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Straphanger

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Commodore's Report

Our sailing season opening has come and gone since our last Straphanger and all seems to be going well as a result of good planning and execution by our Sailing Committee. In addition, our hosting of the "All Boats" regatta has also gone off extremely well with large fleet numbers racing on the harbour, and visitors to our Club enjoying our Gladstone hospitality with our usual warm welcome. Many thanks again to our Sailing Committee, Sue Doyle, Colleen Sawatzki and the many other Club members who assisted with manning of start boat, rescue boats, barbecues, raffles etc. The whole weekend was a resounding success as appears elsewhere in this issue of Straphanger.

From an administrative point of view, a number of matters have arisen recently. A review of our Clubhouse and operations by our insurance company's auditors, has resulted in the adoption of a new Hot Work Permit system which all members should be aware of. If any hot work, i.e. welding, grinding, soldering etc, is undertaken, by anyone, either in the Clubhouse or even in the grounds (including work on hardstand boats and trailers) we are now required to complete a preliminary risk assessment, and follow the procedures and requirements of our Hot Work Permit system before, during and upon completion of that work. Appropriate forms are available in the Club Room for completion by anyone undertaking that type of work.

Sue Doyle and Colleen Sawatzki have reviewed our old WH & S manual, and we have now adopted the new, reviewed and revised manual which reflects the substantial changes that have occurred since we relinquished our Club licence, and which have thereby enabled us to get our Discover Sailing Training Centre re-accreditation approved by Australian Sailing. On that note, we also had our next "Discover Sailing" day held recently, and it was again, well organized and well supported by both participants and Club members.

There is currently progress being made in the review of our Club Constitution and By-Laws by Management Committee members, and we are expecting to see some action towards adopting those changes some time before the next AGM. Progress is also being made towards re-structuring debt with a view to re-financing on more favourable interest and repayment terms.

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Commodore's Update

We have also recently been in discussion with Club officials from Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in relation to the running of next year's Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, and that is also reported on elsewhere in this issue of Straphanger.

On a sadder note, anyone passing by the Club on Monday, 22nd November last may have noticed our flag being flown at half mast as a mark of respect to our former member, Val Gill, whose funeral was held that day. Val and Gordon owned and regularly raced, firstly the Marauder 24 "Hawkwind" and then later the Currawong 30 "Gingerbread Man" for many years. Val was a very popular and highly regarded member of our Club, and was also widely recognized in the Gladstone community as the instigator of early childhood education in Gladstone. Val's son, Peter (Rossy) Ross, continues as a very active member of our Club, and our sympathy and best wishes go out to Gordon and Peter on Val's sad passing.

On a happier note, I trust that all members enjoy a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Let's all keep up the good work and continue to enjoy our Club resurgence.

Fair sailing,

Tot Moran.

Thanks go to Bill Feeney and Bruce Janson

The Management Committee wants to send out a big "thank you" to Bruce Janson and Bill Feeney and ensure that their efforts are known, recognized and appreciated. Salesh, from our hospitality tenant, Ranidash Pty. Ltd., decided to re-carpet the inside upstairs verandah, above the dinghy rigging area, and engaged carpet layers to come in early one morning to have the new carpet laid before normal restaurant lunchtime opening. This was all arranged



by Salesh, at his own cost, to not only enhance the comfort level for the restaurant patrons, but also to generally enhance the visual appeal of our Clubhouse upstairs. However, upon lifting the old carpet, they discovered to their dismay, that the flooring had rotted at each of the points where the windows met the window framing. At short notice, Bruce and Bill came in to the Clubhouse urgently, cut out the rotted areas, measured up, cut, glued and screwed new timbers. The carpet layers were then able to be called back in again and get the carpet laid and usable before opening time. It was a victory all round for everyone.

Bruce and Bill's efforts went a long way to showing what can be achieved in a difficult situation with a little co-operation, and assisted in no small measure, to ensure that our Club's healthy and mutually beneficial relationship with our tenant continues. Well done, boys!

Commodore Tot Moran

Season's Greetings



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.



