

Port Douglas Yacht Club Newsletter

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Magic wins Two Island Sail & Run Port FM Mais Oui wins Commodores Trophy Ann Sea leads Closehaven Marina Trophy Series

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Dramatic events unfold as two yachts become beached during The Closehaven Marina Trophy Series on 11th August.

As one of the marker buoys drifted in the heavy seas Tau Ceti became tangled with the anchor line and within minutes was perilously close to the shore. Indigo immediately went to assist but was also caught out by the adverse conditions as both yachts ended up beached. A full investigation by PDYC into the episode identified a chain of events that led to the unfortunate event. Following this members have agreed on a plan for better safety and race management in the future.



After five races of the ten race Closehaven Marina Trophy Series Ann Sea tops the leader board on 14 points ahead of Port FM Mais Oui and Miriama Te Rua tied on 20. Ice (24) jumps into 4th as T-Break (34) slips into 5th ahead of Magic (39), Tau Ceti (42), Indigo (49), Winkali (52), Jimmie Blacksmith (55) and Sinabada (59).



The winning crew of Port FM Mais Oui celebrate their win in the Commodores Trophy. L-R Rosemary Gibbons, Lucas Gomes, Mike Garrett and Jose Gritti

Race Report: Two Island Sail & Run. With eleven entries and one late withdrawal ten yachts came to the start in gusty conditions and a strong swell. Starting in two divisions split by their handicaps the five yachts in division 2 set sail first at 11:00am eager to make up as much ground as possible before the 11:15 start for division 1. Indigo and Tau Ceti both suited to the rough conditions of the stage 1 reach to Low Isles set the pace followed by Miriama, Port FM Mais Oui and T-Break. Division 1 boats had their work cut out to run down the early starters but by the time the fleet converged on Low Isles both divisions had begun to mix.

Stage 2 was up to the athletes with the swim to Low Isle, a lap sprint around the sandy cay and a swim back to their boat an opportunity to split the fleet and trade some positions with their rivals. Indigo, Tau Ceti and Miriama were first to embark on stage 3, the starboard rounding of Low Wooded Island and a reach back to Four Mile Beach, hotly pursued by Magic, Ice and Jimmie Blacksmith. As the gusting sou'easter hit 23 to 28 knots the fleet rounded the islands and began the fast reach back to a gate off Four Mile Beach through which the athletes would swim to start stage 4, the sprint back to the yacht club via the lookout on Flagstaff Hill.

Closing in on Four Mile Beach Magic was first to drop their athlete having run down both Indigo and Tau Ceti coming in second and third followed by Ann Sea, Jimmie Blacksmith and Ice with Miriama, Port FM Mais Oui and T-Break not far behind. The fleet was cut to nine as Sinabada retired to limit further damage sustained to her headsail.

Final positions lay in the hands of the athletes as they made their way back to the finish line at the entrance to the club.

Crossing the line first Alistair Spence claimed a line honours victory for Magic followed by Peter Montgomery for Indigo and AJ for Ann Sea.

The race was not without controversy as the protest committee delivered five minute penalties to Ice whose athlete failed to swim the proper course and Jimmie Blacksmith for crossing a restricted line at the gate. Adding to that the time keeper of one team failed to provide sufficient times and was disqualified.

The third annual staging of the event set a new course record for Magic with an elapsed time of 2:59:25 shaving 07:35 off their previous record set in 2010.

Each stage of the event provided points for the teams to accrue that converted to cash prizes based on their performance at each stage with the sailing legs subject to handicap corrections. In addition to this medals and trophies were awarded to the first three placed boats in each division and Alistair Spence was declared the overall winner of the athletes and Magic (37) was declared the overall winner ahead of Tau Ceti (36) and Indigo (32).

Race Report: The Commodores Trophy. Four yachts contested the revived Commodores Trophy Race that forms race 4 and 5 of the Closehaven Marina Trophy Series. The trophy had been absent from the race calendar for several years and with names like Dr Dick and Sunburnt Snowflake, Red Boomer II and Fat Albert there is a rich history of racing on the shields that adorn the trophy commemorating previous winners.

