

# Port Douglas Yacht Club

## Newsletter

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### Groove wins Coral Sea Cup

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Plus heaps more in this jam packed issue...

After eight races of the ten race Closehaven Marina Trophy Series Ann Sea (14) holds a six point lead over Magic (20) and Ice (21). Late Series entrant Belinda Cooper and Groove visiting from Cairns upset the locals with a second and two firsts in the three race Coral Sea Cup. A regular visitor and PDYC member Belinda has waited a long time to get her name on some PDYC silverware. The talented skipper and veteran of many major regattas along the north Queensland coast finally has her first PDYC trophy to add to a list of impressive results elsewhere.

#### Ruff Red bounces back in the Spring Series

September also kicked off the eight race Spring Series, the final seasonal series in the Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship. Returning to the water after a lengthy spell on the hard stand Ruff Red snapped up a double taking race 1 and race 2 on corrected time to lead the series. Again proving the benefits of a clean hull Greg Langan and his crew performed at their best to secure their victories. After 18 races of the overall club Championship Magic (54) holds a four point lead over Ann Sea (58) with six drops to come into effect from the last six races.



#### The passing of a club legend

Former Commodore and Life Member Peter Terracall passed away in September. Pete will be remembered by all at the club for his great support and enthusiasm and his willingness to step in and look after the best interest of the club when most needed.

Pete is survived by many family members and the thoughts of all Pete's friends at the Yacht Club are with them at this time.

Often jokingly referred to as "terrible" by those that knew him best and for good reason too. Terribly kind hearted, terribly charming and at times a terrible pole dancer!

Peter held a special affinity for the yacht club and although his boat 'A Current Affair' was missing a mast and sails Pete would frequently be involved with the clubs sailing events. Either making her available to assist with start boat duties or making himself available as crew. There are many stories to be told in the celebration of the life of Peter Terracall and he will be sadly missed by all his friends at PDYC, a club he cared so much for and which owes to him an eternal debt of gratitude.

## Race Report:

**Coral Sea Cup Race 1:** The favourite rounding of Low and Snapper again proved to be a great challenge on day one of the Coral Sea Cup Regatta with the closest finish on record. Nine yachts came to the start for the reach out to Low with a port rounding and a long run down to Snapper. From the outset Belinda Cooper on Groove visiting from Cairns set the pace with arch rival Doug Ryan on Magic in hot pursuit. After a slow start Magic was able to run down Groove arriving at Low Isles ahead of the fleet. The yachts enjoyed a good run down to Snapper as Magic rounded first ahead of Groove and Ice with Ann Sea close behind. Jimmie Blacksmith and Sea Wizard were ahead of Port FM Mais Oui, T-Break and Miriama. As Magic and Groove descended on the finish line a mere three seconds separated the two yachts after almost five hours of race time. Magic secured line honours and a handicap win ahead of Groove to lead the fleet after day one.

**Coral Sea Cup Race 2:** A triangle course was set for the two races on day two and starting in difficult lighter air Groove and Magic again became locked in contention chasing line honours. The eight yacht fleet produced some close racing over the three laps of the course but Groove held their lead to take the line and handicap wins to sit level with Magic in the three race regatta. Port FM Mais Oui retired reducing the fleet to seven and Ann Sea chasing a fifth consecutive Coral Sea Cup victory had to settle for third.



**Coral Sea Cup Race 3:** The final race got underway with further retirements from Jimmie Blacksmith and T-Break leaving just five yachts in the mix and Ann Sea with little chance of continuing her remarkable string of Coral Sea Cup victories. The visitors from Cairns already had other plans for the trophy and Groove recorded a second line and handicap win to claim the 2012 Coral Sea Cup on 4 points from Magic (5), Ann Sea (10), Ice (13), Sea Wizard (13), T-Break (23), Port FM Mais Oui (25), Jimmie Blacksmith (27) and Miriama (29).