Thanks go to our Peak Body, Australian Sailing, and Ben Callard for advice and guidance throughout this year, especially with COVID 19 requirements, and organising several interesting webinars for the sailing community.

74th B2G Launch



The Gladstone Ports Corporation 74th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race was officially launched at the Port Curtis Sailing Club on Thursday 28th October 2021.

Commodore Ian Gidlow of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club opened proceedings acknowledging the ongoing sponsorship and commitment of the Gladstone Ports Corporation to the successful running of the race. He warmly welcomed the ongoing support from the many volunteer organisations involved with the race including the SES and Volunteer Marine Rescue Gladstone, and particularly appreciated the wholehearted support of the Gladstone Regional Council for the event.

It was a pleasant gathering offering the opportunity for those involved with the race organisation to meet with sponsors and supporters, and to meet the Race Director for the 74th race Ross Chisholm. We look forward to a great race in 2022 with all efforts set for the 75th edition in 2023.

To add to the spectacle of the yacht race, Cooper Mackenzie Marketing will once again live stream the start of the race.

Let's encourage ALL of Gladstone down to the waterfront at Eastertime to welcome the race boats and their crews to Gladstone.

Maryke Barker



PCSC All Boats Regatta

PORT CURTIS ALL BOATS REGATTA 2021

23rd and 24th October

Wow - a big weekend !

Our annual All Boats Regatta, now a part of the CQ Club Championship Series, created a real hive of activity on and off the water on 23rd and 24th October at our Club. So great to see !

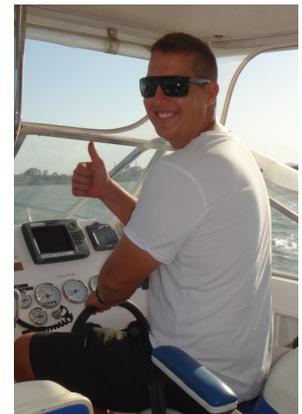
The Club happily welcomed sailors from Kepple Bay Sailing Club, Mackay Sailing Club, Brisbane Sailing Squadron and the Cruising Yacht Club Hamilton Island to join in the two days of friendly rivalry racing in the Quoin Basin.



After a lunch of fresh salad rolls on Saturday and fruit, a record fleet of 35 boats of a variety of classes, accompanied by support boats, tacked their way across to the course in the Quoin Basin to sail the first three heats: Sabots, Optimists, O'pen Skiffs were in the first division started, followed then by the RS Aeros, Impulses, Lasers, Pacers, a Taser, a 125, with the third division of Arrows and a Hobbie 16 following. There was plenty of breeze with gusts over 20 knots resulting in lots of fast sailing, crews working hard, thrills and spills. Spectators on "Tuan" had a wonderful show to watch, support boats were busy, and on MV J we were flat out. Low tide at 1636 did not allow dinghies to take the short way home, but the breeze helped a fast trip back to the creek. After derigging, all enjoyed a great BBQ with a variety of salads.

Conditions on Sunday morning were far from breezy, and an incoming ship did stall the fleet from starting to cross the harbour. As there was virtually no wind at all in the Quoin Basin at this stage, it was not a problem. As the fleet slowly arrived so did a welcomed breeze much to the relief to those on MV J : the last two heats of the series were sailed in perfect conditions. High water at 1059 let sailors take the short way home.

The day ended with a sausage sizzle. Gene Mitchell, Maintenance Manager of Sealink, our major sponsor, who had enjoyed watching the action from "Tuan", then presented the winners with their prizes. The Sportsman of the Regatta trophy is traditionally nominated by the Junior sailors, and was well deservedly won this year by Robert Deards who provided the Juniors with so much support and encouragement on the water. Congratulations, Robert !



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PCSC All Boats Regatta

Indeed, congratulation go to ALL sailors for getting out on the water and doing their best. We thank those sailors and families who travelled from other Clubs to take part - from as far away as Townville ! Our regattas allow our sailors a chance to get together with other Clubs, foster a renewed enthusiasm and interest in the sport, and bring Club members together as a team. This was our Club's thirtieth Regatta.

