enthusiasm he told me that he loves sailing and has been sailing for three years in all sorts of boats, but in the Regatta, he will sail an Open Bic named 'Lunatic'.

What a warm welcome! But Jake was not the only one. Over 30 kids under 12 turned up in Optis, Sabots and Open Bics the next morning, plus a big fleet of young Laser 4.7 sailors, Cats and open monos. All in all around 70 boats on the water.

Weather forecast 15-20 knots for Saturday, 10-15 knots for Sunday. The course was set as a trapezoid with an extra windward / return at the beginning, and then to complete the rest of the trapezoid. How many of these windward/returns (up to three times) would be indicated on a blackboard on the start boat. Two races in the morning and two for after lunch.

Low tide in the morning and the water was far, far away. Dragging the boat ~ 700m across a long beach was exhausting even before the start. 10-15 knot wind for the first two races was fine. Just one sausage and the trapezoid. Luckily the tide was coming in and we could sail right back to the Clubhouses.

After lunch the wind was building and gusting 18-20knots. It was hard work for me and I always struggle in strong wind. To make matters worse, the last race was a two windward/returns and the trapezoid. I was completely exhausted. Not even felt like socialising. Straight to the cabin and crashed on the bed. I had on overall 7th place so far.



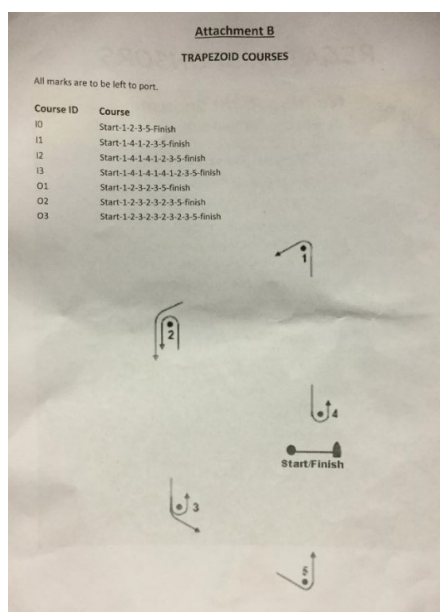
Sail CQ Club Series—Bowen

Sunday morning and the wind was light around 8-10 knots. Again a long way to the water as the day before. The first two races were fun and I felt like I did well in both. After lunch they decided on only one more race which was fine with me, as the wind was building again, but not as strong as on Saturday.

For the presentation they worked out the first three in every category but had problems with the rest of the results. They promised to put them online ASAP, but we all had to leave with not knowing the final results. Still it was a great Regatta! Well done Port Denison Sailing Club!

I stayed the night in Bowen and made Monday my travel day back home. It took until Monday evening to get the final results. I had a 3rd place in the first race on Sunday, but then it said I had a 10th place in race 6 and 7. How could that be? I thought on the water, I had a similar finish as in race 5 ?? Overall 9th place was a bit disappointing.

But I still love sailing and enjoyed myself, and that's the main thing.



Sailing Goss

THANKS AGAIN MARIA !

Maria Mohrholz and Windspiel have again clocked up miles to head north to take part in the CQ Series in Bowen challenge. Congratulations, Maria, on your efforts and thanks for flying the PCSC flag again .



THE RAMP IS CLEAN !

Thanks go to those members who spent a Saturday morning cleaning the ramp ! A big job. Lex, Robert R and John Ibell with their equipment assisted by members, Slim (Peter), Ian and Tiernan Williams, Mitch Brown, Damien Van Deudekom, Dave Cue and Rob Graham got the job done.



Gladstone Yacht Club Restaurant & Bar

The new menu has a great range to suit almost all in the family, with an emphasis on fresh and quality seafood. Seafood being sourced locally (where possible).

Tom Ranginui | Venue Manager

Restaurant and Bar opening hours 11.30am—late 7 days.

Dudley's Bar opens 4pm—late Wednesday & Thursday and 12—late Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

Bookings for functions or tables of 8 or more email: managementGYC@hotmail.com

No bookings required for smaller tables.

The Sailing Committee wishes Saleshe, Tom, Kristina and their team the very best for their success. Great to see activity upstairs and at Dudley's Bar again.

Junior Start Sailing

19-22 January 2020 is the planned time for our next Junior Sailing course which will run each day from 0800 to 1200. If you would like to help on a day or for all the sessions please contact Colleen or Sue.

Enrolments are now open

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portcurtissc/events/55596/>

Principle Race Officers (PROs)

PRO Roster Spreadsheet

Calling for sailors to volunteer for PRO duty during our sailing season. Just giving up one Saturday sailing to be PRO will help everyone get out on the water. Sharing the load, so to speak. Mentoring from the Sailing Committee is available if required.

Get in early and select your preferred day.

An editable Calendar is available on our website under Sailing > Events, Calendars and Regattas.

Click on the link to open the spreadsheet. Wait a few moments for the sheet to load, make your changes and close. No need to Save—that is happening automatically.

Your device will need Microsoft Excel installed, or if on a tablet/phone install the free APP 'Excel Sheets' to edit.

