

Straphanger

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SAILOR SIEZE THE DAY...!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger November 2017 and guess what? It's only a few weeks till Santa comes! I'm hopeful that all Members are on his good list and many prezzies arrive! (Intrigue could use some new spinnaker pole blocks if you're reading this Santa!). 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 Commodore Peter Mann with all those important date savers for upcoming events and racing action.
- Part 1 of 4 of a fantastic report from Maryke on the 1949 Brisbane to Gladstone— a must read!
- A report on the fantastic 2017 Downer Queensland Impulse State Championships at the PCSC.
- The latest, up to date sailing calendar...
- And much, much more...!

Congratulations to all those Members who have been making the effort to get out on the water in greater numbers lately. It has been fantastic to see the Impulse fleet grow and it has been great to have some hotly contested races in the Div 1 and 1A series.

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! But not this month... this time I want to use poetic license and work with the idea that "a picture paints a thousand words"... Marina snapped this beauty of Dave Taylor on Without a Paddle...



***Showing some true grit
and mental protuberance
here Dave!***



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

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Wow, nearly a third of the season has gone already! Where has the time gone? Sailing activity around the club is increasing which means the numbers sailing each weekend are more consistent than last year which is a great look for the club. The dinghy fleet continues to grow which is great to see. I believe the starts and finishes between the dinghies have been very close and competitive. The yacht fleet are still reasonably stable however the crews seem to be growing slowly. Keep up the great recruitment work everybody!

My apologies for missing last months Straphanger. The world seems to be getting busier and busier. Speaking of busier, the club has many functions between now and the end of the year and require volunteer help with a number of tasks. These tasks are setting up and pulling own tables/chairs/shades/umbrellas, clearing tables of glasses and plates, general hand/tidying up. We will be running a spreadsheet and will publish the dates shortly so please volunteer some of your time if you can to help us through this busy period.

October trading saw the club turn in the right direction which is great result. Well done Tracey and the team! The team are all putting in that extra yard to ensure our customers have a pleasant experience at the Yachties. We are not far away from employing a new manager so please assist the team as much as you can until this process is completed.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- Many thanks to the members conducting Saturday morning sailing, Learn to Sail and taking people out for a sail. It is a great feeling to see the looks on the kids and adults faces while they are learning or perfecting their sailing skills. This is where our sport and club will grow from so please support these initiatives where possible.
- The rescue and start boats are always looking for volunteers. The volunteer list is at minimum so, if you know 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
- The PRO roster seems to be working well so many thanks to all the skippers/boat owners that sacrifice a day or two on the water to ensure all members get to enjoy a majority of weekends sailing.
- A large effort is being put in by many members preparing for and competing in State, National and Interclub events over the past few months. I take my hat off to you all and wish you well in all your ventures over the next few months. Good luck all, may fair winds be with you.

