



Straphanger

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NEW SEASON AWAITS...!



IN THIS ISSUE

FROM YOUR EDITOR—TONY CONSTANCE

Welcome to Straphanger September 2017 and welcome to a new Season! I'm hopeful that all Members will have a competitive, rewarding and most importantly enjoyable 2017-18 Sailing Season. 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 Sailing Committee's new Commodore Peter Mann with all those important date savers for upcoming events and racing action.**
- A fantastic report from Colleen on the hugely successful Start Sailing program.
- **Selina Mossman pays tribute to her Skipper (and daughter!) Georgia's achievements last Season.**
- **Colleen's PRO Guide** - essential reading for all Members to assist them in undertaking their PRO duties throughout the new Season.
- A trip down memory lane with Brad Barker and myself...
- **And much, much more...!**

Congratulations to all those Members who have chosen to step up to new roles to assist in the running of the Club this Season and of course great gratitude goes to those outgoing Members who served in an official sense in last Season. Colleen, you especially deserve great thanks for all you have done and all you continue to do in your service to many facets of the Club.

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! This month's video comes from Audi Hamilton Island Race Week! Day seven of this year's series saw the weather fine up and the wind come in nicely... check out some of the highlights below...! (Wish they had the footage of Top Gun (50ft amateur crewed cat) passing Wild Oats!)



Type this in your browser or scan the QR code below!

<http://tiny.cc/22aeny>



Fair winds always,
Tony Constance, Editor.

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL



Aloha,

Welcome back to the 2017/18 season!

What a season it is planned to be with the regular club racing, State and National titles, interclub events, regattas, trailer sailor regattas, yacht races, social sailing and a few ad hoc moments thrown in for good measure just to make sure we have a fun filled year. I even heard a whisper the 3 Islands running/sailing race might be reinvigorated!

The overall club atmosphere seems bigger and busier this year, especially in the dinghies, which gives **us all a buzz and makes us keen to compete or assist wherever possible. So come on you trailer sailor's and Yachties, let's get out there and build the fleet to match the dinghies!**

The start of the season began with our AGM which saw a majority of the positions filled and yet again a strong field of executive committee members of Colleen Sawatski (VC again), Lex Moran, Ian Williams, Anthony Constance and myself. The secretary and treasurer roles were not filled on the night however Sarah and Steve McGuigan have graciously accepted the positions. Colleen has reigned form the VC role with Peter Mann being her more than able replacement.

Many thanks to Colleen for her efforts over the past years as VC. Colleen is not going anywhere and is still involved with the sailing committee and Discover Sailing and now may find time to crew on Restless more often. Huge thanks for all exec and other committees members for volunteering your precious time towards a fantastic club. If you know of anything we can do to improve the AGM please let me know.

Also many thanks to Anthony Constance, Colleen and Sarah in reception for producing a quality Straphanger throughout the year. Remember if you have anything, articles, items for sale, announcements etc for the Straphanger please let Anthony or Sarah know! Also a huge thanks to Marina for her excellent ongoing blogs, photos and general help around the promotion of the club.

So, what do we have in front of us, hmmm? Well there is plenty of sailing to come both locally, across the state and nationally. The largest event on our horizon is the State Impulse Titles, proudly sponsored by DOWNER, on the October long weekend. There is a possibility of 30 Impulses being here for the **event. If you are free that weekend and can lend a hand please let Dave or Pete Mann know as I'm** sure they can find something for you to do.

Please review the year sailing calendar to ensure you don't miss any sailing events. We have Discover Sailing continuing for the juniors and for the adults. If anyone can help Colleen, Sue and Pete with volunteering for the learn to sail please let them know as they can only teach so many at a time with limited instructor numbers. I believe Morgan has thrown her hat in the ring to assist which is greatly appreciated.

Patrons Day kicked the season off on the 2nd September with a sail at 1400 and fun and frivolity at 1530 at the clubhouse. Many thanks for the day Barry, your support and hard work is greatly appreciated! A sausage sizzle, costing a gold coin donation, was well received and special thanks to Dirk for cooking. He must have done well as we had patrons in the beer garden coming back for more **sausages! We'll try and get the BBQ in the shade for next time.**

YOUNG DINGA'S DIATRIBE

BY COMMODORE JOHN IBELL

August trading saw the club breakeven which is a good result considering the past months activities. In July Brian resigned after an offer to manage Rainbow Beach Surf Club came his way and in August we saw Karen follow Brian south. The club wishes them well in the venture however I believe we still have the best view! Tracey has been appointed acting Food and Beverage manager and Kyle is still in control of the kitchen. All the staff are keen to keep the club flowing in a positive direction so please support them where possible.

