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# Straphanger

## September 2020 Edition

### Commodore's Comment

Thank you PCSC members for the honour of acting as Commodore of the Club for the ensuing year. I am very optimistic and very encouraged by our current situation, and am keenly looking forward to a year of financial consolidation, membership growth and enjoyment on the water.

In relation to financial consolidation, the Management Committee will continue with the present plan, our "Roadmap to Recovery". As part of that recovery I encourage all members plus friends, neighbours, family, work colleagues and everyone else, to use the restaurant and bar facilities at the Club. Firstly, you are assured of quality food and courteous service, but you are at the same time helping our tenant run a successful business, thereby assuring us of a secure financial future.

In relation to membership, I have, since last Tuesday's AGM, been told of two former members who intend to re-join the Club and we have good prospects for several of our "Discover Sailing" graduates to continue as active members – all this within days of the start of our new administrative year. I am confident that we can continue this trend, and get back once again to the active, competitive and happy Club that we have all been used to over many years. I ask all members to do all that they can do to assist in promoting membership. As long as we all continue to enjoy our sport, then we will all act as great ambassadors, and thereby encourage new members to join us in that enjoyment.

I am also very heartened by the addition of several new faces onto the Management Committee and the Sailing Committee and again take the view that this augers well for input of fresh and diverse ideas and management experience.

As I mentioned at the AGM, the Management Committee is very open to broadening the level of involvement by all members in our Club's affairs, and again I am very encouraged in this regard by the generous offer by David Cue to step into the PRO role on Club Championship days to carry on the great work that has been done by our retiring starter, Club Patron Barry Austin, over so many years. Sue and Colleen also have recently received a similar generous offer of assistance in their "Discover Sailing" courses, including an offer of follow up training for graduates to encourage them into further development of their sailing skills after completing the basic learn to sail course. This is precisely the sort of active involvement that helps build a competitive and happy Club.

I made it out on the water myself last Saturday, and I must say, it was very refreshing to once again feel the wind in the face, the warmth of membership conviviality and the exchange of banter at Dudley's Bar afterwards. Let the good times continue.

Fair sailing,

Tot Moran.

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# Governor of Queensland Visit

Letter to Governor's Office by Commodore Brad Barker on 22 September 2020.



*Being two weeks since meeting with His Excellency, The Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, it is timely that I put pen to paper, so to speak, and thank His Excellency, both personally and on behalf of the members of the Port Curtis Sailing Club, for his gracious gift of the Framed Fernberg Ornament and its inscription.*

*It is timely also in that tonight is the Annual General Meeting of the PCSC and that I will officially present the gift to the members.*

*Would you be so kind as to relay to His Excellency, our sincere thanks and gratitude and inform him that the gift will be securely displayed in our Club's Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Dining Room.*

Presented by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, 26<sup>th</sup> Governor of Queensland  
to the Port Curtis Sailing Club on 8 September 2020  
*In recognition of the long-standing vice-regal links with the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race*



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP HEAT 1 RESCHEDULED

The first heat of Club Championship was postponed due to strong wind warning and has been rescheduled for **Saturday 10 October 2020.**

# 2020 Qld Impulse State Championship

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5th & 6th September 2020

Report by Maria Mohrholtz (And from my point of sailing)

KBSC in Yeppoon was the host of this year's Impulse Championship.

Forecast for the weekend around 10 knots for both days. My kind of wind :)

The Impulse class had 23 boats with 7 boats flying the PCSC flag.

Racing started at 1pm. Impulses got their own start. Two races for Saturday: triangle, sausage, triangle.

I had a good start, tacked away into clean air and found myself together with the other green boat of David Harrison (many times Qld champion). I managed to hold his speed to the windward mark and was so surprised seeing so many boats behind me. I was able to keep up with the fast boats. They could not believe I was still with them when they turned around.

Two good races for me with a 12th and 13th in places.

Naomi Young blitz the lot with two minutes ahead of the next boat in the first race. She was too good and got 1st place in both races.

All I had to do was repeat Saturday's performance and I would be happy.

Sunday morning start at 11am and the wind picked up a knot or two: a trapezoid course with two windward returns in the middle for three races.

I tried to push my boat from the beach through the surf. Got swamped.

Tried to get into the boat but didn't get it far enough into the wind.

The next wave got me side on. I tried to get out but stumbled, fell into the water and my boat got washed back to the beach. Bugger!

