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# October 2019 Edition

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

The good news sailors, is that the owner of the Coffee Club at the Night Owl Centre, Salesh, has just advised me that he is happy for me to announce that he plans to open the top floor of our Yacht Club in the second week of November.

So you and your friends will soon be able to enjoy yourselves upstairs again at the Club.

Your tireless and hard-working Club sub-committee expects the lease to be signed in a matter of days.

Importantly, lease payments will enable your Club to pay off our debts over the coming three years, and your Treasurer Sue, has been very busy making debt payments .

This coming success is thanks to your very hardworking sub committee of Tot, Ian Williams and PJ, who seem to be working part of most of every day to resolve all sorts of issues.

Thanks to their tireless efforts and support from so many Members in all sorts of ways, our Sailing Club will now grow and expand.

For example, now that the business of running a bar, the kitchen and a restaurant will shortly be passed to a professional, we can focus on expanding sailing and other boating activities.

Personally, I am very keen to help expand our Sailing Club to include cruising yachties and power boat owners.

John Bell  
Commodore



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# Sub Committee Update

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## REOPENING SOON

All indicators point to the Club opening for business mid November.

The opening of the Gladstone Yacht Club Restaurant and Bar will be a low key 'soft opening' to allow any initial teething issues to be sorted out.

Staff have been employed and are undergoing training and obtaining the necessary certificates. It will be business as usual for the Club under a new operation with new staff.

They will be running a tight operation and meeting all the legislative requirements, but with an improved level of service and great new meals.

The Yacht Club ambiance has been preserved with our memorabilia retained. Ken's half models are back on display, the photos of members and boats will be refreshed and with new paint job, upstairs is looking good.

So come on down, get out sailing, check out the menu and support our Club.

Ian Williams, Tot Moran, Paul Jansen  
Sub Committee



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# Thank you

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**There was something important missing in the September Straphanger, to thank Marina, Selina, Martin, Ray and John Ibell, the previous Committee members.**

This was a committee that did not sit on their hands. Everyone of them worked hard to save a failing business. Maybe some think the outcome, closing the hospitality side of the Club was debatable. Nevertheless, everyone of the volunteer committee members had tried their best.

**THANK YOU to Marina Hobbs our previous Commodore**, who put her heart, soul and time into the Club business. The enormous amount of problems which had to be tackled simultaneously, is hard to explain to Club members – just how much work and effort went into trying to rescue the Club. All what Club members saw was that the Club had to close and judge accordingly.

Also Marina and Selina didn't give up even when the business closed upstairs. Every weekend for six weeks, Marina and Selina, without much help from other Club members, operated Dudley's Bar on the weekend to reduce the stock we still had, and generated around \$2,000 per weekend - a desperately needed cashflow to pay the bills the Club was left with.

Another big thank you to Ray Hobbs for his huge effort, who found buyers for our Gaming machines and then delivered to them. That helped to pay \$55,000 of the Club debt  
So, THANK YOU !

I also wish the new committee all the best! And that our Club may prosper into the future!  
Maria Mohrholtz

## **Reminder—PCSC Membership renewals, race nominations and boat storage are now due.**

Adult Ordinary membership \$200

Race Nomination per boat \$65

Boat Storage hard stand \$950 per bay. Dinghy under club \$80

This year we are using the online Australian Sailing revSport membership system to raise invoices for sailing activities and take payments via internet banking into the Club Building Fund bank account.

Members may notice another payment method—PIN Payment Gateway. This has been opened primarily for entrants in our upcoming Sail CQ @ PCSC regatta. Using the PIN Payment Gateway option will incur an additional 2% surcharge which neither our Club or Australian Sailing receive.

For our members the internet banking deposit into the Club Building Account (BSB and Account on the bottom of your invoice) has no surcharge and is our preferred option.

However Members are welcome to choose the method that suits them best.

Please see Treasurer Sue if you did not receive your membership renewal email/invoice (some member email addresses were incorrect in revSport), or if you would like assistance.

