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Commodore's Comments

from Commodore Ian Threlfall

There is no doubt the big news around the Squadron this past month has been the success of our young Olympic aspirants. The Australian Sailing Team to Rio later this year will consist of 11 sailors – 5 of those young sailors are members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Not only that but three more members are travelling with the team as accredited Manager/Coaches. We are unaware of any other club in Australia that can ever have claimed such success for Olympic selection.

I am sure all members will join me in being very proud of the success of these very committed young sailors. Mat Belcher, Will Ryan, Jaime Ryan, Jake Lilley and Ashley Stoddart have competed on the world stage and made the team. Congratulations to them all. We have more articles about this great effort later in this edition of Mainsheet.

I also want to mention Jo Sterling, who while not gaining selection this time, was 'oh so close' and will no doubt reach her goals in the future. You can be sure that RQYS will support all our Olympic aspiring athletes now, and into the future.

You will know that RQYS has been looking to expand facilities for our members into other parts of our wonderful Moreton Bay. During the past month we have installed 10 member-use moorings in Deanbilla Bay on North Stradbroke Island. These moorings are to ensure that our members can continue to have short term access to one of the best anchorages on the eastern side of Moreton Bay and also to provide access to North Stradbroke Island itself into the future. Please see our website or contact our Reception to get information in regard your use of these moorings.

You will also recall, that in line with our key strategies to increase our facilities for Junior, Youth and School based sailing programs and to provide 'Destinations' for our yachting members, we have been working toward acquiring a 0.6-hectare beach front property on North Stradbroke island. Over the past months we have been successful in, firstly, having Sibelco (the Sand Mining Company) agree to transfer their lease for their property at Deanbilla Bay (known as their Single Worker's Barracks) to RQYS. Secondly, we have been given formal Ministerial consent for the transfer of that lease and a commitment by the State Government to approve a Change in Use for the land to include our sport of sailing. We also have a

commitment from the State to re-negotiate the ongoing lease terms with a view to a long term sporting lease and/or freehold acquisition of the property. I will keep everyone informed of progress down this path, but as I write this, our initial lease is being processed through the State Titles Office. It will be an exciting new phase as we develop and release 'RQYS Deanbilla' to our members.

Our Coach and Sailing Manager Brady Lowe and his instructors are well advanced in planning to deliver a range of sailing programs at RQYS Deanbilla. We intend to work with the schools within the Redlands to engage with a whole new community of young sailors. A number of Brady's young instructors recently visited the site and are now very excited by the prospect of teaching windsurfing and sailing off the sandy beach. Very soon we hope to be offering weekend and week-long sailing camps in this very special place.



Our two Cruising Groups have been quick to see the potential of Deanbilla as a destination. I am very happy to hear that they are already planning fund-raising events aimed at enhancing the Deanbilla property with BBQ and shade facilities so that, in conjunction with our moorings within the bay, a first-class destination and member meeting place will be available to all members and guests. Those who have visited the area will know the absolute joy of being with friends upon the grassy slopes above the beach at Deanbilla, engaging in the customary 'sundowners' whilst watching the sailing and sunset over the distant mainland.

It's great to belong



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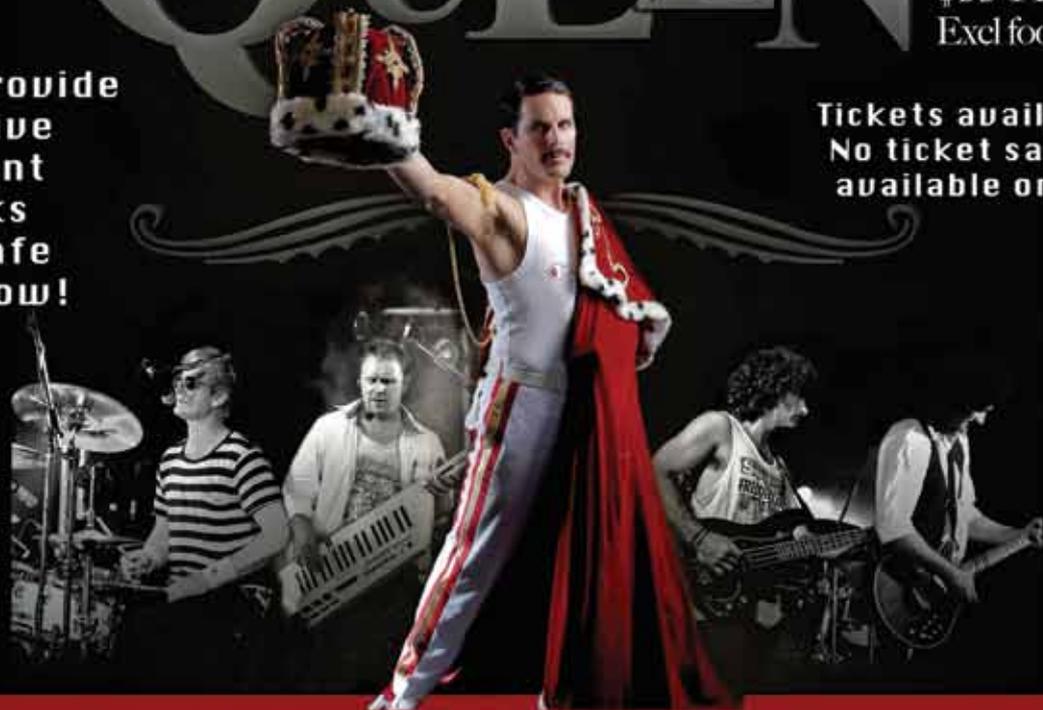
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General Manager's Update JULY 2016



