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PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB INC.

### Oct-Dec 2020 Edition

#### Commodore's Comment

A warm and jolly Christmas "hello" to all members. I am very pleased to see that at a recent Management Committee meeting, our acting Club Secretary, Margie Lubke, accepted the committee's appointment of her to the position of "Secretary" rather than just "acting". Margie has been doing a marvelous job acting in this role and we are very grateful to her for accepting the appointment. We are also very grateful to the regular race officials who crew the starting boat and rescue boats each week. However, in addition to these regular volunteers, part of the burden of administering this racing (particularly the role of starter) is currently falling on the shoulders of some of our members who would very much prefer to be on the water racing rather than on the water administering the racing. We have to address this ongoing problem, perhaps by rostering sailors to do these tasks or by some other solution, but the obvious solution is to find a volunteer who is willing to perform these tasks on a regular basis. The task itself is really quite a pleasant one, being on the water and enjoying the sailing, but we need to find the right person to take these roles on. In the longer term, we may be able to find willing volunteers from among new members that we attract to the Club, but it would be wonderful if somebody from among our current membership could step up to the plate and take on either of these roles in the immediate short term.

On the issue of attracting more active sailing members and also active social members, it is very encouraging to see that several applicants have been accepted as new members at recent Management Committee meetings. Shauna Taylor is making a particular point of concentrating efforts in this regard. I trust that all our current members will make these new members very welcome as usual.

With a view to encouraging more social interaction (and maybe attracting new members as well), we recently held a night at the Club for a "fireside" chat (but without the fire !!). Our Club has a history of numerous members achieving major sailing successes nationally and around the world over many years, and of having hosted numerous prominent guests/trainers/coaches over many years.

All these members, past members and guests provide quite a large pool of talent that we can draw on for these low key social chit/chat evenings at the Clubhouse.

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### Commodore's Comment continued

The first of these evenings happened on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November last. It was a very enjoyable evening with about 27 people attending. We were visited by Dick Kennedy who raced lightweight Sharpies in our Club in the late 1970's, but then went on to act as a professional yacht skipper on many prestigious yachts around the world, and take part in many of the well known international ocean races. It all happened over a few beers with some members staying on for a meal afterwards. With the success of this first social, it is intended to schedule similar events early in the new year.

The racing and social engagement between members (and visitors) was again very evident this last weekend when PCSC hosted our round of the CQ Club Challenge Series. I think we finished up with nearly 25 "off the beach" dinghies taking part and it was a great spectacle. The event was again extremely well organized by Colleen Sawatzki with numerous other volunteers lending assistance with generous support of sponsors. It was great to see all the activity around the Clubhouse with the rigging areas full and everybody in high spirits. Let's see this sort of activity happening regularly as we continue to grow our participation in our sport.

Have a great Christmas and I look forward to seeing everybody around the Club in the new year. Fair sailing,

Tot Moran.



The Sailing Committee also wishes all members a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Happy sailing and safe travels over the festive season.

Best wishes for great sailing to PCSC sailors who may attend the Humpybong Regatta 28 –30 December 2020.

Martin Cooper's sailboard leading the whole fleet in his division home by a huge margin.

Damo Van Deudekom's Skiff with its' great blue spinnaker powering along.

All boats reaching great speed, spray flying, drenched sailors. This year's PCSC Regatta was a spectator's delight.

Indeed, our Annual All Boats Regatta, now part of the CQ Club Championship Series, created a welcomed buzz of action on the 5 and 6 Dec at our Club.

On Saturday, twenty two sailing boats of a variety of classes, together with a sailboard, accompanied by support boats, tacked their way across to the Quoin basin to sail three races. In perfect sailing conditions of 12 to 16 knots the first race got underway with the Juniors starting at 1300. A strengthening wind, gusting 20 knots or more saw lots of fast sailing, thrill, spills and some breakages.

Conditions early Sunday on the sail over were very comfortable, but once again things livened up with gusts up to 26 knots. The Juniors in their Sabots and Optis never fail to impress – so great to see their tenacity and their obvious love of sailing no matter how hard things are. We did shorten their course in the second race, as conditions were resulting in many capsizes and rescues. Jared Newton sailing Flash Rays, in the Youth Monohull division, won our admiration for his persistence and ability to complete the demanding second race. It was obvious that all sailors had a fantastic though challenging sail, with all support boats being kept busy on both days. Even the Start Boat team carried out a "rescue".