Any questions, please see Sue Doyle. Sue_doyle@ymail.com

PRO tocoles

- As established in our 2016-2017 season, members are asked to select a date to be rostered on as PRO together with a Sailing Committee member as an advisor/contact person if necessary.
- Average points will apply on the duty day for the skipper doing PRO Duty on MVJack, Red Rib or Herc.
- The PRO Guide will be emailed to all members (a copy also in Sign on Book) outlining PRO duties.
- The PRO of the day is responsible for arranging support boat crews, one of which must have Safety Boat driver qualifications. (Listed as "driver" below)



Our usual support boat skippers and crew for initial contact are:

Ken Watson - Red Rib driver
Jim Thomas - Red Rib crew
Murray Ware - Herc driver/crew
Dieter Mohrholz - Herc crew

Possible back up support contacts when available

Lex Moran - driver/crew	Colleen Sawatzki - driver/crew
Lynne Campbell - driver/crew	Tony Constance - driver/crew
Sue Doyle - driver/crew	Ray Hobbs - driver/crew
Martin ten BenseL - driver/crew	John Ibell - driver/crew
Rob Auty - driver/crew	Garth Breayley - driver/crew
Andre Rice - driver/crew	Jodie Black - driver/crew
Bill Feeney - driver/crew	Dirk Beyer - driver/crew

PCSC Discover Sailing Training Centre

Our Training Centre is recruiting. Members who are interested in our Training Centre Operations and are willing to volunteer their time and take on the responsibility of a role in our team, **we'd love to hear from you.**

Here is a brief outline of each role:-

Training Centre Principal

- Uphold Australian Sailing Training Centre Standards
- Writing and updating our Centre Procedure Manual
- Prepare Australian Sailing Centre Inspection Report in conjunction with Senior Instructor
- Open courses for enrolments
- Provide, or supervise, administrative support for the Training Centre
- Ensure all Instructors are teaching to Australian Sailing standards
- Monitor PCSC safety procedures are followed at all times
- Ensure Training Centre staff and volunteers hold appropriate qualifications for the role they perform
- Ensure Training Centre staff and volunteers are provided with training opportunities to develop or maintain mandatory qualifications
- Ensure club facilities and equipment are properly maintained, used, cleaned and stored



Dinghy Instructor

- Uphold Australian Sailing Training Centre Standards
- Plan and compile sailing program course material and activities adhering to Australian Sailing curricula
- Provide theory and practical sail training instruction
- Mentor Training Centre Assistant Instructors and volunteers
- Promote safety of self, volunteers/staff and students participating under your instruction
- Ensure club facilities and equipment are properly maintained, used, cleaned and stored.
- Ensure own qualifications are kept up to date

Assistant Dinghy Instructor

- Uphold Australian Sailing Training Centre Standards.
- Promote safety of self and students participating under your instruction
- Assist with the practical elements of the sailing program
- Ensure club facilities and equipment are properly maintained, used, cleaned and stored.
- Ensure own qualifications are up to date

Safety Boat Operators

- Uphold Australian Sailing Training Centre Standards.
- Promote safety of self and students participating under your instruction
- Support the sailing program
- Ensure club facilities and equipment are properly maintained, used, cleaned and stored.
- Ensure own qualifications are kept up to date

Start Sailing

NOVEMBER ADULT START SAILING

November saw Start Sailing again,
Hopefully new sailors PCSC will gain.

Day one rigging and sailing in the creek,
ENE to twenty knots - no mean feat.

Ten knots on the harbour for week two,
Reaching and tacking – problems few.

Week three was again creek sailing :
Capsize drill and practising gybing.

Session four MOB was done,
Sailing to windward and on a run.

Last session is still to come,
On the harbour we hope to have fun.

We wish our new sailors all the best,
As weather at times their new skills will test.
Colleen (Instructor)



Many thanks must go to our Club members for who
have helped during the course:
Barry Austin, Georgia Mossman, Garth Breayley,
Dirk Beyer and Tiernan Williams.
Colleen and Sue

Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2019-20					
Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
23	Saturday 7-12-19	1202 1.48 1807 3.45	1400	Club Championship - Heat 3 (postponed to 16-5-20) FUN with Boats instead	
	Sunday 8-12-19		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 5	Colleen Sawatzki
	7th & 8th Dec			2019 Queensland Impulse State Championships	Hervey Bay Sailing Club
24	Saturday 14-12-19	1028 4.32 1654 0.87	1400	Head of Harbour 1 - Heat 3	
25	Saturday 21-12-19			SRD	
Aquatic Permit to here					
Christmas School Holidays start Saturday 14-12-19 to Mon 27-1-20					
	Saturday 11-1-20	0933 4.53 1600 0.74		SRD	
26	Saturday 18-1-20	0945 1.56 1545 3.56	1400	Club Championship - Heat 4	
	Sunday 19-1-20	0451 3.63 1108 1.50	0800 1200	Junior Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
	Monday 20-1-20	0600 3.85 1218 1.34	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
	Tuesday 21-1-20	0658 4.07 1316 1.15	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
	Wed 22-1-20	0745 4.23 1404 1.01	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing Session 4	Colleen Sawatzki
27	Saturday 25-1-20	0939 4.33 1602 0.87		Australia Day Weekend - Crusing Sail	
	Sunday 26-1-20	1012 4.27 1636 0.92		Australia Day Weekend - Crusing Sail	
28	Saturday 1-2-20	1347 3.22 2015 1.64	1300	Round the Islands Series - Heat 1	
	Sunday 2-2-20	0846 2.01 1452 3.05		SRD	
29	Saturday 8-2-20	0836 4.53 1501 0.75	1400	Handicap Series - Heat 1	
	Sunday 9-2-20	0919 4.68 1545 0.58		SRD	
30	Saturday 15-2-20	1408 3.56 2019 1.32	1400	Club Championship - Heat 5	



The Sailing Committee wishes all sailors and their families the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Good sailing and safe travel to those sailors travelling to away events in December/January.





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from you !**

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