

# Port Douglas Yacht Club Newsletter

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## News in brief...

### Exemplar Clipper Cup

16 starters biggest fleet in years  
Henry saves the day  
Groove tops the leader board  
Parrothead party at presentation

### Coffee machine arrives (yes it's true)

### Coral Coast Rally cancelled

Maybe next year?

### Busy B beautifies PDYC

### Farr Better wins Yorkey's to Port

### Wine Tasting at PDYC Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Sunday Session Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>

### Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship

Winter Series kicks off Saturday  
11<sup>th</sup> June

## Proving it's *Farr Better* to be in the *Groove* and maintaining your *Kaizen*

are three of the visiting yachts from Cairns mixing handicap honours and topping the leader board mid way through the Exemplar Clipper Cup. Race 1 and race 2 handicap wins went to Bruce Clarke and the top gun crew from Kaizen 2 who must be wondering if there's anything else they can actually do to sustain their continuous improvement. Race 3 HC winner Farr Better skippered by John Gould put in a far better performance on day two to snatch the point from Ron Knott and the crew of Dusty Muzzle. The self styled twisted sisters on Groove led by Belinda Cooper have slotted into first place on the ladder after a weekend of consistent high performance. Amazing everyone with its speed the Thompson 7, Ketchup skippered by Steve England and his young family would have claimed line honours in both race 1 and race 3 had it not been for the blistering speed of Big Ice covering twice the distance in a far shorter time as she reached far and wide around each course. You might not see it anywhere else and the diversity of the fleet certainly presented a handicap headache for race organisers.

**Captain Henry saves the day** with the late scratching of the original start boat club legend **Henry Cotter** and Miriama saved the day. After cooking breakfast for everyone Henry had to be towed out by the Coast Guard to take up her position as substitute Start Boat. Assisted by long time loyal time keeper Carol Wilkinson and new Race Officer John Graham the three officials did a magnificent job in the essential role of on water race management and speaking of the Coast Guard, those guys put in a huge effort with the volunteer work laying the course for the regatta. It couldn't happen without these people giving up their time to spend their day watching and waiting and on behalf of all the competitors a huge thank you to you all.

**Pirates invaded Macrossan Street** for the Port Douglas Carnivale Street Parade with a booty of one silver trophy and a ship fit to sink a thousand Spanish galleons. The intrepid PDYC / Exemplar pirate brigade stormed the parade with threats to blow their cannons through the portholes of the land lubbers! Buxom beauties, bilge rats and sea wenches formed the boarding party as the cutlass's clanged.

## Shiver me timbers, it's the Pirates of Port....

The arrghhs and  
the aye's rang out,  
"Avast me proud  
beauty, prepare to  
be boarded"

Gordon and Cheryl  
Wellham provided  
the good ship PDYC  
pulled by Exemplar  
and the float was  
dressed by the  
crew. Great effort!



Farr Better sets course for Snapper and a 1<sup>st</sup> on  
HC in race 3 of the Exemplar Clipper Cup  
(Real pirates here to plunder the treasures of the  
Exemplar Clipper Cup Regatta)



L - R Captain Colin Simpson, Cath "Blackbeard" Bolt, Fearless Frank, Ali Dart, Trudy  
"Deckie" Erdmann, Ann Dovereypetreasure, Captain Ken Brown, Helen Gwilliams and  
Shari Essex .

*May can only mean one thing at PDYC: Clipper Cup – so this issue look out for Clipper Cup clippings at every opportunity.*





**Busy at the B** On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> many members turned out for a working bee to prepare the club for the Exemplar Clipper Cup. With an emphasis on cleaning and rejuvenation the small army of loyal volunteers took to the task with pressure cleaners, sanding machines, hammers, saws and paint brushes. Everything from balustrades, pillars and posts to pathways, pictures and roller doors had a makeover including all the picture frames and the many photos of yachts and commodores. The new coffee machine was kept busy as the finishing touches were added to the extended secure area and the aging deck was meticulously nailed and sawed to fix a few loose timbers. Some much needed paint, varnish and elbow grease all combined to provide a fresh look to some tired surfaces throughout. Some welcome cold beers were enjoyed by all as the sun hit the day's high and the boys in the kitchen laid on the traditional plates of fresh sandwiches. Congratulations to all those that attended and to the truly dedicated that returned in the days after to finish the second coats and put things in order. The working bees are a great way to get the job done and exemplify the pride that members have in our club.

