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COMMODORE'S REPORT

The good news sailors, is that despite closing-down recently, the future of your Gladstone Yacht Club is now assured !

Thanks to your sub-committee of Ian Williams, PJ and Tot, your Yacht Club now has a secure business plan, which will protect its future.

We will lease out the top floor of the Gladstone Yacht Club, and the bar, dinning room and kitchen to the proprietor of The Coffee Club at the Night Owl Centre, Sales. This means that in no time at all, the Gladstone Yacht Club, which already has the best venue in town, will also have the best bar and watering hole, plus the best food, dining room and service.

So feel free to invite all your friends to come along soon and support your reenergised and revitalised Gladstone Yacht Club, and come sailing.

Sailing insurance has been paid and the Aquatic Permit lodged. The sailing season can commence once the Aquatic Permit is received.

Importantly, rent from leasing out the top floor will help to pay off your Yacht Club's debts and other overheads. Equally importantly, Members will in future be able to concentrate and focus on expanding their sailing events.

So please feel free to suggest any possible sailing ideas, plus initiatives to boost junior sailing, such as school holiday courses. For example, by sheer chance I met Melbourne dinghy club leaders at Hamilton Island Race Week recently, who are very keen to investigate winter school holidays here.

Personally, I would also like to help start a cruising division for our sailing Club, with groups of cruising yacht owners and their friends enjoying day and week-end trips away for everyone in the Gladstone region.

I believe our Yacht Club also needs a powerboat division, to arrange similar group cruising activities, plus time trials and fishing competitions for Gladstone's powerboat owners.

Your Treasurer, Sue Doyle is also doing a really good job negotiating payment plans and organising to pay local creditors.

Continued.....

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Commodore's Report continued

Thanks to her tireless hard work and organisation, I've signed nine cheques to local supplies in the past few days, due to the thoughtful generosity of spirit of Club Members, who are helping by adopting an invoice. Further, thanks to a team of prominent and hardworking Club volunteers, the kitchen will soon be ready for Council inspection and for a celebrated handover.

Special thanks must also go to a former Treasurer and tireless volunteer, Martin ten Bensel, who helped your Club recently when he acted as Manager. A big thanks must also to Jodie Black and to her team of volunteers, who have also been generating a very useful cash flow by selling stock at the downstairs bar. Jodie is also your new and conscientious minute taking Club Secretary. Thanks must also to Colleen Sawatzki, who quietly does so many things behind the scenes in sailing, including Straphanger.

So, now it's time to stop worrying, put the past behind us and focus on sailing. So please invite friends from other yacht clubs to join us and come sailing !

But a big thank you to each of you as Members. Thank you
John Bell,
Commodore

At Last.....

SUB COMMITTEE UPDATE

Apologies to all for taking so long to announce the new operator of the Club's hospitality operation but Salesh, owner and operator of the Coffee Club at the Night Owl, will be our new tenant and will be providing the hospitality services at the Club.

Salesh opened the Coffee Club approximately 15 years ago and is a very well known, and respected member of the hospitality industry in Gladstone and the surrounding area. He has had input into a number of community based projects in Gladstone and is very keen to support sailing at our club.

Due to the commercial confidentiality, it was not possible to provide information to the members during the selection process. The process of finalising a tenant to operate the kitchen and bars has unavoidably been a slow process with a number of parties interested in the tenancy, and many involved parties on the sidelines, combined with changes at the yacht club. However, it was critical to follow due diligence and process when making the tenancy recommendation as the Club's survival was reliant on having the best possible outcome.

The lease subcommittee, management team and Salesh see our relationship as a partnership, and hope all members will come to support Salesh and promote the Club in the wider community. Effectively the members will have all the benefits that have always been available to them, without the administrative burden of running a licensed club.

There are a few issues to be finalised in regards to government licensing and the lease, but be assured Salesh and the Club's management are doing their best to have the doors open as soon as possible, and aiming for the second half of October.