Kind Arrow sailors picked me up, dusted me off, helped to get my boat into right direction, let me climb in and pushed me into the wind. Thanks guys!!

I had sand everywhere and in my pulleys. A bad start and no boat speed. The first race was nothing to crow about.

Ok, room for improvement.

Second race and a good start. Again very close to good sailors where I could match their speed. As my tacks are not the best, I decided on only one tack on the windward leg.

That gave me starboard right to the windward mark.





# 2020 Qld Impulse State Championship

By the time I got closer to the mark, all the fast boats just got to the mark too.

On the rounding I looked behind, and to my surprise, a huge gap to the rest of the fleet. I could hold the fast boats' speed and finished in 12th place again with a minute to spare to the next boat. A great race for me.

Last race got me into 16th place. Not good, and not bad. Overall 13th place. I was over the moon :)

I also got 1st Female prize.

Andy Patrick sailed one of Scott's boats and was sailing very well too.

He was equal points with Naomi Young, but when both had a drop race, Andy ended up with 6 points against Naomi's 8 points and won the Impulse Championship for this year.

A good result for PCSC, and great weekend sailing. Marina Hobbs took so many great photos from all the argy bargy on the turning marks and every sailor. Many thanks for this!!



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## Series Results [Mixed Class YS] for Division 5 up to Race 5 (Drops - 1)

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	From	Sers Score	Crew	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1	603	Cowabunga	Andy Patrick			6.0		2.0	1.0	1.0	[5.0]	2.0
2	672	Gold Digger	Naomi Young			8.0		3.0	3.0	[3.0]	1.0	1.0
3	710	FBS	David Mann			14.0		1.0	[8.0]	2.0	7.0	4.0
4	627	Slipknot	Joshua young			16.0		4.0	2.0	6.0	4.0	[6.0]
5	732	Jester	Phillip Gray			20.0		5.0	4.0	[9.0]	8.0	3.0
6	724	'Tis	John Campbell			20.0		6.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	[8.0]
7	700	All In	James Grieve			23.0		[9.0]	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0
8	671	iBoat	David Cue			25.0		[11.0]	10.0	8.0	2.0	5.0
9	570	Cosmosaurus	David Harrison			33.0		7.0	6.0	10.0	10.0	[11.0]
10	701	Boaty McBoatface	Andrew Turnbull-Mill			36.0		8.0	11.0	7.0	[11.0]	10.0
11	638	bedrock fundamentals	brett buckley			37.0		10.0	9.0	[12.0]	9.0	9.0
12	659	Going Grey	Stephen Lewis			48.0		12.0	13.0	11.0	12.0	[18.0]
13	514	Windspiel	Maria Mohrholz			53.0		16.0	12.0	[21.0]	13.0	12.0
14	662	Perfect Itch	James Rudolph			57.0		13.0	15.0	14.0	15.0	[17.0]
15	634	Sapphire	Keith Briers			57.0		14.0	14.0	15.0	14.0	[19.0]
16	643	Plymouth	Michael Robinson			64.0		17.0	[19.0]	13.0	18.0	16.0
17	661	Out of the Blue	Sheldon Haines			65.0		18.0	16.0	[18.0]	17.0	14.0
18	575	Good Vibes	Ricky Hoe			67.0		21.0	17.0	16.0	[21.0]	13.0
19	544	Pteropus	Scott Patrick			70.0		15.0	18.0	17.0	20.0	[21.0]
20	208	Wirraway	Rebecca Woodbury			78.0		20.0	20.0	19.0	19.0	[20.0]
21	729	Bruce	Wayne Laverty			79.0		24.0C	24.0C	[24.0C]	16.0	15.0
22	669	Problem	Ray hobbs			83.0		19.0	22.0	20.0	22.0	[23.0]
23	657	Seoladh	Michael Hewson			87.0		22.0	21.0	22.0	[23.0]	22.0

(Ties: S-Score R-Race B- Bettered. Penalties: A-ARB/MED B-BFD C-CNC D-DNE E-ESP F-DNF G-RDG I-DPI L-Late Entrant M-DGM N-ENP O-OCS P-Protest Q-DSO R-RET S-DNS T-TLE U-UFP V-AVG W-DUT X-EXC Z-ZFP Y-SCP #-NoData [xyl]-Discarded)



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# AGM Commodore's Report

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**22 September 2020, Brad Barker**

I write this report with a sense of satisfaction, in that the members of our Club and in particular members of our committees, have put a great deal of their time and effort into effective management of the various duties to which they have been tasked.