**The future plan.** The current committee is putting together a plan to identify the pathway ahead to achieve some major objectives in the coming years. Many different ideas get thrown up all the time, some get support others fall by the wayside. Some never see the light of day and some perhaps shouldn't that sometimes do. The idea of the plan is to identify and document what the club aims to achieve over a time frame spanning the years ahead. One of the major benefits of such a document is to assist in making submissions for funding through the many grants that are available. Members are urged to be involved by making their thoughts known and having a say in the future of the club. Committee members will update the plan as new ideas come to the fore and old ideas come to fruition. Major projects may be put to the membership for majority approval and to ensure everyone has an opportunity to have their say. The Future Plan will be available for all to see once finalised and will exist as an evolving document receiving regular updates and amendments as the months roll by. If you have any ideas as to how you would like to see the club in the years ahead drop an email to [pdyc@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au](mailto:pdyc@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au)

Abel Point Yacht Club has called off the Coral Coast Rally that was due to arrive in Port Douglas on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It seems there has been insufficient interest shown given the late notification of the event and organisers have been unable to justify the rally this year. PDYC sailing committee member and the instigator of the rally coming to

the  
**Coral Coast**  
RACE & RALLY 2011  
**Cancelled**

Port Douglas, Warwick Birtwistle, said it was sad to hear the news but remains positive that we can drive the event to happen next year. Warwick has already offered to be the organiser at this end for next year and is looking at possibly moving the dates to get the boats up here ahead of next year's Clipper Cup.



## Port Parrothead Party Planned for Presentation

Self proclaimed Parrotheads and Cairns premier entertainment duo the Barbary Coasters are top of the bill at the **Exemplar Clipper Cup Presentation night** on Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Although they will have to contend with a crowd of drunken sailors lamenting what could've and what should've been as the results are announced for the six race regatta. There'll be Boat Drinks a plenty and the odd Margarita when the winners collect their spoils to the tunes of the Barbary Coasters. There might not be any cheeseburgers on the menu in this Port paradise but with Spinnakers putting on a fine spread from the Bain Marie there will be plenty to keep the crowd entertained. With a prize pool of \$8,000 up for grabs between the top ten boats it's sure to be a huge night full of expectation, celebration and the odd lament. Get your ticket and book your seat for this one.



**Clipper Clip:** Leon Paul sailing Island Girl is looking to match his winning year of 2004 when he sailed Pyewacket to victory.

**Clipper Clip:** In race 3, 2011 Big Ice rounded Snapper and Low in 3:29:04 a whopping 1:28:07 ahead of Ketchup who was next over the line.

**Clipper Clip:** 2011 race entrant Kaizen 2 is named after a Japanese term referring to a process focused upon continuous improvement! Aptly named, it appears they've been at it for quite some time!



## No news on the boat ramp

No news to report on the boat ramp relocation despite assurances from CRC that PDYC would be kept informed during May. The wheels of democracy can turn very slowly so let's hope they are still turning and grinding their way towards a favourable outcome.

**Did you know?** The inaugural Clipper Cup in 1995 was held in September and the year before that in 1994 a yacht race to Lizard island was planned with a street party or Carnival to coincide with the start of the race to see off all the sailors. That race never happened but the party that was planned did and from this the concept of Carnivale emerged. The party was moved to May to promote the start of the busy season and the yacht races followed a couple of years later. That's how the Clipper Cup Regatta has become an integral part of Carnivale as without the yacht race planned for 1994 it might never have stated.