This partnership will provide financial stability to our Club in the long term with few changes expected to take place, and any changes made will be positive and to the benefit of all. This relationship puts the Club in a very good position, and now it is up to the members to put the past behind us, work together for the future, and enjoy sailing and the new level of hospitality at the clubhouse following an afternoon on the water.

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Three 2 day Regattas in 3 weeks

by Maria Mohrholz

2019 August Allboats Regatta @ lake Cootharaba - (24/25 Aug)



The wind forecast for this weekend was 0-5 knots, but being many times to the lake and knowing that there is a good chance of wind in the afternoon I went anyway.

It was Ray Hobbs and I flying the flag for PCSC, being the only Impulses that weekend.

The Brisbane guys must have been still in hibernation.

With all together around 70 boats, with 28 being mono dinghies, it was busy on the water.

The wind turned up in time for racing..... 8-10 knots steady wind.
Yes, it changed direction a bit, but my kind of wind !
Ray and I had some good battles.

Good food and a nice social evening at the clubhouse is always well organised and enjoyable.

Sunday morning and no wind as usual.
Siting on the water for almost an hour before they started us, just to abandon race soon after and back to the beach for lunch.

As usual the wind came after lunch and we had two more races with good wind like the day before.

Ray and I had our usual battles.

Final results: 5th place for Ray and 8th place for me from a fleet of 28 boats.

All together a great sailing weekend.



Three 2 day Regattas in 3 weeks

Open of Season Regatta 2019 in Yeppoon - (30 Aug -1 Sept)

Again a light wind forecast for that weekend in Yeppoon, but we had 10-15 knots on Saturday.

Again Ray and I flew the flag for PCSC and three of the Yeppoon Impulses joined us.

Three races in good wind resulted in close racing between the Impulses.



Lighter wind for the third race, but altogether it was fun on the water.

Again three races for Sunday; triangle, windward-return, triangle. This time Ray and Will were chasing me around the course.

Again a very enjoyable weekend sailing.

Open of Season Regatta 2019													
Hosted By Keppel Bay Sailing Club													
Updated: 1/09/2019 15:41:33													
Series Results (Mixed Class YS) for Division 1 up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)													
Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Sers Score	Crew.	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6
1	Q844	Spent	Sarah Rice	Damon Stover		5.0		[1.0]	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
2	710	FBS	David Mann			10.0		[2.0]	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
3	924	Storm Dog	Damian Byrt	Craig Brown		15.0		[4.0]	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4	507	Rocket	Wayne Lavery			20.0		3.0	4.0	4.0	[5.0]	4.0	5.0
5	869	Space monkeys	Brent Pearson	Rob Pearson		24.0	Tom Searle	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	[6.0]
6	709	Itchycoo	Willaim Villet			32.5		6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	7.5	[16.0]
7	705	Problem	Ray Hobbs		PCSC	36.0		7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	6.0	[11.0]
8	514	Windspiel	Maria Mohrholz			37.5		8.0	8.0	[9.0]	6.0	7.5	8.0
9	2940	BEAT	Carl Brown			43.0		9.0	9.0	7.0	[10.0]	9.0	9.0
10	2117	Misty Rose	Ian McLeod	David Grimshaw		55.0		11.0	11.0	10.0	[14.0]	13.0	10.0
11	19553	Salty Life	Lincon Johnson			56.0		[15.0C]	15.0C	15.0C	9.0	10.0	7.0
12	7	Alicia	Jenna Madden			57.0		[15.0F]	15.0S	15.0S	11.0	12.0	4.0
13	657	Seoladh	Michael Hewson			58.0		12.0	12.0	11.0	[13.0]	11.0	12.0
14	52968	El Grande Twinkie	Quinlan Byrt	Callum Healy		64.0		10.0	10.0	[15.0F]	15.0	15.0	14.0
15	1669	Free Spirit	John Acworth	Mona Schab		67.0		[15.0S]	13.0	15.0S	12.0	14.0	13.0

Great to see PCSC members already travelling miles to attend away Regattas.
Thanks, Maria and Ray !

