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Commodore's Comment

It's nice to see positive things happening around the Club since the New Year. Our fleet racing has seen numbers vary both up and down from week to week, but in overall terms there seems to be a gradual improvement of total numbers of active participants in our regular Saturday racing.

There has also been a small increase in our Club membership numbers, and the Management Committee is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of our Club Constitution and By-Laws (including the various classes of Club membership that are presently available) with a view to ensuring that those rules and membership categories are best serving our present needs.

Shauna Taylor is taking a particular interest in membership numbers, and with this in mind we booked a place at the recent Council sponsored "Leisure and Healthy Living Expo" which was very successfully held in the auditorium of the City Theatre/Conference Centre, both generally, and from our Club's perspective in particular. We fielded a lot of enquiries from interested members of the public and actually signed up a number of prospective future participants in our Discover Sailing courses being run by our ever reliable and busy Colleen Sawatzki and Sue Doyle. In addition to the Discover Sailing courses (both children's and adult), David Cue (and helpers) is also continuing the follow up with an intermediate course for previous Learn to Sail Graduates. This development is achieving great results in retaining numbers from those earlier courses.

From an administrative point of view, Tony Constance has been very busily engaged in seeking out and then pursuing various prospects for financial grants, with great success, that are allowing us to replace two Pacer mainsails, replace the trailers for our two rescue boats, both of which were well past their respective "use by" dates, replace the current outboard motor on our rescue boat 'Herc', acquire a water blaster for ramp cleaning in particular, but other general Club cleaning tasks, and all at no cost to our Club. With these successful grants coming to fruition, our two maintenance managers, Bruce Janson and Garth Breayley, have both been kept busy with arranging delivery of the various new items and also attending to various physical repairs around the Clubhouse.

In addition, other members of the Management Committee have also been busy conferring with GPCL to discuss matters of long term common interest

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Commodore's Comment continued

between us and the Ports Corp, with QCYC, QMYC, GPCL and GRC to discuss Brisbane to Gladstone race matters, with the Gladstone Radio Controlled Yacht Club about assisting with a possible local hosting of their National Titles later this year, and other ongoing management matters. All in all, lots of things are happening to reinforce the continuing recovery of our Club, both financially and in terms of our week to week sailing.

I am very grateful for this reassuring level of assistance and commitment from the Management Committee members and Club members generally. Keep up the good work! It is producing results that we need to continue pursuing.

Fair sailing,

Tot Moran.

GRANTS UPDATE

Replacement Trailers for MV Jack and Red Rib are almost ready to be delivered.

Funded by the Qld Government COVID19 Active Infrastructure Recovery Grant.



Two new Pacer mainsails are currently being made by sailmaker North Sails in Brisbane. Due to a short supply of the safety orange fabric, these new sails will be white with orange corners and an orange stripe. Sail numbers for Wet Wet Wet and Wind & Water.

Funded by Gladstone Regional Council Connected Communities Fund Sport and Recreation Round 1.



The Club received news recently that our grant application under the Queensland Government Gaming Community Benefit Fund scheme to replace the outboard motor on Herc and purchase a water blaster for ramp cleaning was successful.

PCSC acknowledges and thanks the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council for their valued support.



BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE 2021

PCSC yachts, Wistari and Restless are preparing for the 2021 B2G. We wish them the very best for a easy trip down to Sandgate and a great sail home.

Sailing at Humpybong over Christmas

Competitors in the 125' Dinghy Class, and a gathering of Queensland Impulse sailors, joined at Humpybong Yacht Club between Christmas and New Year 2020, to compete in the 125' Queensland State Titles and an informal 'Titles that aren't the Titles' for the Impulse sailors, who missed their event earlier in the year due to Covid restrictions.

The event was a happy four days of sailing under conditions both fair and foul, which can add interest and variety to the final placings! Port Curtis Sailing Club was well represented in both past and present members, who took out many of the top placings.

For others it was a welcome reunion of friends who have left our area but are active in other clubs.

In the results, we can proudly acknowledge past members, Christopher Mann, and crew Luke Johnson (Brisbane) who won the Queensland State Title, Peter Mann, and daughter Eliza, who took out second place and Jordi Oakley and son Morgan who came in third.