Joining these illustrious names in 2012 will be Port FM Mais Oui following a first and a second in the two race event to take the overall title on 3 points ahead of Ice (1 & 3), Ann Sea (3 & 2) and Miriama (4 & 4).

The chosen course for each race was the infamous string of buoys. Used only on three previous occasions with the most recent having to be abandoned after only fifteen minutes and prior to that an ambulance awaiting the return of an injured competitor earlier in the year. Not to be discouraged by superstition the racers in the Commodores Trophy provided some extremely close competition with Port FM Mais Oui denied a first only nineteen seconds behind Ice in race 1. Then in race 2 again Port FM Mais Oui beat Ann Sea by just six seconds to take first place and secure the trophy.

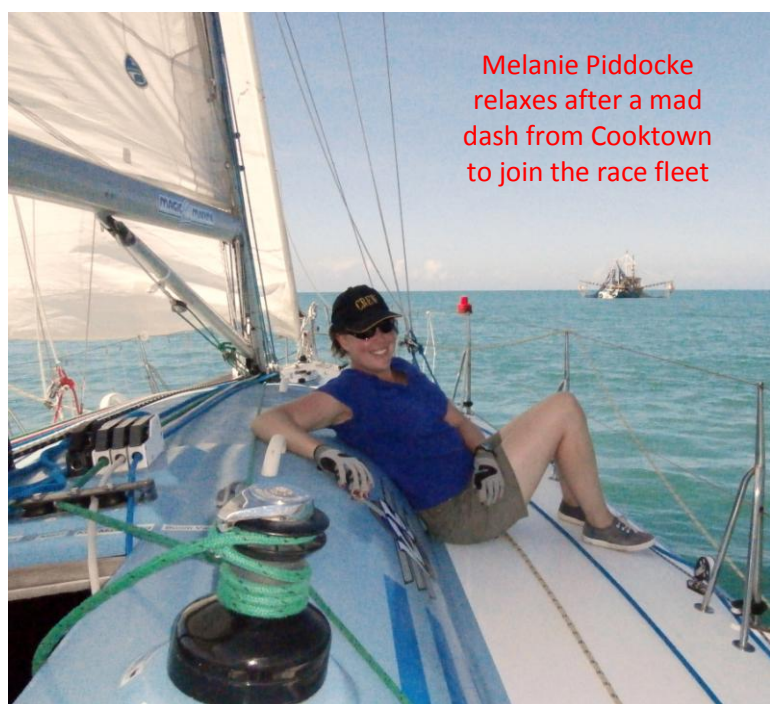
The incumbent club Commodore Vic Petrus was onboard Andiamo to oversee the racing and present the prizes afterwards.



Doug Ryan collects the winner's trophy for Division 1 in the Two Island Sail and Run

What a great effort Mel!

Some of us live just around the corner and some a little further, but for one sailing tragic distance is no obstacle when it comes to getting to the race on time. Melanie Piddocke lives in Cooktown and thinks nothing of the journey to get to PDYC and get onboard for some serious sailing each Saturday. Well done Mel you are a legend.



Melanie Piddocke relaxes after a mad dash from Cooktown to join the race fleet

PDYC sailing members rally together for improved race management

The events of August 11th provided PDYC a chance to take a closer look at the way in which the sport of yacht racing is conducted at the club. As a famous yachting sports writer once said of the original '95 Mirage Resorts Clipper Cup "you need more than a bag of clubs, a couple of racquets or a pair of boots to partake in this sport".

Yacht racing is just like any other sport in that accidents can happen, things can break and things can sometimes go horribly wrong, only in our case the risk can be on a much greater scale.

How we approach our sport should perhaps be no different to any elite athlete or professional using only the best and most reliable equipment and having a full understanding of what they are doing. Pushing their body to the extreme to achieve their best, able to do so because they have learnt how to train properly and to prepare properly for what they do. We too should take the time to learn and prepare properly. We too should be using good, reliable equipment and most importantly we should all fully understand what we are doing. Not forgetting that this club was built for fun and we are enjoying the chance to go for a sail on the weekend. We must remember that we're playing with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and playing in an inherently life threatening environment.

