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Straphanger

October 2022 Special Edition

Commodore's Report

Welcome to a special edition of Straphanger.

There has been a lot happening, and more in the pipeline to come, so we thought it worthy of getting a Straphanger together to let Members know what is going on at their Club. Thankfully the weather and Covid Gods have been kind to us thus far, and the season has been going well, but I don't wish to tempt fate so will comment no more.

On opening day Jim "Charby" Thomas announced that he would transfer his expertise from onboard Red Rid to a management position ashore supervising and making sure we all keep up his high standards. Thank you and a great effort Jim! We all applaud your efforts and dedication to the Club. Rumour has it that Ken has to volunteer for another five years to beat Jim's effort..... but maybe that is not true?

The recently held Sealink PCSC All Boats Regatta was a great success. Over the weekend 26 boats took part, the weather was kind, with positive feedback all round. A special thanks to the organisers, especially Tony Constance, Colleen, Sue, Dave Cue and Margie Lubke, and also to all the volunteers manning the boats and doing the jobs in the background.

In addition, a big thankyou must go to:

- Sealink Gladstone (Platinum Sponsors)
- CCIS and the Mann family who donated, prepared and cooked food for lunches, breakfasts and dinner: very well received!
- Gladstone Physio and Fitness (Members Brian and Larissa Polkinghorne)
- Bill Robertson Toyota.

A huge thanks also to Maryke and Brad as hosts for our sponsors and VIPs onboard Tuan.

The changes to the Constitution are ready to be voted on at the Special Meeting on Saturday 29th October after which, if they are passed will be presented to the Office of Fair Trading for review and official registration. Hopefully the ByLaws amendments will not be too far away.

I will leave it to others to give you an update on their area of expertise and look forward to seeing you at the Club and on the water.

Ian Williams, Commodore, PCSC.

STOP PRESS: Constitution voted in

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- *2022 All Boats Regatta*
- *B2G update by Brad Barker*
- *Changes to the Constitution*

PCSC All Boats Regatta

FAIR WINDS AND WINS IN SEALINK 2022 PCSC ALL BOATS REGATTA

Sunny skies and light to medium winds combined with a strong fleet made for fantastic sailing on the waters of Gladstone harbour over the weekend at the 2022 Sealink Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC) All Boats Regatta. Sailors from Clubs all across Central Queensland met on the 1st and 2nd of October for the exciting event.

Saturday's racing encompassed the first three of five heats in conditions that were described as "champagne sailing". In the Junior Division, there were some excellent performances from Tommy Crone, Emily Franceshin, and sisters Talitha and Miranda Cue, with all sailors proving their mettle patiently negotiating the wind shifts and tide.



In the Youth Monohull division, Robert Deards showed exceptional skill on his 4.7 Laser dinghy, *Good Question*, keeping many in the Open Division honest. In the Open Monohull division, David Mann in *Impulse*, *Flawed Logic* dominated the day with three line honours and handicap wins. Luke Johnson and Christopher Mann took out seconds in the first three heats with Peter and Eliza Mann hot on their heels. PCSC local legend, Sheldon Haines scored a third in Race 2, putting the PCSC on the podium.

The Multihull Division was dominated by exciting Arrow Cats, with one Hobie 16 owned by husband and wife team Brian and Larissa Polkinghorne rounding out the fleet in their debut regatta. Garry Smith and Daryl Skinner excelled on day one, sharing first place on the podium between the heats.

Sunday brought changing conditions as the land breeze built throughout the morning, and the fleet worked large windward legs against a flood tide. David Mann revelled in the light breeze and wind shifts, attaining two more line and handicap wins and securing his position as Division Champion. Emily Franceshin sailed skillfully in her Optimist Class dinghy, *Dreaming* to go on to win the Junior Division, with Robert Deards winning both the Youth Monohull and coveted Sportsmanship award. Garry Smith continued to dominate the Multihull fleet, securing a Divisional win in the Regatta.

A very genuine thank you goes to our Platinum Sponsor, Sealink Gladstone, and particularly General Manager Rob Mitchell who has been a great supporter of the event for many years.



PCSC All Boats Regatta

Thanks also to our subsidiary sponsors; Central Coast Inspection Services, Gladstone Physio and Fitness and Bill Robertson Toyota. Your support was crucial to the success of our Regatta

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the many PCSC volunteers who worked tirelessly in the lead up and throughout the Regatta both on and off the water. Without you, we don't go sailing!