# Billy Feeney builds his W17

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## Story of Billy-F (C72), Australia

I have been a surfer for most of my life but now in my early sixties am finding it's taking me longer to get up on the sweet spot of the board, so I'm turning more to sailing at my local yacht club Port Curtis Sailing club in Queensland Australia, where I help crew on a multihull [a Malcolm Tennant catamaran] I have already built a couple of boats and the last one was a 26 ft cat ketch. After that boat I said I wouldn't build another boat, but then, I saw the W17. With my wife being Filipino and the lines of the W17 somewhat resembling their outrigger boats, I thought this would be a good boat for her, being both stable and fast. Having caught the bug of sailing a multihull, I really like the look of this boat and as it will be so much fun to teach my young son, I'll just have to convince her to come sailing with us ;)

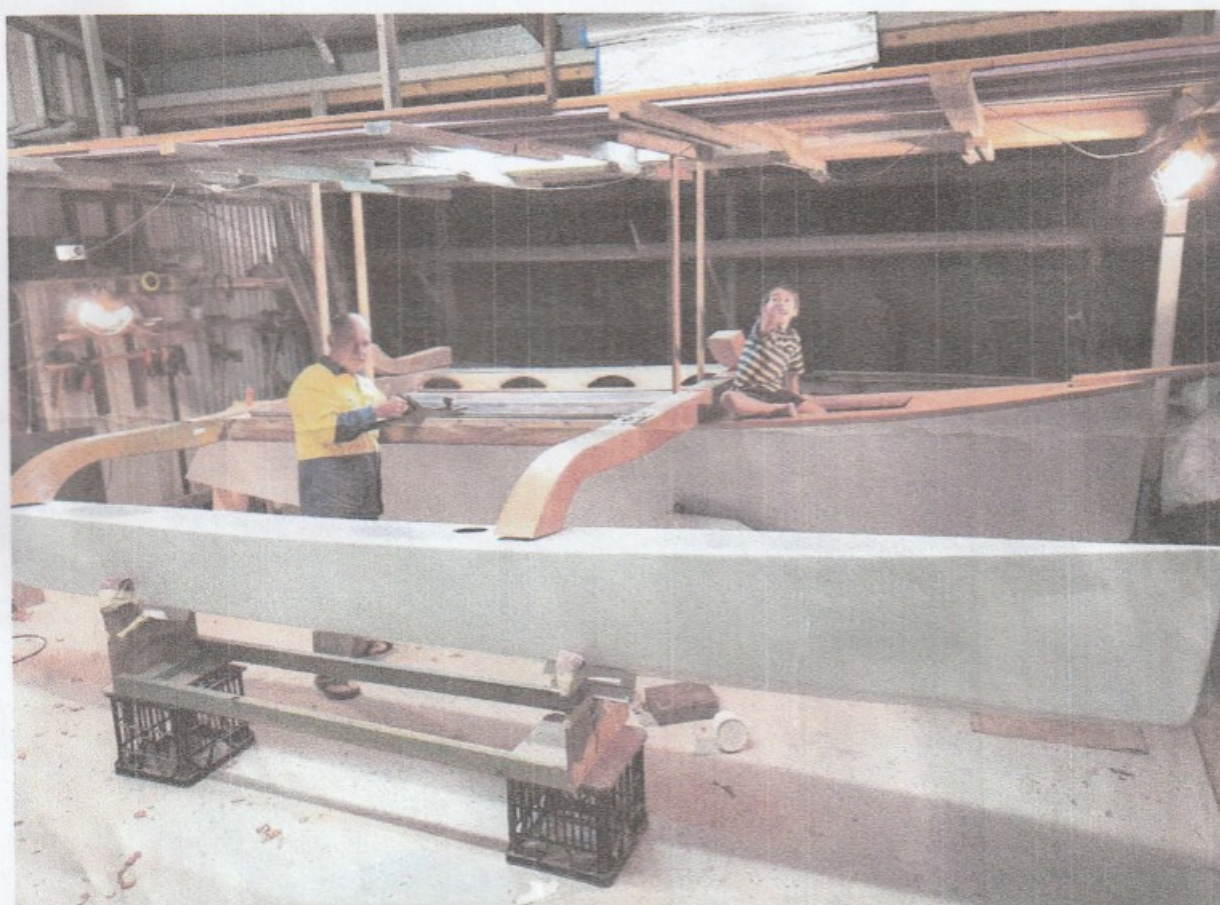


Compared to the other boats I have built, the journey of building this boat has been very rewarding as being a trimaran, it's important to keep it as light as possible and know what areas come under stress. I have learned so much already, finding most answers on Mike's remarkable website and getting a quick reply to any questions that I feel the need to ask him.

# Billy Feeney builds his W17

One bit of advice I have learned in my trade as a house builder that can apply to building boats too, is to break the whole project up into smaller tasks, something that Mike has already done in his detailed Build Manual. Then one day, those small separate parts will all come together, and I already dream of the fun I'm going to have, and maybe even win a few races with my boy as crew, which to date have been few and far between.

As more sailors get to see and try out the W17, I am sure this design will continue to grow as it's very well engineered and performs so well overall. Yet it's still versatile, comfortable and dry for its size. Independent reviewers say it's *'a total pleasure to sail and just exudes efficiency'* ... so I am eager to get mine afloat and start the fun for myself!



## Good sailing !

Wishing our yachts heading up to Yeppoon for the Round the Bay on 9th November and our Impulse dinghies heading down to Hervey Bay in December for the State titles, safe travels, great sailing and success.

## Adult Start Sailing

We are on the water Sunday mornings all November and 8 December for 0800 – 1200. If you would like to help on the shore or on the water, please contact Colleen or Sue.

# An Inspiring Sailing Career

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*Article published in Sailing Scuttlebutt*