## New members

happy to be joining the club this

month are:

Sylvia Healy  
David, Leanne & Jack Lowe  
Maurice & Sue Baker  
Jan & Neil McBain  
Meghan Smith  
Chrystal Smith  
Garnet & Linda Smith  
Amanda Fraser

**Meet the Race Official:** When Greg Byrne was reluctantly forced to pull out of the event John Graham stepped in as the Race Official directing all the on water activity of this year's Exemplar Clipper Cup Regatta. John has a connection with the Clipper Cup going back 33 years having raced in the original Clipper Cup on Geronimo - a chartered, Sydney owned yacht on its way to the US way back in 1978. John also raced in the first running of the event at Port Douglas on his own boat, Saint in 1995. To add to that John has an impressive resume of past events at which he has officiated including 7 Hamilton Island Race Weeks, 2 Scandia Geelong Race Weeks and at the I14 Worlds at Sandringham in 1999. Now living in Airlie Beach John is well known by many of the Port Douglas sailing community and jumped at the chance to visit Port and to help PDYC with the running of the event.



**Clipper Clip:** Tim Preuss, skipper of Ann Sea won in 2005 and 2006 sailing Voodoo. Can Tim make it 3 on Ann Sea?

## Membership renewals in your mail box in June

Club membership renewals are in the mail for renewal on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Not only do you get to be a member of the best club in FNQ, if not the world, but you also get to stay on the mailing list for the Newsletter!

Other benefits you already know about such as the best priced bar in town after the members discount plus a fabulous restaurant, the best location and the friendliest bunch of locals you could ever meet. You also get discounts in the hardstand, locker hire and berths at Closehaven Marina, membership of Yachting Queensland providing a range of extra member benefits and off course all the great sailing! Don't forget to renew!



PORT DOUGLAS YACHT CLUB

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6 PIECE ROCK BAND, A MUST SEE!

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**Clipper Clip:** Greg Byrne won in 1997 sailing Mayhem later renamed Magic winning again in 2007 & 2008 skippered by Doug Ryan

## Cairns (Yorkey's) to Port Douglas Offshore Series

Four Port boats joined the Cairns fleet heading north from Yorkey's for the Exemplar Clipper Cup feeder race on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Organised by Cairns Yacht Club as the Cairns (Yorkey's) to Port Douglas Offshore Series the race attracted seven entrants. Groove, Farr Better and Ketchup from CYC and YKBC were joined by Port FM Mais Oui, Tau Ceti, Ann Sea and Ice from PDYC for the 25nm journey up the coast. The fastest boats averaged around 7.7 knots completing the course in just over three hours. Some skippers reported top speeds in the range of 10 to 15 knots as the freshening 20 to 25 knot SE breeze pushed the boats along the course. Line honours and handicap both went to Farr Better just ahead of Groove and Ann Sea. As is usual for the conditions some skippers faced a few repairs as the gusts took their toll on the equipment. A thrilling days sailing rounded off a great weekend

firmly placing the Clipper Cup feeder on the club calendar for future years. A big thank you to Troy and Gordo for their efforts in organising the event. The winner of last year's Clipper Cup Feeder Race was Skulduggery who went on to triumph in the main event. Can Farr Better do the same this year? **Left: Clipper Cup winners in 2009 the crew of Farr Better celebrate again with a win in the Cairn to Port Douglas offshore Clipper Cup Feeder Race, Sunday May 15th.**



You wanna see me in my budgie smugglers? I got 'em too you know!

## This month's Competition:

Fill in the dialogue between these two and try to keep it clean, there might be children around! Go to the website and email your answers.

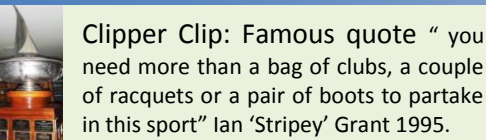




Last issue we asked you some mind benders in the Nautical Knowledge quiz. Questions and answers are below...

1. Which boat came 8th overall in the 2010 Exemplar Clipper Cup? Answer - Kai Lani, skippered by Gordon Wellham
2. How many kilometres is one nautical mile? Answer - 1.852
3. When sailing you cross latitude South 15°45' and longitude East 145° 30'. Are you closer to Cooktown or Port Douglas?  
Answer – Port Douglas
4. What is the cost of individual membership of Low Isles Preservation Society? Answer - \$15
5. At what point of the start sequence of a race is a boat deemed to be racing (a) Warning signal, (b) Preparatory signal (c) Start signal? Answer – (b) Preparatory signal (RRS definitions page 20).