After eight races of the Closehaven Marina Trophy Series Ann Sea holds the lead on 14 points with two races left to run continuing with the Lady Skippers Race and concluding with the Christmas Cup both coming up in December.

### News from the manager's desk

#### Keith Quinn Memorial Lockers available

If you need some storage space at the club two lockers are available.

#### The club will closed on November 6<sup>th</sup>

as the nation stops for The Melbourne Cup.

**The busy season is on again** and looks set to continue for a few weeks. Members are reminded to book early to secure a table for dinner. Ph: 4099 4386 or see me at the bar. *Richie*



## Race Report:

**Poseidon Sailaway Spring Series Race 1:** Five yachts came to the start of the Spring Series, the final series in the three seasonal series Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship. Doug Ryan on Magic and defending Spring Series champion Tim Preuss on Ann Sea are in the front running to claim this year's Championship and both yachts started well in the light air and gentle sea. However, Greg Langan sailing Ruff Red with sparkling clean hull and fresh from a spell on the hard stand soon appeared to be the one to watch. In a great display of light air sailing Ruff Red finished fourth across the line and claimed the handicap win ahead of Magic, Ann Sea, Jimmie Blacksmith and Ice.



**Poseidon Sailaway Spring Series Race 2:** The afternoon breeze became a little more consistent for the second race and again Ruff Red appeared to be in good form. Magic lead the fleet to record a second line honours win for the day but the performance handicap system again proved to be the biggest hurdle. Despite placing fifth over the line the elapsed time for Ruff Red again proved sufficient to steal a win this time ahead of Jimmie Blacksmith and Magic. Ice settled for fourth and in an uncharacteristic performance Ann Sea placed fifth.

Ruff Red (2) holds a commanding lead in the eight race series ahead of Magic (5), Jimmie Blacksmith (6), Ann Sea (8) and Ice (9).

## Sunset in the Park

### Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 1 - 2pm Mereanna
- 2 - 3pm Easy Pickings
- 3 - 4pm Eddie Skiba & band
- 4 - 5pm Ben Jammin'
- 5 - 6pm Cloud Nine Band
- 6 - 7pm Benny & The Clones
- 7 - 8pm Tonic
- 8 - 9pm Physics of Phat
- 9 - 10pm Black Mountain Rogues
- 10 - 11pm Fashion Tips for Tractors

PDYC is to host  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual  
Sunset in  
the Park  
music festival

There will be a cake store put on by the "Nippers" from the Surf Life Saving Club plus lots of raffles and fundraising for the Coast Guard on the day.

**The New Committee:** The management committee for the next 12 months has been elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The outgoing committee presented their reports to a packed audience of members, the most for quite a number of years and then stepped down. Three positions were declared elected unopposed. Colin Simpson was elected Commodore and Henry Cotter and Mick Gwilliams were returned as Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore. The remaining positions went to a ballot and Alan Schultz was returned as Treasurer, Ken Brown was returned as ordinary committeeman and three newcomers were elected. Cheryl Wellham joins the committee as Secretary and Simon Macfie and Graham Moritz as ordinary committeemen. A big thank you must go to the retiring committee for their time and effort over the last twelve months and especially to Vic Petrus, Robyn Shelley and Lex Adams.

With the club now in a secure financial position the new committee has a huge responsibility to properly manage the affairs of the club and we all rely on the input from you, the members. It's your club and we are your committee so don't be afraid to let us know what's on your mind. The committee will meet every third Monday of each month so if you want something to be on the agenda talk to us and we will listen. On behalf of the committee a big thanks you to all those members that cast their vote.