One of the clubs most experienced yachtsmen, Doug Ryan has suggested that planning in most cases reduces the risk, however prudent seamanship with trained or experienced crew is also a big part of racing and competing safely. So, in response to the events that unfolded on the 11th a meeting was held to discuss every aspect of that day and to map the way forward for a safer and stronger commitment to an otherwise very successful resurgence in yacht racing at the club.

Issues identified at the meeting included:

1. Purchase of new equipment:

- New buoys with proper lines, anchors and weights and everyone informed of the correct way to rig, deploy and retrieve a marker buoy.
- An effective rescue capability of our own with the club to pursue the option of providing a rescue/course laying boat.

2. Information sessions for those taking part:

- New appointment of a training officer and a safety officer.
- How to properly assist a vessel in distress.
- Basic emergency response.
- Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing.

3. Better planning of future events:

- A fully functioning sailing committee that meets on a regular basis to plan and prepare for upcoming events.
- Shared responsibility in planning and conducting each event.



Racing in the Whitsundays PDYC members racing away from home this month include Mal Richardson and the crew on Malice at Airlie Beach Race Week and Doug Ryan and his regular crew from Magic at Hamilton Island sailing Avanti.

Airlie beach race Week
**Mal Richardson and
Malice**
Win OMR Multihull
Division

OMR Multihulls
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PROVISIONAL RESULTS
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Series Results [OMR] up to Race 6 (Drops = 1)

Place	Ties	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Design	Sers Score	Race 6	Race 5	Race 4	Race 3	Race 2	Race 1
1		N36	MALICE	Malcolm Richardson PD		Nacra 36	11.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	[5.0]	2.0	3.0
2		M289	TRILOGY	Keith Glover	RQYS	Grainger	13.0	7.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	[7.0]	1.0
3		MK95	HOT VINDALOO	Adrian Fawcett	NYRC	Pescott Fire Fly 850	20.0	[11.0]	8.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0
4		MK61	BULLETPROOF	Scott Gralow	MCYC	Schionning G Force	22.0	5.0	2.0	9.0	4.0	[14.0]	2.0
5		GR297	WILPARINA 11	Robert Remilton	GRYC	Farrier 9 Mod	23.0	4.0	4.0	7.0	3.0	[9.0]	5.0
6		WH3801	J'OUVERT	Peter Berry	WSC	Pescott Whitehaven 1	25.0	1.0	5.0	8.0	[11.0]	5.0	6.0
7		V1	APC MAD MAX								7.0	3.0	[13.0]
8		V4	FRASSLD								10.0	6.0	[15.0]
9		8	RUSHOUR								9.0	10.0	9.0
10		21	TEAM VODAFON								15.0	1.0	10.0
11		7548	OVERDRIVE								8.0	12.0	11.0
12		33	INTRIGUE								12.0	13.0	12.0
13		V3	BARE ESSENTIA								[17.0]	15.0	14.0
14		125	GNEISENAU								13.0	11.0	[16.0]
15		134	NEW TRICKS								16.0	8.0	17.0
16		W144	CYNOPHOBE								6.0	16.0	8.0
17		RQ120	CUT SNAKE								14.0	[19.0F]	7.0
18		M327	PURPLE HAZE								18.0	[19.0F]	18.0



Airlie Beach Race Week

Local sailing legend Mal Richardson took his Nacra 36 down to Airlie Beach Race Week and came away with a win in the OMR (offshore Multihull Rule) division. Malice blitzed the fleet of 18 with an impressive 3.0, 2.0, [5.0], 1.0, 3.0, 2.0 to finish first on 11 points in the six race series.

Hamilton Island Race Week

Doug Ryan rested Magic for his annual visit to the Whitsundays instead skippering a sponsored local yacht, Avanti, in the non-spinnaker division. With many of his regular crew they scored 66 points to finish 16th in a fleet of 21 scoring 6.0, 4.0, 18.0 [22.0], 4.0, 18.0, 16.0 in the seven race series. Well done to all the sailors that made the journey south this year representing PDYC.



Thank you from the Skippers



Tau Ceti (left) and **Indigo**, both good friends and arch rivals on and off the water with many close contests during recent events. However the contest turned to a battle of survival for the pair as each became beached in dramatic events on August 11th. Seen here in happier times during this year's Exemplar Clipper Cup it's hoped that the dual that was developing between the two can be resumed.