The winner of this month's prize is Henry Cotter because once again Henry's was the only submission!



Clipper Clip: Famous quote " you need more than a bag of clubs, a couple of racquets or a pair of boots to partake in this sport" Ian 'Stripey' Grant 1995.

## Coastal waters forecasts straight from the horse's mouth

Following a recent letter to the BoM requesting clarification of the use of a wind strength range in 10 knot increments in conjunction with a strong wind warning the Bureau replied as follows; *"The coastal waters forecasts are based on computer model outputs and there are still a lot of uncertainties as far as fine tuning of the forecasts goes. This especially applies to forecasts beyond 2 days which are always subject to some changes The warnings are valid for 6 hours and our practice is to mention winds at 5 knot intervals (e.g. 25/30 knots) in this product. This is the best resolution the models can give us at this stage. The same applies for the coastal waters forecast for the first two days i.e. winds are described at 5 knot intervals up to 20 knots. The 10 knot intervals are used if average winds are expected to be 20 knots or more. Winds beyond days 3 and 4 are also described at 10 knots intervals when it is a marginal strong wind situation.*

*You will find that for each situation the winds may differ in speed and direction in the 330km stretch between Cooktown to Cardwell. It could be due to diurnal affects close to the coast, early morning temperature inversions, affect of heating over land etc. These effects can alter the prevailing wind directions and they can have a marked effect on the wind speeds for a short time interval (3-6 hours). It is difficult to incorporate the subtle changes in the forecast without making a long wordy document which can be more confusing. The forecasts are constantly monitored and updated based on certain criteria.*

A graphical 7 day wind forecast at <http://www.bom.gov.au/marine/wind.shtml> will give you some idea of how computer model forecasts are viewed and interpreted by the forecaster. The forecasters have access to more data but basically this is the kind of information they look at to produce forecasts."

Thanks to the Bureau for their reply and to making it a little clearer as to how 20 – 30 knots strong wind warnings come about.



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## Stuck in Port Sunday Sesh

On June 5<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a "Stuck in Port Sunday Sesh". The roads will be closed from 8am on the day due to Challenge Cairns so you might have to dust off the old bicycle which could prove to be a good excuse to have an extra beer or 5! "Benny and the Clones" will be performing from 2pm, followed by "Cutie wit Dredz". It will be a fantastic afternoon as many of the recent gigs at the club have proven to be so far this year. Kitchen opens at 6:00 so why not stay for tea?



## Wine Tasting

Samuel Smith & Son, wine merchants and supplier of wine to PDYC will be holding an afternoon of wine tasting at the club on **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Samuel Smith & Son is a well respected, family-owned wine merchant established in 1923, servicing the liquor industry of Australia with a blue chip portfolio of national and international wines, spirits and premium ales. Get along to the tasting and get an order in to stock the cellar!

Dusty Muzzle from Townsville coming up  
Dickson Inlet after a day's racing



Clipper Clip: In race 5 of the 2010 Exemplar Clipper Cup Magic and Big Ice crossed the line 24 minutes and 10 seconds apart only to be tied at 1 hour 12 minutes and 48 seconds on corrected time.



# Member Profile



## Gordon & Cheryl Wellham

Gordon & Cheryl are both prominent Port locals with their fingers in many pies, the most important of which is Platinum Sponsor of PDYC with naming rights to the Exemplar Clipper Cup named after their successful business Exemplar Coaches and Limousines. Gordon is a former PDYC Commodore and together they sail Kai Lani on the odd occasion they're not tied up with business commitments and various other committee positions. With connections to Port Douglas going back over several decades the couple have returned to the tropics after Gordon's years of service in the Australian Navy supposedly to relax and enjoy life! However, as contenders for Ports busiest couple that notion may appear to have fallen by the wayside. The role that Gordon & Cheryl have played in supporting not only the Clipper Cup but also the club in general is to be applauded. The success of the club and the Clipper Cup to date is a result of their individual efforts through sponsorship and the generous donation of time and personal commitment. They just need to sail more!



