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Commodore's Update

Fellow Members, at the Committee Meeting of 26 May 2020 your Management Committee passed a motion to nominate me to the position of Commodore, which I duly accepted, due to the resignation of John Bell, and was appointed as your Commodore.

At this point I would like to pay recognition to John in his position as Commodore in these previous months.

It is evident to me that we as a Club, should recognise the diligent work our Management Committee has accomplished thus far this year. Now with the advent of COVID 19 and the restrictions in place, life has changed and become more difficult. In our region with no known cases we are fortunate, but must remain diligent and follow the directions by health departments and governments.

Sailing will commence again, just exactly when is not quite sure. When it does there will be changes. We must adhere to the guidelines exacted by the COVID19. We will have to take note of social distancing and of personal hygiene, of disinfecting common areas, and all equipment used in the course of our sport, including our own personal equipment. There will be restrictions on use of change rooms. We will have to maintain a register of attendance on any particular day. Whatever directions are given will have to be strictly adhered to, not just for our own safety but because it is law and heavy penalties may apply. It is not doom and gloom however, it is change. A change that has already happened in our lives and will no doubt become the new norm. As it will be with all sporting fraternities, we will require a "Club COVID19 Safety Coordinator" so if you feel up to the task, or just want to be part of this action, contact your Management Committee.

Having been a member of PCSC continuously since early 70's, I have always had a keen interest in the Club. Your Club is a major Club in the sport of sailing, and indeed, it is one of the very few in Queensland operating from its original location. I urge you all, particularly the newer members, to get to know your Club. Get to know its origins, its goals over the years and the achievements of many current and past members, and aspire to reach their level in the sport.

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Sailing Ahead

I am honoured to be appointed to the position as Commodore. Maryke and I are now in the phase of our life of enjoying a more, shall I say, sedate sailing life with emphasis on cruising rather than racing. Still, if there are two yachts on the water..... who knows ! Although I intend to give as much support and attention to the Club as I am able, at this point in time I do not intend to seek re-election at the up-coming AGM. We are at a crossroads, and I truly hope that we have younger, and maybe not so young, members willing to be part of the succession plan needed for committee members. We need to increase our active sailing membership, and we need people ready to stand up to the plate to help the wonderful people who are putting in tremendous effort for your Club.

I look forward to when we are all able to be on the water once again, and this will happen, enjoy our wonderful sport and camaraderie.

Brad.

Presentation of Trophies

There have been sufficient heats sailed in each series except the new Round the Islands series and Sprint Series so the Sailing Committee would like to finalise this season and announce the awards.

Our traditional presentation night planned for 30 May was postponed amidst all the COVID-19 restrictions. The Sailing Committee welcomes any suggestions with how we can do our presentation of trophies this year.



Apologies, Scott ! For getting the photo of your Wistari Trophy wrong in our March edition.

Sailing through Winter

Hello to all Sailors !

The 21 March was the last time this year for Club sailing – more than 11 weeks ago !

We hope now that circumstances will allow us to back out in a month or so. This would normally be our ‘off season time’ but we want to get on the water again. (I don’t know about you, but I can’t believe how much I miss the Saturdays out on the harbour!)

For our calendar we are considering social and fun events as well as possible “training” days. **YOUR** input into this planning is most welcome asap as we really want to be out on the water when restrictions ease.

Please forward your ideas to admin@gyc.com.au
Your Sailing Committee

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COVID Ready Return to Sailing

Australian Sailing are actively engaging with relevant government bodies and senior sporting officials as a voice for sailing. Ben Callard is supporting Queensland Clubs with timely and accurate information and guidance through COVID-19 restrictions and the return to sailing.

The Sport and Recreation team at Council are connecting with community sporting groups as well.

We have been attending virtual meetings from Australian Sailing and Council to ensure our Club is adequately prepared and ready to recommence sailing as soon as possible.

Our Aquatic Permit for July to September 2020 was lodged this week.

The Sailing Committee are working on the Calendar and seeking your ideas.