In the Impulse fleet it was great to see several familiar and past PCSC members in David Mann, Josh Young, Tim Williams, Philip Grey, and Ray Hobbs joining with those who lived locally in the Brisbane area for some exciting and eventful sailing.

Marina Hobbs



Photography by Marina Hobbs



Windy Days

By Maria Mohrholz

We all know the challenges when the wind gets stronger in the harbour.
Championship Heat 5 was a day like that.

Racing started with a strong incoming tide and a forecast of 15-20 knot winds.
The course was set as a windward / return up and down the bund wall.
White caps and around 17 knots for the first race was acceptable, but it was blowing stronger and stronger. The harbour looked very angry with waves getting bigger.

Second race and we getting 28 knot gusts.
Trying hard to keep the nose out of the water running down wind, but the smallest mistakes are getting punished in this kind of weather.
Got rounded up on the gybing mark.
My boat chucked me out and went turtle.
Bugger!
Big waves, strong tide and wind. I struggled to turn the boat into the wind as every wave threw me back.

Red Rib with Ken and Jim came to help but we all got swept onto the bund wall.
I heard Jim calling out to get off the wall.
They pulled away too fast so I lost contact with the boat.
Feeling the rocks of the wall under my feet, and with big waves crashing into the rocks, I decided not to swim after my boat but to climb the wall and get out of the water.

Ken and Jim had their hand full trying to rescue my boat, which went turtle again.
Dripping wet standing on the wall watching the angry harbour as wind and waves drove the Red Rib and my boat towards the tugs.
Ray was in trouble too and got towed into the creek by Herc.
The Start Boat pounded in the waves.
Ken and Jim were still wrestling with my boat, when Herc returned to give them a hand. But I could tell it was difficult.

Kind strangers, who were watching the drama, asking me if I am ok and if I needed a lift back to the yacht club.
That would be very nice, but I'm dripping wet.
No problem. They had enough shopping bags to put on the seat.

Back at the Yacht Club, I watched Red Rib towing my boat, getting finally into the creek.
They had managed to get the mast down and Bill was sitting in my boat steering.

Thank you very much guys!!!
The damage was minimal. A few scratches, a small tear in the sail and a few rock cuts.
Back on the water for the next week sailing :)

Maria Mohrholz



Junior Start Sailing January 2021

Six keen young learners took part in our January course. Weather wise it was not perfect, but there were no whinges or complaints in spite of some challenges at times.

In running our courses we do rely on helpers to have our support boat ready and crew, "buddy" sail, and help on shore.

Unfortunately weather did not allow sailing on the Sunday, but conditions then saw us sailing in front of the Club in the creek for the next three days.

Our little PCSC team, Garth, Mo, Barry, Sue, Shauna with me, was strengthened by former PCSC young sailors, Chris and Alexa Mann coming to help.

Thanks must go to all the team, our young helpers, as well as to the great parents who were able to give time.

A warm welcome to Braith Cowie, Callum and Isla Osmond, Tobiaz Braddick, Timur Fattakhov and Jessie Stoneley – a delight to have with us.



Certificate Verse

Our four day course was reduced to three,
As strong winds on Sunday we could see.

Monday then was our first day,
You all did well, I must say.

Rigging, launching, departing, tacking to turn,
Some new terms – so much to learn.

Also some knots and basic rules,
It's was like being at school !

Keep developing these new skills,
Then having fun sailing your days will fill.

Instructor Colleen



Safety Boat Operator Course

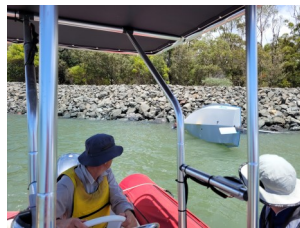
Safety Boat Instructor Lex Moran and Training Centre Principal Sue Doyle helped nine Club Members gain their Australian Sailing Safety Boat Operator accreditation over two weekends on the 31st January and 6th February 2021.



Many thanks to Ray Hobbs and Sheldon Haines who embraced the fun being our dinghy rescues. The Club is fortunate to have such experienced sailors willing to capsize, even close to the bund wall rocks to simulate lee shore conditions, turn their boat turtle, pretend to be caught under the boat, and allow the rescue boat operators to practise righting their boat by lifting the mast, towing their boat into the wind, and trying the 'scoop' method of getting the sailor back into their boat.