As owner and Skipper of Tau Ceti, the yacht that started the chain of events that ended in near disaster off Four Mile Beach on Sat August 11th, I would like to publicly thank all those who came to my aid.

First and foremost, Colin Simpson on Indigo who went far beyond the call of duty and sustained serious damage to his own vessel as a result. Next, the crew of the Parasail launch who were quick to arrive but unfortunately became entangled in the same drifting buoy rope that caused my demise, thanks for the effort guys. The crew of Ann Sea tried valiantly to run out a line, but the rough conditions thwarted all attempts to do so. The arrival of the Coast Guard, who finally turned potential disaster into triumph, well done guys, we can't do without you, and alongside the Coast Guard crew a special thanks to the unknown swimmer who took out a line to connect to my rescuers allowing them to finally pull me free.

Thumbs up to my crew who went through the whole ordeal in a calm and exemplary fashion and to Mike Garret who leapt aboard at the last moment and helped the crew bring the boat safely home.

My apologies to the Life Saving movement for, at the very least, causing a chain of events that severely disrupted their carnival events. **Ken Brown - Tau Ceti**

Our catamaran Indigo became stranded on Four Mile Beach while assisting another vessel in distress on Saturday. We did not intend to be where we ended up nor for most of the day and the boat has suffered much damage due to the pounding sea. She lost both keels, her two rudders are bent at 90 degrees, and she was taking in water both over the stern and through the rudder compartments - more than we could bucket or pump out. We lost one motor due to water ingress, and had we not been towed off we would have been on the rocks within half an hour. There are many people to thank and we apologise if we have left anybody out.

First and foremost a huge thank you to our wonderful crew: Liz, Pete, Robyn and Simon. Another big thank you to Mike, Rosemary and Hans who joined us onboard when we needed them most. Also our friends from the Coast Guard who towed us back to the PDYC plus the crew and passengers on Norseman who provided their extra long tow line which saved the boat.

To our friends from the Port Douglas Yacht Club a big thank you, many who are feeling sore from trying to cajole a 6 tonne catamaran with no steering in big waves back to sea. Also to the members who came during the day to offer support and assistance and to those at the clubhouse when we finally returned who kept her afloat and offered us support and big hugs.

To those from the Surf Life Saving Carnival who helped, another thank you and we apologise for interrupting your event but the circumstances were way beyond our control. To Peter Jones and his crew from Meridien Slipway who slipped her in the dark on Saturday evening on 30 minutes notice because she could have sunk overnight another thank you.

Thanks also to Tony and his parasailing boat who was first on the scene but became grounded as well. Plus Matt and Sime from Spinnakers who provided us with hot toasties and chips for lunch - a welcome touch of normality. Thanks to Tommy from Pacific Pride who assisted in pumping her out when she got back to the pontoon. Many more thanks to the many members of the general public both locals and visitors who collected bits of our broken boat and hauled them onto the sand as well as trying to push her back out to sea. To the two ladies who looked after the valuables of those who were assisting us, many thanks. We are sure that we have left some people out but you have no idea how much your assistance was appreciated. Indigo is now on dry land and repairs are commencing. **Ali Dart and Colin Simpson SV Indigo**

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2013 Sailing Calendar

Now is the time to put forward any thoughts you have for the 2013 sailing calendar. If there are any recommendations you have, any ideas, improvements or suggestions be sure to make your thoughts known. The Sailing Committee will be planning what's in store for 2013 in the coming weeks so let's hear what you have to say and help make 2013 another fantastic year of club sailing.



Want to know what's been happening over the last couple of years? All 24 issues of the Newsletter are online at www.portdouglasyachtclub.com.au

Due to annual leave commitments and racing at Hamilton Island and Magnetic Island Doug Ryan has been unable to bring you the second instalment of Doug Ryan's Race Tips for this issue. Stay tuned for the next episode coming up in the September issue.

Hola from Central America – the adventures of The Three Gringos

Club members Graham O'Dey and Maureen and Ron Shaw are travelling the world and have sent some reports of their travels keeping in touch with their friends back in Port Douglas. The following extracts provide an insight into their journey.