Sail CQ Club Challenge—Mackay

7th 8th September on Mackay's Kinchant Dam by Maria Mohrholz



CHALLENGING SAILING BUT MARIA DOES WELL !

A light wind weekend was forecast, but being an inland water, who knows what kind of wind to expect. Saturday morning and no wind !

The Mackay Sailing Club had set up on the boat ramp with some marquees. They are mobile since they can not sail their dinghy fleet in the Marina, and since they have been sailing at the dam, the dinghy fleet is growing.

Briefing was at 1130 with the first race at 1300. The three courses to choose from had to be memorised as the start boat would only display the number of the selected course. With the unpredictable wind they had no idea which to pick before hand. Three races for the day, and if the wind is good, four just in case there was no wind on Sunday.



Altogether 27 boats on the water, and 13 my division.

Mostly fit young guys with Lasers, Tasars and 29ners did not gave me much confidence. They had not seen an Impulse and didn't take much notice of me.

First start and the wind changed 180 degrees on the start line, but changed back coming up to the windward mark. Also the wind came in bullets between 0-18 knots.

That was the standard for all races.

It seems that I got lucky with the wind, and got second place in that first race and ninth place in the next, as I had found a few wind holes. Sixth place in Race 3.

The wind was still ok , with a short windward -return- finish for the fourth race.

Sunday morning had good wind all over the water, with the briefing at 1000 and race start at 1100 set for three races.

The wind felt good and the course was a triangle-windward-return - finish.

The cats were first, and all looked good until the blue peter came down, as then the wind stopped all together and the cats stuck on the start line.

Now I had five minutes to get to the start line, but I was four boat lengths away from it and did not get there.

Sail CQ Club Challenge—Mackay



The wind came back and went again; changed direction by 180 degrees, and back again. It took an hour to finish the triangle and trying to get back to the windward mark.

With the wind disappearing, they finished the race there.

It was fifth place for me and that was good.

The start boat then tried to find better wind on the top part of the Dam. It looked good for a second race ! The course was set and the start began for the cats.

The wind stopped and turned 180 degrees !

In frustration, and running out of time, the starter gave up and abandoned all races. The wind came back after the signal, of course.

At least we had wind to sail all the way back to the beach.

I got fourth place overall and very happy with that.

It also gave me points for the CQ club challenge.

The early finish gave me a head start for the way home.



40km Inland from Sarina it was a long drive from Miriam Vale.

But it was worth it !



The dam and the campsite on the water are very picturesque.

Here's a peak at the Dam [Kinchant Dam](#)

Nice Shirts ladies !! Congratulations to our lady sailors on your achievements and promoting She Sails.

Farewell Col

Col's Farewell

Farewell Col ! Thanks for being a great bloke, a fun sailing mate and good friend, "Don't get stuck on Middle Bank one last time, mate!", was the thought of family and friends as Col's ashes were committed to the waters of Gladstone harbour on Saturday 7th September.



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Farewell Gordon

Gordon Nielsen

I was pleased to be able to attend what was in fact a rather sad event on Friday, 20th September, 2019, to represent PCSC at the funeral of a KBSC life member and longtime personal friend, Gordon Nielsen. Gordon died on Monday, 16th September, 2019 at the ripe old age of 93 years.

Gordon was one of the very earliest members of KBSC, and I met him in my very earliest days of sailing after I had graduated from our Learn to Sail, and started to take part in inter-club events against Keppel Bay at things like their Mayday regattas, our Easter regattas and the inter-club Val Sisley regattas. Gordon was already a senior sailor when I first started sailing sabots, and at the time was racing an Austral class catamaran called "Blue Streak". He frequently raced against some of our club's stalwarts, and I am sure would still be well remembered by our Patron, Barry, and sailors such as Ken Watson and some of our other, now retired, Sharpie and senior cat sailors.