BY SHAWN KET

A Great Membership Year at RQYS

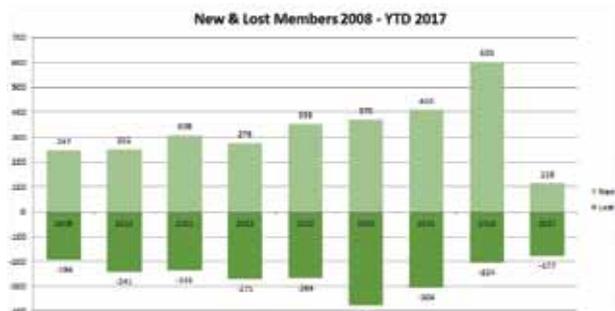
The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron saw its most successful membership year in 2015/2016 (to our Financial Year end at April 30), with some 3600 members, up from 3200 members in the previous year. Membership acquisition and retention are at historic best-ever levels.

Of the 603 new members in FY 2016, 242 joined as RQYS social classes. Interestingly our benchmarking shows that amongst national comparison clubs, RQYS leads in the area of current "boating members" vs "future boating members" at approximately 87% currently.

RQYS Social membership numbers around 480 in total, approximately half to one third of the number of Social members in national comparison benchmarked clubs. Further, and we think differently, we encourage all members, including our Social members, to participate in the sport of yachting in one way or another; and this approach to enhancing participation in our sport is working. Whilst we believe that all of our members have a love of all things on and around the water and that underpins why they choose to join RQYS, many of our new Social members have already embarked on the pathway to on-water activity and have volunteered, joined the RQYS Sailing Academy in learn to sail programs or participated in sailing programs such as WAGS, and our weekday and weekend Ladies sailing.

These membership achievements and growing, broad based levels of participation supports and builds upon the proud sailing heritage which underpins the RQYS record of success; success culminating in an unprecedented five RQYS athletes and three RQYS Olympic Support staff heading off to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

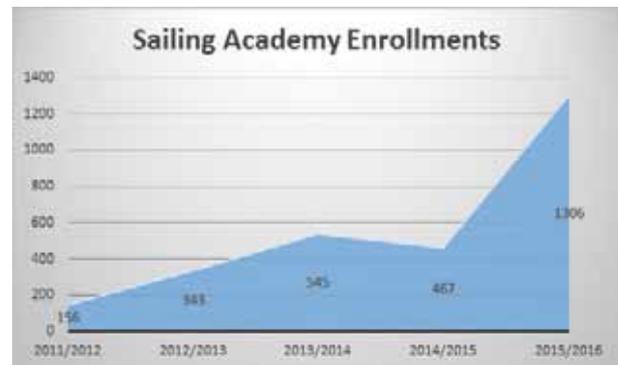
In the graph below the data for the new financial year 2017 is for May and June to date this year only, noting that our financial year ends on April 30. After the record 2016 year, 2017 is indicating solid continuing membership growth and within expectation retention.



RQYS Sailing Academy booms

It's all happening in and around new pathways to sailing. The RQYS Sailing Academy has observed exponential growth this year. Our coach and Academy manager Brady and his team of instructors and volunteers really deserve our accolades.

The Academy continues to grow and impress. The numbers really speak for themselves as do the happy faces of participants and parents. A great initiative in Sail and Play and Tackers has been to offer supervising parents a warm welcome to use Squadron facilities and the opportunity for onwater or social membership.



We have achieved National Centre of Excellence status with Yachting Australia for windsurfing; accompanied by a Queensland Government sponsored \$100k windsurfing facility at the Eastern Beach to be constructed soon.

Future Trends in Sailing

I recently attended the national Yacht Club CEO conference. One of the key discussion points led by Alistair Murray, CEO of Ronstan, was focussed on the future trends in sailing globally. Alistair interviewed the world's "who's who" in sailing and succinctly, and not in order of priority, these trends are:

1. New sailors are more time poor than in the past
2. New sailors will buy boats later than in past generations
3. There is a trend to families not wanting to "split up" on weekends
4. Yacht clubs will need to supply boats for sailing until members decide to buy or we will lose members in the already acknowledged "gap" period between learning to sail and boat purchase
5. This "gap" period is widening based on later marriage / families and an aging population
6. The average yacht purchase age is 60
7. There is a move away from racing (sport) and toward recreational sailing (family pastime) globally

8. Multihulls are to be ignored at yacht club's "peril"
9. Foiling yachts are exciting, member attractors and will continue to become pervasive on more mainstream sailing boats
10. Cruising and fun sailing is growing, racing is declining
11. Share boat ownership or sailing other's boats is an emerging trend
12. China is serious about sailing; building boats and running big regattas

Fortunately, RQYS is bucking the trend in racing sailing and we intend to keep it that way. That said, to address the acknowledged global changing trends in sailing we are planning a bundled membership/sailing product on RQYS supplied boats for sailors who do not yet own their own boat. We envisage a package of both membership and some 20 racing and / or social sails per year at a fixed yearly price. We will incorporate this into our Academy learn to sail programs for both individuals and families. It is our goal that a healthy percentage of the sailors attracted to this membership option will one day will one day move to crew roles and racing fleets. In other words, by continuing to grow participation in sailing through multiple entry pathways, we fuel growth in racing and cruising fleets.

