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August 2020 Edition

Commodore's Comment

Already we are in September.... Just where has this year gone? We will be holding our AGM later this month, perhaps a major turning point for our Club's future.

I have seen a number of turning points in our Club during my 50 (almost) years membership. Some good, some not so good. We have seen our Club house grow from what was the devastation of the 1949 cyclone, when the timber of fallen trees was hewn for the structural framework of Club House. The foresight of foundation members gave us this great building we have today. A building where, in its early years, Friday and Saturday night dances and cabarets were held for the local youth. It became a function room when the top floor was leased out. Then in the 70's the Gladstone Yacht Club was formed inviting members of the then Air Sea Rescue, and the Gladstone Power Boat Club, as well as our own members to membership of this newly formed licenced club. The GYC saw a number of managers employed and the kitchen facilities leased. This proceeded quite successfully, and continued when PCSC undertook to have the GYC amalgamate with it in the 2000s. And now we again have a leasee of the kitchen and bar facilities.

On the sailing side, initially the Club's strength was in dinghy fleets, junior, intermediate and senior. Yachts and trailer-sailors began joining the fleet in the sixties. Although the Club has always had an association with the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, it took over the reins of the Race Committee from the then Citizens of Gladstone Brisbane to Gladstone Race Committee in the 70s. Our association with QCYC has continued for 72 years of the race. Over the years we have had great rapport with sailing clubs such as Bundaberg, Emerald, Mackay, Hervey Bay, Keppel Bay, and the Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club.

Vision of the focus of your Club and its direction, both financially and its activities, were detailed at the Information for Members Evening held on 26th August. Those members who attended listened to the information delivered by members of your Management Committee, and indeed were most attentive. A major focus of the meeting was on membership and its development. As we all know, the membership number is quite low compared with times past. It was also interesting to note that the average age of members at the meeting must have been at least 55+. The meeting also focused on succession planning of various committees of the Club. Members who may have a particular expertise, and those who are just willing, are invited to put themselves forward and be part of the progress of this sport we all love so much.

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Special points of interest:

- *Tom Barker elected to CYCA board.*
- *AGM date Tuesday 22 Sept 2020.*
- *Race Starter urgently needed.*

Commodore's Comment

Any information you require may be obtained by approaching a member of the Management or Sailing Committees or emailing admin@gyc.com.au. I ask all members to endeavour to attend our AGM which will be held in the Gladstone Room at the Clubhouse Tuesday, 22 September commencing 7.00pm. If you are unable to attend please offer your apology preferably by email to admin@gyc.com.au. A call for written nomination is requested and nomination form was emailed to all members on 20th August. If you did not receive this email another may be requested emailing admin@gyc.com.au or obtaining one next to the nomination box situated near the coffee machine at "The Yachties".



I feel confident that our Club will grow in strength. We will build our membership; we will further develop our regattas; and we will enjoy greater socializing amongst member.

I have been honoured to be your interim Commodore for these past few months. I will not be seeking nomination for this AGM. Let's face it, your Club does not need old codgers like me, harping on about yesteryear. It needs a younger more vital person with much more get up and go than I; a person who will be recognised as a great ambassador for your Club. I hope all positions have nominations posted two weeks prior to AGM (as required by our Constitution). I wish the Club and its members every success for the future.

On another note, Maryke and I are always proud of the endeavours of our three boys. Tom has recently been nominated and elected as a board member of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.

Tom raced and cruised with us from a young age. He progressed through various junior dinghy classes with PCSC. His choice of Uni was that of NSW, the closest one to CYCA. Joining the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy in 2004, he competed at state, national and international levels.

Tom is focused on offshore yacht racing; he knew all the stats of the Sydney to Hobart from a young age. Subsequently he competed in a number of the leading yacht races around the world including: 14 Rolex Sydney Hobarts, the Newport to Bermuda Race, Caribbean 600, Auckland to Fiji, Lord Howe Island, as well as a number of Brisbane to Gladstone races, multiple Sydney Gold Coast races and other CYCA blue water events. Tom has raced in several one-design classes, including multiple Etchells and Farr 40 world championships.