The new committee. Top: Commodore - Colin Simpson, Vice Commodore - Henry Cotter, Rear Commodore - Mick Gwilliams, Treasurer - Alan Schultz. Bottom: Secretary - Cheryl Wellham, Committeemen - Ken Brown, Graham Moritz and Simon Macfie



**The adventures of Winkali** Ian Overell and Petra Kennedy are sailing the Top End and Petra has compiled a wonderful web log (blog) of their travels. The image below is the King George River in the Kimberley's in the far north of Western Australia. The little spec in the middle of the river is Winkali resting at anchor while Ian and Petra explored the ancient landscape. Visit Petra's blog at <http://winkali.blogspot.com.au/> for a full account of their travels and more amazing images.



It's on again! The famous PDYC working B Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 8:00 till noon Will you B there?





Vic Petrus  
Commodore 2010 - 2012

## A new picture for the wall of fame

With former Commodore Vic Petrus stepping down this year another image is required to be added to the wall of fame that commemorates those past (and present) commodores.

It's a great honour for those members that have had the opportunity to step up to the task and take the helm of the good ship PDYC. Vic Petrus joined the committee in 2008 and served three terms before his election as Commodore in 2010 and 2011.

During this time Vic has played a major role in the success of the club forever working his hardest to see that the club is always his number one priority. It might take a whole lot of persuasion to get something mounted to commemorate the reign of Vic Petrus so give him a prod now and then and let's make sure he gets his mug shot on the wall of fame, he certainly deserves it.

## Doug Ryan tenth member to receive Life Membership

The club constitution empowers the committee in consideration of special services rendered to yachting in the town of Port Douglas to nominate a member for life membership. This process requires a majority vote at two general meetings.

At a special general meeting held before the Christmas party in December 2011 the committee put forward a nomination for Doug Ryan which was unanimously approved. Then at the AGM on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Doug Ryan was unanimously accepted as the clubs next Life Member.

Doug joins a list of PDYC legends that began with Dr Dick Colahan in 1990, followed by Gordon Powell, Bill McNeil, P.J. Northam, Richard Downs, Peter Terracall, Greg Byrne, Henry Cotter and John Morris.

In addition to being a WAGS regular for many years Doug spent ten years on the committee at various times. First in the early 80's for three years then two stints as Rear Commodore 1991-1994 then of course Commodore for 3 years from 2006 to 2008. Doug was also instrumental in setting up the Lizard Island Race and what is now the Clipper Cup. Congratulations to Doug for this achievement.



## Doug Ryan's Race Tips:

Race starts: Part 1

**What end of the line should I start on?** Two simple ways to check the favoured end of the line are; Go head to wind in the middle of the line. If your bow is pointing more to the starboard end then that is favoured. If pointing more to the port end then that may be favoured. Or, sail along the start line from the boat to the pin end with your main trimmed correctly. Tack and travel back along the line towards the boat without touching the main. If your main is luffing the boat end is favoured. If over sheeted then the port end is favoured.

**How do I get a good start against bigger and faster boats?** Clear air is the answer. Starting at the favoured end may be great but if larger faster boats run over the top of you then little is gained. Go for the biggest gap above you (you may have to create this), or maybe even start on the second row at the favoured end.

**How do I make that gap?** Rule 11 is the major rule. When boats are on the same tack and overlapped, the windward boat shall keep clear. (Remember you have to give him room to keep clear). So before the start come head to wind slowing those above you down thus creating some space below your bow allowing you to pull away first, gaining speed and clear air. You may come head to wind prior to the starting gun. Once it has gone you must sail a proper course. Look out for part 2 next month - Doug

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# Ticking off the bucket list

Last issue we brought you the story of Graham O'Dey and Maureen and Ron Shaw who are travelling the planet. Since that issue Mo has been keeping in touch thrilled with her new found celebrity "great to hear from you, best of luck in the elections." She wrote. "Glad you could use some of our news, we'll be available for autographs when we get back - fame won't go to our heads. Graham is taking the plunge and has booked an air ticket to Ecuador from where he will do the Galapagos Islands. He leaves on Monday morning, and we will start towards the Amazon about the same time. We plan to meet up there in a few weeks. It's really hot here even though we are on the sea, but going inland and south will be cooler as we go through the mountains.

