

NEWSLETTER

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Ann Sea Summer Series Champion

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Summer Series Results

1 st	Ann Sea	5.5
2 nd	Port FM Mais Oui	6.5
3 rd	Magic	8
4 th	Ice	13
5 th	Whitecap	16
6 th	Tau Ceti	22
7 th	Karragun	24
8 th	Indigo	30
9 th	Kai Lani	40

Left: Ann & Tim Summer Series winners on Ann Sea

Race Results

Summer Series Heat 5

Race 5 of the 2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Summer Series presented challenging conditions for the 8 competitors that came to the start. A general recall at the first start was due to the late arrival to the line of Tau Ceti from buoy laying duty. This proved to be a stroke of good fortune for Magic having fouled Port FM Mais Oui at the start and was in the process of taking a penalty turn when the recall was called. As the race got underway in fairly light air with flat seas and blue sky Port FM Mais Oui took advantage of the conditions more suited to the smaller yacht and bolted to a commanding lead. However that was all to change as the weather closed in. The winds picked up and the swell began to lift and by the second leg Magic and Ann Sea had both managed to pass their smaller rival.

The bright yellow top mark became almost impossible to find as the churning sea and the driving rain had the skippers steering on instinct, unable to see their opponents other than the occasional blur of a white sail against the backdrop of grey cloud and rain as an approaching storm from the South East lifted the winds over 20 knots.

Three yachts, Karragun, Ice and Indigo all retired leaving Tau Ceti, Whitecap, Port FM Mais Oui, Ann Sea and Magic to brave the elements. After Magic crossed the line first corrected time gave the win to Ann Sea followed by Magic, Port FM Mais Oui, Whitecap and Tau Ceti.

Indigo retired due to a damaged traveller car, Ice retired after hitting the top mark and being unable to recover from a bout of severe weather helm when trying to complete the penalty turn and Karragun seeing what was in store opted for the shelter of the club house and a cold beer.

Race Results

Summer Series Heat 6

Race 6 of the 2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Summer Series brought seven yachts to the start line. In a first for the series extra buoys were laid making a start finish line mid way between the top and bottom marks. Good wind was available causing most crews to opt for a reefed main and a smaller headsail to compensate. The pace was again set by Magic and Ann Sea with Port FM Mais Oui flying the clubs new headsail hot on their heels. Whitecap and Ice fought a close race with Whitecap able to pull away from her rival on the second lap but she could not match the speed of the top three. Tau Ceti showed that she could be the dark horse in the remaining series as the crew showed signs of what they're capable of narrowing the gap between their rivals. Indigo struggled in the final stages to cross the line as the shifting winds played tricks on the multihull. Magic crossed the line first ahead of Ann Sea but neither had enough of a lead over Port Fm Mais Oui as the J24 turned a 9m 46s elapsed time deficit into a 3m 20s advantage to claim first on handicap. Magic took 2nd with Ann Sea 3rd but the hold on the series lead of Ann Sea looked all but assured as the crews returned to the club to await the results. Whitecap held on to 4th with Ice 5th Tau Ceti 6th, Indigo 7th.

Boat Name	Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
Ann Sea	5.5	[3.0]	1.0	[3.0]	1.0	1.5	2.0
Mais Oui	6.5	1.0	[3.0]	2.0	2.0	1.5	[3.0]
Magic	8.0	2.0	2.0	[10.0C]	[10.0C]	3.0	1.0
Ice	13.0	5.0	[9.0F]	1.0	3.0	4.0	[5.0]
Whitecap	16.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	[10.0C]	[6.0]
Tau Ceti	22.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	[7.0]	6.0	[10.0F]
Karagun	23.0	[10.0C]	9.0F	[10.0C]	5.0	5.0	4.0
Indigo	29.0	7.0	9.0F	[10.0C]	6.0	7.0	[10.0F]
Kai Lani	40.0	10.0C	10.0C	10.0C	10.0C	[10.0C]	[10.0F]



Race 5: From this...Ann Sea approaches the start, with blue sky and sunshine...



to this...Magic searching for the top mark a little later as the rain came down and the winds whipped up.

The Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series gets underway on Saturday June 11th



The Treasurers New Boat

Allan & Jenny Schultz have added a fast power cat to the fleet with the arrival of "Katmandu" from the Gold Coast. After long deliberation Alan finally found the boat he was looking for and is now the proud new owner of this mean and lean multihull machine. Powered by twin Evinrude 150 HP motors Alan is all set to run rings around the competition. When the Commodore asked where the mast goes the proud skipper was quick to respond with equal satire but admitted he was expecting the obvious from the Rear Commodore when the comment was made on the suitability of Katmando to drop the windward mark in under 5 minutes!

Congratulations to Alan and Jenny on their new investment wishing them both many trouble free days of fun, fishing and forking out as we welcome Katmando to the fold at Port Douglas Yacht Club. *A mast would probably fit somewhere in the front of that big windscreen hey Vic...*

Consultation is the key – public boat ramp to relocate to Spinnaker Close?

Cairns Regional Council officers met with PDYC representatives to discuss the feasibility of transferring the public boat ramp from Ashford Avenue next to the Tin Shed down to the Yacht Club. As the Port Douglas Waterfront Master Plan relentlessly grinds its way like an advancing glacier towards becoming a reality the CRC must be given praise for the open manner in which they genuinely believe that through public consultation with key stakeholders the best outcomes for all can be achieved. Quick to stake a claim on the best situation for PDYC Commodore Vic Petrus was again flying the flag for the boating community. Talks entered delicate discussions on the proposal to create abundant trailer and car parking space, a five lane boat ramp with floating pontoon and a new council run ablution facility all with minimal disturbance to the existing amenities of the yacht club. Innovative options now on the table include a land swap between PDYC and CRC allowing the clubs dry berth and storage facilities to relocate adjacent to the Duck Pond providing easy lift access. In return the car park and ablution facilities would move closer to the boat ramp and the main entrance to PDYC. Benefits to trade for PDYC could be substantial as users of the new facilities find themselves on the doorstep of the towns premier water front bar and restaurant. The process is in the feasibility study stage at present but agreement across the table suggests the options are indeed feasible. CRC plan to open a shop front on Macrossan Street shortly opening the doors to public comment in the consultation process. To have your say get yourself down there say g'day and give your ten cents worth because from what we've been told so far the whole process from feasibility through to the final detail is indeed open to public debate and we can't afford to miss the opportunity. **IS THIS THE BEST OPTION FOR THE CLUB? DO THE MEMBERS APPROVE OF THE IDEA OR NOT? CAN WE CHANGE IT IF NEED BE?**

Abel Point Yacht Club Coral Coast Rally coming our way June 2011

Cyclone Yasi not only blessed Port Douglas by tracking well south of our region but it looks like she may well be handing us a golden opportunity to host a major event on the Coral Coast cruising calendar. Abel Point Yacht Club has accepted an offer from PDYC to extend their popular annual cruise to our northern waters. The inaugural Coral Coast Rally will arrive in town on June 11th and 12th. Warwick Birtwistle, PDYC Sailing Committee member and inter club liaison guru has successfully negotiated the change to the well known Dent To Dunk after this year's event faced cancellation following the devastation caused by Yasi to both Dunk Island and Port Hinchinbrook. PDYC is very much looking forward to hosting up to 250 yachties when they converge on Port as the final destination for this year's rally providing a huge night of revelry on Saturday followed by a presentation on Sunday. Plans are underway to put on a memorable show of unforgettable hospitality for the visiting crews that will strengthen the relationship between the two clubs and firmly stake our claim to be the final port of call for all future rallies.

The proposed format for the Coral Coast Rally is:

Wednesday 1st June: Start at 1030 and cruise in company, through Gloucester Passage, for an overnight stop at the Gloucester Eco Resort and a Pirates theme night & BBQ at the resort.

Thursday 2nd Cruise to Cape Upstart. A quiet night if you wish, or join others on their yacht, or yours, for dinner & a quiet little drink.