Tom has been a member of the CYCA's Training & Development Committee overseeing the strategy and future of their Youth Sailing Academy over the past 10 years. Now he is part of the Audit, Planning & Risk Committee.

Tom races aboard a number of yachts from the CYC, with his main focus being their Blue Water Pointscore aboard the TP52 Zen.

Tom is a current member of the Port Curtis Sailing Club as well.

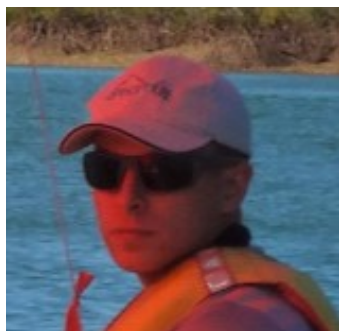
And so may I sign off with a quote of **H. Jackson Brown Jr.**

"Let the refining and improving of your own life keep you so busy that you have little time to criticise others!"

Brad Barker

Adult Start Sailing—Jul/Aug 2020

Sunday 16 August saw the end of the Adult Start Sailing Course with participants Jonathon Sutton, Adrian Payne, Justin Devon, Gerald McMillan, Susan Phillips and Trinity Cooper taking part.



Jonathon



Adrian



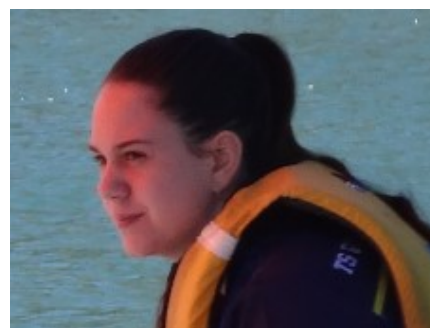
Justin



Gerry



Susan (Paula)



Trinity

Congratulations to you all from us,
To continue your sailing is a “must”.

Day one with wind a perfect seven knots,
Gave Sue a chance for good snap shots.

Tacking that day was so well done,
Day two saw gybing add to the fun.

The wind was stronger on day three,
Our sails in the marina you could see.

At the start of day four conditions were
light,
Good practice to get man overboard right.

Our last session on the harbour again to
sail,
To remember your skills you did not fail.

Sailing a triangle course once more,
It was really sad to return to shore.
Colleen (Instructor)

The five Sunday mornings on the water after Theory Night, saw them gain confidence and competency, mastering the basic sailing elements. Although weather was disappointingly very light for most days, day one was a perfect start in the creek with seven knots and high water in the morning. The Pacers with their somewhat faded orange sails always attract attention, especially when sailing in front of the Club. “Buddy” skippers, Georgia, Tiernan and Garth with the learners experiencing their first time in the Pacers, provided a colourful spectacle sailing around a figure of eight course, where tacking was successfully mastered well by all.



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Adult Start Sailing—Jul/Aug 2020

Day two, our numbers had increased (a passer-by had seen our learners on the water – it looked so good she decided to join the course) but sadly wind speed initially did not ...there was even fog on the harbour. Conditions improved with gybing now being practised. Capsize drill was also well done with no one suffering hyperthermia.

Day three there was breeze ! We headed for the harbour where Garth, Tiernan and Mo on Herc had put in buoys for a triangle course for the learners to firstly do windward return runs, before doing a reach to a gybe mark and then a run. Conditions started to look and feel a bit blowy about mid session so we sailed into the marina for the first time in years, where conditions were more learner friendly. Brian's and Georgia's excellent support was more than welcomed by all.

Days four and five were far from easy with fickle light breezes. It was a challenge at times just to get the boats moving. All learners had plenty of practice for sailing light winds! Much appreciated was the help by Georgia and Dave Cue, Dave also instilling a desire to "Race" .

Some of our learners also had the opportunity to sail on bigger boats. Tony Constance took Jonathon and Gerry out for a run on "Intrigue" after our Day four session, and Jonathon enjoyed a Saturday race on Restless with John Ibell before our last session. Thanks, Tony and John for your support !