Your contribution was invaluable, thank you.

Congratulations go to Shauna and Dave Taylor, Peter Miles, Jim Thomas, Ian Williams, Tot Moran, Mo Shamin, David Burdon and Dave Cue.



Discover Sailing Centre News



On 6th February 2021 PCSC participated in Gladstone Regional Council's Sport and Active Living Expo at the Entertainment Centre.

We received a steady flow of interest in our sport and learn to sail programs. By Monday three people had added their name to our Start Sailing Expressions of Interest list.

Thanks go to Margie Lubke for organising our stall with Council, and Colleen Sawatzki, Wendy Barker and Tot Moran who joined me on our stall. *Sue Doyle.*



Australian Sailing have refreshed their marketing for Discover Sailing Centres with the slogan:-

Welcome to our Playground

Posters and digital graphics to use on websites and social media are available to Clubs.

START SAILING Expressions of Interest List

Currently there are 39 people on our Start Sailing Expressions of Interest list: 10 children and 29 adults.

Colleen and I have increased the group size from six to eight adults in response to the amazing numbers and this is working well with the current group.

Our Training Centre would benefit greatly with more volunteers, especially with the on water practical sessions.

Equally, if you would like to become an Instructor or Centre Principal we would love to hear from you.

START SAILING VOLUNTEERS

Undeniably our Club not only gains from the Discover Sailing Start Sailing courses which we run, but also grows in membership. The success of the courses is very much due to the support we have from our Club members who help with the support boats, on shore, in capsized drill, and buddy sailing. The year has started well with thanks from Sue and me to Club members, Barry, Garth, Mo, Ray, Shauna and Dave Taylor .

If you can support either all or part of the time when we are running a course, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Our next Adult course starts 8 May 2021.

Colleen Sawatzki

Intermediate Group Sailing



Intermediate sailing, a non competitive skills based sailing activity primarily designed as an extension to our Start Sailing program for beginners, is proving popular with Start Sailing Graduates and Members (past and present).

Dave Cue (Co-ordinator) has revitalised this program with the much appreciated support of his helpers.

As before, sailing takes place on Saturday mornings when tides are appropriate.

Participants need to be able to sail (*rusty is fine !*) and be either a current member of an Australian Sailing affiliated Club or request a SailPASS for the day to cover their on water insurance.

A big “thank you” to all involved.



SAILPASS—What is it and who needs one !

A temporary membership initiative of Australian Sailing, SailPASS provides an opportunity for people who are not a member of an affiliated club to participate in our sport and be covered with AS on water insurance for the day they attend.

This includes family and friends who sail on your boat once in a while.

PCSC recognises the opportunity SailPASS offers Clubs to build membership and re-engage with previous members, including Start Sailing graduates, who may have drifted away from the Club.

If you have a non Member visitor or friend going sailing with you please contact Sue Doyle on email admin@gyc.com.au to arrange a SailPASS.

This season SailPASS is offered at no cost to Members' guests (not the general public) and is provided in the spirit of safety and inclusion.

Beyond an occasional sail sailors should apply for Club Membership.

Snippets

LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING SUPPORT BOATS

Members please offer your assistance to Garth and the PRO of the day as much as you can with support boat launching and retrieving. Many hands make light work!

IMPULSE FOR SALE

Matt Eiser is selling his Impulse 405 (My Problem) as he has upgraded to a newer Impulse.

Please contact Matt on 0417 725 945 for more details.

BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT TRACKING WITH BARRY

Barry will be opening the Training Room during the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race as in previous years, and tracking the yachts' progress both on the historical board and the computer. If you are able to help please let Barry know.

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.



No Card, No Start ! This is the rule applied by the Justice Department to all organisations in regard to Working with Children.

All PCSC Members are encouraged to hold a Working with Children Bluecard, and we thank those Members who have already done this, and strongly encourage others to do the same.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN BLUE CARDS

Applying or renewing is done online with a three step process.

1. Create an account with Bluecard Services: my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/account/registration
2. Provide your account number to Sue via club email: admin@gyc.com.au. Sue will link you to PCSC.
3. Logon to your Bluecard services account: my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login and apply/renew as a volunteer.