Clipper Clip: 42 yachts competed in the first Aussie Clipper Cup in 1995 won by Wayne Millar on Australia Challenge 2000.



Clipper Clip: Wayne Millar won again in 1996 with a different boat, B52, then again in '99 with Zoe which he races still.

## Extended opening hours coming up

The long awaited "season" is nearly upon us and once again the club will be **opening the doors from 12 noon Wednesday to Sunday** to cater for the influx of Mexicans escaping the winter chill. Of course the real reason is so we can all access the coffee machine earlier. The kitchen will be open for lunch and the bar will be open for drunks, no drinks I mean... **it's all happening from Wednesday June 29<sup>th</sup>** so get on down the club for a mid week luncheon and a lazy arvo waterside unless you're one of those unfortunate enough to have a job still!

## Clipper Cup? Which Clipper Cup...

The annual Clipper Cup regatta in Far North Queensland is not the only race to carry that name. Administered jointly by Harbour Towne Yacht Club and Port Washington Yacht Club is the annual Clipper Cup on the waters of Lake Michigan USA. Their inaugural race was in 1987. Bigger than both is the 40,000 miles of ocean racing and around 450 people facing the challenge of a lifetime competing for the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. With all boats identical and budgets equal, no one has a head start. It's the ultimate long distance match race and the winners are those who keep their focus the longest during the full circumnavigation of the globe.

Sir Robin Knox-Johnston, the first man to sail solo, non-stop around the world is the founder and Chairman of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race and is an inspirational figurehead to those who undertake this challenge of a lifetime. Southport Yacht Club on the Gold Coast will host the event when the contestants visit the east coast of Australia in the 2011-12 Clipper Round the World Race.

## Kaizen 2 follows Farr Better in near perfect conditions for race 3 of the Exemplar Clipper Cup

"Ahoy there. Can you tell him to put some clothes on?!"

"Hey skip' how about I get the boat name on me jocks?"

"You'd be tellin' lies! Do ya think yer smuggling albatross in there or what??"



Clipper Clip: 2011 Race Officer John Graham raced in the original PDYC 1995 Mirage Resorts Clipper Cup on his yacht Saint which he still sails today.



## Platinum Sponsor of Port Douglas Yacht Club and Major Sponsor of the Exemplar Clipper Cup Regatta



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**You are in control of your booking.**

**Finding your driver will be easy.**

On arrival, you will be warmly greeted by one of our experienced drivers who will be holding a sign with your name on it. You won't have to line up at a one of the transport desks, search for a bus stop, or stand in a taxi queue.

**You will be on your way as soon possible.**

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**You will be at your destination without delay.**

The journey to your destination will be direct. The last thing you need is what could be a three-hour, 'all stations' journey.

**We have advanced information-management systems.**

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**We have the experience.**

You will be in the hands of a highly dedicated company which is 100% family owned and operated by a family whose roots in Port Douglas go back to 1967. We know the area and its people very well. We are the leaders in reliability, punctuality and safety.

**We are recognised for our high levels of service.**

We are the preferred supplier to the majority of the resorts in Port Douglas, Palm Cove and Mission Beach.

It's no laughing matter promoting our sponsors, in fact it's a very serious business... but here's a few bus jokes anyway...

A man standing at a bus stop was eating a hamburger. Next to him stood a lady with her little dog, which became very excited at the smell of the man's supper and began whining and jumping up at him. "Do you mind if I throw him a bit?" said the man to the lady. "Not at all," she replied, whereupon the man picked up the dog and threw it over a wall.

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The bus driver says: "That's the ugliest baby that I've ever seen. Ugh!"

The woman goes to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her: "The driver just insulted me!" The man says: "You go right up there and tell him off – go ahead, I'll hold the monkey for you."