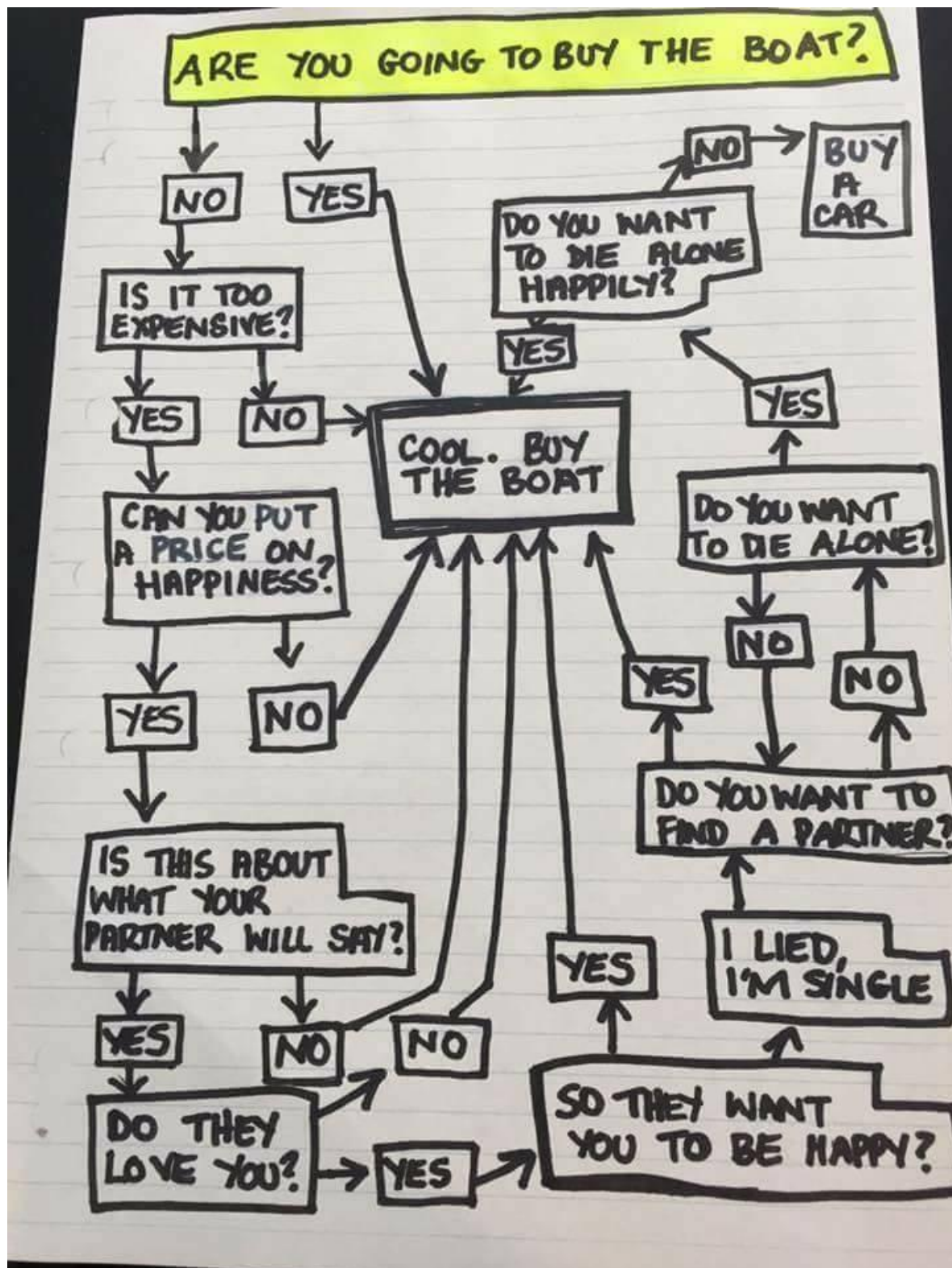
Continue to enjoy your sailing and the Club's facilities and many thanks again to the large number of volunteers that continue to assist with all facets of the club. It is whole heartedly appreciated!

See you on the water,
Young Dinga.



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BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Sailing Report from Peter Mann

We are now two months into the season and it is good to see a large amount of boats on the water every weekend.

I guess the biggest news since our last Straphanger was the Downer Impulse State Titles over the October long weekend. I would like to once again take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who helped out in the lead up to the weekend and also over the weekend, there are too many to mention here personally but thanks to all for your efforts in making it a successful weekend that the southerners are still talking about. Congratulations to Dave Mann for taking out the titles and Josh Young for coming in third. Local sailors took out other honours over the weekend with Matthew Eiser taking out the juniors, Maria Mohrholz taking out the Females and Charlie Mann taking out the Great Grand Masters. PCSC sailors featured throughout the final scores so well done to all who competed.

Our PRO duty roster has worked well in the first half of the season and after a couple of tweaks the second half of the season will be going online shortly, look out for the email and get in early to pick a weekend that suits.

The biggest news with the sailing calendar for the second half of the season is the splitting of championship days for the yachts and dinghies, this idea is being trialled to get some crossover between the fleets.

At the end of the year we will be saying farewell to Tim Williams who is being transferred to Brisbane, many of you would be aware that not only does Tim assist Barry with getting the support boats in and out of the water for the weekends sailing but he is also the Club Handicapper, this is a role that will need to be filled so put your hand up if you like numbers, if the position isn't filled don't complain that your handicap is not to your liking or you will be volunteered.

Over the past couple of months we have had parts being borrowed from the club Pacers, can the parts that have been borrowed please be returned, I am starting to get annoyed with spending time on Saturday mornings searching for parts to get the Pacers on the water with our Green Fleet.