The most difficulty our members have experienced is with creating their Bluecard Services account in the first place as you will need either your mobile or email address linked to your Drivers License.

Department of Transport 13 74 68 or 13 23 80 can assist in this regard.

Any questions or problems Sue is happy to help.

Thank you

THANKS TONY AND MARGIE !

Thanks go to Tony Constance and Margie Lubke for their work on the Club's grant applications.

The Club has been successful in many of our submissions assisting the Club to replace or purchase significant sailing assets at no cost to Members.

THANKS, BARRY AND GARTH !

Thanks go to Barry and Garth for replacing the flag pole halyards recently. With the purchase of new Australian and Queensland flags to replace their well worn predecessors, the pole is looking good.



THANKS , KEN !

On the 8th September 2020 the Governor of Queensland, the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, presented the Port Curtis Sailing Club a framed Fernberg Ornament in recognition of the longstanding vice regal links with the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race.

Life member, Ken, and also a Brisbane to Gladstone participant in at least 40 races, has beautifully crafted a case for it and hung it for display on the entrance stairway at the Club.

CONGRATUATIONS WENDY BARKER

Wendy Barker is doing her Australian Sailing Race Officials Course in March at Yeppoon. Wendy is our regular flag marshal and time recorder for Saturday sailing. We appreciate and thank Wendy for her commitment to our Club and sport.

Members, this is a great course for those who often volunteer as PRO/Starter. If anyone is interested please see Vice Commodore Dave Cue.



BOAT CAPTAIN GARTH

Thank you Garth for stepping up to be Boat Captain and looking after our Club support boats and sailing facilities.

Hi-Tech Racing

Article provided by Bill Feeney



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FOILERS take CENTER STAGE in early 2021

The World of Hi-Tech Racing ... how this might relate to trimarans ... and what to watch!

While many of the fastest sailboats on the planet are now 'officially' monohulls, they can only achieve this with projecting foils, which to my way of thinking is like 'a trimaran on steroids'. In fact, I fantasize that IF our civilization had somehow started boating with *monos-on-foils*, that sailors and designers would be slowly taming them over time to be more broadly useful, finally replacing their speed-dependent foils with far more versatile floats or amas ... et voila, a trimaran would be born!

But as we know, that's not the way it happened :) Instead of using 'buoyancy pods', these monohulls now use carbon-fiber foils to provide the stability needed to resist heeling from their tall, efficient rigs ... so let's compare these two types for a second.

'Real' trimarans with buoyant amas provide an *automatic* increase in 'resistance-to-heeling' as an ama is depressed into the water, but as the displacement stays *almost* the same (*the heeling force does briefly add a little extra displacement*), the main hull lifts out as the amas are pressed in, so overall resistance is not seriously increased. The great thing is that trimaran ama buoyancy is always there ... and works as a function of heel, and having little relationship to speed they are effective 100% of the time ... be it windy or dead calm.

By comparison, these new AC75's are composed of monohulls (that no longer even have a keel), having lifting foils whose ability to function is *totally* tied to the speed they are driven through the water, so at very low speeds they are just adding drag unless fully lifted out, and then, most of their stability must now come from the beam of the main hull*. Unlike ama buoyancy, foil lift and the stability they can provide, is *not* automatic and not 'always there'.

So while conventional trimarans can have a very slim main hull, a mono with foils and no ballasted keel, really cannot.

If the weather in which these foiled monos sail (or race) is limited (as for the AC75 America's Cup boats) then no keels are required, but if such boats are subjected to all weather conditions (as for the IMOCA 60 Vendee-Globe ocean racers), then typically a transversally-inclining keel with a heavy lead pod at the bottom, is needed. This adds weight of course and to the hull also, so they will only be 'semi-foilers'. This technical difference contributes to the fact that while the AC75's may be pushing over 50kts at times, the fastest IMOCA-60 boats will probably be limited to around 35 and more often around 25k when really at sea.