With the much appreciated support of our generous sponsors, SeaLink, Caltex, Orica, Curtis Ferry Services and Bill Robertson **Toyota** we were able to award great prizes and medallions, and offer hospitality to sailors and helpers: lunch on Saturday and a post race BBQ, breakfast on Sunday and a post race sausage sizzle.

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#### **First Place winners**









Sail CQ Club Challenge All Boats Regatta 2020 Proudly sponsored by











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This year all catering was done by Club members. Thanks must go to Bronwyn, Charlie and helper Margie for the wonderful food preparation and service.

Congratulation go to ALL sailors getting out on the water, coping with breakages and doing their best. Thanks must go also to the KBSC sailors who travelled down to join us for the weekend with their support boat for the Juniors.

We were delighted that SeaLink's General Manager, Rob Mitchell could join us on Sunday to present the trophies. Raffle winners for two Curtis Ferry Family Island Cruises and a Caltex \$100 fuel voucher were also drawn.

The winner of the significant trophy 'Sportsman of the Regatta" is nominated by the Junior sailors. PCSC laser sailor Rob Graham was their choice in recognition of help he gave them on the water (when not racing). Congratulations Rob!

The regatta is not possible without the help of our Members. My sincere thanks goes to the volunteers rostered on various duties, and to those members who also lent a hand on the weekend – especially on Sunday cleaning up. These include Rob Graham, Ray Hobbs and Stephen Lewis.

Colleen Sawatzki

**Event Organiser and Principle Race Officer** 

#### **ROSTERED VOLUNTEERS**

**Support boats prep, launching, retrieving, cleaning**: Garth Breayley and crew.

**Support boat operators and crews**: Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki, Wendy Barker, Shauna Taylor, Garth Breayley, Rob Auty, Stephen McGuigan, Jim Thomas, Marina Hobbs, Dale Coward, Charlie Mann, Bill Feeney.

PRO: Colleen Sawatzki.

Course Setter: Dave Cue and team.

Starter/ Results: Sue Doyle, Wendy Barker, Shauna Taylor.

Shore Management: Garth Brearley, Barry Austin, Colleen Sawatzki,

Sue Doyle.

Trophies / Shopping: Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle, Bronwyn and

Charlie Mann.

Safety officer: Maria Mohrholz.

**Photography / Straphanger**: Marina Hobbs, Colleen Sawatzki, Sue

Joyle.

**BBQ and food service :** Bronwyn and Charlie Mann, Margie Lubke.

**Raffle Ticket sales:** Sue Doyle and Margie Lubke.

All Boats Regatta 2020 Sailing Results are published on the Club website: www.gyc.com.au/Sailing





Rigging done. Registration done. Sun safe thanks to Orica. Delicious food thanks to Sealink and Charlie & Bronwyn's BBQ extraordinaire. Race briefing done.





We're racing! With thanks to Caltex for sponsoring the prizes, and Bill Robertson Toyota for bottled water to stay hydrated.























**Photography by Marina Hobbs.** More photos at http://pcscsailing-marina.blogspot.com/





































### The Old Man, His Son and Me

Monday morning the phone rings.

By Robert Rosendahl

"How you going?" the Son asks.

"Good, what's going on?"

"Want to go for a sail?"

"Yeah, what's on?"

"I bought a boat", he quipped.

"A Seawind", he added.

YEAH! That would have went over well with the Old Man.

Not happy!

"It's in Brisbane and going to sail it up on the weekend.

Leaving Friday morning if you're interested".

"Yeah, I'm in".

Reached Manly Boat Harbour about lunch time.

A quick phone call and we were in.

The Son couldn't contact the owner and went for a drive.

The Old Man and I asked a mate at the Club and he knew the boat and he took us up in his tinny to bring it back to the Club Pontoon.

The look on the Old Man's face when he saw what the Son had got us into was priceless.

The good bits – it floated.

A good clean out and a list of materials.

We had the Son back in the car with the list.

About 5pm and we were off and we soon found our first problem, the long leg outboard came out of the water on any small waves, so up with the sails and we were off at a very steady rate in about a 5kt easterly.

We had to first cross one of the eight shipping channels from Brisbane River.

All good on the first, and the Old Man went for a camp.

The Son and I had turns on the tiller as we glided up past Bribie Island.

About 1am on Saturday we woke the Old Man, as we had to cross the shipping channels coming from Moreton Island into Caloundra and out again.

Had to wait for two ships and then we left him while we had a camp.

There was an almighty roar.

"You two get out here and get the motor running! We're drifting towards an anchored ship." The making easterly breeze came in and we made our way up past Noosa, and it went around to a northerly as it started to freshen.