I per chance, also happened to be in Yeppoon on the weekend of 14th August, 2016 (just over 3 years ago now) when KBSC happened to be holding a "tribute" day for Gordon on the occasion of his 90th birthday, and I was invited to join in those celebrations as well. On both the occasion of Gordon's birthday celebration and at his funeral, there were numerous accolades paid to him as being a man who was always generous with his time and effort to work for his sailing club, and particularly in his efforts to initiate, and then always support the development of junior sailing in Central Queensland. His sad passing will be very strongly felt by a lot of people whose lives he has touched over his long life, and is a blow to all sailors in Central Queensland.

I was honoured to be able to attend Gordon's funeral service and took the opportunity to pass on the condolences of PCSC members to the members of KBSC and to Gordon's family.

Regards,
Tot Moran

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Many thanks to Members who have taken the time and made the effort to send articles for our first Straphanger of the season.

ALL COPY IS MOST WELCOME !

Every attempt is made to publish articles as provided. However, please understand editing will occur when necessary for presentation, space and reader interest.

To get the Straphanger out by the first of the month please send all articles to Colleen Sawatzki by the 25th. (sawazkim@bigpond.net.au).

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated as a lot happens between your article being received and the final publication being ready for circulation.

Meet the Committee

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2019—2020

John Bell, Commodore
Garth Breayley, Vice Commodore
Sue Doyle, Treasurer
Jodie Black, Secretary
Mitch Brown, Club Captain
Neil (Tot) Moran, Business Officer
André Rice, Committee Member

YOUR SAILING COMMITTEE 2019 – 2020

Garth Breayley, Vice Commodore
Barry Austin, Patron and Starter
Ken Watson and David Cue, Handicappers
Sue Doyle, Principal PCSC Discover Sailing Centre
Colleen Sawatzki, Senior Instructor PCSC
Robert Rosendahl, Div 1 rep
Lex Moran, Div 1a rep
Ray Hobbs, Div 4 rep

This year we have a blend of familiar names and some maybe less known serving on the Committees.

In their own words !

Club Management Members 2019-2020 Introduce Themselves

Commodore John Bell

I started yacht racing with Dad in 1958/59 in Firefly racing dinghies in Singapore. Next, we even came 3rd in the Australian Mirror Championships in the first Mirror No: 2500. Mum, Dad and I also raced Dad's 16' Hartley Trailer Sailor and then a Squib/Hunter 19 at Melbourne's Couta Boat (Sorrento) Sailing Club. Then I owned and raced a 12' skiff in Sydney, occasionally... successfully. Then followed years of ocean races as bowman on an Olympic 40, including to Hobart, plus Melbourne to Osaka. My first keel yacht was a Juno 24 and then I cruised from Perth to Hobart in my Robert Tucker twin-masted yawl, plus in the Round Australia Tall Ships Race in 1988. But I finally saw the light and bought and raced a light and easy to handle and sail to windward, Swarbrick S97 – Fleur de Lys.

Secretary Jodie Black

I grew up in Sydney. Throughout those years my love of water drew me to life saving at the local beaches, also being a pool caretaker and life saver at the local pool in Bexley. I was a driver and assisted with family hotels.

My interests in trucks, boats and yachts eventually saw me sailing a lot with family in and around Sydney harbour, though I have never skippered a yacht.

I am interested now in learn to sail and someday skipping a yacht myself.

I am very keen to participate in the learn to sail programme when it starts.

I now see myself on the committee as Secretary. I'm very humbled and enjoying the position. I look forward to a active position with the Club, as the Club moves forward.



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Meet the Committee

Committee Member André Rice

I can always remember a boat around somewhere, being born in a fishing village. Started sailing around age eight 8, getting my first yacht by about ten – an A P-Class (P84), which was the usual entry trainer into sailing in New Zealand. Yes, I am the official 'Boat Person' to Australia, a K1W1, coming from Waiuku, just out of Auckland.