Just a few notes on the sailing scene;

- ⇒ Sailing starts in earnest this weekend so have a great weekend and I will see you on the water sometime!
- ⇒ Anyone who is handy and has some spare time please see Lex if he has some odd jobs to do around the club. Things that spring to mind are ramp cleaning, mowing of lawns, fastening of aluminium planks to pontoon, securing of timber walkway on pontoon etc etc.

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!

Yours in sailing,
Young Dinga.



FROM THE VICE COMMODORE

Sailing Report from Peter Mann

Winter is almost over so for those of us that haven't already been sailing it's time to remove the boat covers and do that last minute maintenance that you have just remembered has been left from last season. A few members have been braving the cold and representing the Club in winter series across the state, congratulations to Josh Young in Slipknot for taking out the Keppel Bay Sailing Club Winter Series, with Scott Patrick in Magic coming in third. Also congratulations to Chris and Peter Mann in Pigs In Space Too for taking out the 125s and second overall in the Darling Point Sailing Squadron Winter Series in Brisbane.

Big thanks go out to the volunteers that assisted with the ramp clean in preparation for the coming season, most of all our Club Captain, Lex for providing the water blasters and water trailer.

With the season officially kicking off on the 2nd of September with Patron's Day, we will see a few new faces with past members returning to a competitive dinghy fleet and some new Impulses that have been built over the winter splashing for the first time. Hopefully we will see a good fleet for the racing and don't forget afterwards to enjoy a beverage with our Patron Barry Austin.

Intermediate Sailing will start on Saturday mornings from the 9th of September. Intermediate Sailing is designed to introduce our newer members that have completed Start Sailing to racing with the plan of transitioning to Saturday afternoon racing. For those interested be at the Club from 0800-0830 to rig the boats for a 0900 briefing.

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.

Finally I would like to thank Colleen for all her hard work and dedication to the Port Curtis Sailing Club and sailing in general, especially over the last couple of years as Vice Commodore; you have left me a big set of shoes to fill.

Upcoming Events

- Val Sisley Inter-Club Regatta heats 1, 2 and 3 will be held at Keppel Bay Sailing Club on the 3rd of September, with such a large number of dinghies in the local fleet it would be great to see as many as possible travel to Yeppoon to represent the Port Curtis Sailing Club.
- Impulse State Championships 30th September to 1st October. The Port Curtis Sailing Club will be hosting the titles this year and the Sailing Committee is putting a call out for volunteers to assist with the running of the event. If you can assist in anyway, from driving a rescue boat to assisting with shore activities please let the Sailing Committee know.



THE YOUNGEST DIV I SKIPPER TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIP? By Selina Mossman

It is amazing how a young 14 year old girl can skipper the whole sailing season and take out the Championship. How proud as a Mum and of course her Grandfather to watch such a young girl enjoy being so confident on the water. A few times it was so rough and wet that it was making me hold on very tight but Georgia would not let her Pop take over - she wanted to finish the race. We had some tears from Pop yelling at her at the start of the race but that never stop her from skippering she wiped her eyes and kept going.

She is so excited when Pop says to her are we going to sail this weekend. When she says yes Dad has always got a big smile on his face. I think he likes showing off his granddaughter that sails him around and he is able to teach her about the water and wind. They would always talk about different things and it was like I was never on the boat.

I would like to thank everyone that has let her go with them on their boat. She has learnt a lot from being able to do this.

It is a joy to watch all the young ones out there and being taught all the different techniques that are needed to be able to sail.

Presentation night was wonderful to hear all the young sailors winning awards. I greatly enjoyed watching Georgia's face when they read hers out.



Thank you to all of the Sailing Committee - you all do such a wonderful job and can't wait for the new season to start. This season Maddison or myself might be able to have a turn at being the skipper and not just the drinks girl or the extra weight.

And this is what you get at the end of the season. A very proud grandfather and mother!