All Clubs must have a COVID-19 Safe Plan and a Co-Ordinator to facilitate the plan.

Activity around the Club and **sailing will look a little different for a while, but can still be lots of fun.**

A sports Safe Plan is not dissimilar to what we've become accustomed to when shopping.

Our success depends on sailors and visitors to the Club with:-

- Posters and signage around the Club with social distance and hygiene reminders.
- Communication
- Maintain social distancing: Rigging areas, boat ramp, pontoon, briefing area, under club.
- Hygiene and hand washing: Support boats, before boarding and when disembarking.
Club Dinghies and launching trolleys, before and after use.
Private boats with multiple people, before and after.
- Avoid or limit shared equipment.
- Bring your own water bottle.
- Sanitise shared equipment between each use.
- Come—Sail—Go home.
- Stay home (or go home) if unwell.
- Contact tracing register: Provide your contact details in PCSC attendance register.
Optionally, download the Govt Safe APP.
- May need to enter through one area, and leave by another.
- Let's do this attitude.

When the Gladstone Yacht Club Restaurant and Bar re-opens they will have their Safe Plan. With shared areas downstairs please accept there may be some overlapping elements which will require our patience and co-operation.

As it stands now physical distancing on yachts and support boats is extremely difficult. Australian Sailing are seeking a relaxation of the social distancing rule when on the water. We are waiting on the outcome.

Sue Doyle

Australian Sailing

RETURN TO SAILING IN A COVID-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

29 May 2020



A guide for Clubs, Discover Sailing Centres & Coaches

State Governments have begun easing restrictions to allow the resumption of sailing in the community. In some states, this is following a staged approach, but the timing of easing of restrictions differs in each jurisdiction. These national guidelines are intended to assist you prepare for a safe return to sailing and be applicable regardless of location.

All Clubs, Discover Sailing Centres and Coaches should ensure they are complying with their state Government's general principles for the return of Sport:

- Outdoor activities only;
- Limit activities to small individual groups;
- Get in, Sail and get out;
- Practice good hand hygiene before and after sailing;
- Avoid physical contact between participants;
- Change-rooms, canteens and kitchens should remain closed (in line with state regulations);
- Arrive dressed and ready to sail;
- Stay home if you are unwell;
- Don't share drinks or towels;
- Sharing of equipment should be avoided and if necessary, should be kept to a minimum;
- Keep a distance of 1.5 metres from other people where reasonably practicable;
- Follow the one person per 4 square metres rule to ensure sufficient physical distancing between participants;
- Contact Tracing records must be kept;
- Strongly recommend COVIDSafe App;

Each individual Club, Centre or Coach must develop a Return to Sailing in a COVID-safe Environment Plan to help guide your return.

This plan should remain flexible and acknowledge the broader principles relevant to each phase of eased restriction, while also providing a level of operational detail relevant to your activities, the club and the facilities used.

The plan should be designed to provide consistency of activity delivery, ensure that physical distancing and hygiene principles are clear and can be easily understood, and that the health of participants, volunteers, staff, coaches, and instructors is protected.

Your plan must be clearly communicated to all stakeholders, with specific requirements communicated or promoted.

Your plan does not need to; and will not be approved by state governments, but all sporting clubs & organisations must be able to produce a copy of their completed plan for compliance purposes if asked.

Australian Sailing can provide feedback to help you develop your individual plans. Clubs are encouraged to contact your Regional Manager for assistance.



GET IN – SAIL – GET OUT

ATTENTION LADIES—Would you like to be our SHE SAILS rep with Australian Sailing and promote female participation in sailing at our Club. Please contact Sue Doyle for details.
Sue_doyle@ymail.com

Memorable Moments

At a time when we have not been able to continue with Club sailing for months, and will be working with restrictions, thanks goes to Maryke Barker providing the following article about our Club. The excerpt is a timely reminder of how it was formed, how previous restrictions in 1950 were coped with by members and the start of the Brisbane to Gladstone.