(Waiuku translates to mean: Wai - Water, uku -Muddy. So yes, a muddy bottomed harbour in which I got my mast stuck many times when inverted during my first few seasons of sailing (combined with a lot of swimming !)



From here I stepped to an Australian Moth, which was way too much boat for me in reality, due to my mere 50Kg in those days, but exhilarating; so further advanced swimming lessons on many occasions. Zephyrs, Finns and Javelin 3.7s were around and the hot item, and at Olympic specifications in those days, so pricey.

There were far fewer options to step up into in the 70's as Javelins, Lasers, BICs etc barely existed, and were pricey. Some many people still used old M classes, Q class (12 footer),and Frostbites. Sunbursts were just hitting the market (much like a 125). So for me it was a family 12 footer (Q class) with my Father. The family had a series of Keelers ending with a 50 foot ketch. I then had a series of trailer catamarans on leaving home and joining the Air Force, before moving on to be involved with Keelers for many years with the Royal New Zealand Air Force Yacht Club (RNZAFYC), one of only three Royal emblazoned clubs in New Zealand. I spent 20 years involved with this Club and was selected several times to represented the Air Force at inter service events.

I have done numerous offshore passages around the Pacific and New Zealand with my last large boat being a Lidgard 40, which I sold prior to moving to Gladstone. I often regret selling due to its great lines and craftsman ship in building, as anyone who has seen a good Lidgard family built boat will, but the maintenance on keeping a 3 skin diagonal kauri/mahogany wooden boat alive I don't miss. But one day soon...

As you can see, there's always been a boat and a beer around somewhere. I finished a great 30yr career in the plane engineering business (RNZAF) in 2007 and had planned to move to the West Island for some years, buying in Gladstone in 2004. I decided on a total career change for my next 30 yrs, with no staff, no office and have done numerous differing roles since. Great. Planning the next large offshore cruiser is now high on my list of life plans within the next few years.

But to PCSC. Looking forward to a strong years sailing activity by stepping back into my wee Laser and assisting as a committee member with the future directions of this long established local club, and the future of it business operations. But most of all, I am looking forward to the ongoing comradeship that PSCS has been known for since the 1940's.

Bon voyage and see you there! Andre

Sailing Goss

SEASON START

The start to our 2019-2020 Sailing Season was delayed while a review of our insurance was completed. With the sailing insurance now in place, the Aquatic Permit for Oct-Dec was lodged this week. We can commence sailing as soon as the permit is approved.

Looking forward to **mid OCTOBER**

THANKS

Our thanks goes to those members who have volunteered to be our usual crews, or to be listed as possibly available when needed to crew our support boats. Our PROtocols hand out is being updated and will be sent to all members.

ADULT START SAILING

We are looking forward to our Adult Start Sailing course, which will run on Sundays in November starting with a Theory Night on Friday 1.11.19 and five on water practical sessions finishing on Sunday 1.12.19.

Sessions will run from 0800 – 1200.

If you are able to help on support boats or on shore for part or all of the course please let Sue or Colleen know.

DISCOVER SAILING DAY

We are running our National Discover Sailing Day on:-

Sunday 13th October 2019 0900—1200

The day provides free 'Come and Try' sailing to the public and showcases our Club to the community.

To be a success we need valued support from Members who are willing to Skipper a Pacer in the creek with the customers onboard, or take a few out for a short yacht sail experience.

If you are interested in volunteering with our Discover Sailing Day please contact Colleen or Sue.

CQ SERIES (Peter MacDonald) change of plans

To help PCSC out with our sailing season delay, CCYC have kindly offered to host all the heats of the CQ Series in Yeppoon. More information will be circulated to members as it unfolds.

SAVE the DATE: Weekend 5th & 6th October—Yeppoon

Saturday 12th October—Yeppoon

Membership and Awards

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Members should have received their PCSC membership renewal invoice via email recently.