"Hi everybody, well we finally arrived in Mexico. We felt like we'd spent a week on planes, but it was really only 2 days. Between Guam and Honolulu we went from Sunday to Monday and back to Sunday! Our poor old brains couldn't keep up never mind our bodies, but we got back to normal, well as normal as usual, but you know us and Graham. Mexico had better watch out with us three gringos on the loose."

Mo complained that most travellers have their own laptops these days so the hotels don't have computers, just Wi-Fi which has slowed down the correspondence a little. Graham was reported to be still hanging in there despite *"some backpackers leading him astray the other night, but he's back on deck today with no ill effects. We have been to Acapulco, but we didn't let any young beach babes whiz graham off, he'll thank us later, I think. We visited Puerto Escondido which is still on the coast but quieter than Acapulco. It's quite well known among the surfies, there's a good break here, they call it the Mexican Pipeline."*

Graham is still going well, chatting up the ladies wherever he can. He will have a bit to tell you I bet when we get back. From the coast at Acapulco and Puerto Escondido we went up into the mountains and on to Palenque, and from there we crossed the river by canoe into Guatemala. We went to Flores and Tikal and a yachties haunt on the Rio Dulce and Lake Izabel. This is a great hurricane hole and there are yachts here from everywhere, mostly America though. It's very hot here but every night we get a heavy rainstorm that cools it down a bit. Our next stop is Guatemala City and then it's on to Costa Rica en route to Panama where we plan to get a yacht going to Cartagena in Colombia. Coming down here by bus we stopped a couple of days in Managua, Nicaragua, and for the first time had stuff stolen from our room. We were ready to leave at 5am and discovered our camera and \$US500 missing. We had to change our bus tickets and report to the police, but the owners of the house where we were staying did their own investigation and hauled up the girl who helped with cleaning. She brought back our camera and \$100 but said she had spent the rest on food. The owners said she had a gangster boyfriend and he had probably taken the money. We were just glad to get back anything, the weird thing was on the camera were photos the girl had taken of herself and family, but not the boyfriend." Lookout for more tails from the three gringos next month.

Club History with Henry Cotter

A letter to members dated 7th April, 1994 - Fundraising for the kitchen Part 1
1994 from Commodore Bill McNeil

called on members to contribute towards establishing the kitchen. Here is what Billy had to say.

"Dear member. The Port Douglas Yacht club has come a long way in the last year with the construction of the Club House finally coming to fruition. The support from the members and local business to help raise the funds without venturing into financial commitments was a tremendous effort. PDYC is a not for profit organisation and is surviving on bar revenue to cover overheads and is currently trading on a General Purpose Permit which limits trading hours considerably. In order to generate more revenue through the club it's vital we get the kitchen up and running. Council has inspected the building and is currently completing a list of requirements necessary to obtaining a Certificate of Classification."

The letter then called on members to lend up to \$1,000 interest free to the club to raise an estimated \$10,000 needed to complete the required work.

"Dr Dick our number one Honorary Life member has already taken up the offer and we currently hold \$1,000 in a special account set up for completion of the Club house. I hope you will consider the above proposal and if you are in a position where you may be able to assist the Club would be truly grateful. Yours sincerely, Bill McNeil."

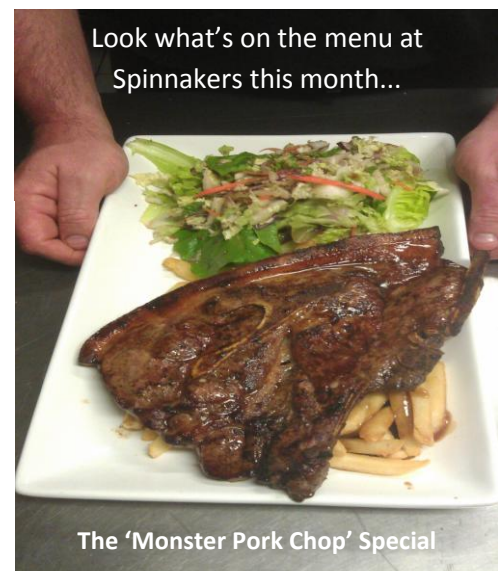
In Part 2 next month we'll find out who came to the party to make the kitchen a reality.