OFFSHORE
June/July 1980

Host club for the Brisbane to Gladstone Race is the Port Curtis Sailing Club, which was one of the first sailing clubs formed in Australia and these days is one of the fastest growing and most active clubs in the country.

Yachtsmen who have visited the Club have to be impressed by the remarkable development which has taken place in the Club's facilities, its growth in membership and its expansive hospitality in recent years.

Its history is worth recording. The Club had its origin in the 1880s when sail was a basic means of transport and Gladstone was the northernmost rail terminus in Queensland. All cargo north of the port was carried by sailing boat.

Club regattas were arranged for sport among the work boats carrying coastal freight and passengers to the northern areas of Australia. Off-duty days were race days among the amazing variety of sturdy sailing vessels which were harboured in Port Curtis.

Club President and veteran sailor, Noel Patrick, recalls the Club's development: "During the war years of the 1900s sailing regattas continued to be organised by the Club despite the fact that Port Curtis was a restricted zone patrolled by guns at the heads and a dedicated Volunteer Defence Corps.

"In order to take part in the races, each crew member was required to apply for a permit before each race day. Members were obliged to carry the permit at all times while travelling in a restricted zone. Caught without a permit, a crew member was liable to arrest and prosecution.

"Inevitably, when boats capsized during a race, papers were lost. Crews were then officially 'off limits' and illegally trespassing on a restricted military zone, so arrests were often made during a race by the officers of the Volunteer Defence Corps."

Prosecutions were presumably lenient, however, for the risk never seemed to dampen the enthusiasm of Port Curtis Sailing Club Members.

The present day clubhouse emerged out of the destruction of the Club by a severe cyclone in 1949. Timber which

had been felled during the 120 miles per hour gale was collected by Club Members after the blast and used to make the foundations and framework of the clubhouse, which was sited on land on Auckland Creek leased from the Gladstone Harbour Board.

With the exception of the roof and ceiling, the clubhouse was constructed entirely by volunteer labour of Club Members.

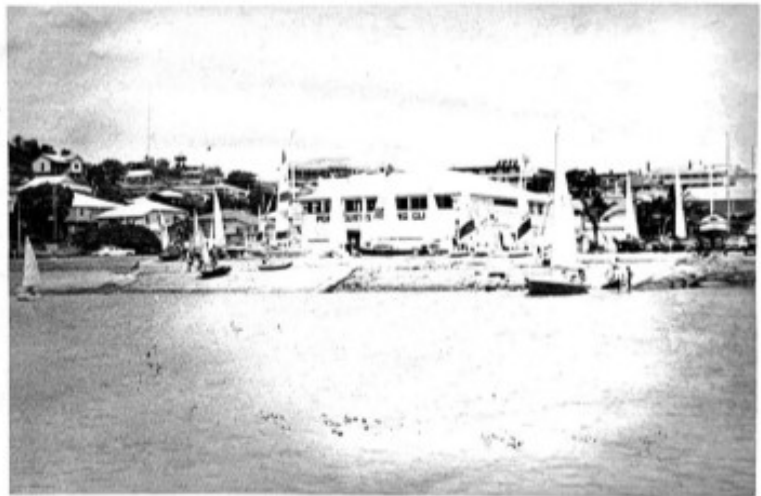
The subsequent improvements and extensions to the original building have been financed entirely out of

the status of a licensed club. Thus the Gladstone Yacht Club was formed in 1977 as a unique conglomerate with each of the three bodies maintaining its own independent fixtures and activities.

Facilities now include two bars, a dining room with excellent catering standards, games facilities — though not the ubiquitous poker machine found in New South Wales clubs — and a barbeque area. Last year a full-time manager was appointed and plans are underway to further extend facilities to include open verandahs and

The Gladstone Yacht Club

by Lesley Brydon



Club revenue. As it stands today the building has a replacement value of over \$200,000.

During the late 1970s the Port Curtis Sailing Club ran into financial difficulties and it was realised that only by obtaining a licensed club status could it continue operating. The sailing Club alone could not summon the required adult membership needed to obtain a sporting club licence, so the Club amalgamated with the Air Sea Rescue body and the Power Boat Club to form a joint association to apply for

more comfortable furnishings. Current membership is 480.