Our new process goes along these lines:-

- Membership renewal invoices have been raised in revSport and emailed by the system to members. Adult, Junior and Family memberships.
- Australian Sailing on water insurance is in place for those members, however the Club requests members pay their renewals as soon as possible.
- Treasurer Sue checks the Club bank account daily for membership payments. Receipts are generated in revSport and emailed from the system to the Member.
- Race Nominations and Boat Storage. These are done by nominating in the Sailing Event called "2019-2020 Club Race Nomination and Boat Details (PCSC ONLY)". A link to the event page is sent when your membership renewal is processed. Australian Sailing Safety Category Audit forms and PCSC dinghy storage policy are available for download from this link too.
- Complete your race nomination and boat details using the link and submit. The revSport system will invoice your selection, and send the invoice via email.
- New Members. New members are requested to complete a paper membership form with their proposers and seconders, and send new member's details into the Management Committee (proposers or seconders may be able to assist here). The new membership application will be tabled at the next Management Committee meeting. Sue will then enter the new members details into revSport and raise an invoice for membership just like your renewals.

If any member has trouble with their membership renewal or race nomination, please do not hesitate to contact Sue on 0419 649 764 or sue_doyle@ymail.com for assistance.

Feedback is Welcome. We have received feed back to make Credit Card as well as Direct Deposits into Bank Account available as payment options.

PCSC Awards and Trophies—What to look forward to this season

Over the next few editions of Straphanger one award or trophy will be the focus of the month with a brief summary of the history behind the award/trophy.

Austin Family FAIRWAY/TRIPOD (sailing 26 October 2019)

Yacht Race for Division 1 and 1a. Category 5 event.

Course sails through Gladstone Harbour, along the shipping channel, passed Tannum Sands. Tripod competitors turn at the Tripod mark, Fairway competitors continue along the shipping channel to S2, the last marker before the Fairway entrance to Gladstone Harbour.

Club Championship handicaps apply.

Perpetual trophies were made by Ken Watson.



Fairway



Tripod

Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2019-20					
Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
15	Saturday 12-10-19	0825 3.73 1423 0.83 2036 3.91		CQ Series Yeppoon Heats 4 and 5	CCYC event
			1400	Head of Harbour 1 - Heat 1	Sue Doyle
	Sunday 13-10-19	0853 3.81 1453 0.78		Discover Sailing Day @ PCSC	Sue Doyle
16	Saturday 19-10-19	1225 3.56 1840 1.41	1400	Club Championship - Heat 1	
17	Saturday 26-10-19	1349 0.46 1951 4.34	1000	Austin Family Fairway	Barry Austin
18	2-11-19 3-11-19			SAIL CQ CLUB CHALLENGE - Port Denison Sailing Club (Sail Bowen, Bowen ~ 2nd & 3rd November 2019)	PDSC event
	Saturday 2-11-19	1255 3.56 1929 1.48	1400	FUN with Boats - Dinghy Sailing Skills Sharing Day	
	Sunday 3-11-19	0627 1.63 1400 3.36	0800 1200	Adult Start Sailing Session 1 (Theory night Friday 1-11-19 1800-2030)	Colleen Sawatzki
19	Saturday 9-11-19	1320 1.08 1930 3.73	1400	Head of Harbour 1 - Heat 2	
			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	

KEY DATES:

Club Championship to December: 19 October, 16 November, 7 December 2019.

Austin Family Fairway: 26 October 2019 1000 start.

Fun with Boats Dinghy Sailing Skills Sharing: 2 November 2019

CQ Challenge All Boats Regatta—DATE CHANGE

Due to the delay in the start of our season, we have locked in new dates for our regatta:

PCSC All Boats Regatta 30th November and 1st December 2019

Please promote our event with friends and class associations.



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NEW OPENING HOURS

**Dudley's Bar Friday, Saturday and
Sunday afternoons 3pm to 7pm**

PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB INC.

Commodore: John Bell

Vice Commodore: Garth Breayley

Treasurer: Sue Doyle

Secretary: Jodie Black

Club Captain: Mitch Brown



The view from the water

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