I would personally like to thank them all, including our volunteers, on behalf of all members. They deserve a huge pat on the back.

Although I have been in the position of Commodore only since May of this year, and though Maryke and I have always had an interest in the PCSC, this short time has allowed me to see deeper into the management of the Club today.

We are all aware of the struggles that our Club has persevered with over recent times, and it is pleasing to note that we have a roadmap to recovery in place. We should not dwell on the past but look eagerly to the future. I urge all of you to take a keen interest particularly in how your Club is managed and support our committee members in every way you can.

Your Treasurer's report and Auditor's report are very comprehensive, and although some of us may struggle with understanding balance sheets, these reports will give you a picture of the road-map I mentioned. Sue has been most diligent with her report and I am sure she is able and quite happy to answer any queries you may have.

We have taken up the gauntlet, particularly Tony and Margie, and have applied for and received various grants, chiefly from government sources. These have been put to good use and are on-going. We will continue to apply where it seems possible. As it is said, nothing ventured nothing gained.

On another note, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month, I was invited, representing your Club to meet with His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland. As you may be aware the Governor is a strong supporter of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. He has been the starter for the event since he has held office. On this occasion he invited me to accept his gift on behalf of the Club, a Framed Fernberg Ornament, to the Port Curtis Sailing Club. This is it here tonight.

Our Club has not been immune to the effect of Covid and the pandemic that is still gripping the world. Our town of Gladstone and surrounding area appear to be more fortunate than other places in the fact that we seem to be much less affected health wise, by the virus. This is not to say that we have not been affected in other ways, particularly in the participation of our sport. Hopefully soon we are able to get back to the normality of traveling to and participating in, various regattas without having to negotiate the paths through Covid.

An area that our Club is struggling with is low membership numbers. This in turn relates to shortage of people to fill important roles within the management of the Club. It is extremely pleasing to see the number of nominations to fill key positions within the Management Committee and also the Sailing Committee. There are important positions yet to be filled, two being the role of Secretary and that of Starter. I believe that if we all go that extra yard to attract people to our sport then surely it will follow, that interested people will put their hand up to fill these positions.

# AGM Commodore's Report

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So if any of you know a colleague or a neighbour who might wish to learn the ins and outs of a starter, spend an afternoon on the harbour, or revel in the position as secretary, perhaps help with on water support vessel, may wish to be a communications person helping with Straphanger, social media or a commentator to the public, then sign them up!

Of course we also need people who would like to partake in sailing. Maybe you know of someone with a trailer-sailor in the back yard, who might just enjoy being part of our sport. It is up to us to get the word out. Also, there is always room for members to become involved in Discover Sailing, and Start Sailing. You may surprise yourself and enjoy becoming an instructor, and through various courses, receiving credentials from our national body.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been a privilege to be your Commodore for this short period. I wish all incoming flag officers and committee members all the very best for this season and for the future

To all of you and with apology to JFK, I say,

“Ask not what your Club can do for you... Ask what you can do for your Club...”

## **THANKS BRAD**

It may have been for you a short stay on the helm as Commodore of our Club, but it was certainly an extremely busy and productive one. We thank you for your excellent leadership, and all your efforts. We wish you all the very best for now enjoying some relaxing time sailing Tuan with Maryke.

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewal invoices were email this week through the Australian Sailing revSport system.

If you didn't receive your renewal, please contact Treasurer Sue. This year Members can use direct debit, PinPayment or deposit their membership fee into the Club BOQ account at the Night Owl Centre. Please use your MR reference number on your payment.

## **PCSC RACE NOMINATIONS AND BOAT STORAGE (Race Nomination is separate to Membership)**

If you wish to Race Nominate or leave your boat at the Club (hardstand, dinghy under club, and tender on rack), for the 2020-2021 season please use our online revSport link below and click the NOMINATE button. After making your selections the system will send you an invoice.

Please be aware your boat certificate of insurance must be attached. The Sailing Committee will review the nominations. If you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Treasurer Sue Doyle or Vice Commodore Dave Cue.