In the latest Hola from Medellin Maureen writes "Hi, we're still going strong. We are in Medellin at present still heading towards the Amazon. Graham emailed us today, he is in Quito (Ecuador) for a few days before heading to Bogota. He took a cruise to the Galapagos which sounded great. I'll ask him to send you an email. We visited a strange little town called Mompos on our way here. You get there by bus, boat and 4 wheel drive truck, it took us 10 hours from Cartagena. It is still very colonial in character, lots of beautiful old buildings, churches and houses, no high rises at all. A couple of German girls were on the bus with us and we saw them around a bit but after they took off we were the only gringos left in town. Nobody spoke English so we got a bit of Spanish practice in. There were a few open air bars on the banks of the Rio Magdalena which runs through Mompos and it was great to sit there in the evening watching the old men playing dominoes and the kids football in the street, and listening to music playing full volume from about three different speakers. After that getting back to a big city like Medellin was a bit of a shock, but its good here, lots to see before we carry on. Our best wishes to all at the club, talk again soon Ron and Mo.

A sailor is sailing up the channel quietly minding his own business. He finally brings his yacht to rest at the dock and an old salt yells out. "Hey, did you not notice that your wife fell overboard back there?"

"Oh, thank heavens," sighs the yachtie. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

A preacher was boating towards an island for a special wedding. On the way he was stopped by the marine patrol. After a quick check of the life preservers on board one patrol officer noticed a box with a few bottles in it. "What's in the bottles, Reverend?" "Its holy water", came the response.

The officer opened one of the bottles. Sniffing it he said, "It smells like wine." "Hallelujah!" the preacher declared, "He's done it again!"

## Club History with Henry Cotter

In last month's issue we looked at how we raised the money to build the kitchen.

### 1994 - Fundraising for the kitchen Part 2

This month we take a look at the people that made it possible. It has been suggested that a plaque be positioned by the kitchen to honour these members. These are the names I could find who came forward and put in the money. There may have been others. The original intention was to raise \$10,000. Some donations were for \$500 and some for \$1,000. The names I can find are Jeffery Nicholson, Moss & Theresa Hunt, Paula Wallace, Peter Terracall, Dr Dick Colahan, Peter & Carolyn Hinchcliffe and Bill McNeil. I have been unable to find any more information and apologise if I have left anyone out. Further investigations will be made to try and reveal exactly who is responsible for helping to finance the building of the kitchen and this great club house that we all enjoy so much.

During this time there were others that put in money which were called 'corporate members'. They were very generous with their donation's too, people such as John Morris, Jim & Joe Wallace and Quicksilver Connections.

Our assets are now worth just under half a million. We have had a few ups and downs since opening the Club House and at one time nearly lost the lot. At the moment we have a very bright future. Henry



## Spotlight on Spinakkers

### News hot from the kitchen with Matt & Sime

"We are now through September and the school holidays are well upon us. It has been a very busy time for us all, but thanks to our great staff, we are just getting through. October is looking to be another very busy month with two weddings, and a couple of other functions as well. It has also been an extremely busy time for Matt, and his wife Nicole, as their first child, Paige Louise, was born on Fathers Day. She was a very happy and healthy baby, born at 4pm and weighing 7pnds 6oz. Congrats to them both, and we look forward to another little one growing up at the Club. The weather has been great for sailing and our WAGS nights have been very hectic. We do appreciate everyone's patience during these busy times, as we continue to do the best job we possibly can. The fresh Barramundi is getting a little scarce at the moment, so we are sourcing out the best fresh, local fish we can get, which has received positive feedback from patrons. All in all, it has been a great season so far, and we look forward to continuing that way through to the New Year. Cheers, from all at Spinakkers." Sime Coombe