The weekend would not have happened as it is without the much appreciated and generous support, of Sealink, Central Coast Inspection Services (CCIS), Orica, Bill Robertson Toyota and Curtis Ferry Services. Sponsorship allow us to be able to award significant prizes to the winners of the four divisions, contribute to fuel costs for support boats, offer great hospitality to sailors, families and helpers, lunch and a post race BBQ on Saturday, breakfast and a post race sausage sizzle on Sunday, water, fruit and snack packs.

My sincere thanks goes to the volunteers rostered on various duties which they did so well, and those who stepped up when necessary to give extra help.

Thanks also to KBSC for support on the water with Carol G.

Colleen Sawatzki

Event Organiser and Principal Race Officer.



PCSC All Boats Regatta



PCSC All Boats Regatta

ROSTERED VOLUNTEERS

Flyers, Web info, Registration: Sue Doyle and Dave Cue

Course Setter: Dave Cue and team

Support boat operators and crew: Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle, Lynne Campbell, Wendy Barker, Brian Polkinghorne, Shauna Taylor, Ken Watson, Dave Taylor, Marina Hobbs, Tony Constance, Steve McGuigan, Gerry McMillan, Charlie Mann, Bill Feeney.

Spectator vessel: Brad and Maryke Barker.

Starter / recorders / results: Wendy Barker, Sue Doyle, Lynne Campbell, Shauna Taylor.

Shore Management: Barry Austin, Garth Breayley, Tony Constance.

Safety Officer: Maria Mohrholz.

Shopping / Catering: Bronwyn and Charlie Mann, Margie Lubke, Colleen Sawatzki.

Publicity: Margie Lubke, Colleen Sawatzki, Sue Doyle, Dave Cue.

Raffle Ticket Sales: Margie Lubke, Sheldon Haines, Brian Polkinghorne.



Sail CQ Challenge Series

Continuing the series in 2022.

Whitsunday Sail Airlie—15th to 17th April 2022.

KBSC May Day Regatta—30th April & 1st May 2022.



Regatta Results available on our website:

<https://www.gyc.com.au/sailing/local-sailing-results/>

Sail CQ @ PCSC All Boats Regatta



Bill Robertson Toyota
We Love Locals!



A Quick Tirade from Tony 25-11-21

Hi All – just wanted to take the opportunity to check in and give you all an update on a few happenings around the Club.

It's been a wet few weeks lately, but thankfully this hasn't dampened the spirits of sailors on the water at our more recent Club events. I would like to take the opportunity quickly to thank a few key people for their recent efforts in assisting myself and the Sailing Committee to continue to avail our sport to our Members.



Particularly, I would like to thank the flexibility of Members recently in managing PRO duties and Rescue Boat Operation duties. Charby and Ken are fantastic on Red Rib and without their consistent volunteering we would be unable to continue as we do on the water. On MV Jack and Herc it's great to see some new and old faces jumping in and doing their bit to help out – Wendy Barker's skills on the helm of MV Jack are getting better each week! Garth's consistent efforts in helping maintain our fleet of rescue boats merits highlighting also. Lastly, a huge thanks to Colleen, Sue and the Start Sailing team volunteers, as well as Dave Cue in his role with intermediate sailing in helping shape and mentor the future of our sport and Club.

Off the water we are working on a host of projects and I would like to thank Paul Janson, Charlie Mann and Steve Lewis for assisting me in planning and getting organised for grants that will hopefully see us be able to overhaul the pontoon and Herc Shed in the future. Other projects we are looking forward to include improvements to dinghy storage areas, lighting overhauls and refurbishment of the downstairs toilet and shower facilities. Whilst these things won't happen over night, they won't happen at all without some initial efforts and movement in the right direction. Hopefully, with the right help, we can continue to experience some of the success we did last year with grants for things that sustain and improve our experience on the water.