The Port Curtis Sailing Club pioneered learn-to-sail classes in Queensland. Classes are conducted for youthful students in 12 Sabots purchased and assembled by Club Members. The Gladstone High School became the first Queensland school to include sailing as an official school sport under the direction of sailing Club Members.

When the first Brisbane to Gladstone Race was organised in 1949 the Port

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Herc Shed New Launching Procedure

Curtis Sailing Club actively supported the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in staging the event.

In 1950 the Club fielded its first nominations in the race, and since that time boats from the Club have performed well.

One of the best known and outstanding performers in the event has been the yacht 'Wistari' which was designed and built by owner-skipper, Noel Patrick, in 1965. The yacht currently holds the trophy for the highest aggregate point score in the event since its inception in 1949.



HERC AND RED RIB SHARE THE HERC SHED

Members will find both Herc and Red Rib in the Herc Shed. Garth has worked out a launching procedure. Red Rib is often used for Start Sailing hence being positioned to launch first.

Red Rib is Last in and First out

**Sliding Herc across into position
is a three person job**



Launching Red Rib: Check bungs and motor is tilted fully up.
Lower trailer until just above water level.
Remove safety chain.
Take weight off winch lock, and control with winch hand until boat fully in water.
Moor Red Rib on pontoon and fit roof.
Winch Red Rib trailer back up into Herc Shed, disconnect winch and move trailer through the rear roller door onto the grass area.

Launching Herc: Move Herc across to the winch area, forward and back using jockey wheels for steerage. Line up with rail lines.
Reconnect winch.
Push Herc trailer back wheels over the rear edge. Use minimum slack.
Ensure jockey wheels fully down to avoid canopy scrapping shed roof.
Winch down to water.

Retrieve: Winch Herc first. Disconnect from winch and move across.
Bring Red Rib trailer back into Herc shed, connect to winch.
Remove Red Rib's canopy before bringing back into the shed.
Winch Red Rib into Herc shed as usual.

Snippets

ACCESS TO BOAT STORAGE UNDER THE CLUB

Members who wish to access their boat stored under the Club while Club is closed please contact either Garth, Mitch or Dave Cue. Please be mindful of social distancing rules.

Garth: 0427 031 642, Mitch: 0402 331 489, Dave Cue: 0437 833 158

RETURN TROPHIES PLEASE

We do have most of the perpetual trophies back, but if you still have one to return, please contact Sue Doyle (0419 649 764) or admin@gyc.com.au to arrange a drop off time.



GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB RESTAURANT & BAR RE-OPENING SOON !!

Salesh and his team are gearing up to open upstairs which is terrific news for everyone.

TENTATIVE DATES: Tuesday 9th or Wednesday 10th June 2020.

Please keep an eye on the website **www.gyc.com.au** for actual date.

Once opened please be aware the following arrangements will apply:-

Maximum of 20 persons in an area.

Reservations only via email: managementGYC@hotmail.com or phone: 4972 2294

Seated table service explained on arrival.

Maximum table size of 10 persons.

Upstairs only at this stage.

Entry via front door.

Exit via back veranda door.

Enter your details in the attendance register on arrival.

Grant Funding

GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL RISE UP GRANT—SUCCESSFUL !

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc. has secured support through Gladstone Regional Council's Rise Up Fund. This initiative aims to support Gladstone Region's not for profit sport, recreation, and community organisations who have experienced adverse impact during the Coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency



PCSC submitted an application to service the outboard engines on MV Jack, Herc and Red Rib through Curtis Coast Marine along with the boat/trailer registrations for 2020, total value \$4,480.

In Tony's words on the application:-

*"A grant from this fund would be used to complete the required maintenance of these Club Safety Boats that will allow us to **rise up** at the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic with confidence that our sailors and volunteers are safe on the water in well maintained and seaworthy craft."*

By engaging a local business to service the boats, the grant will benefit both our Club and the local economy.