Destinations and berths for members

We now have two great destinations for members, the 6 Berths on the VIP Bill Kirby Jetty at Manly and 10 brand new moorings beautifully located at the southern end of Deanbilla Bay.

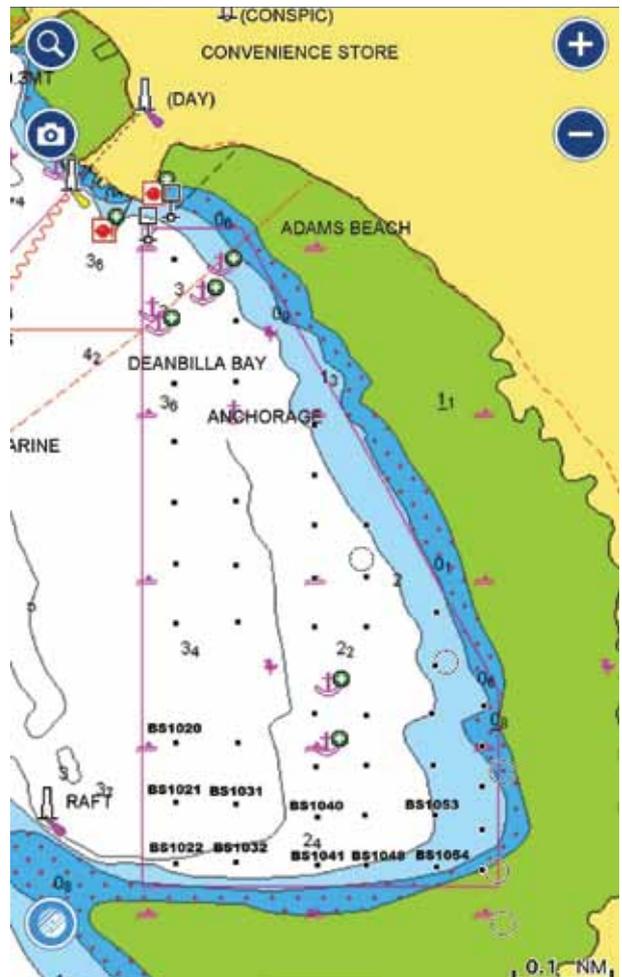


RQYS Exclusive Mooring at Deanbilla Bay

We think this represents fantastic member value, is certainly unique to RQYS and is free to RQYS boat owning members. Please book berths at Reception. Details are on our web site.



VIP Bill Kirby Jetty



Deanbilla Bay Moorings Map

Yours in yachting,

Shawn Kerr

ROAD TO RIO

RQYS Represents in Record Number of Classes

BY BRADY LOWE | SAILING MANAGER

The path to compete at the Rio 2016 Olympics for Australian sailors is a tough one, sailors spend the previous four years (and often more) training and competing in the hope of representing their country in a range of sailing disciplines and classes. In 2016 the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron will be represented in a record four separate classes, this represents more than half of the teams that Australia will be sending to the Games for sailing.

Single handed sailing at the Olympics is spread across three classes: Laser Radial, Laser Standard for Men and Women, and the Finn. The Laser Men's and Women's are similar in athlete profile: fit and agile sailors who compete in a simple boat in close tactical racing. In the Laser class the Squadron will be represented by Ashley Stoddart in the Laser Radial Women's category. The Laser Radial is probably one of the most closely contested divisions at the games in terms of number of potential medallists, with the Netherland's Marit Boumeister, the defending silver medallist hoping to go one better in Rio. Close behind are ever present successes like Belgium's Evie Van Acker, Denmark's Anne Marie Rindom, and Sweden's Tuula Tenkanen. Also returning for the games after a long period away from the sport is London gold medallist Lija Xiu. Competition between this group of extremely talented sailors it is sure to be a close battle, and with Ashley regularly achieving positions in the medal race finals it will be an exciting spectacle. The Laser Men's will be represented by NSW's Tom Burton. Squadron sailor Mitch Kennedy has been a part of his Australian Sailing Team Squad for the past couple of years, assisting in what many hope to be a strong medal chance for Rio. The Laser men have a strong concept of team, and a medal in Rio will be in some way a reflection of the strength of the team that Mitch is a part of.

The Finn is a historic class that has been raced in the Olympics since the 1956 games. In 1960 the Squadron was represented by Ron Jenyns who was the first Squadron sailor to start in an Olympic Race. The class remains in the Olympics due to its strong history, but also because of its position on the cutting edge of innovation, plus the strength and fitness needed to race these boats. The timber hulls and rigs with cotton sails that Jenyns would have known, bear only the outline resemblance to the class today; where sails are the thinnest of Mylar film, hanging off custom carbon rigs, attached to boats whose minimal shape tolerances have been exploited and refined by generations of designers and boat builders. The class is often regarded as the pinnacle of singlehanded sailing, with names like Ainslie, Bertrand and Coutts being past Olympic medallists. In 2016 the Squadron's Jake Lilley will start at Rio in the midst of a host of small boat superstars. While three

times gold medallist from Great Britain, Ben Ainslie, has left the class, it is now a new generation of aspirants who wish to take the Gold in 2016, including: London silver medallist Hans Hogh-Christensen, bronze winner PJ Posthama from the Netherlands, and multiple World Champion Giles Scott. Jake goes into this regatta having consistently been ranked in the top 5 in the world and placing 4th at the 2016 Gold Cup.