Sadly, I have learned that one of our Member's will be shortly moving interstate. Cam Wight, wife Cassy and their children are departing Gladstone for Darwin. I first met Cam whilst Master on the Ferry MV Torressian servicing GLNG during the construction and commissioning days and continued to interact with him on the water as he sailed a few times on Intrigue before becoming a consistent crew on Sonofabeach with Leaky Pete, Milesy and Bill Feeney. Cam is a true gentlemen and a great sailor who has contributed positively to the life of the Club in his time here. Mate – you're welcome back any time for a sail with us, and all the very best for your family in your new life in Darwin. Look out for those giant, snappy lizards if you're out on the water!

Last weekend Brad and Maryke, along with Claire and I managed to host an impromptu pontoon party after racing - with Tuan providing the venue and Intrigue the jukebox. It was great to have a mix of volunteers, Members, sailors and friends down to pack the cockpit on Tuan. I think the only thing we could do better next time is get Brad to buy a catamaran so there's more room! As we move towards the festive season I hope to see everyone getting into the spirit of things down at the Club and enjoying each other's company and fraternity.

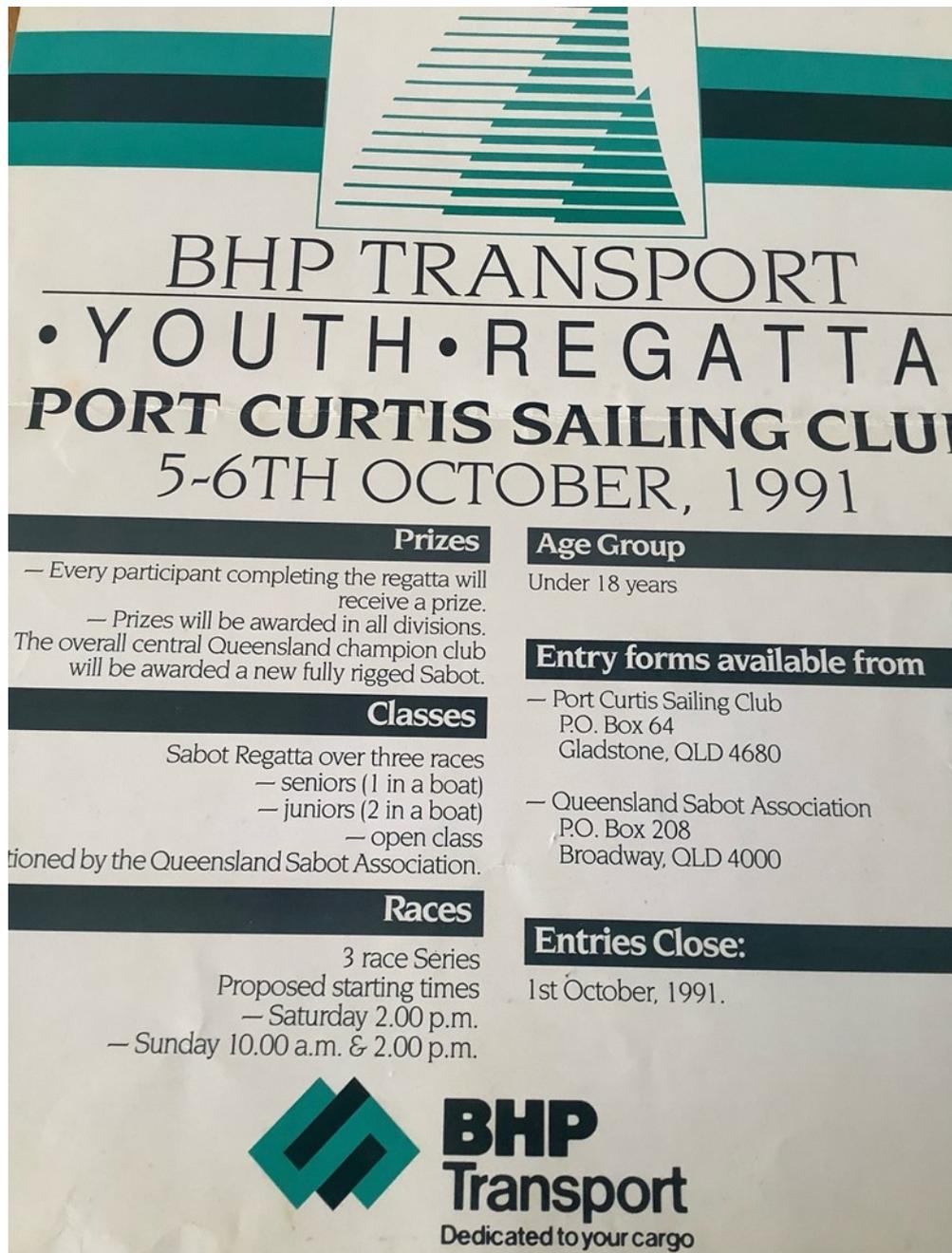
If I don't see you beforehand, I hope that you and yours have a fantastic Christmas and New Year! The next couple of years are shaping up to be quite exciting for our Club and town. Between Twiggy Forrest's Hydrogen aspirations, high purity aluminium projects and the GPC committing to extended sponsorship of the B2G I think the future of our Club is looking better by the day. Not to mention the bigger picture that will, with any luck, see COVID as something that has a far lesser effect on our lives and lifestyle with borders opening and things getting back to "normal". Here's cheers to the new year and what I hope will be a great year for our Club full of opportunities!