Friday 3rd Either a lay day at Cape Upstart or cruise to Cape Bowling Green, or a little further to anchor behind Cape Cleveland if the weather is unfavourable. Bring your own chair/snags/steaks and enjoy a beach fire/BBQ on the beach.

Saturday 4th Sail to beautiful Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island, where you may wish to go ashore for dinner and drinks and entertainment at the "local" pub or restaurant.

Sunday 5th Is a half "lay day" at Magnetic Island. Relax onboard, or visit Townsville or explore Magnetic Island, or just have another quiet little drink. A function & "The Games" will be held in the afternoon with BBQ meals available that evening at All Seasons Resort. Race winners presentation.

Monday 6th Cruise on again in company to anchor at Pioneer Bay, Orpheus Is. Be aware, this is a Green zone...no fishing.

Tuesday 7th A long sail of approx 50nm to Dunk Island. Maybe visit Zoe Bay & the waterfalls enroute if the weather and time allows. Yachties talent night at the Jetty Cafe. Light meals available.

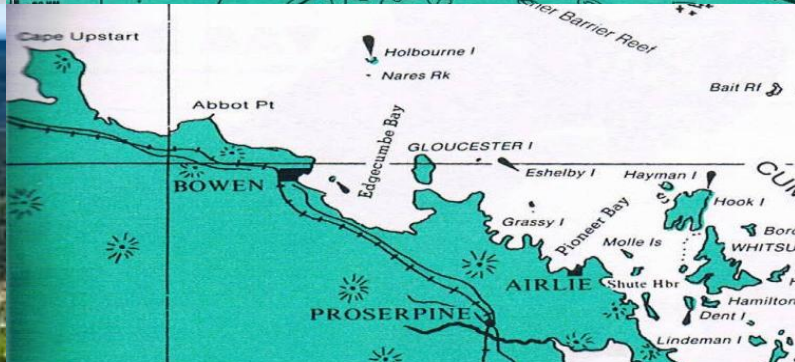
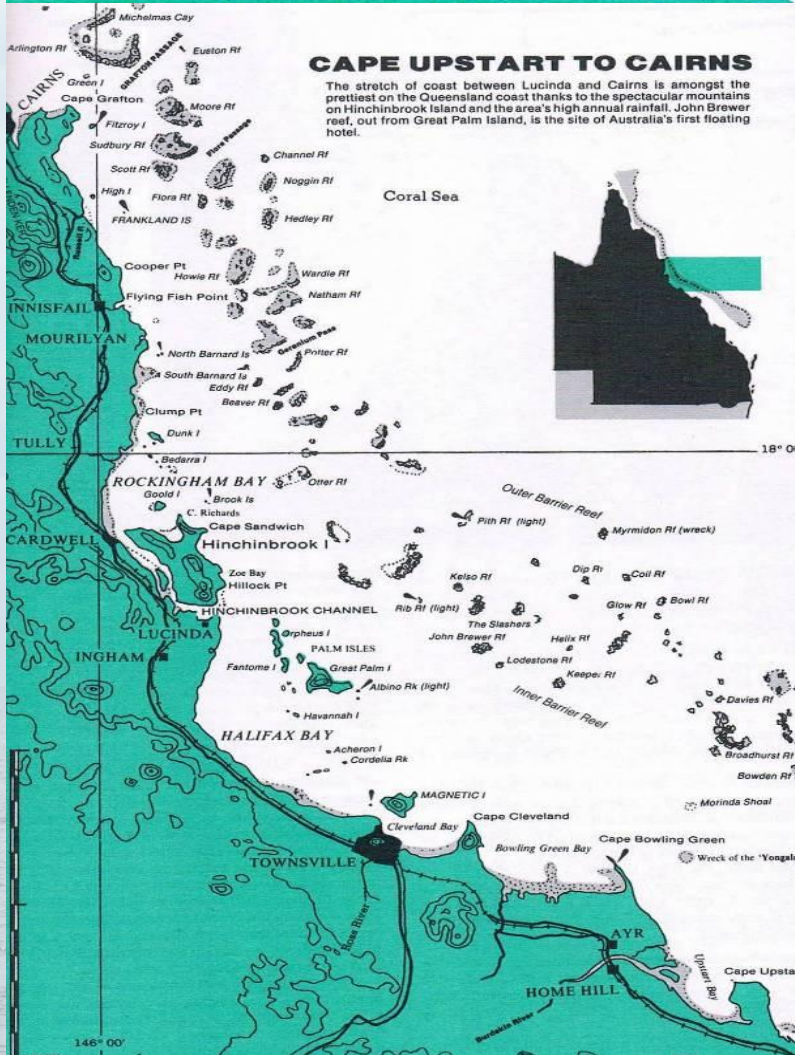
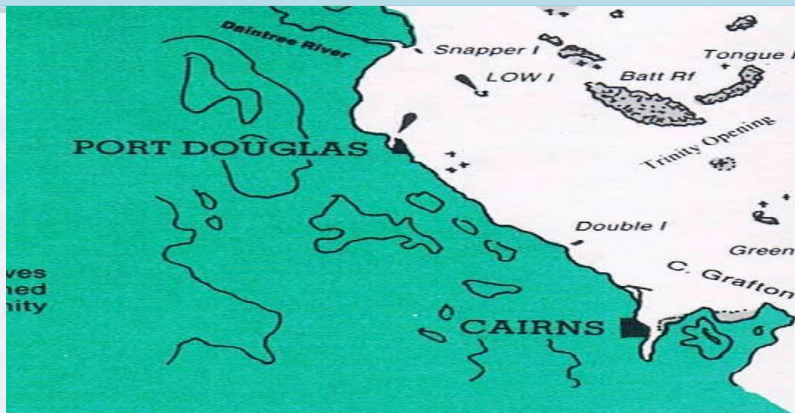
Wednesday 8th Sail to either Mourilyan Harbour or Fitzroy Is.