The doublehanded classes are varied across the mixed Nacra 17, where NSW's Jason Waterhouse and Lisa Daramin are in with a strong chance of a medal behind the dominant French team. The 49ers team, gold medallists from NSW, Nathan Outteridge and Iain Jensen, will return to duel with the silver medallists from London and New Zealand. Lewis Brake is a member of the 49er Squad that has been strong over the last three Olympic Games, while he is still building towards the games he will be one to watch for Tokyo 2020.

The 470 is the mainstay of Olympic competition over the last two decades. The lightweight, agile, and immensely fit sailors, in both Men's and Women's classes, compete in a boat that is technical, tactical and a test of stamina; and with unlimited pumping allowed in many conditions, racing is a potentially grueling challenge.

The Australian 470 Men's combination of Squadron sailors Mat Belcher and Will Ryan have been locked in a four-year duel with the London silver medallists from Croatia. Mat is the defending London gold medallist, on that occasion teaming up with Malcolm Page. The 470 Men's competition has been to and fro, with the Aussie pair taking the lion's share of gold over the last four years. But the Croatians are the ones who will go into the games as World Champions. The showdown at Rio is one of the most anticipated sailing events at the games.

In the 470 Women's it is youth and passion that will take the start in the form of Squadron sailor Jaime Ryan, and her Fremantle Sailing Club partner Carrie Smith. As previous competitors in the Youth 420 class they teamed up during this quadrenial to gain selection to the Olympics and hope to achieve a strong showing in the class. While the pair are an outside chance the 470 Women's class, the class has been varied and open, with a diversity of winners across World Cup events in the last 12 months. This Aussie pair have consistently placed around the top 10, showing patience and determination to continue to achieve strong results while other teams have struggled with consistency. Jaimie's sister Sasha also contested for the Games, and between the Ryan family (Jaime and Sasha's brother Will who will sail with Mat Belcher) it's a stellar achievement for a whole family to be so prominent in a class.

RQYS RIO 2016 OLYMPIANS



MATHEW BELCHER

Mathew Belcher is the defending Olympic champion in the men's 470 class, having won gold at the London 2012 Olympic Games. After the 2012 Games, Belcher paired up with Rio Olympic debutant Will Ryan, who was a training partner in the lead up to the London Games.

WILL RYAN

Will Ryan is set to make his Olympic debut at the Rio 2016 Games alongside his teammate - defending Olympic champion Mathew Belcher - as well as fellow 470 competitor and sister Jaime. Will was the youngest competitor in the 2006 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.



JAIME RYAN

Jaime Ryan was selected in the women's 470 class and will make her Olympic debut in Rio with her brother, fellow 470 sailor Will. Coached by Beijing 2008 Olympic gold medalist Nathan Wilmot, Jaime and her teammate Carrie Smith finished the 2015 World Championships regatta in ninth to secure a quota spot for Australia for Rio 2016.

JAKE LILLEY

The youngest ever Australian National Championship winner in his class, he secured Australia a quota spot in the Finn Class for the Rio Games at the 2014 World Championships in Santander, Spain. Jake was Australia's sole competitor in the Finn class at the Rio Test Event last year, where he finished in eighth place.



ASHLEY STODDART

Ashley Stoddart will make her Olympic debut in Rio in the Laser Radial at the famous Copacabana area on the Marina de Gloria. It is a full circle for the Queenslander's sailing career, having first represented Australia at a Worlds event in Brazil at the 2009 Yachting World Championships in Buzios.

Determination and PERSEVERANCE

BY JOANNA STERLING

Following the RSX World Championships in February I went on to compete in both Princess Sofia Regatta in Palma, Mallorca and the Sailing World Cup event in France. Both these events were highly competitive with 63 women racing in Palma (more competitors than our last World Championships), and the top 40 ranked sailors competing in Hyeres. These events also comprised the final selection process for the 2016 Olympic Team. We raced in a variety of conditions across the two events. Strong offshore winds tested my decision making and speed in planing conditions while the lighter days were an opportunity to show how much I had improved my speed, fitness and skills over the last four years. I was very happy to see progress and consistency in my starts and, as a result, had some great races. I came away with an 18th place finish in Palma and 20th place in Hyeres.

While these results were not enough to qualify to compete in Rio, I can recognise the massive amount of progress that my coach, Max, and I have achieved. Having finished the 2016 selection process with a world ranking of 13, qualified Australia for a place to compete at the



2016 Olympics, and a number of great results along the way I'm confident in saying that it's only a matter of time before I am consistently finishing among the top sailors. It's no secret that RSX is a complex class, however we have done everything within our control to reach a high level of fitness, improve my speed, test equipment and gain racing knowledge and experience. We will continue to focus on achieving excellence as we work towards our ultimate goal of medalling at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

I would like to thank RQYS and its members for their continued support of my Olympic campaign in the RSX class. Despite the disappointment of missing out on selection this time around, it has been a great journey and one which I look forward to continue sharing in the future. I also wish the RQ sailors who will be competing in Rio – Mat, Ash, Jaime, Will and Jake – the very best for the Olympics!

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Youth Travellers

Junior Representation around the World

BY BRADY LOWE | SAILING MANAGER

Many of our youth sailors are traveling to various class World, European and Asian Championships over the Australian winter, taking the burgee far and wide in the traditions of many generations of RQ sailors who have gone before them.

Under 19 Laser Radial Worlds in Dunleary Ireland - Nathaniel Dutton, Iona College sailor and 2nd at Schools Team Racing Nationals last year, has only just moved into the Laser Radial. Mara Stranksi, live-aboard cruising multihull sailor who has joined RQ to be more involved in racing in the Laser Radial class at the highest level, recently placed 3rd at the Queensland Championships and 1st Girl 2016 Keppel Bay Sailing Club.