Tony Constance – V.C.

A Great Tradition at PCSC

SEALINK ALL Boats Regatta !!

Let's go back in history to 1991 to the first BHP Transport Youth Regatta



The poster features a stylized graphic at the top consisting of a central white triangle with horizontal lines, flanked by two vertical bars with horizontal stripes in teal and black. Below this graphic, the text reads: "BHP TRANSPORT • YOUTH • REGATTA PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB 5-6TH OCTOBER, 1991". The poster is divided into sections with black headers: "Prizes", "Age Group", "Entry forms available from", "Classes", "Races", and "Entries Close:". The BHP Transport logo, a teal diamond shape, is at the bottom left, and the text "BHP Transport Dedicated to your cargo" is at the bottom right.

BHP TRANSPORT
• YOUTH • REGATTA
PORT CURTIS SAILING CLUB
5-6TH OCTOBER, 1991

Prizes
— Every participant completing the regatta will receive a prize.
— Prizes will be awarded in all divisions.
The overall central Queensland champion club will be awarded a new fully rigged Sabot.

Age Group
Under 18 years

Entry forms available from
— Port Curtis Sailing Club
P.O. Box 64
Gladstone, QLD 4680
— Queensland Sabot Association
P.O. Box 208
Broadway, QLD 4000

Classes
Sabot Regatta over three races
— seniors (1 in a boat)
— juniors (2 in a boat)
— open class
tioned by the Queensland Sabot Association.

Races
3 race Series
Proposed starting times
— Saturday 2.00 p.m.
— Sunday 10.00 a.m. & 2.00 p.m.

Entries Close:
1st October, 1991.

 **BHP**
Transport
Dedicated to your cargo

BHP Transport was already sponsoring youth sailing in Newcastle and Port Kembla and offered their support to PCSC in the same format. A regional sailing regatta for under 18 year old Junior and Youth sailors with the major prize being a brand new fully rigged sabot to the winning Club.

This was enthusiastically received by the Central Queensland Clubs with Bundaberg Sailing Club and Keppel Bay Sailing travelling to Port Curtis with more than 40 young sailors competing and PCSC winning the first sabot "Larcom". By the 1998 Regatta this number had risen to 81 sailors and the Clubs vying for "Iron Curtis", "Iron Gippsland", "Iron Carpentaria", "Iron Whyalla", "Iron Yandi" and "Iron Pacific".

Recognise any of these young faces from the 1995 Regatta?



Sponsors have changed over the years but the main aim to encourage and support junior sailing has always been at the forefront and continues today with SEALINK.