Speaking of our Green Fleet, we have a number of youth sailing Pacers on Saturday mornings who will soon be joined by our adult start sailing graduates, I have been running this but in the lead up to National Titles over Christmas and a full sailing calendar next year I am struggling to be available on Saturday mornings, if anyone is interested in helping out please let us know. We have a keen group of participants and I would hate to see them turned away due to lack of helpers.

As always we are looking for volunteers to assist with racing on Saturday's, if you are not sailing and can drive or assist with crewing a rescue boat come down and help out, remember it's your Club, get involved.

Upcoming Events

10 December – Club Christmas party, keep the date clear, details will be emailed out shortly.



QUEENSLAND IMPULSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TOUGH FIGHT FOR PODIUM

By: Queensland Impulse Association 10 October 2017

The 2017 Downer Queensland Impulse State Championships were held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend at Port Curtis Sailing Club, Gladstone.

This was the first time the impulses had ventured to central Queensland for a state championship, and the move proved to be a resounding success, with a record fleet of 30 boats competing in a Queensland State Championship.

The regatta attracted many new boats and faces, which was held in moderate to fresh conditions was generously sponsored by the Downer Group and monkeyfist.com.au.

Competitors travelled from as far as the Tweed River in NSW, South East Queensland, Keppel Bay, as well as a strong contingent of 15 local Gladstone boats.



The championship was taken out by local hotshot and defending state champion Dave Mann sailing 'Gold Digger'. This boat is one of the new generation of impulses built by Freddy Phillips from Dinghy Sports on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Immediately after the regatta Mann sold his boat to another Gladstone local and he is now in preparations for a new boat.

In second place was current Australian championship runner-up Andrew Turnbull-Miller in his brand new Ray Hobbs built 'Boaty McBoatface' from Oxley Sailing Club on the Brisbane River. Turnbull-Miller showed amazing speed for a boat that had been launched only the previous week and as usual displayed sound tactics.



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In third place, was another Gladstone local and newcomer to the class, Joshua Young, in his Tim Wilson built 'Slipknot'. Young was extremely quick and would have challenged Mann and Turnbull-Miller further if it wasn't minor errors at mark roundings. Young is travelling to the National Championships in Adelaide over the Christmas/New Year period and could be considered one of the early favourites.



For a class that barely existed in Queensland 10 years ago, to now being one of the most popular classes in the State the rise of the Impulse is extraordinary.

The next major events on the Impulse calendar include the national championships at Brighton Seacliff Yacht Club, South Australia over the Christmas/New Year Period and the Eastern States on the Clarence River Harwood Island, Northern NSW in March 2018.

For more information on the Impulse head to www.ausimpulse.com.au.

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THE 70th BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE OCEAN RACE WITH MARYKE BARKER

Easter 2018. Queensland Cruising Yacht Club and the Port Curtis Sailing Club will celebrate the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone Ocean Yacht Race. Maryke Barker has uncovered the Gladstone Observer article describing the dinner and trophy presentation celebrating the very first race in 1949. [Enjoy the read!](#)

Part One

THE GLADSTONE OBSERVER, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1949 CIVIC WELCOME VISITING YACHTSMEN ENTERTAINED

The successful conclusion of the first Brisbane to Gladstone ocean yacht race was fittingly celebrated on Tuesday evening when the skippers and crews of the visiting yachts and other visitors were entertained at a dinner in the Town Hall.

The mayor (Ald. J. F. O'Malley) presided and extended a warm civic welcome to the visitors on behalf of the citizens of Gladstone.

The handsome trophies for the race, which were donated by Brisbane business houses, including the "Courier-Mail" Cup, were presented to the winners by the mayor.

A telegram was received from the manager of the "Courier-Mail" regretted his inability to be present to hand over the cup to the winner, and entrusted the performance of this pleasant ceremony to Mr. O'Malley.

"BRITISH EMPIRE"

After the "Loyal" toast had been honoured, that of the "British Empire" was ably proposed by Mr. W. R. Golding.

(Editor: Mr. Golding then continues on in ponderous vein for 13 paragraphs on the history of Brisbane and Gladstone.....details may be obtained from Maryke Barker!)