Laser 4.7 Worlds, Kiel Germany - Tom Needham, Brisbane Grammar School, winner of 2015 Sail Melbourne Regatta in the 4.7, reached top 10 at the Nationals after only becoming involved in the Laser in the last six months. He has achieved steady improvement over Youth Week, States, Nationals. George Morton, Gold Coast based member who has been a two time Queensland Championship winner and The Southport School sailor, draws many similarities with a young Mat Belcher.

Laser Under 21 Worlds, Kiel Germany - Dan Self (Laser Standard), Annie Eastgate and Simone Wood (Laser Radial), all long time Laser sailors at the Squadron who have trained and raced together over the last four years. Dan has competed over the last couple of seasons in Europe. Annie and Simone have competed together in the Radial for a number of years. Both girls are Squadron Instructors, involved in teaching the next generation of Squadron Juniors. Annie has been the Queensland Women's Laser Champion and inducted in the Queensland Academy of Sport Sailing team after a great summer at National Championships in Belmont NSW.

Optimist Sailors - Ashley Swadling and Hamish Thorne, Ash to Opti Euros in Italy, Hamish to Opti Asians in Sri Lanka. Both very competitive in the Optimist at Nationals at Georges River NSW. Ash is National Women's Champion. Hamish, who narrowly missed out on Worlds team selection (only the top five in the country in the Optimist go) still has one Nationals in the Opti to go.

29er Worlds Medemblik Netherlands - Tom Cunich, who has represented the Squadron and Australia at the 2014 Youth Olympics is looking to compete at the 29er Worlds with Southport Yacht Club sailor Ezra Pritchard. The pair podiumed in the 29er Men's division at the Nationals





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BY JOHN CURNOW

So here we are today with the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's Club Marine Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race about to have its 10th Birthday.

RQ is bringing her own presents to the party. This comes in the form of a new division for even more sailors to join in and celebrate the occasion. True, they'll be even busier souls, as it is the Short-Handed Division we're talking about, but you cannot deny their enthusiasm and commitment. Yet the party does not end there, either, for some of the biggest stars in the monohull world are set to line up on August 5, 2016 for the race proper.

Already four short-handed crews are set for this newest division that will complement the racers, cruisers and multihulls.

Phillip Turner's mini-maxi, the RP66 known as Alive is currently receiving a minor-refit in the Philippines. Kate Hine tells us, "Her dark blue topsides are getting loving attention from a team of about 20 diligent, but now heavily sunburnt, Filipino painters who are sanding and filling the myriad of small dings and scuffs from nine months of intense and amazing sailing in Asia."

"There is a bit of pressure on, because delays with slings and weather and 'tropical time' have pushed back the final top coating, but we are pushing to get it all done as soon as possible. Why the urgency? Because we are coming back specifically in time for the Brisbane to Keppel 2016 and we want Alive to look her shiniest bluest best for the event!"

"The Brisbane to Keppel represents many things to us, and personally it is one of my favourites. Firstly, it is very important for offshore training in preparation for the Sydney to Hobart. Secondly, it is logistically relatively easy - entry, timing of the race just prior to Airlie Beach, close to home - all these things combine to mean there is less headache involved to get a boat like Alive to start."

"Thirdly, the race is quite interesting technically and scenic, with the start up the channel in Moreton Bay, the passage past Fraser Island, Indian Head and Lady Elliot Island, while weighing tide, sea breeze and land breeze against point of sail and dodging whales. Finally, the finish at Keppel Bay Marina is usually, for us, very early in the morning. However it is warm and the committee have showers, food and drinks all waiting, which quickly lessens the fatigue and makes for a good banter on the way home and/or late afternoon sleeps for all those who are staying around."

Duncan Hine says, "We have been representing the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron in Asia for the past nine months. The past two years, I feel, have been spent learning the boat, much aided by the Black Jack team, and building crew. The time in Asia really helped with crew building, because it forced us to expand our crew pool to match the extraordinary amount of racing. Now, we have a bunch of sailors with great skills and great attitude, and they are a pleasure to sail with."

"However the next six months is needed to finesse team work prior to the Sydney to Hobart and the Brisbane to Keppel race is an important part of that training. I am really looking forward to another year sailing this great boat with this crew. Thanks to Phil making it all possible!"

Now the Australian icon, Wild Oats XI, will also be part of the Brisbane to Keppel race. Sandy, Ian and Ros Oatley have confirmed that the boat will carry on their late father's legacy. The race, along with Audi Hamilton Island Race Week, forms part of the yacht's preparations for the upcoming Sydney to Hobart.

"They're treating this as training for the Hobart race, and are really looking forward to testing the yacht. They haven't had a lot of time with her since she was modified", said Wild Oats XI's Media Manager, Rob Mundle.

Her Skipper, Mark Richards, is also keen to see the silver bullet do well. She owns a truly incredible eight Hobart wins (Line Honours), four of them consecutively, and is the only vessel to ever claim the elusive triple crown of Line, Handicap and Record, not just once, but twice!

RQ has some of the best facilities around, and they will roll out the famous Queensland hospitality for all boats. Entries close on July 22, 2016 and the starting gun fires on August 5, 2016. The 343nm race is expected to attract over 40 entries from mono and multihulls in IRC, ORCi, PHS, OMR and now short-handed divisions.