The 2022 Sealink Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC) All Boats Regatta forms part of the Australian Sailing Sail CQ Club Challenge with results from the weekend combining with five other CQ Club Regattas to crown CQ Champions in respective divisions. The next event in the Challenge will be held in Bowen at the Port Denison Sailing Club on November 11 and 12.

Full results of the 2022 Sealink Port Curtis Sailing Club (PCSC) All Boats Regatta and more information on sailing in Gladstone is available on the PCSC website www.gyc.com.au.

Tony Constance

Vice Commodore and Regatta Principle Race Officer

Regatta Results

Division	Junior Mono	Youth Mono	Open Mono	Multihull
1 st place	Emily Franceschin	Robert Deards	David Mann	Garry Smith
2 nd place	Tommy Crone	N/A	Luke Johnson and Christopher Mann	Daryl Skinner
3 rd place	Miranda Cue	N/A	Peter and Eliza Mann	Jared Newton
Sportsmanship Award		Robert Deards		



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Membership Update

The Club welcomes back its familiar faces this sailing season as well as several new members.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members - Brad Anderson, Philip Archer, Heather Brisco, Matthew Burnett, the Cunningham family (Ryan, Caryn, Jaycee, Tarnayn and Zarra), Jordan Dakins, Paul Geck, Martin Gilbert, Anna Hegarty, Brett Holly, and the Greenaway family increases with grandfather Mark and grandson Seth joining Evan.

In addition, there have been many enquiries from community members who are commencing the Start to Sail course on 23rd October, and further expressions of interest for a subsequent Start to Sail course to be held on a future date.

I hope the new members enjoy the camaraderie at our Club as well as the sailing on the water.

Shauna Taylor

Membership Officer

Members overview

125 MEMBERS
IN TOTAL



Male 88 (70.4%)
Female 37 (29.6%)

● Male
● Female



Paid 102 (81.6%)
Unpaid 23 (18.4%)

● Paid
● Unpaid

Haven't got a Working with Children Bluecard, consider applying!



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.

Haven't got a Working with Children Bluecard:-

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.

75th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race 2023

It may seem a way off but in actual fact Easter and the 75th Yacht Race is less than six months away! The yacht race from Brisbane to Gladstone first started in 1949.

A great history of the race may be found on the link

<https://www.qcyc.com.au/brisbane-to-gladstone-yacht-race/race-facts-stats/>

This coming race is the 75th and is expected to be one of the biggest and well supported race of the 75 years.

The 75th race is supported by the major sponsor Gladstone Ports Corporation as well that of the Gladstone Regional Council.

Since the first race in 1949, members of your Club, the Port Curtis Sailing Club, have always offered their assistance in the running of the race, particularly at the finishing and welcoming of the race entrants. In the early years these duties were taken on by members of the Club and other citizens of Gladstone. The local Air Sea Rescue (now VMR) and SES members/volunteers, have been strong supporters of the race from very early years.

It was during the early years that the Citizens of Gladstone offered to billet the crews of the yachts, to invite them to their homes for a shower and relaxation and were given sufficient beef for a roast meal for the crew members. This continued through to the 70's, until yachts became bigger and crews larger in numbers and thus more self-sufficient.

This year the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, who are the organizers and run the race, has requested input and help from the PCSC. Immediate Past Commodore Tot and myself, Past Commodore Brad, have been in contact with QCYC. They have requested help with manning the finishing line, and to consider organising a Harbour Race for yachts on Easter Monday. The harbour race was a tradition in the very early years, and it is hoped that it will become so again. Hopefully, this will provide a spectacle for citizens and visitors to Gladstone. Perhaps it will attract the interest of younger people to our sport of sailing.

The PCSC & the GYC have always provided a great welcome to visiting yachts' men & women. This year will be no different. Thus there will be a need for quite a few volunteers for this coming Easter. So don't hesitate to put your hand up.

Brad Barker



Entries are now open for the historic 75th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, starting on Good Friday, 7 April 2023.