Spotlight on Spinakkers

Hot news from the kitchen with Matt & Sime

"Well, we are half way through the season now, and it has been a very busy time for us all at the Club. Business is definitely up on last year, and we seem to be getting lots of return customers. With one group of "Grey Nomads", run by John, "The Egg Man", who have been supporting the Club now for as long as we can remember, have regularly been organising groups of 14 plus diners every Friday night."

It is also very exciting times for Matt, as he and his wife Nicole, are expecting their first child any time now. September school holidays are almost here, so hopefully we can try to keep up with the craziness holidays bring. Along with that, we have a couple of weddings and functions organised, so the next couple of months will be as busy as ever. Thank you to everyone for their kind patronage. All the best, Simon and Matt. Cheers."



Look what's on the menu at Spinakkers this month...

The 'Monster Pork Chop' Special

The Calendar of Errors and the Life Members Race

The modern age of computers has a lot to answer for. On the one hand it allows newsletters such as this and sailing programmes such as the infamous 2012 sailing calendar to be churned out quite easily and on a regular basis. Yet on the other hand it insidiously sets traps for the unsuspecting scribe utilising the wizardry of copy, cut and paste. I'm sure we have all fallen victim to the ease of copying something and editing it instead of creating it from scratch. If you haven't then look out – your time will come! I have discovered another error in the printed 2012 Sailing Programme. One so bad that there has been no other option than to abandon a race entirely. The race in question is the Life Members Race that according to the sailing calendar was scheduled for several dates including Saturday 22nd September, the same day that the Poseidon Sailaway Spring Series starts.

The Life Members Race was traditionally a long passage with an overnight stay which in years gone by would see the fleet head south to Fitzroy Island, but this was before my time. This race dropped off the calendar and in 2010 and 2011 we tried to revive the concept but only ended up as far as Low Isles. In 2010 three boats participated and in 2011 only two. So it's perhaps not such a bad thing that in 2012 the race was inadvertently scheduled to clash with the start of the Spring Series.

It's probably true that the events of 2010 and 2011 and the planned race for 2012 were not worthy of the great tradition of the Life Members Race and with that I am happy to rest this event from the 2012 calendar.

I dislike changing something once it's published but it can sometimes be the best course of action. In this case the Life Members Race was scheduled to be part of the Closehaven Marina Trophy Series. Coming up on December 1st (yes, I've checked the date) we have our inaugural Lady Skippers Race Day that was planned as a stand alone event. This shall now be included in the Closehaven Marina Trophy Series to replace the Life Members Race.

As for the sailing programme, I've already started to draft 2013 completely from scratch with every date to be checked and cross checked and then proof read a dozen times. Then I will hopefully present an accurate programme that we can actually rely on.

Please accept my apologies until then. Mick Gwilliams - Rear Commodore

August WAGS roundup

Wednesday August 1st Nine yachts set sail in good conditions with a full moon rising on the eastern horizon as the sun set over the hills to the west. Port FM Mais Oui, Miriama, Ice, Indigo, Sinabada, Jimmie Blacksmith, Tau Ceti and Tropic Bird were all beaten to the rum by Magic.

Wednesday August 8th Seven yachts sailed in a good breeze with a crisp winter chill in the air. Ice claimed the rum ahead of Miriama, Sinabada, Jimmie Blacksmith, Port FM Mais Oui, Indigo and Tau Ceti. Where's Wally was spotted aboard Indigo with a couple celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Wednesday August 15th with the cruise liner Pacific Dawn anchored off Four Mile six yachts sailed out in good blustery conditions with a surprisingly flat sea. Miriama was the only boat choosing to sail all the way around the liner and won the rum for their effort ahead of Jimmie Blacksmith, Ice, Sinabada, Port FM Mais Oui and Tropic Bird.

Wednesday August 22nd was a rainy day that showed little promise of clearing and with several regular boats unavailable it was left to Port FM Mais Oui Sinabada and Miriama to take the few hopeful punters out. Port FM Mais Oui won the rum, a precursor to win in the Commodores Trophy three days later!