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron would like to thank their naming rights sponsor, Club Marine, who is Australia's largest insurer of marine pleasure craft. Speaking of pleasure, if you'd like to be amongst the fleet for the 10th anniversary of the Brisbane to Keppel race on August 5, 2016, then please go to www.brisbanetokeppel.com and start clicking away. Sun, fun, warm hospitality and perhaps even the odd whale awaits you.

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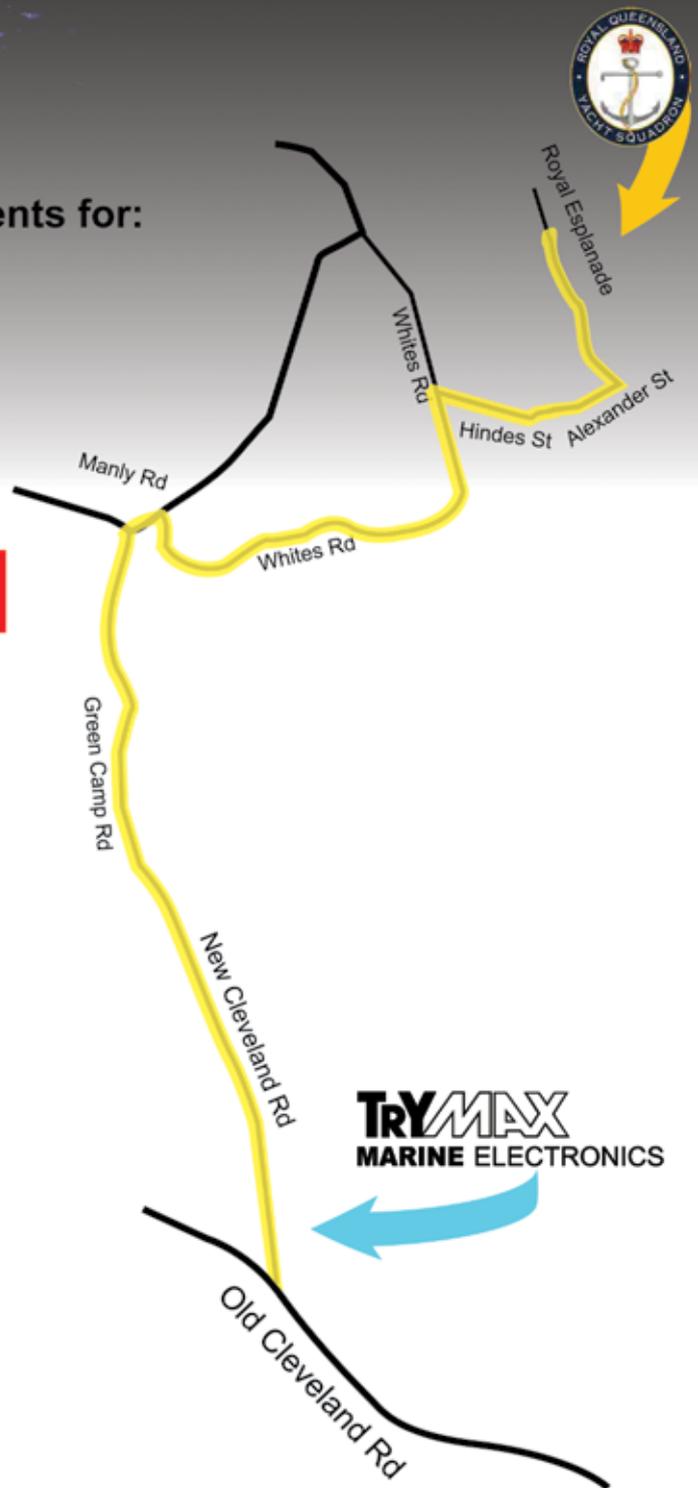
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RQYS Girls Compete in China

Hobie Cat World Championships

BY ROB ANDREWS

RQYS juniors Haylie Andrews (16yrs) and Millie MacFarlane (17yrs) finished fourth in the 21st Hobie 16 World Championships in China. The girls missed the podium by one point after the final day of racing was cancelled due to poor weather.

There are entrants from all over the world including New Caledonia, USA, South Africa, Australia, Indonesia, France, China, Philippines, Italy, Canada, Hong Kong, Denmark, Brazil, Fiji, Korea, Japan, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Haylie & Millie cut their teeth sailing Optimist dinghies at the Squadron and went from there straight into a Hobie 14 Turbo ("Mini" Hobie 16) when they were both 13 years old. The girls have been sailing a Hobie 16 together for the last two seasons and love the excitement of sailing such a powerful boat.

They have improved progressively, sailing in the very competitive RQYS Hobie fleet. They won the Junior division of the Queensland Hobie Championships at Hervey Bay over the Easter weekend and only missed winning the Women's division of the Australian Championship by two points at Port Stephens over Christmas/New Year. (A Black Flag on the final day cost them dearly).

The Hobie 16 is by far and away the world's most popular one design catamaran and the World Championships are still organised by the Hobie factory who supply 60 brand new identical boats for the regatta. Competitors compete in round-robin qualifying races, sailing a different boat each race, until the final 56 teams remain to battle it out for the title. Haylie and Millie will be attending their first World Championships and will compete together in the Women's division. It is expected that they will be the youngest all female team at the regatta but they will definitely be competitive in the right conditions. Millie is sensible and will then return to Australia to head back to school. Haylie will stay on and crew for her Dad in the Open division. She reckons she has all her school work covered and under control!