Thursday 9th Sail to Fitzroy Is or lay day at Fitzroy Is. at the marina bar for a quiet little drink, or dine at the restaurant. Hot showers and laundry facilities are in the marina complex.

Friday 10th Fitzroy Island or if we don't go to F.I. sail to Yorkey's Knob "home/boat made" bikini competition.

Saturday 11th Sail to Port Douglas

Sunday 12th Presentation to winners at Port Douglas Yacht Club



Member Profile

Graham O'Dey



What would the club be without people like Graham? If there was ever a poll for top bloke he'd be right up there with the best. Always friendly and always helping out be it pontoon duty on a WAGS night, giving his all at a working B, or rounding up the empties on a busy day you can rely on Graham to be lending a hand. Graham has recently entered the 21st Century with the acquisition of a laptop and has immediately tackled the essential skills mastering Spider and Solitaire. With an ambitious round the world project on the cards for 2011 Graham will soon be packing his bags and heading for NZ before the Americas and Europe but not aboard White Man Dreaming. Although an accomplished solo sailor throughout the Coral Sea and beyond Graham will be giving up some time on his beloved boat for the convenience of jet propulsion and hotel beds. Graham is often kept busy helping out on Four Mile Beach with his metal detector doing his bit to keep the beach clean and free from any unwanted money that can be found laying around in the sand. Good luck on your travels Graham and remember there'll always be a part of this Port Douglas paradise waiting for you when you return. Bon voyage!

What's on at the Yachtie? Social Dates For Your Diary

May 29th Presentation Night Exemplar Coaches and Limousines Clipper Cup Regatta

June 11th Welcome Party - Abel Point Yacht Club Coral Coast Rally



Indigo arrives at Low Isles under a setting sun

Cruising the beaten track...

Five yachts made the trek out to Low Isles for the Autumn overnighter. Indigo, Ice, Port FM Mais Oui, Sun Tan and T Break all enjoyed a great night under the full moon and a gentle NE breeze. The light air on both the outbound and homeward legs made difficult sailing conditions as the breeze blew straight out from Low on the Saturday and gave a dead downwind run for home on Sunday. The bbq onboard Indigo Saturday night and the fiery sunrise on Sunday morning more than made up for it.