Adult Start Sailing November 2021

As always, our Adult Start Sailing Courses contribute to the growth of our Club, and we warmly welcome this November, Katherine Collyer, Benjamin Webster, Aaron Tedford, Josh Ariens, Samouil Panayotov and Karen Hill, and hope they will continue to get out on the water with the Club.



It was, as before, a big team effort to run the course as there is much to cover in the elements in the Australian Sailing Dinghy program Syllabus which we offer : support boats need to be ready, launched and retrieved, crews and buddy sailors found, lessons and activities prepared etc.

Special thanks from me and Sue, and I am sure from the new sailors too, goes to Barry Austin, Garth Breasley, Shauna and Dave Taylor, Scott Patrick, Ray Hobbs, Gerry McMillan, Evan Greenaway, Bill Feeney and Theo Ariens for their help.

Thanks also to yacht skippers, Brad & Maryke Barker 'Tuan' and John Ibell 'Restless' for extending an invitation to our learners to sail in the Fairway Buoy race !

Colleen

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Adult Start Sailing November 2021



PCSC Certificate Verse

There's always much action and
heaps of fun,
When Adult Start Sailing we do run.
The theory we did on a Friday night
On techniques and skills they had to
get right.
Tying knots and learning the rules,
You would think we were back at
school.

Then only five Sundays and so much
to do:

Leaving, tacking, gybing, and the heave to.
Capsize at the end of our second day,
Was practised so well by all with Ray.
Man over board, returning to shore,
Every day there was always more !
Congratulations to all !
Let nothing your future sailing stall.
Colleen



Discover Sailing

On Saturday 6th November 2021 our Discover Sailing Day saw a number of new and past sailors come down and get involved in the event. Team Barker took "Tuan" out with a motley crew and the Pacers zoomed in and out of the creek. It was great to see a number of kids with parents there, and we welcome Emma and her son, Lucien, to the Club - they came down for the Discover Sailing Day and have sailed every Club race since in their boat 'Winter'. Dave Cue



A huge thanks to Dave Cue for taking on the running of our recent Discover Sailing day! His, and his team's efforts on the day have allowed us to receive \$1,000 from Australian Sailing for promoting and running the day! This money will go towards keeping us on the water and planning future events.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time, boats, knowledge and enthusiasm for our sport on the day. Tony.

Grant Acknowledgement

Many thanks go to Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd

The Gladstone Ports Corporation grant of \$1,557.45 (ex GST) for the purchase of safety equipment is very much appreciated. Due to Covid, supply has been limited. The PFDs arrived in November and will be put to good use. Thanks GPC.



Discover Sailing Centre

Circumstances this year have made it more challenging to offer our courses. Nevertheless, we have been on the water fifteen Sundays for Adult Start Sailing and run one Junior Session.

Our upcoming Junior course over four morning sessions is organised for January on Sat/Sun 15th/16th, Sun 23rd and Sun 30th January 2022 from 0800 to 1200.

Eight children are registered and eager to learn how to sail and have fun on the water.

We can't run the courses without your support. Your help is invaluable.

If you can help on the shore, on a support boat, or buddy sailor every day or some days, please let Sue or me know asap.

Colleen

Our Centre needs qualified Instructors.

Australian Sailing offer Dinghy Instructor and Safety Boat Instructor courses periodically throughout the year.

It would be terrific if we had at least one other Dinghy Instructor and Safety Boat Instructor to help with our programs. The Dinghy Instructor course has couple of pre-requisites: Powerboat/Safety Boat Operator, First Aid, and Bluecard.

If you can help we would love to hear from you!

2021 Qld Impulse State Championship

By Maria Mohrholz

Humpybong Yacht Club

2-3 October 2021

As in these COVID times a few of our sailors got spooked by a small outbreak in the south east corner of Qld. It was up to Ray Hobbs and me flying the flag for PCSC.

The small Humpybong Sailing Club was very welcoming, but the forecast for the weekend was 0-5 knots from west to north to east to south.