PRO-TOCOLS

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

With the beginning of the new season at the PCSC underway, here's a quick reminder of the PRO (Principal Race Officer) roles and duties for the benefit of all members...

1. As established in our 2016-2017 season members will be rostered on PRO duties, together with a Sailing Committee member as advisor/contact person if necessary.
2. Sue and Colleen will cover Championship days and SC members will be rotated each cover one day.
3. If members have a request for a particular day , please let the SC know asap.
4. Average point will apply on the duty day for the skipper doing PRO duty.
5. The PRO Guide will provide an outline if needed.

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

Ken Watson :	Red Rib driver	knmwatson@bigpond.com
Jim Thomas :	Red Rib crew	scthomas@dreamtilt.com.au
Marina Hobbs :	Red Rib crew	marinacath@hotmail.com
Dave McMillan :	Herc Driver /crew	dcmillan@xtra.co.nz
Murray Ware :	Herc Driver/crew	warepics@tpg.com.au

Possible back up support contacts when available :

Max Lubke :	Herc Driver	maxlubke@bigpond.com
Garth Breayley	Driver/crew	garthsb@hotmail.com
Ian & Debbie Williams	Driver/crew	i_dwilliams@outlook.com
Colleen Sawatski	Driver/crew	sawazkim@bigpond.net.au
Charlie Mann	Driver/crew	charlie@cciscq.com

7. The PRO of the day is responsible for arranging support boat crews.
8. As is sometimes the case, and there are not enough usual helpers a last minute email /SMS can be sent out from the office to all members. (No later than Friday morning)
9. Conversely there are occasions when there have been more helpers than organised. In this case , first priority will be given to those members who have already committed as available to the PRO.
10. If the rostered day is not suitable please arrange a "swap" with another member.

PRO-GUIDE

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

As the Saturday PRO, here is a suggested guide to planning your race...

WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY (at the latest): Email main support helpers for confirmation of their availability. Contact back up helpers if required. Check tides for launching support boats.

THURSDAY (at the latest): Check with Lex / Barry /Tim re launching and boats are fuelled. Check possible weather (Willy Weather pretty good - also Bom - Meteye)

SATURDAY am: Check weather, tides, shipping (Gladstone Ports Corporation - Operations-Shipping Schedules - Gladstone Region Shipping Schedules) <http://content1.gpcl.com.au/ViewContent/Schedule/Schedule.aspx>. Alternatively Google Qships and follow prompts.

SATURDAY 1200: Course planning - **weather, tides, courses, "jobs" , potential changes.**

Write up info on whiteboard (Pens in bucket in Training Room if not already out)

Advise Herc what buoys are required and positioning.

Check "Sign On " book set up .(Club dinghy use form should be left side of book)

1300: Briefing - include safety reminder (mouth of creek clear/dinghies clear of start line for Div 1/ 1A)

Advise VTS of vessels sailing and where. (CH 13/ 4973 1208)

1330: Dinghies to Quoin Basin if sailing there with Red Rib. Sail as a group.

On MV J: Radio check with Red Rib and Herc.

Check flags

Coordinate tasks with helpers

Set start line and buoys with starter

Record start, finish times and retirements

Monitor wind strength throughout afternoon

Post racing: Confirm all boats are back and advise VTS

Write up log book

Check all vessels secure / engines raised / which are needed on Sunday / battery off

Results to Sue to do

Ensure keys are returned

Check all tidied up on shore, under Club and Training Room locked.

Report any maintenance issues to SC asap

WHITEBOARD LAYOUT

Date	EVENT	TIDES
PRO:		WIND
HERC:		Radio : Ch 72
RED RIB:		Shipping :
Start Time:		
Courses		
Div 1		
Div 1A		
Div 4		
Div5		

Time Limits : 180mins for yachts : 75 mins for dinghies

Length of Line guide : No of boats X length x 1.25

PATRONS DAY 2017

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

10 to 15 knots of breeze were enjoyed by the PCSC sailors on the water for the opening of the season, **Patron's Day**. The incoming tide was also a boost for the two yachts which headed down to QAL and Q1 before running back to Spinnaker Park. The seven dinghies had a good sail around CB1 and A8 and the pin mark, with those on the Start Boat being entertained by impressive speed some displayed on the run from A8.

Although fleet numbers were low, it was great to see "Sonofabeach" again sailing after months off the water with repairs. We also welcomed "Pandora" (an Impulse) for her first outing with the Club.