Special thanks goes to our helpers and Buddies: Georgia Mossman, Brian Polkinghorne, Dave Cue, Tiernan Williams, Garth Breasley, Mo Shamin and Barry Austin. Hopefully you all enjoyed taking part as much as Sue and I did.

Colleen



A newbie kicks off in the Learn-to-sail course

Having watched a group of kids learning the ropes of sailing in the shallows of Auckland Creek, I reckoned it was time for me to get wet too. The adults' course was already in progress when I began, but I was immediately accepted having resolved my decision to do it anyway.

Instructor Colleen wasted no time in setting me on the right course. Tricky winds, accidental gybes, a misbehaving tiller, wobbly tacks, winds that do not blow, all come quite naturally to me but with Colleen's encouragement and expert guidance I was quickly back on track with fresh instructions.

Sneaky sharks, cruising crocs and dodgy dolphins might be encountered in Auckland Creek but you're more likely to cop a capsize or just wet bum and muddy feet on the launching ramp at low tide.

All thanks to the generosity of the dedicated volunteers who are at the ready to assist misshaping-sailors (speaking for myself only), the safety crew who set the buoys and hang about so patiently, and my fellow learners for their forbearance.

I just cannot wait for the next one! Paula

Seahill Rendezvous 22 & 23 August 2020

Members caught up with old and new friends from Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club and the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club at Seahill with lots of laughter and comradery, especially when taste testing and judging the Slinky Dinky Drinkie Cocktail award.

A BBQ followed with great conversation and impromptu poetry around the camp fire on what turned out to be a very cold evening. Hope to see you again next year.



Congratulations to Bruce and Cheryl Sagnol from CCYC, winners of the Slinky Dinky Drinkie cocktail.

Annual General Meeting



NOTICE OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Annual General Meeting of

Port Curtis Sailing Club Inc.

Will be held in the Gladstone Room at the Clubhouse
1 Goondoon Street, Gladstone
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 Commencing 7.00pm

Order of Business will be:

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of minutes of last AGM
3. President's Report 2020
4. Treasurer's Report 2020
5. Financial Report 2020
6. Dismiss current committee
7. Call for Chairperson from the floor
8. Election of Management Committee



Call for Nominations for PCSC Management Committee 2020-2021

At the forthcoming AGM all positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant.

Nominations for positions on the Management Committee are now being received by the Secretary. Nominations may be mailed to the club or delivered personally.

The Nomination box will be located upstairs in the Gladstone Yacht Club Restaurant & Bar at the main bar (beside the coffee machine). Nomination forms are available from the Club adjacent to the Ballot box or email request to the Secretary at admin@gyc.com.au.

Nominations close at 5pm Tuesday 8 September 2020

A General meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting to elect minor Office Bearers and Sub-Committees.

Nominee Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated by Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

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EOI in Sailing Committee



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Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated by Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Nominated by Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

WANTED 'STARTER' Urgently

Handover support covering familiarisation with MV Jack, our local environment and race management procedures will be provided.

RACE OFFICIALS COURSE

Highly recommended for Starters and useful for PRO's and other race officials.

The Club Race Officer webinar is aimed at educating Australian Sailing Members in the basics to conduct consistent, fair and safe club racing.

Online webinar 3.5 hours. Dates are mainly on Saturdays. The cost is \$45, funded by our QGrant.

More information on the following link: <https://www.sailing.org.au/course-finder/46/>

DINGHY INSTRUCTORS COURSE

Our Discover Sailing Training Centre needs YOU. Colleen and Sue encourage Members to join the team in any capacity but especially as Instructor or Principal. Courses available through Australian Sailing. Please see Sue for more info.

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

Snippets

Flags are Flying Again

It is always lovely to see our flags flying on Club pole again on Saturdays and Sundays when we are sailing. THANKS, Barry !

BBQ 's Again !

Post our Championship Days' sailing we will be able to enjoy a BBQ outside the Herc Shed, with drinks available from Dudley's bar.

Saturday Morning Intermediate Sailing Starting

Join Dave Cue for morning sailing 12th Sept and 26th Sept at 0900 for Start sailing 'graduates'.