As anyone would know, Seawinds are not renown for their tacking ability, so one kilometer out and one kilometer back we would probably make 500m up the beach.

I swear I saw the same campers two or three times.

As the afternoon went the breeze dropped and went back around to the east, and the conversation was if we would anchor under Double Island Point or head for Wide Bay Bar.

Still a fair bit of light left. We kept going and reached the bar around 7pm.

### The Old Man, His Son and Me cont.

There were a fair few trawlers around and we had trouble finding the leads on Fraser Island. Out to sea we could see a buoy, and didn't realise at the time it was the turning mark, as we found out later the leads were getting serviced. Chart out and some quick checks had us right on the bar.

The Old Man decided we would anchor on the bar. Sails down. He shimmied up the starboard bow and dropped anchor and waited until it held.

They went below for a camp and I wrapped myself and slept up on deck.

I could hear the waves rolling in under the boat. Dozing off I was woken by an electrical storm lighting up the sky, so inside for me.

Next morning it had mirrored out and we had drifted back past the Rainbow Beach resort. So motor going we went in through the trawler short cut near Inskip Point and up into the Straights. Some breakfast and a couple of drinks. I went up on the tramp and woke up at Urangan Boat harbour about 4pm Sunday.

Next morning we checked the boat, and found we had snapped one of the bolts holding the front beam arm. A quick turnaround and we were off heading for Bundaberg.

Arriving late that afternoon, we tied up to the pontoon at Burnett Heads.

We went to a friends' place up the road and slept there, and as the forecast was for light northerlies, it was decided we anchor the boat in the harbour.

So on Tuesday morning, the Old Man Noel Patrick, his son Ross and me, Rob were on our way home in a hire car, a sad end to a very eventful trip.

Robert Rosendahl

# Farewell No Problem! A Schionning Design 11.8 mt Waterline Launch date 13<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Ray always declares the boat is called for an 'attitude' not just a name. Certainly he lives by it! We have all had some great times on the boat and there were also some exhilarating fast races and records broken, which pleased the skipper certainly!

Most PCSC members are familiar with the boat and with the story of her construction – and of course, the shed was built for the express purpose of the project!



Construction spanned four years, part of that time however we spent living overseas, so construction time came down to around 2 years and 8 months.

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### Farewell No Problem

After 12 years of racing, No Problem holds a trophy collection that includes a first place, two second places and a third place on Performance Handicap in the Brisbane to Gladstone Multi hull Race, plus other achievements, namely in the Yeppoon to Mackay Race and the Round the Bay Race. I do not believe Ray ever missed a B2G Race in No Problem. The crews over the years usually featured sailors from PCSC; often Geoff Mc Innerney, Gordon Myers, Maria Mohrholz, Rob Auty, Anthony Constance, Ben and Carli Hobbs, and a few others along the way.





Apart from Club races, which we really only competed in until 2015, I did complete a couple of races to Mackay on No Problem, and was there for the memorable Round The Bay Race when we dropped the mast a couple of years ago!

Twelve months ago, Ray decided to see if he could live without the boat, without the maintenance

take No Problem on into the future.

The boat was built primarily to race, where delivery trips always seemed to coincide with winds from the wrong direction. Maria suffered through quite a few of those with Ray - I never did!
Fair weather sailor to the end!



and the constant work that many of us experience to keep a boat race competitive and tidy.... and it was actually pretty good!

It was time to do something different – perhaps a power boat?? Perhaps charter boats in far flung Greek Isles (one day again), and so a new owner stepped up to

I think we have been fortunate the Mitchell Family who own Ulmann Sails in Airlie Beach knew the boat, had raced against her, and also made the new boom cover two years ago!

They knew what they wanted and they love the boat! They have big shoes to fill! We are very happy to know she will be loved and cared for and always have new sails!

Marina Hobbs





### Adult Start Sailing Oct-Nov 2020

It was a pleasure to spend Sunday mornings with our last group of new sailors, who all really did well meeting all the challenges of different conditions. Actually moving on our mostly light days was welcomed with a sense of achievement, while the days with the stronger breeze gave them a more thrilling sailing experience.

Without our small team of helpers, it would not be easy to deliver the course.

Thanks must go to those who have the support boats ready and look after when finished – thanks, Garth, Mo and Barry!



For assisting with instructing and buddy sailing, the great work done by Brian Polkinghome and Georgia Mossman contributed significantly to the participants' success in mastering all requirements of the Start Sailing 1 and 2 courses.

Welcomed to our help team is Shauna Taylor, who was able to assist some days – particularly appreciated was Shauna's buddy sailing on our last day when we did have some breeze.