Post sailing, a sausage sizzle was an enjoyable way to finish the afternoon (a "Danke schön" to chef Dirk!) with Barry off siding.

Thanks though, must go to Club Patron, Barry Austin for his hard work mowing, fertilising and watering the real grass area over the last few weeks for our first day, and doing PRO for this event, although sadly, unexpected family circumstances did not allow him on the water.

Barry's traditional handicap system saw trophies being award to "Restless" winning Div. 1/1A, and "Pandora" winning Div. 4

Thanks also goes to our support crew and helpers, as without them there would be no sailing.

Colleen



PRO-GUIDE

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

*July saw new members our Club now joining
For six Sundays of Junior Start Sailing.
We welcomed Lukas, Julian, Jamie, Matthew and Fraser,
Who have ventured onto the water in Club Sabots and a Pacer.
Rigging, launching, leaving , returning,
Tacking, gybing and also capsizing.
The wind was mainly disappointingly light;
To keep the boats moving was, for them, quite a fight.
It was good fun, although at odd times demanding.
We just hope they'll all keep on with their sailing !*

Little or no wind, a bit too much, the odd chilly morning (more so with wind chill after a capsize or two) **and even being set "sailing homework" did not deter our new young members from learning to sail.**

The group is to be congratulated for tackling all tasks, overcoming fears and doing their best, be it tying knots in knot races or doing a perfect tack or gybe.

As always, our course can only be run with the support of Club members; preparing, launching, crewing, retrieving and cleaning support boats, and as we are an accredited Discover Sailing Centre, preparing the actual course to cover the sailing elements required.

We were also fortunate to have great support from parents, to whom we extend our grateful thanks, and look forward to also seeing some of them on the water was well in the near future.

Thanks goes to the Start Sailing Team: Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki, Barry Austin, Morgan Lewis, Garth Breayley, Pete, Chris and Alexa Mann, Will MacDougal, Lynne Campbell, and not forgetting our Sailing Liaison Officer, Sarah Perez, who does up our Club certificates so beautifully.



JUNIOR START SAILING JULY/AUGUST

BY COLLEEN SAWATSKI

THE NEW JUNIOR START TO SAIL RECRUITS



Fraser Hannan



Julian Mitchell



Matthew Brown



Lukas Grossett



Jamie Soane

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE...

CONTRIBUTED BY BRAD BARKER AND TONY CONSTANCE

*Gladstone Sailing Season Opened 1949
(from The Morning Bulletin – Rockhampton)*

After a rainy week the Port Curtis Sailing Club was lucky to have a perfect after-noon for the official opening of the 1949-50 season last Saturday. Gaily decorated launches followed the fleet of sailing boats and members of the ladies' auxiliary served afternoon tea to the visitors.

A run out tide and an easterly breeze, which later changed to a north-easterly, made sailing conditions pleasant and crews were not over-worked. Some of the boats had trouble rounding Picnic Island buoy.

The yacht Bona, an entrant in next year's Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race, was also out, and with her large spread of canvas dwarfed the smaller boats. Twelve boats competed in the race and results were:

Valmarie 1 and fastest time. Scamp 2, Colwill 3, Gay Blonde 4.

Defiant was unlucky as the skipper fouled the buoy at the beginning of the race and was automatically disqualified. Sireen did not complete the course, capsizing 10 times during the afternoon. However, this boat is of the veë-jay class which can be righted by standing on the centre board. Shady Lady failed to complete the course within the time limit.

Mr L. Humphries, owner of Imp, has offered her to the ladies' auxiliary to sail during the season. However, Imp was forced to retire with gear trouble soon after the start, to the disappointment of her crew, Misses June Bose and Daphne Burgess. Each week one of the male skippers is to take the boat out, until the girls are capable of handling it, themselves.

THE GLADSTONE OBSERVER, SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1949

**PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB
CENTENARY REGATTA RACES**

1st Race — Friday, April 16, at 2.30 pm
2nd Race — Saturday, April 17, at 2 pm
3rd Race — Sunday, April 18, at 9.30 am

Foreigner Launches leave Central Wharf Half an Hour before each Race, for spectators.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

**PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB
CENTENARY REGATTA DANCES**

Three Monster Nights — At the Trocadero

Welcome Dance
Saturday, April 17 — 8 pm till 12 Midnight

Midnight to Dawn
Midnight Sunday, April 18 to 4 am Monday April 19

Welcome to Visiting Yachtsmen
Monday, April 19 — 8 pm till 12 Midnight
NOVELTIES, ETC.