Still *incredible* speeds though ... but both boat types are now almost totally dependent on their hi-tech carbon fiber foils that stick out and for open water racing, these will be vulnerable to damage or even destruction by collision. This will particularly affect the faster foiled IMOCA-60 boats racing around the globe (starting very soon), as unlike the conditions for the America's Cup, the huge expanse of ocean that needs to be sailed both day and night, is totally un-screened or surveyed for UFO's ... 'unidentified floating objects'. (Note that a fair percentage of the IMOCA boats will still be 'more conventional keel boats' and sailing without foils).

So unlike the conventional, slower trimaran with buoyant amas, one can expect some rather violent collision damage for a few unlucky IMOCA-60 foil-assisted boats and some capsizes by the AC75 boats, to add to their 'quiver of capabilities'. Who and What survives remains to be seen, but these boats are not for the 'risk adverse' or faint-of heart. Even if their rapid motion-accelerations can be tolerated and managed, noise levels inside these carbon-fiber 'drums' can be horrific and more than one skipper has said; 'perhaps the most critical piece of equipment on board is now noise-cancelling headphones!'

So there's my Intro. Having now justified these boats as 'quasi-tris' (tongue-in-cheek), and having been denied all chance to sail and collect new cruise material this season by a COVID border closure, I now have 'the little excuse'

Sailing Calendar

Port Curtis Sailing Club Calendar 2020-21					
Date	Tides	Start	Event	PRO	MV Jack Mortensen Starter
Saturday 27-2-21	0921 4.61 1544 0.60	0900	Sprint Series 2 (Morning) Div 1 heats 1/2 Div 4 heats 1/2/3/4	David Taylor	David Taylor
Sunday 28-2-21		0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 3	Colleen	
Saturday 6-3-21	1503 3.09 2106 1.59	1400	Head of the Harbour heat 4	Martin Cooper	Martin Cooper
Sunday 7-3-21	1058 1.61 1647 3.03	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 4	Colleen	
Saturday 13-3-21	0924 4.27 1540 0.77	0900	Sprint Series 2 (Morning) Div 1 heats 3/4 Div 4 heats 5/6/7/8	John Ibell	John Ibell
Sunday 14-3-21	0954 4.18 1609 0.82	0800	Adult Start Sailing Session 5	Colleen	
Saturday 20-3-21	1302 2.80 1852 1.87	0900	Intermediate Group Session	Dave Cue	Dave Cue
		1400	Club Championship heat 7	Maryke Barker	Maryke Barker
Saturday 27-3-21	1437 0.57 2041 4.07	1000	Barker Family Fairway	Brad Barker	Brad Barker
Easter Good Friday 2-4-21 to Easter Monday 5-4-21					
School Holidays Fri 2-4-21 to Sun 18-4-21					
Saturday 3-4-21	1336 3.10 1919 1.54		No PCSC Sailing - Easter Saturday Sail Airlie (Sail CQ Challenge Series) 3-5 April 2021. With AS Coaching Clinic prior from Tuesday 30 March to Thurs 1st April 2021. Whitsunday Sailing Club https://www.revolutionise.com.au/whitsundaysc/events/87188/	NA	NA
Saturday 10-4-21	1437 0.78 2045 3.97	1400	Handicap Series Div 1 heat 1 Div 4 heats 1/2	Ray Hobbs	Ray Hobbs
Sunday 11-4-21			SRD		
Saturday 17-4-21	1140 2.94 1721 1.56	1400	Handicap Series Div 1 heat 2 Div 4 heats 3/4	Tony Constance	Tony Constance
Sunday 18-4-21			SRD		
School Resumes Mon 19-4-21					
Saturday 24-4-21	0659 4.23 1323 0.67 1931 3.99	1000	Austin Family Fairway - Div 1/1A	Barry Austin	Barry Austin
		0900	Working Bee (Bad tide for dinghy sailing / good tide for ramp cleaning)		
Sunday 25-4-21	0743 4.36 1405 0.46		SRD		
Saturday 1-5-21	1226 3.23 1806 1.27		No PCSC Sailing - May Day Weekend KBSC All Boats Regatta 2021	NA	NA
Sunday 2-5-21	0737 1.35 1333 3.00		SRD		
Labour Day Mon 3rd May 2021					
Friday 7-5-21	NA	1800	Adult Start Sailing Theory Night	Colleen	NA

PRESENTATION—12th JUNE 2021



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