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portcurtissc/events/76835/>

# Meet the New Committees

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## Management Committee

Commodore:	Neil (Tot) Moran
Vice Commodore:	Dave Cue
Treasurer:	Sue Doyle
Secretary:	
Club Captain:	Bruce Janson
Business Officer (sublease):	Ian Williams
Committee Member:	Shauna Taylor
Committee Member:	Anthony Constance

## Sailing Committee

Vice Commodore:	Dave Cue
Discover Sailing & Events:	Colleen Sawatzki
Handicapper:	Ken Watson
Committee:	Rob Graham
	Robert Rosendahl
	Ray Hobbs
	Maria Mohrholz
<b>Patron</b>	Barry Austin

### THE CLUB IS STILL LOOKING FOR A SECRETARY

Margie has indicated she is willing to be the Secretary's assistant to share the load. Microsoft Word and Outlook skills are required. A familiarisation session in the Club office procedures is available.

### STARTER SEARCH

We are still urgently seeking a new Starter.

At this stage Vice Commodore Dave Cue has generously offered to cover all Championship heats for the season. Thanks Dave for your leadership initiative.

Thanks also to Wendy Barker, who has offered to assist the Starter by recording the times.

### DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE UPDATE

Our Discover Sailing Training Centre has been re-accredited for another year to run Australian Sailing Start Sailing 1 & 2, Better Sailing and the Safety Boat Operator course.

Centre Principal Sue Doyle and Senior Dinghy Instructor Colleen Sawatzki thank Members who support the Training Centre with boat maintenance, buddy sailing, Herc skipper/crew as well as launching and retrieving the vessels sometimes at inconvenient times due to tides.

The next Adult Start Sailing group is planned for five Sunday mornings starting on 25th October to 22nd November 2020. All help greatly appreciated.

### PCSC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2020-2021 SEASON

Sailing Instructions for 2020-2021 season reflect the RRS 2017-2020 rules as the new edition (RRS 2021-2024) does not come into effect until 1st January 2021.

PCSC Sailing Instructions can be found on the website on the Events, Calendars & Regattas page:-

<https://www.gyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Sailing-Instructions-2020-2021-v1.pdf>

# Allboat Regatta at Lake Cootharaba

**29th & 30th August 2020. Report by Maria Mohrholz.**

My first regatta since last year.

This virus really did put a spanner in the works!

Now everything has to be Virus safe:

Registration on line, Sailing Instructions on line, no briefing, no socialising.

And they changed the start and finish lines.

Changes to the Sailing Instructions were posted outside the clubhouse.

No one to clarify or ask questions to.



Got to the lake Saturday 8am and the place was pumping.

White caps and waves, clouds, and the water had an uninviting brown colour. A cold wind around 17 knots and the water was cold too. Start at 1pm: Triangle, sausage, triangle. Only one other Impulse on the start line and a hard slog to windward, but got rewarded with two fast reaches and the down wind leg was fast too.

When I got to the last bottom mark, I saw the boat and buoy for the new finish line, but everybody ignored it heading upwind to the start line again. I thought that I might have missed something and followed everybody to the start line. It felt funny, so I asked the start boat about the finish line. And "Yes", it was down at the other boat.

Tried to tell the other Impulse, but he could not hear me. So I turned, went down wind to the finish line and back to the start. Got back with only a few seconds to spare for the second race. A fast race and now I knew where the finish was.

It was just on 4pm when we got back to the beach. Cold and wet. Thank goodness for hot showers! Sixth place for the day wasn't so bad. Woodfired pizzas in front of the clubhouse was also just what the doctor ordered.

Talked to Damo ( Damian Vanduekom ) and his crew from the RL they sailed.

They had made the same mistake with the finish line too!

The bar closed at 8pm, and everyone went to their camp. The wind had completely stopped. It was so quiet at the lake and even a possum came down from the tree, practising social distancing.

Three races for Sunday: one before lunch, two after lunch. Light wind, very shifty and gusty. Cats passing on both sides, trailer sailors, and small yachts taking your starboard and wind.

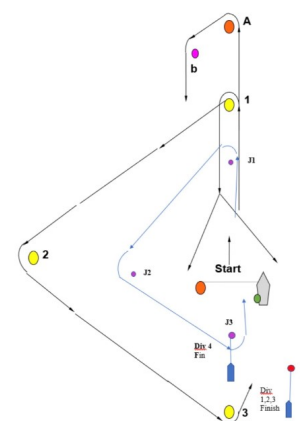
One cat capsized in front of me. No choice - ran over the mast. Big scratch in my centreboard and the location pin in my rudder bent so much I could not raise the rudder and had to capsize the boat coming back to the beach.

The wind and action on the water didn't change in the two afternoon races. Cold and wet, but still an ok weekend sailing. 10th place overall from 19 boats.