Q.C.Y. CLUB

The toast of the "Queensland Cruising Yacht Club" was proposed by the mayor (Ald. J. F. O'Malley) who said it would be accepted by all present with the greatest of pleasure. Six months ago, he said, Mr. Drouyn had convened a meeting for the purpose of forming the Q.C.Y. Club. This meeting was attended by approximately ten persons. The club was formed, but they did not then realise that this small body would play such an important part in the history of Queensland.

When Gladstone was first contacted as to the possibility of staging a Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race, Mr. O'Malley said he made enquiries as to the credentials of the club. The information supplied reflected the utmost credit on the members and Gladstone was pleased to co-operate with the club in this great historic event.

The popular club secretary (Mr. Drouyn), he said, carried out most of the spade work in the early stages, and was later assisted by one of Brisbanes's most outstanding, Mr. C. Elton, as publicity officer to the club.

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Continuing, Mr. O'Malley said that as a result of this race Brisbane and Gladstone had already gained nation-wide publicity. It had now been decided that it would be an annual event and he had the assurance of the citizens of Gladstone that next year Gladstone would contribute the whole of the prize money for the race.

Further, said Mr. O'Malley, a short time ago the Queensland Government appointed a select committee to investigate the possibilities of developing the tourist resorts of Queensland, and this committee, realising the importance of the Great Barrier Reef as a tourist resort of Queensland, recommended the promotion of an ocean yacht race in Queensland waters. The Queensland Cruising Yacht Club had now gained that objective and persuasive powers should be used to induce the Government of Queensland to assist in financing major yacht races of national importance in Queensland waters.

For the past week, he said, Gladstone, in conjunction with the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, had enjoyed pride of place with the Radio and the Press.

It was proposed to stage a major yacht race in 1953 in conjunction with Gladstone's Centenary celebrations when every endeavour would be made to attract ocean-going yachts from other nations and he felt confident that Doug Drouyn, Commodore Manahan, and members of the Q.C.Y. Club would participate in that race.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Malley expressed the sincere hope that the membership of the club would continue to grow and that prosperity would reign for the club in the years to come.



Welcome at the town hall for Sailors

To be continued...

ODDS AND ENDS...

FROM YOUR EDITOR TONY CONSTANCE

Former PCSC Junior Club member LUKE MOLLOY is crewing on Akzo-Nobel, as trimmer, helmsman and sailmaker. Luke did Learn to Sail with the club and was a talented 2up sabot Skipper and 1up Club Champion, and 420 sailor. This is his second Volvo Ocean Race, his first on ABN-AMRO 2005/6.

<https://www.teamakzonobel.com/our-team/luke-molloy>



David Mann, as Secretary of the Queensland Impulse Association would like to pass on the Associations thanks to all who were involved in the running of the 2017 Downer Queensland Impulse state Championships. From all reports this was the best State Titles the Class has ever had! Well done PCSC Volunteers and sailors—jolly good work!



SAILING CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2017-18

Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
Saturday 18-11-17	0901 4.09 1516 0.82	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Handicap Series 1 Heat 1	Maria Mahrholz
			CCYC Round the Bay	
Sunday 19-11-17	0932 4.07 1550 0.88	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 25-11-17	1322 3.36 1959 1.56	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Club Championship Heat 4	Sue Doyle
Sunday 26-11-17	0730 1.73 1430 3.33	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing session 4	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 2-12-17	0758 4.34 1415 0.65 2015 3.86		Austin Family Fairway	Barry Austin
Sunday 3-12-17	0843 4.52 1505 0.52	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing session 5	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 9-12-17	1401 3.94 2026 1.08	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Handicap Series 1 Heat 2	Lex Moran
Sunday 10-12-17	0847 1.42 1505 3.79	1300	Sailors Christmas party	
Christmas School Holidays start Saturday 9-12-17				
Aquatic Permit to here				

No Planned Sailing Events

Sunday 07-01-18	0703 3.46 1210 3.81	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
Monday 08-01-18	0805 1.47 1422 3.73	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
Tuesday 09-01-18	0919 1.62 1522 3.51	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
Wed 10-01-18	1038 1.63 1629 3.37	0800	Junior Start Sailing Session 4	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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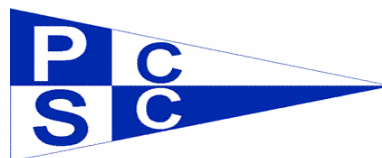
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