As the sun heads north and the onset of the regular South Easterlies looms ever closer you can't help getting that feeling as we look forward to some wonderful winter sailing under clear blue skies with a steady familiar breeze.

Start your day in Auckland and finish up out at Low Isles Colin & Ali awoke very early on Saturday morning with a plane to catch out of Auckland NZ and one very good reason not to miss the flight. Their beautiful cat Indigo was waiting for them. Not the feline version but the multihull that was their ticket out to Low Isles that night. Almost 15 hours later the dedicated couple sailed under the setting sun to pick up a mooring, kick back and remind themselves just how good it can be to be back home. Great effort!

Is this the perfect marriage? Congratulations to Gloria and Noel Wilson, celebrating 51 years of marriage Gloria was in Mareeba while Noel was out at Low Isles on Sun Tan. It must be love, love, love..

Club History with Henry Cotter

The Lizard Island Yacht Race and Rally, was one race our yacht club had in past years. I can't remember who started this yacht race, so if any of our readers remember maybe they could let the committee know, or write out an account of the first race. The race was a once-a-year event, looked forward to by our members as well as members from clubs down south. The briefing was held a week before the race, after which, with music supplied by a band, we partied until midnight. For those still in the party mood, up to town to the Iron Bar was the place to go until the early hours of the morning. Most times we had tee shirts for sale, looking like the uniform of the night.

The race/rally incorporated some leaving up to a week before and doing a cruise up the coast with, most making Hope Iles the first stop. The people who wanted to race, left on Friday night, with a start time of 1730 hours. Quicksilver was always obliging and made Wavedancer available as the 'start boat'. Members of the public and club members who were not sailing could go out on Wavedancer and watch the racing yachts get ready to go over the start line. Drinks were available at the bar and there was always a long queue waiting to board when Wavedancer was ready to depart.

An official was appointed to take finishing times at Lizard Island. It was this official's job to make contact with Lizard Island Resort to finalise arrangements for us to use the Marlin Bar for lunch, and for the prize giving. At one of our events I believe there were 120 people present. Most yachts didn't leave Lizard Island the next day, preferring to party on for a week or more. The race was usually scheduled close to the full moon, which was a great aid for those sailing through the night. A Halloween party was held at the Marlin Bar on the full moon, which added another attraction whilst there. A beach party where the game of 'The Priest of the Parish' was always played and was most popular. One particular aspect of this game was that it required a lot of drinking of rum. If any member can remember the rules of this game, could you please submit them for the next newsletter?



Mount Gay Rum was one of the major sponsors, donating a carton or two of rum, necessitating a responsible person to carry this precious cargo, with them. A Club BBQ was always held after the race. All boats got a prize varying from one night's accommodation, to a six-pack. Of course someone had to search the town for sponsors.



PDYC Lizard Island Rally circa 2000. Are you in this picture? Are you in this picture but would prefer to keep quiet about it maybe! If you think you know any of these people help us put some names to some faces.

Nautical Knowledge

This month's Nautical Knowledge is a quiz. Send in your answers using the quiz answers link on the website in the Newsletters page. Entries close 26th April with a mystery prize for the first correct entry drawn at WAGS on April 27th.

1. What is the art of knot tying, splicing, and whipping called?
2. In clockwise order name six parts on the circumference of a triangular sail.
3. Which type of sail boat has only one mast?
4. If sailing the Coral Sea on a heading of 185° in December on which side of the boat will the sun set and will the sun set be forward or aft of the beam?
5. On race day you approach the start line on a starboard tack with another boat to leeward of you on the same tack but the start line buoy is in your way. What must you do?