Sue made it back from holidays for the last two days to get some action pics and present all with their certificates.

Our new sailors have now the opportunity to join Intermediate sailing with Dave Cue.

Colleen (Instructor)

#### **Certificate Verse**

A great group the Start Sailing course did complete, All challenges they did easily meet.

Most days the wind was rather light, But it gave time to think and get things right.

A couple of days the winds were fresh, Then all skills were put to the test.

Rigging, leaving, upwind sailing, Reaching, gybing and not capsizing.

So good to see you all do so well, As your certificates surely tell.

We wish you the best for future sailing, You are all good sailors in the making.

Colleen (Instructor)





### Adult Start Sailing Oct-Nov 2020





WELCOME to the Club—Start Sailing Graduates

Morgan Bennett and Megan Vonhoff

Natasha Tomassini and Jackson Cannon









### Discover Sailing Training Centre News

#### **DINGHY INSTRUCTOR and ASSISTANT DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSES**

Colleen and I are keen to support members who are interested in becoming a Dinghy Instructor or Assistant Dinghy Instructor to gain their qualifications and join the Instructing team in our Discover Sailing Training Centre.

Australian Sailing accredited courses are available. The course overview, outcomes and pre-requisites for Dinghy Instructor and Assistant Dinghy Instructor courses are on the following page or though these links with upcoming courses at KBSC.

Assistant Dinghy Instructor: https://www.sailing.org.au/events/82694/
Dinghy Instructor: https://www.sailing.org.au/events/82695/

Sue Doyle, Training Centre Principal.

#### SAFETY BOAT OPERATOR COURSE

Planned over two Sundays 31 January and 7 February 2021 0800—1500

Please email admin@gyc.com.au or see Sue Doyle if you are interested.

The Australian Sailing Safety Boat Operator Certificate is a pre-requisite for the Dinghy Instructor course.

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

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

As well, the Justice Department has taken the application, renewal and monitoring process online.

An information email will be sent to Members very soon with details on the new process and how to apply or renew your blue card.

#### **UPCOMING JUNIOR START SAILING**

Enrolments are now open for the Junior Start Sailing course in January school holidays.

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/portcurtissc/events/83083/

Commencing on Sunday 10th January 0800 to 1200

Followed by Mon 11th, Tue 12th and Wed 13th mornings 0900 to 1300

We currently have four interested with ages 8 to 12yrs.

We sail in the creek or the marina with the kids.

If you can help on any of these days, especially with buddy sailing, it would be great to hear from you.

Please contact Colleen or Sue.

### Dinghy Instructor/Assistant Course

#### Course Overview

#### **ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

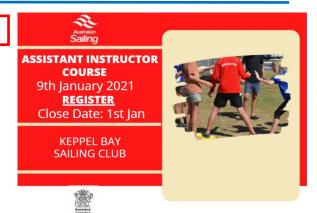
This course focuses on the skills that an Assistant Instructor will need to assist a qualified Australian Sailing Instructor in delivering dinghy training courses. This qualification is for those who wish to progress in the sport by helping others who are learning.

#### Course Prerequisites

- Must be 12 years-old
- Water confident
- Comply with relevant State Maritime Licence requirements

#### Who should do this course?

This course is for anyone wishing to work / help out at an accredited Australian Sailing Discover Sailing Centre or those wishing to go on to become a Dinghy Instructor. It's a great introduction to instructing for teenagers and also others wanting to help out at their Centre, such as parents, volunteers, etc.



https://www.sailing.org.au/events/82694/

#### Course Outcome

The course aims to provide you with a good foundation in the structure of the Dinghy Program, including an awareness of the fundamental skills, effective communication skills and an introduction to risk management.

Pending your success, you will gain the Dinghy Assistant Instructor qualification.



#### https://www.sailing.org.au/events/82695/

#### Course Outcome

The course aims to develop skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- General Instructing skills Communication, Planning, Risk Management, etc
- Fundamental sailing skills: Tacking, gybing, capsize recovery, etc
- Powerboat skills, whilst instructing, including towing

Pending your success, you will gain the Dinghy Instructor qualification.

#### **DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

#### Course Prerequisites

- Be 16 years old and Water Confident
- Comply with the State/Territory legislation including, but not only, child protection laws (if applicable in that state)
- Hold the level of competence in the Program they wish to instruct
- Hold a current HLTAID003 Provide First Aid Certificate
- Hold a current maritime licence, or state equivalent
- Hold an Australian Sailing Powerboat Handling Certificate

#### Prerequisite Learning

• Complete the Australian Sailing Instructor General Principles - **online learning course** ☑

#### Who should do this course?

This course is for anyone looking to become a Dinghy Instructor and instruct the Dinghy learn to sail program at an accredited Discover Sailing Centre.