The course was set for triangle, windward - return. Three races for each day. With 21 boats on the start line, they said they would start us when we had 4 knots wind. Getting out on the water was very challenging, and the Starter did find it very hard to set a course for each race with the wind changing directions.

First race. Getting to the first windward mark, then it was an other windward leg to the gybing mark, and another windward leg to the bottom mark !
Wind, no wind, lots of wind for five minutes .

A good start and going well in race two until the gybing mark. Got stuck in a wind hole with 10 other boats. It took a long time to get around that mark. On the windward / return the wind changed suddenly blowing 15 knots getting to the gybing mark. A few boats turned upside down and I felt safer to do a granny gybe.

Race three and it took nearly an hour to set a windward course. The wind became stronger and I got colder. It was a fast race in 12-15 knots. A very challenging day sailing even for the good guys.

A delayed start on day two. Waiting for the wind. The wind came nice and steady 8- 12 knots for all three races. It was fast racing and we where finished by 2pm.

Even though I didn't do so well this championship, it was still fun.



2021 Qld Impulse State Championship

Overall Results:

Pos	Sail number	Boat Name	Helm	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Pts
1st	701	Boaty McBoatface	Andrew Turnbull-Miller	1	-9	1	5	1	1	9
2nd	732	Jester	Phil Gray	5	1	-7	1	7	3	17
3rd	682	the stink	Andrew Triggell	4	2	3	2	(OCS)	6	17
4th	627	Slipknot	Joshua Young	3	-6	5	6	3	2	19
5th	638	bedrock fundamentals	Brett Buckley	2	3	6	-8	2	7	20
6th	570	Cosmosoarus	David Harrison	7	-8	2	3	4	4	20
7th	710	Fbs	Brent Pearson	8	(OCS)	4	4	10	5	31
8th	643	Plymouth	Michael Robinson	6	7	-18	12	5	8	38
9th	634	Sapphire	Keith Briers	11	5	-14	10	6	12	44
10th	703	Triple T	Tony Hannan	10	10	8	7	(OCS)	9	44
11th	563	pluto	John Price	-14	12	9	11	9	14	55
12th	575	Good Vibes	Ricky Hoe	15	4	11	-19	14	13	57
13th	579	Solution	James Stone	9	-18	13	14	11	11	58
14th	554	Strangely Enough	Grant Steinback	16	-19	10	17	8	10	61
15th	471	Wacko	Tim Robinson	12	13	15	9	12	-18	61
16th	669	another problem	Ray Hobbs	13	14	12	18	(OCS)	16	73
17th	667	Billycart	Marshall Nuttall	-19	17	16	13	13	15	74
18th	208	Wirraway	Rebecca Woodbury	17	11	-19	16	15	19	78
19th	514	Windspiel	Maria Mohrholz	18	16	17	-20	17	17	85
20th	657	Seoladh	Michael Hewson	20	15	20	-21	18	21	94
21st	641	May Contain Nuts	Tony Slater	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	15	16	20	99
22nd	603	Cowabunga	Andy Patrick	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	120
22nd	661	Out of the Blue	Sheldon Haines	(DNC)	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	120



Marina Hobbs took some excellent photos from one of the rescue boats and documented the action. Here are some.

The Many Years of Straphanger

Started in 1977 by Brad Barker

Straphanger..... a term used by yachties to describe the “paid” crew on race yachts who jumped on board after all the prep work was done, prior to a race, and left before all the tidy-up was finished after the race. (Derived from those who travelled to work on public transport hanging on a strap !)



Many thanks Maryke Barker for sharing the history of Straphanger origins and your artistic 'collage'.

Editor's Comment (seldom made !)

STRAPHANGER IN TROUBLE.

Hello all Members !

As you can see in the item from Maryke, our newsletter, "Straphanger" has had many forms.

For the last few years I have happily worked as Editor with Sue who is Publisher, and thoroughly enjoyed our "partnership".

I see my role as chasing up items (our sailing events, planned activities, the Commodore's report etc) proof reading, and then sending them to Sue, who with her IT skills publishes what we have. I rely on Sue to proof read my articles as well, besides being another source of information.