## Luke Molloy



## Finding out what works and what doesn't

**Published on October 10th, 2019**

Given the enviable pedigree that Australian yachtsman Luke Molloy has built up over the years – he is an America's Cup and two-time Volvo Ocean Race competitor and one of the most sought-after sailors on the grand prix racing scene – you would imagine that he would have taken to sailing like the proverbial duck to water.

It didn't quite happen that way, though.

Despite having pestered his mother to distraction to sign him up for sailing lessons after he spotted a Sabot dinghy while on a fishing and diving holiday on the Great Barrier Reef, when he did finally get his wish, he wanted to quit after the first lesson.

The problem was that as an eight-year-old he was the youngest on the course and always ended up in the crew's role – and not being in control of the boat did not sit well with him at all.

Happily though, Luke's mother made sure he persevered with his sailing lessons, and next time out he got to steer.

"I liked it then," Molloy says with a smile. "After that the competitive side took over. I enjoyed beating my friends, I liked winning races, and I liked the freedom of being out in the boat by yourself when you are so young. It felt pretty good."

Luke honed his skills at the Port Curtis Sailing Club in Gladstone, Queensland, racing Sabots, 420s, with a bit of Skiff sailing thrown in for good measure.

"We would race whatever dinghies we could – just to experience sailing," Molloy recalls.

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“I did a few short offshore races back then too – which I didn’t really like. Being a kid, I just thought: ‘What’s all this about?’”



After leaving school Molloy continued his sailing at university in Brisbane, where he had gone to study Civil Engineering.

“I was sailing 420s at first and then I graduated to the 505,” Molloy says.

“I was a student so I didn’t have any money for new sails, so when a friend of mine – Mark Bradford – offered me a part time job at North Sails, I jumped at the chance as it meant I could make my own.”

Molloy soon found himself spending more and more time on his sailmaking and less and less as a student. It was not long before the opportunity for a full-time career in sailmaking presented itself.

“I was about 20 and my life comprised making sails, sailing on customers’ boats, and racing Skiffs or anything fast,” Molloy says. “For me the decision to continue with sailmaking was easy, but I think my mum was less impressed. She was supportive, but I know she must have been wondering what I was doing with my life.”