Entry Details here:-

<https://www.brisbanetogladstone.com/race-entry/>

Update from Treasurer Sue

I am really pleased to update Members on the good news with the Club's financial situation. The strategy to separate our sailing membership revenue from the rental income has proved very successful. The rental income is used to pay the business debt which frees up our sailing revenue to focus on what sailing needs, along with the mandatory season start up expenses of insurance and Australian Sailing affiliation fees. In recent times the Club has been able to comfortably afford power boat servicing, minor repairs and equipment for our Club dinghies, and provide enjoyable social comradery with presentation night.

I don't like to look back too often, preferring rather to focus on our future, but a quick glance back to 2019 where the Club debt was in the vicinity of \$312,000 and now in November 2022 is \$83,000. Based on current projections the Club will be debt free in twelve months.

Looking to 2023 the ATO will be fully repaid in January, Member Loans fully repaid by June, and the last to finalise will be the NAB Overdraft in November 2023.

This is an amazing outcome made possible by the successful tenancy of our property to Ranidash Pty Ltd with Sales at the helm. A big thank you goes to those Members involved in the sublease journey, and to Kristina and her hospitality staff for the wonderful job they are doing, and willingness to work in with Club activities.

I also wish to thank Members for your understanding of the importance to remain on a fairly strict budget until the last of the debt is repaid, please!

Our future is bright. We're building a position to think strategically for the long term benefit of the Club and shorter term for the enjoyment of Members.

Treasurer Sue Doyle

VALE MARTIN SAWATZKI

Much valued long time Member, Martin Sawatzki passed away on 31st August 2022 aged 86 years.

Martin, on joining the Club first sailed a Sharpie. Later, and then with Colleen for over 40 years sailed Tranquillity, Rumbo and Rumbo II, representing the Club on many occasions as well as enjoying Club racing.

Colleen, please accept our sincere condolences.



Snippets

2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Management Committee

Commodore, Ian Williams
Vice Commodore, Tony Constance
Secretary, Margie Lubke
Treasurer, Sue Doyle
Club Captain, Bruce Janson
Membership Officer, Shauna Taylor
Committee Member, John Ibell

Club Patron, Barry Austin

Sailing Committee

Vice Commodore, Tony Constance
Sailing Support Officer, Dave Cue
Discover Sailing Centre Principle, Sue Doyle
Results Officer, Wendy Barker
Permits Officer, Maria Mohrholz
Boat Captain, Garth Breayley
Training, Brian Polkinghorne
Committee Member, Stephen Lewis
Handicaper, Ken Watson

November 2022

Sat 5 Nov	14:00 - 17:00	Club Championship - Race 3 (Maria Moran)
Sun 6 Nov	8:00 - 12:00	Adult Learn to Sail Day 3 (Colleen)
Sat 12 Nov	All day - Sun 13 Nov	PDSC - Sail Bowen
	8:00 - 11:00	Junior / Intermediate (Dave Cue)
	14:00 - 17:00	Head of Harbour - Race 1 (Rigging area booked for a Christmas Party @ 15:00) (Sheldon Haines)
Sun 13 Nov	8:00 - 12:00	Adult Learn to Sail Day 4 (Colleen)
Sat 19 Nov	14:00 - 17:00	Club Championship - Race 4 (Tot Moran)
Sun 20 Nov	8:00 - 12:00	Adult Learn to Sail Day 5 (Colleen)
Sat 26 Nov	14:00 - 17:00	Head of Harbour - Race 2 (Rigging area booked for a Christmas Party @ 15:30) (Brian Polkinghorne)

Season Greetings

Patron Barry and our Committee's wish all Members a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Happy sailing and safe travels over the festive season.



December 2022

Sat 3 Dec	All day - Sun 4 Dec	Instructor Training - KBSC
	14:00 - 17:00	Head of Harbour - Race 3 (Rigging area booked for a Christmas Party @ 15:30) (Brad Barker)
Sat 10 Dec	14:00 - 17:00	Sprint Series 1 - Race 3 / Austin Fairway (start 1300 for fairway) (Tim Waugh / Barry Austin)

January 2023

Thu 26 Jan	All day - Sat 28 Jan	HBBCYS- Kingfisher Bay Resort Cup
	All day	PCSC / KBSC Junior Training Day @ KBSC (TBC) (David Cue)
Sat 28 Jan	8:00 - 11:00	Junior / Intermediate (Dave Cue)
	14:00 - 17:00	Handicap Series 2 - Race 2



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