### **Snippets**

**Management Committee** 

Neil (Tot) Moran

Sailing Committee Vice Commodore:

Dave Cue

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Dave Cue

Discover Sailing & Events:

Colleen Sawatzki

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Commodore:

Sue Doyle

Handicapper:

Ken Watson

Secretary:

Margie Lubke

Committee: Rob Graham

Club Captain:

**Bruce Janson** 

Robert Rosendahl

Business Officer (sublease): Ian Williams

Ray Hobbs

Com Mbr Memberships:

Shauna Taylor

Maria Mohrholz

Committee Member:

**Anthony Constance** 

**Patron** 

Barry Austin

#### **PCSC SECRETARY**

Congratulations to Margie Lubke who has accepted the role of Club Secretary.

#### **RACE OFFICER COURSE**

Congratulations to David Cue who is now a certified Race Officer.

#### STARTER—Still Required

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.

#### **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.

#### **GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

#### **Connected Communities Fund Grant**

The Club submitted an application in the Gladstone Regional Council Connected Communities Fund Grant to purchase new pacer sails to the value of \$910.76.

We are very happy to announce our application was successful, and wish to acknowledge and thank Gladstone Regional Council for their valued support.



## Sailing Calendar

Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO
Saturday	1330 0.83	1000	Morning Sprint Series 1 Div 4 heats 1/2/3/4 (Intermediate sailors are encouraged to join in)	Ray Hobbs
12-12-20 1922 3.83	1000	Austin Family Fairway - Div 1/1A	Barry Austin	
Sunday 13-12-20			SRD	
		Christma	s School Holidays start Saturday 12-12-20 to Wed 27-1-	
9-1-21	1220 1.23 1809 3.55		Aquatic Permit to here SRD	
Sunday 10-1-21	0658 4.19 1320 1.03	0800 1200	Junior Start Sailing session 1	Colleen Sawatzki
Monday 11-1-21	0749 4.39 1415 0.86	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing session 2	Colleen Sawatzki
Tuesday 12-1-21	0836 4.50 1503 0.75	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing session 3	Colleen Sawatzki
Wed 13-1-21	0921 4.54 1549 0.71	0900 1300	Junior Start Sailing session 4	Colleen Sawatzki
Saturday 16-1-21	1126 4.18 1751 1.02		SRD Reminder 0900 start time	
	1151 1.77	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue
	1750 3.06	1400	Club Championship heat 5	Sue Doyle
Sunday 24.1.21			SRD	
Saturday 30-1-21	1019 4.51 1644 0.75	1300	Sprint Series 1 Div 1 heats 1/2 Div 4 heats 1/2/3/4	Tot Moran
Sunday 31 -1-21		0800 - 1500	PCSC Safety Boat Operator Course - TBA	Sue Doyle Lex Moran
		0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue
Saturday 6-2-21	1100 1.59 1643 3.25	1400	Sprint Series 1 Div 1 heats 3/4 Div 4 heats 5/6/7/8	Steve Lewis
Sunday 7-2-21		0800 - 1500	PCSC Safety Boat Operator Course - TBA	Sue Doyle Lex Moran
Friday 12-2-21		1800	Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Colleen
Saturday 13-2-21	1023 4.33 1644 0.84	1000	Round The Isands	lan Williams
Sunday 14-2-21	0434 0.95 1055 4.17	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 1	Colleen
	1527 2.79 2150 1.83	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue
		1400	Club Championship heat 6	Maryka Barker

### Working Bee

The Club area was a hive of activity on the 14 November with a a great roll up of Club members. The Herc Shed and under the Club were "transformed", the wall patched up, rubbish carted away, and the ramp cleaned. Thanks goes to these members.













### Saturday 12th Dec is the last sail before Christmas

#### **New Series**

Morning Sprint Series 12 Dec Div 4. Start 1000 Intermediate sailors are encouraged to join the racing.

#### Fairway/Tripod (Yachts)

Austin Family Fairway 12 Dec Start 1000

#### **MORNING SPRINT SERIES**

Because of inclement tides our start times on 27.2.21 & 13.3.21 will be 0900

Reminder! Intermediate Sailing will start 0900 on 23.1.21



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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.

Bookings required during COVID-19 return:managementGYC@hotmail.com 4972 2294

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