Wednesday August 29th was a wet day to begin with but by the time Miriama, Ice, Port FM Mais Oui, Tropic Bird, Sky Walker, Ann Sea and Sinabada hit the waves it had turned into another perfect day in paradise. Sky Walker won the rum and another fabulous WAGS rounded off another wonderful month.

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<http://winkali.blogspot.com.au/>



Camera shy Ian Overell with the catch of the day - or is it just a heavy fish?

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New Members

Colin & Helen Merrilees
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Louise Donohue

Lou Zaar & Marnie Daniels
Mike & Margot Alexander
Bruno & Jan Taverniti
Steve & Jennifer Batrouney
Michael & Danielle Spira
Michelle Waters



A big welcome to all our new members and remember to come sailing and join in the fun

Look to the glittering sparkle
reflecting on the silvery seas.

I am so constant in the
constellation of milky way's.

He navigates the seas by my
instruction.

How he trusts my guiding
brightness returning to harbour.

But at anchor he yearns to
know me again.

By Trudy Erdmann



AGM Saturday September 8th The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 11:00am Saturday September 8th. Nominations have closed for all committee positions and there have been quite a few put forward. Members should have received their notice of the AGM and voting papers to use if unable to attend. There is great news to come from the departing committee regarding the financial performance of the club last financial year and as always drinks will be available to members compliments of a generous bar tab courtesy of the departing committee. The nominees are listed below with eleven people stepping forward to fill the eight committee positions. On top of this there was another two nominations submitted after the close. This is a great result for the club which shows the strength of its membership coming forward and showing a genuine interest in helping with and being a part of the continuing success of our club.

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore		
Colin Simpson	Ken Brown	Mick Gwilliams
Vice Commodore		
Henry Cotter	Colin Simpson	Lex Adams
Rear Commodore		
Mick Gwilliams	Vic Petrus	Robyn Shelly
Treasurer		
Vic Petrus	Ken Brown	Robyn Shelly
Alan Schultz	Colin Simpson	Robyn Shelly
Secretary		
Robyn Shelly	Colin Simpson	Lex Adams
Cheryl Wellham	Gordon Wellham	Carol Wilkinson
Committee		
Ken Brown	Michael Meath	Trudy Erdmann
Simon Macfie	Carolyn Wilson	Julianne Laurens
Graham Moritz	Alan Schultz	Colin Simpson
Vic Petrus	Mick Gwilliams	Henry Cotter
Peter Ryan	Henry Cotter	Robyn Shelly
Cheryl Wellham	Gordon Wellham	Robin Petrus

The Coral (Ann) Sea Cup

It's on again this September 15th and 16th and some are starting to call it the Ann Sea Cup after Tim Preuss and Ann Sea have won the Coral Sea Cup four times in succession. With everyone's favourite, the rounding of both Low and Snapper plus two triangle buoy races the three race regatta will be hotly contested this year. Everyone will be out to deny Ann Sea a fifth straight series win as Ann Sea attempts to crush the opposition Queensland Maroons style - winning year after year after year. Check the website for the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.



September Sailing

WAGS	Wednesday 5 th 4:00pm onwards	Sunset 6:12pm last light 6:34pm
WAGS	Wednesday 12 th 4:00pm onwards	Sunset: 6:13pm last light 6:34pm
Trophy Series: Coral Sea Cup	Saturday 15 th 10:00am start Sunday 16 th 10:00am and 2:00pm	Passage rounding Low Isles and Snapper Island Two buoy races (triangle course)
WAGS	Wednesday 19 th 4:00pm onwards	Sunset 6:13pm last light 6:35pm
Spring Series: Race 1 and race 2	Saturday 22 nd 10:00am and 2:00pm	Windward leeward buoy races
WAGS	Wednesday 26 th 4:00pm onwards	Sunset 6:14pm last light 6:36pm. Pacific Dawn cruise ship will be anchored off Four Mile Beach
Spring Series: Race 3	Saturday 29 th 2:00pm	Windward leeward buoy race

Skippers and crew are reminded that all club organised events in accordance with Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 (also recommended for cruising boats) are Category 6 events considered being close to the shoreline in protected waters and in daylight hours only. RRS YA SR Pt 1 Section 2.01.7.



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