Impulse State Titles

We wish our PCSC Impulse sailors the very best for a great weekend at Kepple Bay : safe travelling and fast sailing.

Sail CQ Challenge Series—Mackay Festival of Sails

Weekend 5th and 6th September 2020, sailing on Lake Kinchant Dam, Mackay. NOR and online registrations available at: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/mackaysailing/eventsregister/63312/>

Reminder: Be COVID Safe

Please complete the Contact Tracing Register and be mindful of social distancing restrictions every time you come along to the Club, along with personal hygiene and the wiping down of Club boats and equipment after use.

PRO ROSTER

Members ! Don't forget to put your name in for a day you would be able to do PRO DUTY.

Members can select their preferred day either by contacting the Sailing Committee (admin@gyc.com.au), or using the online Roster calendar on our website—Events, Calendars and Regattas page.

<https://www.gyc.com.au/sailing/important-information/>

Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2020-21						
Wk	Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter
						2 members cap
	Sat/Sun 5th 6th Sept 20	1051 3.59 1643 0.93 1122 3.51 1712 1.12		KBSC Val Sisley KBSC Impulse State Titles Festival of Sails - Mackay No Sailing @ PCSC due to Mackay CQ Club Chall	KBSC MSC	
	Saturday 12-9-20	1040 1.50 1726 3.46	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue	
			1400	Club Championship Heat 1		Sue Doyle
	Sunday 13-9-20	1145 1.26 1821 3.78		SRD		
September School holidays Sat 19th Sept to Monday 5th October						
	Saturday 19-9-20	1026 4.11 1636 0.33	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 1		
	Sunday 20-9-20	1112 4.09 1722 0.56		SRD		
	Saturday 26-9-20	1132 1.33 1802 3.79	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue	
			1400	Club Championship Heat 2		Sue away
	Sunday 27-9-20	1233 1.12 1854 3.94		SRD		
Aquatic Permit to here						
	Saturday 3-10-20	0950 3.83 1552 0.80 2158 3.76	1400	CQ Series Gladstone Harbour PCSC Dinghy Sailing	PCSC	
	Sunday 4-10-20	1019 3.81 1621 0.91 2225 3.00	0930 TBA	CQ Series ocean race to Yeppoon	PCSC	
End School holidays Mon 5th October						
	Saturday 10-10-20	0952 1.82 1543 3.40	0900	Intermediate Group Session. PCSC dinghy sailors.	Dave Cue	
				CQ Series Rosslyn Bay	CCYC	
	Sunday 11-10-20			SRD		
	17-10-20	0919 4.31 1536 0.27	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 2		
	18-10-20	1004 4.37 1621 0.36	0900 to 1200	Discover Sailing Day	Sue Doyle	
	23-10-20		1800	Adult S2S theory evening		
	24-10-20	0947 1.59 1623 3.57	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue	
			1400	Club Championship Heat 3		
	25-10-20	0510 3.01 1108 1.45	0800 to 1200	Adult S2S session 1	Colleen Sawatzki	

**NO Sailing at PCSC on weekend 5th and 6th September due to several away events:
Impulse Nationals, Sail CQ Challenge Festival of Sails regatta in Mackay**

Sabot Iron Curtis lives on

IRON CURTIS lives on

Bill (Barker) is again sailing in a sabot of his youth, "Iron Curtis" (PCSC) with his son William.

Photo of them at recent SQSA Bay titles at Darling Point Bill giving pointers to young Will pre-racing, and proves he can still fit into a sabot!



Just goes to prove..... "Old habits die hard !!"

GRANTS UPDATE

The Club submitted an application in the **Qld Government Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Grant** for a replacement trailer for MV Jack and Red Rib. Grant recipients are announced on 30 September 2020.

The Club has also submitted an application in two other grants which closed on 31 August 2020.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund for a new pressure washer and replacement motor for Herc.

Gladstone Council Recreation Grant for a new set of orange Pacer sails.



BIG thanks to Tony Constance and Margie Lubke



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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.

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