I have rarely, if ever, written an Editorial, as I see Straphanger as a platform for members to give our sailing news and information. There is, of course, a concise summary on the first page of our issues of the contents. I would only be re hashing what is being published. (Saves paper too !)

At present Sue is working away from Gladstone, but still actively involved with PCSC being on the Management Committee as Treasurer, Discover Sailing Principal, participating in our Start Sailing Courses, as well as publishing Straphanger. Lately, we published every second month until now.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST EDITION UNTIL SOME ONE STEPS UP AS A PUBLISHER UNTIL SUE IS BACK.

I am happy to continue editing, but would really appreciate a member volunteering to take on the publishing role. The format does not have to be as it is at present. A change is always welcome !

Please let me or Sue know if you can help.

All the very best for Christmas and the New Year, good sailing in away events, or having fun on the water.

Colleen

Just a quick note from me to compliment what Colleen has said. Our Club newsletter, Straphanger, is a great record of our living history. We hope each edition has something for everyone. From the sailing calendar and well written articles recounting sailing events, commending achievements both in sailing and volunteer tasks around the Club, acknowledging grant providers and marking occasions with visiting dignitaries. Straphanger is also useful in circulating information that isn't easily done via social media, for example new RRS Blue Book changes, MSQ, Bluecards, WH&S and upcoming training opportunities, not forgetting also those 'in the moment' photos of Members having fun in our sport. Colleen and I often look back to past editions to check on when/who/what happened.

It would be a shame if we couldn't keep the Straphanger going over the next 18 months.

If you are interested you will need Microsoft Publisher (or equivalent software) skills and I'm happy to do a handover.

Thanks Sue

Snippets

Congratulations go to Andy Patrick's for his recent excellent performance in the VX1 State Titles finishing third, where Cowabunga raced against a fleet of RQYS boats sailing under the PCSC flag.

ROUND THE BAY

Well done, Restless !

Restless again has flown the PCSC flag in the Annual Round the Bay race run by CCYC. Disappointing weather conditions made it a very slow race with Restless finishing in the dark at 21:34:54. Nevertheless, skipper John was more than pleased with Restless's performance against other yachts which did the course.

SAILING CALENDAR (as at 22-12-21)

Club sailing resumes on Saturday 22nd January 2022 with the first heat of the Handicap Series.

If you can help with the Junior Start Sailing program starting on 15th/16th January Colleen and I would really appreciate your help.



Sat 22 Jan	All day - Mon 24 Jan	HBBCYS Kingfisher Bay Resort Regatta
	14:00 - 17:00	Handicap Series 1 - Rd 1 🏁 (PRO - Rob Graham)
Sun 23 Jan	8:00 - 12:00	Junior Start Sailing (Colleen Sawatzki)
Wed 26 Jan	All day	Australia Day
Sat 29 Jan	14:00 - 17:00	Sprint Series 2 - Rd 1 🏁 (PRO - Steve Lewis)
Sun 30 Jan	8:00 - 12:00	Junior Start Sailing (Colleen Sawatzki)
February 2022		
Sat 5 Feb	12:00 - 15:00	Round the Islands Race (Donald Davey) 🏁 (PRO - Barry)
Sat 12 Feb	All day	KBSC Assistant Dinghy Instructor Course (Michael Robi)
	All day - Sun 13 Feb	KBSC Dinghy Instructor Course (Michael Robinson (Saili
	8:00 - 11:00	Intermediate Sailing (PRO - David Cue)
	14:00 - 17:00	Club Championship Rd 5 🏁 (PRO - Tot Moran)

NEW FLAGS FOR BARRY !

Barry, as shore starter on Patsy Lee for some of our Club races, has recently designed, built and tested a "stand" for the flags required to start a race. Now armed with the stand, new flags and the battery operated hooter, Barry attracts a lot of attention from East Shores visitors wanting to know about what is happening. Great PR for the Club ! Thanks, Barry !



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Opening Times & Contacts

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