Allboats Regatta



MARK LAYOUT





# Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2020-21				
Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
Saturday 3-10-20	0950 3.83 1552 0.80 2158 3.76	1400	CQ Series Gladstone Harbour - ALL HEATS at CCYC - Yachts  PCSC No Sailing for Dinghies	CCYC
Sunday 4-10-20	1019 3.81 1621 0.91		SRD	
End School holidays Mon 5th October				
Saturday 10-10-20	0952 1.82 1543 3.40	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue
		1400	Club Championship Heat 1 Rescheduled from 12-9-20	Dave Cue
Sunday 11-10-20			SRD	
17-10-20	0919 4.31 1536 0.27	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 2	Dave Cue
18-10-20	1004 4.37 1621 0.36	0900 to 1200	<b>Discover Sailing Day - Cancelled due to COVID</b>	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	Dave Cue
25-10-20	0510 3.01 1108 1.45	0800 to 1200	Adult S2S session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
31-10-20 1-11-20	0854 3.97 1500 0.85		<b>Sail Bowen - CQ Club Challenge (no dinghy sailing at PCSC)</b>	<b>Bowen</b>
1-11-20	0923 4.01 1531 0.87	0800 to 1200	Adult S2S session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
7-11-20	1332 3.41 2003 1.59	1400	Head of Harbour Heat 3	Mitch Brown

**SAVE THE DATE: Weekend 5th & 6th December 2020**  
**PCSC All Boats Regatta**

## CQ Series - Weekend 3rd, 4th and 5th October 2020

The series will now be run entirely in Yeppoon with all heats sailed on the long weekend as the number of yachts possible competing from PCSC were very low. CCYC have extended their hospitality to use their secure storage should our members need to leave their boat in Yeppoon for the week.

# Snippets

## **GREAT PCSC REPRESENTATION AT THE IMPULSE TITLES**

We are very proud of the eight PCSC Impulse sailors who travelled to Yeppoon: Andy Patrick, Joshua Young, David Cue, Stephen Lewis, Maria Mohrholz, Sheldon Haines, Scott Patrick and Ray Hobbs. All are to be congratulated for their participation.

Special recognition must go to Andy Patrick who was awarded first overall, Maria Mohrholz for achieving the best female award and Naomi Young's superlative performance.

WELL DONE !

## **SUPPORT BOAT DRIVERS / CREW**

Ken will not be able to be at the wheel of Red Rib until after Christmas, preferring to have two bouts of surgery. Our best wishes for all going well and a speedy recovery, Ken !

## **STRAPHANGER - POSITIONS AVAILABLE !**

Good IT skills (Microsoft Publisher) and editing skills are all that is needed to produce the Straphanger.

This could be coupled with all our communication needs: Social media, members updates and our website.

## **PRO ROSTER**

Thanks to those Members who have already done a duty day. There are still days to be covered. Please let the Sailing Committee know what your preference is asap as a roster will be drawn up.

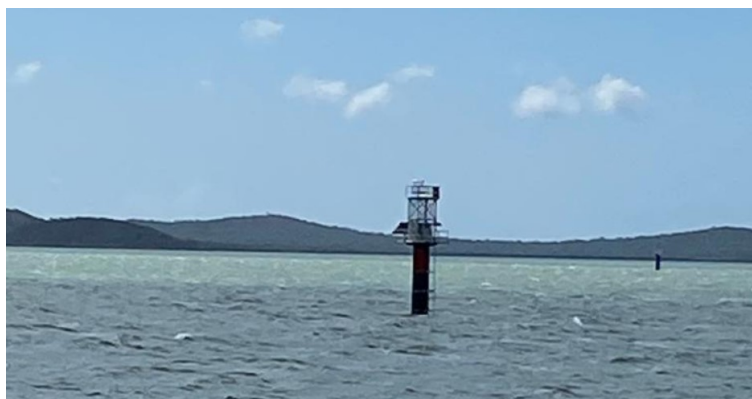
## **CHANGES IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN BLUE CARDS**

Changes to working with children Blue Cards came into effect on 31 August 2020. The main change is the No Card No Start rule.

Club volunteers can apply for a working with children Blue Card at no cost, or renew an existing card before it expires.

Please see Sue Doyle for more information.

**A8 has been replaced with a pole !**





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from you !**

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## Opening Times & Contacts

### **GLADSTONE YACHT CLUB RESTAURANT AND BAR**

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

Bookings required during COVID-19 return:-  
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