Exemplar Clipper Cup Update - *only 8 weeks to go*

The media launch on Tuesday 29th showcased the event to an audience including sponsors, local media, competitors and members and guests. Entries received to date include Port FM Mais Oui (PDYC), Ice (PDYC), Ketchup (YKBC), Kai Lani (PDYC), Magic (PDYC) and Whitecap (PDYC) with a further 10 boats potential starters from Port Douglas Cairns and Townsville. Guest speakers included Exemplar Coaches and Limousines' Cheryl Wellham, Carnival's Ken Dobbs and Doug Ryan representing past winners and competitors. Local media in attendance included Michael Gabour for Radio Port Douglas, Greg McLean for the Gazette, Mat Churchill for Newsport and Heather Beck for the Cairns Post. It's hoped the event will generate some good coverage through these outlets.

Clipper Cup Club Challenge

The Clipper Cup Series originally staged by Waikiki Yacht Club was raced as an international team event and in recognition of this heritage the inaugural PDYC Inter Club Team Challenge between Port Douglas Yacht Club and any other visiting yacht club is to be included in the regatta.

Each team will consist of an even number of yachts nominated by each club to represent that club.

The times that these boats record in each of the 6 races will be fed into a separate Series in Top Yacht to determine the overall Club Team Challenge winning team. These yachts will be given independent handicaps for this series separate to the handicap carried in the regatta. There will be a trophy for the event that will reside at the club house of the winning team. As the objective of each competitor is to win the Clipper Cup trophy as an individual competitor the Team Challenge will be a fun and prestigious trophy that each crew chosen to be in their clubs team can aspire to win without any distraction from the main aim of the regatta.

Sponsorship for this event will be sought to provide for a fun incentive for the clubs that recognises the good will and the spirit of sportsmanship that exists between the clubs. There will not be any cash prizes for individual boats or crews but an award that recognises the combined effort of those that are chosen to represent their team.

Each year the sponsor will be given naming rights to the Team Challenge but this year's sponsor being the first will be given perpetual naming rights to the trophy. Offers for sponsorship opened at the launch and will close on Tuesday 26th April with the sponsor and their unique offer to be announced at WAGS on Wednesday 27th April.

Sponsorship offers will be judged by the PDYC Sailing Committee. Offers of sponsorship are open to individuals and businesses alike so if you want your name on the Team Challenge Trophy for eternity get your thinking cap on and come up with the best offer.

Race Officials confirmed for the series include Greg & Sylvia Byrne and Carol Wilkinson on the start boat which will be Shaka Zulu skippered by Warwick Birtwistle. Mossman & Port Douglas Coast Guard will once again be on buoy laying duty. Any members interested in helping out please contact the Sailing Committee.



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Closehaven Cup Saturday April 9th

Closehaven Marina is once again sponsoring the annual Closehaven Cup. Prizes for the event are in the form of \$500 credit to be spent at PDYC with 1st place receiving \$250, 2nd place \$150 and 3rd place \$100 worth of credit to spend on a wide range of products and services ranging from bar sales to hardstand fees and merchandise to membership. A great incentive from Closehaven with sponsorship providing real value to the yacht club. Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Entry Forms are available on the website. The course to be sailed will be a port rounding of a windward buoy from the start followed by a port rounding of Low Isles and a starboard rounding of the windward buoy to the finish. This is the first trophy race of the year and should be a good days sailing. Get motivated and get your entry in.

Sailing Committee News

The Sailing Committee reports directly to the Management Committee providing recommendations and putting forward motions on club sailing matters. To have your say on sailing at your club talk to the Sailing Committee.

NEW MEMBER

Colin Simpson. Colin who sails with Alison on Indigo has accepted an invitation to join the sailing committee. Colin is an active member of the coast guard as well as an active sailing member of PDYC.

EXEMPLAR CLIPPER CUP

Shaka Zulu skippered by Warwick Birtwistle is to be the start boat for this year’s event.

CARNIVALE PARADE

Plans are underway for the clubs entry in the Carnivale street parade. A handful of the lady members have taken up the challenge so if you want to get involved see Helen or Susie or Vicki or Isetta or Ali or Cath.