Spinakkers Fruit Platter

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual skippers dinner

In 2010 the suggestion was made to reward the skippers and their regular crew that turn up week after week to make WAGS the huge success that it is. It has long been said that Wednesdays are the key to the clubs survival and without the dedication of these individuals things might not be the same. So it was decided to reward the skippers with a skippers dinner as a way for the club to say thank you. However, the wheels in committee land sometimes turn very slowly and it wasn't until 2011 that a date was finally set and a venue chosen. That venue was Salsa Bar & Grill and there was a great turn out to celebrate the first invitational WAGS Skippers Dinner. As is often the case the party rolled on well into the night and the odd skipper or two awoke the next day to wonder why their clothes were soaked and their mobile devices had passed away.

Salsa was again chosen for the 2012 dinner and the usual suspects turned out in force to enjoy mouth watering canapés ahead of sumptuous mains and a chocolate dessert to die for that happened to be adorned with sparklers to celebrate the coinciding birthday celebrations of our illustrious manager. A great night was enjoyed by all to celebrate another fantastic year of WAGS.



L-R Graham (Sinabada), Ann (Ann Sea), Vic (Sky Walker, Whitecap & Andiamo), Campbell (Jimmie Blacksmith), Tim ( Ann Sea), Robin (Sky Walker, Whitecap & Andiamo), Judy (Sinabada), the birthday cake and the birthday boy - Captain Richie

## September WAGS roundup

**Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>** six yachts set sail in blustery conditions with Vic and Robin Petrus' new cat Andiamo joining Ice, Miriama, Port FM Mais Oui, Ann Sea and Sinabada. There was a huge turnout of hopeful punters and with several boats unavailable places were limited but the lucky ones enjoyed a good sail with Sinabada winning the rum.

**Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>** seven yachts hit the waves for another fabulous Spring evening sunset sail. Ice, Miriama, Port FM Mais Oui, Tropic Bird, Magic, Jimmie Blacksmith and Sinabada enjoyed the good conditions filling their decks with another good crowd of visitors and locals.

**Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup>** ScallyWAGS celebrated international talk like a pirate day with eight yachts enjoying a fabulous 10 to 12 knots on a calm sea. With many crew dressed in their finest pirate attire cutlasses clanged and the aaarrhg's rang out as Magic, Ice, Ruff Red, Port FM Mais Oui, Sky Walker, Ann Sea and Sinabada terrorised the high seas. Pete sailing on Port FM Mais Oui was awarded best dressed and Sinabada collected some more rum.

**Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>** Nine yachts sailed out to sea in the presence of Pacific Dawn anchored off Four Mile. Impact, Magic, Jimmie Blacksmith, Ann Sea, Ice, Port FM Mais Oui, Sinabada and Sky Walker were beaten to the rum by Ruff Red.



Above: Sunset sailing on Ice Below: Cut Throat Ken, Mutineer Mick and Deck Wench Trudy prepare to board the next table and shiver some timbers..aaaargh!



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Out on the water allow the gusty winds to breeze through your troubles. The swishing of waves dissolve the past, leaving all thoughts adrift the frothing wake

By Trudy Erdmann

Got something for our Newsletter? Any photos or a few lines of verse? Don't be shy, just send 'em in.

## New Members

Julie Bell

Ryan Holden

Robert Morgan

Stephen Applebee

Tamarin Millar

Aaron Armstrong

Ron & Christine Pantlin

*Welcome to all the new members, and remember guys... Sailing's way more fun than fishing...*

Have you joined? With 25% off at the bar, why wouldn't you?