Molloy spent several years learning the sailmaker’s trade before making the move to Europe as sailmaker with the Reichel Pugh 77-footer Black Dragon – a regular line-honours favourite on the Mediterranean big boat regatta circuit.

“I was really living the dream at that point, Molloy explains. “They needed a sailmaker who could help run the boat and sail on board, so that was perfect for me. We were based in the South of France and we did all the Maxi Med regattas down there.

“There were three or four of us who would deliver this 75-foot race boat from regatta to regatta. All in all, it was a pretty amazing experience for a young kid from Gladstone – and I remember having to pinch myself a few times.”

As much as he was experiencing a dream lifestyle, Molloy made sure he made the most of his total immersion in the professional yacht racing world, taking every opportunity to observe how the professionals did things and soak up as much specialist knowledge as he could.

“It was a period of continual learning,” Molloy says. “I was meeting so many great sailors – many of whom were my idols who had done multiple Whitbreads, Volvo Ocean Races, or America’s Cups – and it should have been really daunting.

# Luke Molloy

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**Reichel Pugh 75' Black Dragon**

"But the really cool thing was finding out that mainly these people were very nice and friendly individuals. Despite all they had achieved, they were easy to talk to and more than happy to unload information to the young guys coming through like me."

This open style of behaviour is one which Molloy says has stuck with him ever since and has served him well throughout his career as a professional sailor.

"I think the people that make it to the top get there because they are easy to work with," Molloy said. "No one likes to sail with anyone who yells or screams or blows off their top the whole time. The top people generally keep themselves under control."

"I have always tried to be someone who will pass knowledge on within the crew. In yacht racing it really is true that you are only as strong as the weakest member on the team. So I figure that if you can bring up the level of the weakest people on your crew, then it will be good for the whole team."

Soon after the Black Dragon campaign concluded Molloy got a surprise opportunity to try out for the ABN AMRO 2 youth team for the 2005-06 Volvo Ocean Race around the world.

"I had filled out an online application" Molloy recalls. "I really wanted to do the America's Cup because I still didn't really like offshore sailing that much. But the application took ten minutes to complete, so I did it – and then pretty much forgot all about it."

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."

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

*Luke's story to be continued in our November Straphanger*

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# Sail CQ Club Challenge

## CQ Club Challenge

So far skipper, Maria Mohrholz, is the only Club dinghy sailor to have points on the score board for our Club in this new series.

Her great efforts in the Mackay Sailing Club Regatta saw her in fourth place, gaining important points for our Club. Congratulation and thanks, Maria !



Entry List	Overall Scratch	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
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Plc	Bow No	Sail No	Boat Name (Boat Type)	Skipper/Crew	From	Race 1 7-Sep	Race 2 7-Sep	Race 3 7-Sep	Race 4 7-Sep	Race 5 8-Sep	Drop	Total
1		2558	<b>Redline</b> Tasar	Thomas Cobden Alice Roper	TSC QLD	1	3	2	4	1	4	7
2		211543	<b>Space Cadet</b> Laser	Blake Smith-Jung	MSC QLD	4	2	5	2	2	5	10
3		202723	<b>Hornet</b> Laser Radial	Daniel Chye	MSC QLD	3	1	7	3	6	7	13
4		514	<b>Windspiel</b> Impulse	Maria Mohrholz	PCSC QLD	2	9	6	1	5	9	14
5		1937	<b>Battleship</b> 29er	Elliot Tobin Joshua Claus	TSC QLD	5	10	3	8	3	10	19
6		167125	<b>Mixed Emotions</b> Laser	Peter Fletcher	PDSC QLD	6	4	9	DNC (14.00)	4	14	23
7		195696	<b>Send It</b> Laser Radial	Deklan Bulder	PDSC QLD	7	5	8	5	10	10	25
8		19553	<b>Salty Life</b> Laser Radial	Lincoln Johnson	KBSC QLD	10	8	4	6	11	11	28
9		167087	<b>Adrenalin</b> Laser Radial	Ethan Banks	MSC QLD	9	6	10	7	9	10	31
10		2057	<b>Penelope</b> Tasar	Gary Bruce Kylie Gummow	PDSC QLD	8	7	11	9	8	11	32
11		Training	<b>iSail</b> Laser Radial	Breda McCarthy	TSC QLD	11	11	DNF (14.00)	10	7	14	39
12		3827	<b>Raeger</b> Moth Foiler	John Rae	MSC QLD	DNC (14.00)	13	1	DNC (14.00)	DNC (14.00)	14	42
13		AUS3676	<b>Mach 2</b> Moth Foiler	Ben Osborne	MSC QLD	DNC (14.00)	12	DNF (14.00)	DNC (14.00)	DNC (14.00)	14	54