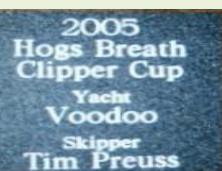
A drunk gets on a bus. The driver, impatient while the drunk fumbles in his pocket for change, drives off. As the bus starts rolling, the drunk reacts to the sudden movement by stumbling all the way to the back of the bus. The bus stops at the next stop. He reacts by stumbling to the front of the bus. Still the drunk man is fumbling in his pocket for change. The bus jerks forward once again, and the drunk stumbles uncontrollably to the back of the bus once again. Next stop, the same thing happens. In fact, every time the bus stops, the man would stagger to the front. Every time the bus starts, he staggers uncontrollably to the back. A few stops later, the drunk starts to exit the bus from the front. "Hey," shouts the bus driver.... "You didn't pay your fare yet!" The drunk, still reeling, shouts back, "Why should I?! . . . I walked all the way!"



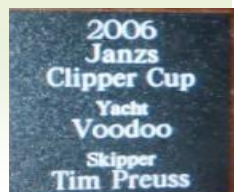


# Club History with Henry Cotter

I note that that the Keith Quinn Memorial Fun Race is being revived. With so many new Club members in the last few years my guess is, that some would ask, "who was Keith Quinn?" Keith owned four yachts that I recall. I can remember him sailing into Port in the late eighties in a yacht called "Maggie May" which is still in Port. He later sold her and bought a 'ferro' yacht that had once done a Sydney / Hobart. That yacht was later sold and Keith bought a steel boat called "Serenata". The other boat he owned has been in our hardstand for a number of years, by the name of "Myjbe". Once a year he would go out and find sponsors to donate prizes for this event. It was a fun day with a race around buoys, with dirty tricks allowed. Water bombs were the order of the day; flour bombs had to be banned, as when they dried quickly in the January sun it was very hard to remove the flour. I remember once sailing past another yacht with an elderly couple on board; we had a water bomb at the ready. The idea was to just plonk one on their aft-deck but "never under estimate your enemy". As we slowly caught up with the said yacht, we were doused with a hose, and not one bomb did we get on their deck. At times up to thirty-two yachts could be out on the water at the same time, but the average was a lot less than that. Prize giving was round 1600 hrs with Keith doing the honours. He also arranged for a band to play for the rest of the afternoon. Keith, being the professional drummer that he was, played the drums. The band was always a good money-maker for the club. At one time Keith delivered a yacht to New Guinea, single-handed for his brother. His navigating equipment was a depth sounder, a steering compass and a portable radio. His stores were several cartons of beer and several cartons of baked beans in small cans. He used the radio as a direction finder and the compass to steer by. The other aid he had was a log to check distance. Navigating through the Torres Straight must have been a nightmare. He was living on a block of land up in Highland Park in Julatten. This was where he was found one day, dead, having been bitten by a snake. For a man who had spent so much time on the water, it was not the way you would have predicted that he would end his life. A big funeral was held for Keith and our Commodore at that time, Dorelle Downs read the eulogy. She announced that from now on the race would be called the "Keith Quinn Memorial Fun Race". Unfortunately his grave didn't have a headstone, so the club placed a donation tin on the bar, to raise enough money for one. When I was Commodore I searched for details of his family, to request their permission, but was unable to trace any one. Therefore, it was finally decided that the money would be used to install the lockers that now bear his name.



## Nautical Knowledge - Race History



The world's most famous yacht race is the America's Cup first raced in 1851 around the Isle of Wight and won by an American yacht named America from where the name comes. For 132 years the Americans held the trophy until 1983. The America's Cup is the oldest active trophy in international sport. In 1866, three schooners sailed from Sandy Hook, Connecticut, their destination was the Needles, near Cowes in the Isle of Wight. 'The Great Atlantic Yacht Race' was the first ever trans-oceanic yacht race. Although the sport of sailing has been going on since the beginning of the 17th Century the first time that sailing was noticed as a true sport was in 1896, when sailing became a part of the Olympics and has been ever since. In the early 17th century the art of sailing became a sport in Holland. The Dutch sailed races in small boats that were called "Yaghtschips", which means "Hunting Ship". Today we know them as Yachts. It was not long after sailing was popularized in Holland that the Dutch gave a yacht as a gift to Charles II in England. It did not take long for sailing to become a main sport in England and finally expanding all over the world. Sailors in particular needed somewhere to share a drink and swap tales about their day on the water and it was the Irish that came up with the brilliant idea of the world's first yacht club, founded in Cork, Ireland in 1720. One of the most famous and oldest Yacht Clubs in the world is America's New York Yacht Club founded in 1844 from where America set sail in 1851 to challenge the English. One of Australia's proudest sporting achievements was to take the America's Cup from the USA In 1983 after a 132 year stranglehold by the defending nation. Pictured to the left is the victorious crew of Australia 11 skippered by John Bertrand.