BIG thanks go to Members David Cue, Tony Constance, Ray Hobbs, Garth Breayley and Margie Lubke for their ideas, obtaining quotes and preparing our application.

COVID-19 KICK START STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING—Working on application

Funding of \$2,000 is available up to 7,000 Clubs under this grant. Grant closes on 17 June or earlier if all funds committed. We haven't submitted our application yet, so time is of the essence.

Not for profit sporting organisations can apply for funding under one of the following categories:-

- Equipment to help deliver quality physical activity experiences, eg balls, bats, helmets etc.
- Training eg instructor education and accreditation
- Equipment to improve ability to manage the organisation, eg office equipment, software
- Training for volunteers
- Catering/food purchases to replace spoiled pre COVID-19 stock
- Operational expenses to deliver activities, eg safety and sanitisation stations and solution, water and electricity utility bills, ground and facility maintenance costs.

Is applying for Grants your thing? If so we would love to hear from YOU !

\$2,000
for up to 7,000 clubs

COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart

For hygiene supplies, equipment and operational costs for COVID Safe clubs to return to sport.

[Applications now open - find out more](#)

Applications now open

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport/funding-grants>

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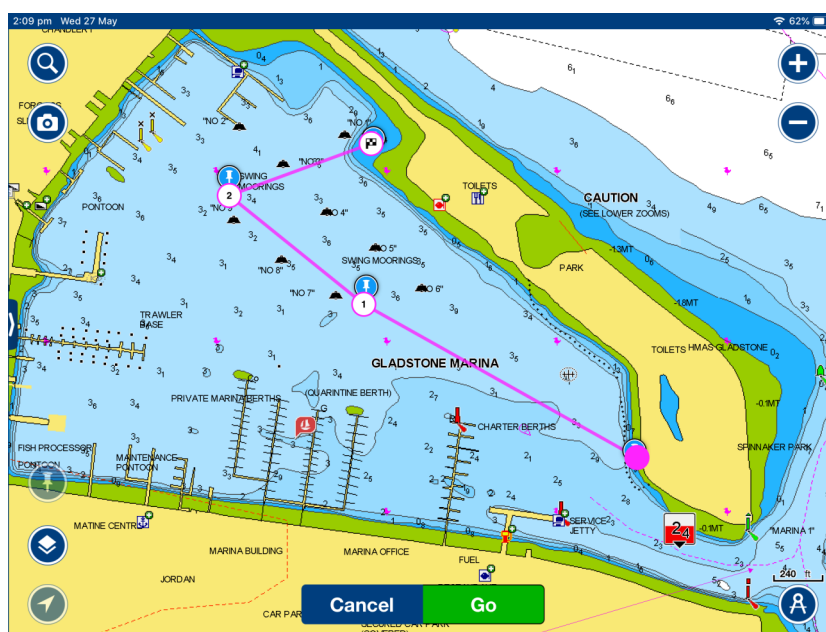
Discover Sailing Centre News

MARINA AREA—Zone 5

Over the last six months the Training Centre has been working on a new area on our Aquatic Permit in the Marina for use during Start Sailing sessions when the weather or sea state in the harbour is unsuitable for learners.

The application process required endorsement from various Commercial Operators and the Gladstone Ports Corporation, along with a Communication Plan, and is now in the final stage. We anticipate submitting our Marina Zone application to MSQ for approval very soon.

New zone is the area within the pink lines.



DINGHY INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED !

If you are interested in doing an Australian Sailing Dinghy Instructor course from 0900 28th to 1700 29th Nov 2020 at Southport Yacht Club, please see Sue for details.

FAREWELL JOHN BELL

Best wishes go to John Bell. We hope your time post-Commodore is relaxing with many enjoyable days sailing your yacht Fleur De Lys.





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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

GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB RESTAURANT AND BAR

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

Dudley's Bar remains closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Bookings required during COVID-19 return:-
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4972 2294

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