Roll Up & Join in the Gaiety

Russell Robinson recently sent me these gems from 1954... a few familiar and unfamiliar names here...! - Tony

SAILING

(By "Kite")

Last Saturday's race was sailed over the harbour course—two laps with a brisk south-east breeze.

Seven boats faced the starter for a handicap start. The handicaps were Angel (60), Wee Winn (5), Jane (6), Manana and Sundowner (8), Manana Too (9), and Scamp (10).

Manana Too ditched in the creek on the way to the starting line but was able to bail out and reach the starter on time.

Wee Winn and Sundowner lost a bit of ground at the start and Jane and Wee Winn misjudged the aviation buoy and had to make another tack.

At the completion of the first lap there were very few changes in positions. Angel was one minute five seconds ahead of Jane, followed by Manana, Sundowner, Wee Winn, Scamp and Manana Too.

On the second lap Scamp and Manana passed the fleet, Manana taking the lead from Picnic Island.

On the run home Jane was unlucky to break a mast when in a very good position.

Final placings were Manana, Scamp (5 minutes 50 seconds behind) and Wee Winn (2 minutes behind) in third place.

Fastest time went to Manana, Scamp and Manana Too.

There was still evidence of faulty gear in this race. Skippers will need to check gear thoroughly.

It was noticed that quite a few boats have changed crews. Manana had a new for'ard hand (A. Cameron), Manana Too had a complete new crew (C. Lord and I. Renton) as did Jane (Brian Norris and Bert Norris).

Club officials would like all boats to start in the regatta over Easter as there is no satisfaction in half of the boats competing.

The result of the protest last week resulted in a reversal of the umpire's decision. Manana was disqualified. The placings now are Manana Too, Jane and Tuna II.

Something very noticeable is that if anyone has to fly the kite more than anyone else it is Bosun Bill Heiniger, but it paid dividends this week.

Aggregate points for the season are Manana Too 84 points, Scamp 81, Miss Austie 52, Angel 51, Wee Winn 47, Sundowner 46, Jane 41, Itma 34, Tuna II 32, Manana 30, Peter B 14, and Ivanhoe 7.

Only two boats sailed in every race in the season. They were Manana Too and Scamp.

Average points for fastest times were Manana Too 46, Scamp 44, and Miss Austie 27.

SAILING CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2017-18

Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
1	Saturday 2-9-17	0647 3.13 1228 1.15	1400	PATRON'S OPEN DAY	Barry Austin
	Sunday 3-9-17	0726 3.30 1312 0.97		KBSC Val Sisley heats 1 & 2 (Yeppoon)	
2	Saturday 9-9-17	1102 3.82 1706 0.70	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of the Harbour 1 Heat 1	
September School holidays start Sat 16-9-17					
3	Saturday 16-9-17	0618 3.32 1217 0.88	1400	Club Championship Heat 1	Sue Doyle
4	Saturday 23-9-17	1101 3.74 1739 1.18	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Sprint Series 1 Division 1 Heats 1&2 Division 4 Heats 1-4	
5	Saturday 30-9-17	1101 1.50 1744 3.43	1300	Impulse State Titles Heats 1-3 registration from 1000, briefing 1145	Colleen Sawatzki
				Aquatic Permit to here	
	Sunday 1-10-17	0615 3.09 1157 1.27	1100	Impulse State Titles Heats 1-3 briefing 1000	Colleen Sawatzki
School Resumes Tuesday 3-10-17					
6	Saturday 7-10-17	1002 4.13 1613 0.48	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Sprint Series 1 Division 1 Heats 3 & 4 Division 4 Heats 5-8	
	Sunday 8-10-17	1044 4.12 1657 0.62		SRD	
7	Saturday 14-10-17	1057 1.18 1720 3.86	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of Harbour 1 Heat 2	
	Sunday 15-10-17	1205 0.95 1819 4.02		SRD	
8	Saturday 21-10-17	0957 3.97 1610 0.78	0900 1400	Intermediate Sailing Head of Harbour 1 Heat 3	



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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