Clipper Clip: An Australian named Dick Gooch is the man that brought the Clipper Cup trophy from Hawaii to Sydney Australia in 1984 where it sat uncontested for 10 yrs.



Clipper Clip: Three winners are missing from the trophy pedestal for 2001, 2002 & 2003. Does anyone know who won these races so we can we fill in the missing pieces on the trophy?



Port FM

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Are you tuned in to the locals?



**What's next after the Exemplar Clipper Cup?** Almost straight away we'll start to plan the even bigger 2012 Clipper Cup. There's probably a hundred opinions as to what we could do to make it better so look out for the 2011 Exemplar Clipper Cup **feedback survey** and help us to make this event bigger and better. A link to the survey is on our home page at [www.portdouglasyachtclub.com.au](http://www.portdouglasyachtclub.com.au) Feedback we receive will help us to make this great event a continuing success in the years ahead.



Clipper Clip: The yacht race that created the name Clipper Cup originally began in 1972 when members of the Waikiki Yacht Club in Hawaii created a 755-mile "fun race" that they billed to "race the winds of paradise".

### A date for the diary

The Annual General Meeting is a few months away yet but the committee is on the ball! Keep Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September free for the big day. Official notices will go out in due course. It's a popular day at the club as members take advantage of the generous bar tab laid on by committee.





 <b>Sailaway</b>		 <b>POSEIDON</b>	
			
<b>Low Isles on the Great Barrier Reef</b> <a href="http://www.sailawayportdouglas.com">www.sailawayportdouglas.com</a>		<b>Agincourt Outer Reefs</b> <a href="http://www.poseidon-cruises.com.au">www.poseidon-cruises.com.au</a>	



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**QF 10, Mossman and Port Douglas  
volunteer Coast Guard  
supporting sailing and Port Douglas  
Yacht Club**

To support the Coast Guard make a donation or become a volunteer or better still do both!  
Look for the yellow tin on the bar at the club and throw in some change

PDYC is once again most grateful to the support of the Coast Guard during the 2011 Exemplar Clipper Cup acting as the Course Boat responsible for laying the buoys and setting the course. The Australian Volunteer Coast Guard is an organisation composed entirely of volunteers. Formed in 1961, its aim is to promote safety in the operation of small craft. It guards the coast in the most effective way: by education; example; examination; and finally by search and rescue.

#### Marine Operations

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- Safety Patrols
- Vessel Assistance
- Vessel Tracking
- Search and Rescue



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- Coastal Navigation Classes
- Marine Radio Classes
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**JOKE TIME...**A depressed young blonde was so desperate that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. When she went down to the docks, a handsome young sailor noticed her tears, took pity on her, and said, "Look, you've got a lot to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning, and if you like, I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day." Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added, "I'll keep you happy, and you'll keep me happy" with a nudge and a wink! The blonde nodded 'yes.' After all, what did she have to lose? That night, the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a life-boat. From then on, every night he brought her three sandwiches and a piece of fruit, and they made passionate love. Three weeks later, during a routine inspection, she was discovered by the captain. "What are you doing here?" the Captain asked. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she explained. "He's taking me to Europe, and in return he's taking advantage of me." "He sure is, lady," said the Captain. "This is the Island Ferry."

**Clipper Clip:** Mal Richardson winning on Sportscar, an Adams 10 monohull in '98 & 2000 has not done so well moving to multihulls. Denied by half a point in 2010 can he make it in 2011 on the Nacra 36, Big Ice?

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