CQ Challenge Series is in Bowen—Port Denison Sailing Club on 2nd and 3rd November 2019.



## CQ Challenge Series @ PCSC

### 30 November and 1 December 2019

(PCSC All Boats Regatta)

Preparations for our PCSC All boats Regatta, now part of the new CQ Club Challenge series, are underway. Help is most welcome: support boat crew, on shore jobs, setting up etc. If you can help on either or both days please let Colleen or Sue know.

Colleen Sawatzki: [sawazkim@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sawazkim@bigpond.net.au)  
Sue Doyle: [sue\\_doyle@ymail.com](mailto:sue_doyle@ymail.com)

Please promote our regatta amongst your sailing colleagues and class associations.

Registration link open soon on revSport.



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# PCSC Discover Sailing Training Centre

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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

# Sailing Goss

## Thanks CCYC !

As circumstances did not allow us to host the first three heats of the annual CQ Series for yachts, it was much appreciated that the CCYC Committee amended the SI so all heats could run in Yeppoon.

## Calling for Principle Race Officers (PROs) for our Saturday Sailing Can you help !

### 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  
Robert Rosendahl - crew



- There are rare occasions when there have been more helpers than required In this case , first priority will be given to those members who have already committed as available to the PRO

# Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2019-20					
Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
19	Saturday 9-11-19	1320 1.08 1930 3.73	1400	Head of Harbour 1 - Heat 1	Colleen Sawatzki
			0900	Round the Bay	CCYC
	Sunday 10-11-19	0754 3.85 1354 0.96	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
20	Saturday 16-11-19	1122 3.95 1754 1.12	1400	Club Championship - Heat 2	
	Sunday 17-11-19	0522 1.16 1212 3.83	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
21	Saturday 23-11-19	1240 0.85 1840 4.04	1400	Head of Harbour 1 - Heat 2	
	Sunday 24-11-19	0719 4.12 1332 0.69	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 4	Colleen Sawatzki
22	Saturday 30-11-19	1136 3.92 1806 1.21		<b>SAIL CQ CLUB CHALLENGE - PCSC All Boats Regatta 30 Nov and 1st Dec 2019</b>	Colleen Sawatzki Sue Doyle
	Sunday 1-12-19	0511 1.32 1221 3.69			
23	Saturday 7-12-19	1202 1.48 1807 3.45	1400	Club Championship - Heat 3	
	Sunday 8-12-19		0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 5	Colleen Sawatzki
	7th & 8th Dec			<b>2019 Queensland Impulse State Championships</b>	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	

## Club Website and Facebook pages

Website **www.gyc.com.au** is still a source of information for Club members with Straphanger, current and past issues, start sailing Information, the latest sailing calendar and sailing results. (results coming soon). It is envisaged the Functions and Restaurant pages will be refreshed soon.

## Facebook

While logged into your Facebook account, search Port Curtis Sailing Club and join.

For those starting out as Facebook users here is a link which may be helpful.

<https://www.wikihow.com/Join-Groups-on-Facebook>



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**We WANT to hear  
from you !**

#### REMINDER !!

Please email items by 25th of each month to allow editing and publishing to happen by the end of that month.

## Opening Times & Contacts

### YACHTIES BAR AND GRILL

OPENING SOON

### PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB INC.

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Vice Commodore: Garth Breayley

Treasurer: Sue Doyle

Secretary: Jodie Black

Club Captain: Mitch Brown



*The view from the water*

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