If you would like to get into the Hobie fleet as a junior or adult, please get in touch with the Sailing Manager at the Squadron and he will point you in the right direction. The Hobie community are very inclusive and have a great social aspect as well as very competitive racing at the Squadron. Hobie 16s are almost indestructible, being designed to sail in the surf and are a very affordable boat to own and race. They are perfectly suited to Juniors who love the adrenaline rush or a guy/girl, husband/wife team. Give it a try and you will be hooked.

Late Press

Just prior to going to print we received confirmation that Haylie and Millie finished 4th in the Women's division. Great effort!



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Senior and Junior Presentation 2015-2016 Sailing Season

Off the Beach Classes

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- 1st Hamish Thorne
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3rd Tarquin Clarke
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Season Points Handicap

- 1st Jasmin Young
Cool Running
2nd Hamish Thorne
Aquaboy
3rd Kyle Young
Bonkers

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Hamish Thorne
Aquaboy
2nd Jasmin Young
Cool Running
3rd Kyle Young
Bonkers

Sabot

Squadron Championship

- 1st Caleb Palmer
Mydas Touch II
2nd Will Bridge
Wobbly Boot

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Caleb Palmer
Mydas Touch II
2nd Will Bridge
Wobbly Boot
3rd Lachlan Prentice
Out of Reach

Sabre

Squadron Championship

- 1st Andrew Lovell
Seabiscuit
2nd Alan Wilson
Grey Carnage
3rd Kathy Green
Sea Drift Social Club

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Andrew Lovell
Seabiscuit
2nd Kathy Green
Sea Drift Social Club
3rd Peta Green
Little Piece of Ship

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Andrew Lovell
Seabiscuit
2nd Peta Green
Little Piece of Ship
3rd Alan Wilson
Grey Carnage

Sailboards

Squadron Championship

- 1st Joanna Sterling
2nd Shari O'Brien
3rd Lara O'Brien

Flying 11

Squadron Championship

- 1st Matthew Rogers & Luke Rodgers
Fire Fly
2nd Joshua Sloman & Mitch Miller
Intrepid
3rd Alex Watson & Liam Watson
Fired Up

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Joshua Sloman & Mitch Miller
Intrepid
2nd Matthew Rogers & Luke Rogers
Fire Fly
3rd Alex Watson & Liam Watson
Fired Up

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Matthew Rogers & Luke Rogers
Fire Fly
2nd Joshua Sloman & Mitch Miller
Intrepid
3rd Alex Watson & Liam Watson
Fired Up

Allboats

Squadron Championship

- 1st Jack Tapsall & Mat Sloman
Partially Committed
2nd Samantha Simmonds
IFX
3rd Mark Harper
Orion

Laser Standard

Squadron Championship

- 1st Brad Taylor
Mystic
2nd Rob Sykes
Fundamental
3rd Philip Danks
Sparta

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Brad Taylor
Mystic
2nd Rob Sykes
Fundamental
3rd Philip Danks
Sparta

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Brad Taylor
Mystic
2nd Rob Sykes
Fundamental
3rd Philip Danks
Sparta

Laser Radial

Squadron Championship

- 1st Ben Franklin
Ben
2nd Michael Pitt
Interloper
3rd Kerry Waraker
Quadrelle

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Michael Pitt
Interloper
2nd Kerry Waraker
Quadrelle
3rd Hugh Bekkers
Swift

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Michael Pitt
Interloper
2nd Ben Franklin
Ben
3rd Kerry Waraker
Quadrelle



Jack Tapsall & Mat Sloman



L-R: Liam Watson, Alex Watson, Matthew Rogers & Luke Rogers



David Healey and Commodore Ian Threlfall

Laser 4.7

Squadron Championship

- 1st Tom Needham
Brizo
- 2nd Peter Lahanas
Random Too
- 3rd Nathaniel Dutton
The Wave Train

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Peter Lahanas
Random Too
- 2nd Tom Needham
Brizo
- 3rd George Mickle
Condition Zulu

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Tom Needham
Brizo
- 2nd Peter Lahanas
Random Too
- 3rd George Mickle
Condition Zulu

Hobie 16

Squadron Championship

- 1st Peter Bates
Crazy Ivan
- 2nd Rob Andrews
Hogs Breath Café
- 3rd Bruce Tardrew
Master Yoda

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Bruce Tardrew
Master Yoda
- 2nd Rob Andrews
Hogs Breath Café
- 3rd Peter Bates
Crazy Ivan

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Rob Andrews
Hogs Breath Café
- 2nd Peter Bates
Crazy Ivan
- 3rd Bruce Tardrew
Master Yoda

Mixed Catamarans

Squadron Championship

- 1st Steve Nelson
Not That Way
- 2nd Andrew Job
Outlier

VXOne

Squadron Championship

- 1st Alan Moffat
Ovi One Kenobi
- 2nd Brett Whitbread
Sticky Fingers
- 3rd Michael James
The Beast

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Alan Moffat
Ovi One Kenobi
- 2nd Brett Whitbread
Sticky Fingers
- 3rd Michael James
The Beast

Sports Boats

Squadron Championship

- 1st Andrew Triggell
Peow!! Peow!!
- 2nd Graham Sherring
Stay Tuned
- 3rd Andrew Clauson
Depth Charge Ethel

International Etchells

Squadron Championship

- 1st Noel Patterson
Waterloo Too
- 2nd David Healey
Rapscallion
- 3rd Jason Hawkins
Knot Easy