SAILING MEMBER BENEFITS

PDYC members sailing in club organised events will now be offered a complimentary drink at the bar courtesy of the sailing committee on their return from a race or cruising event organised by PDYC. Conditions apply but remember when returning to the club after your sail your first drink is on us.

WAGS SKIPPERS FUNCTION

Towards the end of the year skippers regularly participating in WAGS will be invited to nominate themselves and their regular crew for inclusion on a guest list to attend the WAGS Skippers Function. The idea is to reward those people that make the effort all through the year to make WAGS the success that it is. More details will be given closer to the day but in the mean time get your ideas in and get yourself crewing to be included in what will be a great night out with all expenses paid!

You can talk to the Sailing Committee about anything (particularly sailing)

Mick Gwilliams (Rear Commodore) 0418 897 123, Garry White 0409 723 086, Ken Brown 4094 1472, Warwick Birtwistle 0458 720 320 & Colin Simpson 0429 901 250.

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Spinnakers’ Restaurant

Have you dined at Spinnakers lately? Why not get one of the boys famous curries into you or go for the slow roasted beef cheek or the shredded duck salad. There’s lots of good reasons to get down to Spinnakers for the best feed in town. Great food, great prices, great people and a really great venue! See Mat & Sime and the crew at Spinnakers the next time you dine out.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Skipper & Crew of Port FM Mais Oui

Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series

6 race series commencing June 11th concluding August 27th

Written expressions of interest to be received by the Sailing Committee by 2:00pm May 18th 2011 stating your nominated position as skipper or crew

*Be a part of a
winning team -
Port FM & PDYC
J24 Racing*

See PDYC Sailing Programme or
www.portdougasyachtclub.com.au
for further details



Conditions:

- Skipper must be Sailing Committee approved
- Must be prepared to enter the boat in all six races
- No hire fees apply when using J24 in club organised events
- Maximum of 5 positions -- one skipper and four crew
- Must be prepared to crew with other nominees
- Prizes available to winners
- Full members only



The clubs J24 Port FM Mais Oui is proudly sponsored by Radio Port Douglas FM 90.9

Cairns Yacht Club FNQ J24 Championships are coming up this July. A team of five will be needed to support CYC and the FNQ J24 Championships with a Port Douglas entry. Get involved.

The Poet's Corner

As I cast off for that very first time,
The "rope" in my hand has now become "line".
And hauling the sails to the top of the mast,
That "rope", now a "halyard" holds strong, taught and fast.
Then sailing in brisk winds full force on a beat.
The sails are trimmed in by that "rope" that's a "sheet".
And now at my anchorage with sails safely stowed,
I trust in that "rope" that now serves as a "rode".
For the rest of my life I will now have to cope,
With remembering when sailing that rope is not rope!

The Jester's Corner

Here's a guy with only seconds to live...



"Did you name it after me,
like you said you would?"

How Close is Close? Race 2 of the Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship created a tie for first place between Ann Sea and Port FM Mais Oui resulting in each boat receiving one and a half points. Ann Sea went on to claim the Summer Series by 1 point (5.5) ahead of Port FM Mais Oui (6.5) in second. Had there been a one second difference in elapsed times of that race between these two boats in favour of Port FM Mais Oui, Ann Sea would have had 2 points and Port FM Mais Oui would have had 1 point creating an unresolved tie for the Summer Series with both boats on 6 points! **How's that for close?**

Port FM Mais Oui sailed to victory in Race 6 of the Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Summer Series: Some of the crew throughout the series include (L-R) skipper Andrew, Vicki, Susie & Ken.



*Why are we all
smiling, we didn't
win the bloody
series*

Captain Pugwash

*Quick, pour me
another rum
while he's not
looking!*

Next Issue: Out last week of April provided there's no law suits to answer! Get involved and send in your contribution. You can use the Newsletter Contribution link in the Newsletters page of the website at www.portdouglasyachtclub.com.au

Last month's quiz answer:

There are 8 yachts but sadly nobody submitted an entry so the mystery prize remains a mystery until you send in your entries for this month's Nautical Knowledge quiz. What are you waiting for?

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