**Lizard Island Rally 2012** *Planning is progressing well for this year's event starting on October the 20<sup>th</sup> and much interest has been shown by many yachties so come along and join in the fun! It appears that the Lizard Island Resort is planning a huge Halloween Party on the 31st that promises to be the best yet. For those interested in our Rally this year can I please ask if you could now confirm your interest in participating and if you could advise me of your name, your vessels details and arrival date if you are intending to berth here at Half Moon Bay Marina as berths are limited. If you require any further information please let me know. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you on the water! Warwick shakazulu@hotmail.co.uk 0458 720 320.*

**Sailing Committee? What Sailing Committee?** You could be forgiven for thinking that the sailing committee had been in hiding over recent years. In fact it has been missing for the last couple of years simply because it had never been appointed. 2012/2013 will change all that with the appointment of a fully functioning sailing committee to plan and organise all our on water activities. Meeting on the second Thursday of every month the new committee consists of Simon Macfie, Tim Preuss, Mike Garrett, Campbell Corbett and Rear Commodore Mick Gwilliams. Simon brings to the committee a strong influence to improve the cruising side of things while Campbell has pledged to take on the role of coordinating various training activities for our members. Tim with his idiom "too much sailing is nowhere near enough" is a perfect candidate and Mike is also ideally suited with his appointment as the manager of the clubs J24, Port FM Mais Oui. The new sailing committee met earlier this month to set about finalising the club sailing programme for 2013 and there is some great news to report. Every second Sunday of each month (excluding January and May) is designated a cruising day with trips to Snapper and Low in the pipeline. A season opening party is planned for January 19<sup>th</sup> with breakfast at the club followed by a sail by and an overnighter at Low Isles. Training seminars are being put together with Doug Ryan and Mal Richardson coming onboard to share their extensive knowledge. The Sailing Committee will meet every month and a full report will appear in the Newsletter.

**The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016** Every four years the International Sailing Federation issues the latest version of the Racing Rules of Sailing. The 2013-2016 RRS is due to take effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. Copies of the Blue Book as it is referred to will be available through the club once they are published. One of the rules is that every boat shall carry a copy of the rules so be sure to get your copy. As for any changes there is plenty of re-wording and minor alterations but on first look there appears to be no major changes. The 2013-2016 RRS is available online at the ISAF website via the following URL. <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>

# October Sailing

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| <b>WAGS</b>                              | <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00pm onwards</b>     | <b>Sunset 6:15pm last light 6:37pm</b>               |
| <b>Spring Series:<br/>Race 4 &amp; 5</b> | <b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 10:00am and 2:00pm</b>  | <b>Windward leeward buoy races</b>                   |
| <b>WAGS</b>                              | <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm onwards</b>    | <b>Sunset: 6:16pm last light 6:38pm</b>              |
| <b>Spring Series:<br/>Race 6</b>         | <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm</b>             | <b>Windward leeward buoy race</b>                    |
| <b>WAGS</b>                              | <b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm onwards</b>    | <b>Sunset 6:18pm last light 6:40pm</b>               |
| <b>Spring Series:<br/>Race 7 &amp; 8</b> | <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00am and 2:00pm</b> | <b>Windward leeward buoy races plus presentation</b> |
| <b>WAGS</b>                              | <b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm onwards</b>    | <b>Sunset 6:20pm last light 6:42pm</b>               |
| <b>WAGS</b>                              | <b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm onwards</b>    | <b>Sunset 6:22pm last light 6:45pm</b>               |

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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A sailor and a priest were playing golf. The sailor took his first shot missed and said, "#@\$!, I missed." Surprised, the priest replied, "Don't use that kind of language or God will punish you." The sailor took aim and hit his second shot. Again he missed and under his breath the said, "#@\$! I missed again." The priest overheard and replied, "My son, please don't use that language or God will punish you." The sailor took his third shot and once again he couldn't help mutter, "Oh #@\$!..." The priest said, "That's it God will certainly punish you." Suddenly a bolt of lightning came down and killed the priest. In the distance a deep voice said, "#@\$!, I missed".

**Next issue:** Scheduled for release October 27<sup>th</sup> all being well. **Thanks** to all the owners of material borrowed from the net.

**Contributions welcome:** If you want to submit anything for inclusion, even a regular article, email [pdyc@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au](mailto:pdyc@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au)

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