Season Points Handicap

- 1st Martin Sinclair
Blinky
- 2nd David Healey
Rapscallion
- 3rd Jason Hawkins
Knot Easy

Season Points Scratch

- 1st Noel Patterson
Waterloo Too
- 2nd David Healey
Rapscallion
- 3rd Martin Sinclair
Blinky

Division Yachts

Squadron Championship

IRC

- 1st Chris Morgan
Ragtime
- 2nd Andrew Knights
Georgia Express
- 3rd Todd Anderson
Corum

ORCi

- 1st Chris Morgan
Ragtime
- 2nd David Looke
Broadsword
- 3rd Rod Johannessen
Drake's Prayer

PBH Division 1

- 1st Chris Morgan
Ragtime
- 2nd David Looke
Broadsword
- 3rd Andrew Knights
Georgia Express

Squadron Championship PBH

- 1st Rea Reynolds
Marissa
- 2nd Roger Vinton
Scallywag
- 3rd James Crowley
Sahara



Commodore Ian Threlfall & Caleb Palmer



Martin Sinclair & Vice Commodore Mark Gallagher



Rea Reynolds & Rear Commodore Barry Cuneo



Todd Anderson & Rear Commodore Barry Cuneo

Season Points

IRC

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Andrew Knights Georgia Express
- 3rd Todd Anderson Corum

ORCi

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd David Looke Broadsword
- 3rd Rod Johannessen Drake's Prayer

PBH Division 1

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Andrew Knights Georgia Express
- 3rd David Looke Broadsword

Season Points PBH

- 1st Rea Reynolds Marissa
- 2nd James Crowley Sahara
- 3rd Roger Vinton Scallywag

Round the Cans Series

IRC

- 1st Todd Anderson Corum
- 2nd Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 3rd Cameron Pryce The Fat Controller

ORCi

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd David Looke Broadsword
- 3rd John Leman Bobby's Girl

PBH Division 1

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Andrew Knights Georgia Express
- 3rd Todd Anderson Corum

PBH Division 2

- 1st James Crowley Sahara
- 2nd Rea Reynolds Marissa
- 3rd Roger Vinton Scallywag

Passage Race Series

IRC

- 1st Andrew Knights Georgia Express
- 2nd Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 3rd Rod Johannessen Drake's Prayer

ORCi

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Rod Johannessen Drake's Prayer
- 3rd David Looke Broadsword

PBH Division 1

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Rod Johannessen Drake's Prayer
- 3rd David Looke Broadsword

PBH Division 2

- 1st Rea Reynolds Marissa
- 2nd James Crowley Sahara
- 3rd Paul Heald Split

Canaipa Cup

PBH Overall

- 1st Tam Faragher Kerumba

IRC

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Tam Faragher Kerumba
- 3rd Trevor Bailey Carbon Credits

PBH Division 1

- 1st Tam Faragher Kerumba
- 2nd Laurence Pidgeon Sweetheart
- 3rd Chris Morgan Ragtime

PBH Division 2

- 1st Peter Kerr Pagan
- 2nd James Crowley Sahara
- 3rd Tim McCollum Walkabout

Goodwill Cup

Line Honours

- 1st Tam Faragher Kerumba

IRC

- 1st Tam Faragher Kerumba
- 2nd Clayton Debenham & Craig Ellis Gauntlet
- 3rd Todd Anderson Corum

PBH Division 1

- 1st Chris Morgan Ragtime
- 2nd Tam Faragher Kerumba
- 3rd David Redfern Not A Diamond

PBH Division 2

- 1st James Crowley Sahara
- 2nd Jamie Renwick Upper Cut
- 3rd Rea Reynolds Marissa

WAGS Series

Superseries Monohull

- 1st Richard Wendt Kat
- 2nd Paul Heald Split
- 3rd Rob Wassell Fine Cotton

Superseries Multihull

- 1st Chris Wren Frequent Flyer
- 2nd Geoff Cruse Free Spirit
- 3rd Col Sharpe Overtime



Presentation of Special Award to Chris Morgan from his crew



Geoff Anderson & Commodore Ian Threlfall

Major Sailing Awards

Junior Sailor of the Year:
Tom Needham

Sailor of the Year:
Ashley Stoddart

Junior Awards:
Most Consistent Skipped in a Junior Class:
Hamish Thorne - Aquaboy

Best Result at a National Regatta:
Ashleigh Swadling

Most Improved Junior Skipper:
Peter Lahanas & Erin Cowley

Senior Awards:
Squadron Champion for an Olympic Class:
Brad Taylor - Mystic

Longest Serving Member of a Season Points Winner:
Noel Paterson - Waterloo Too

Most Consistent Skipper in a Senior Class:
David Healey - Rapsallion

Offshore Yacht of the Year:
James Irvine - Mayfair
(9th Sydney to Hobart)

Most Consistent Contributor:
Geoff Anderson

Best Performance in an Olympic Class:
Mathew Belcher & Will Ryan in the 470 Men's
Ashley Stoddart in the Laser Radial
Jake Lilley in the Finn Class
Jamie Ryan in the 470 Women's
(Rio 2016 Olympic Selection)

Keelboat Crew of the Year:
Land Rat Crew



Junior Sailor of the Year Tom Needham & Sailing Manager Brady Lowe



Commodore Ian Threlfall & John Warlow



Richard Wendt & Rear Commodore Barry Cuneo

Interclub Bay Cruise

BY ANTON PRANGE

Commodore of the Interclub Bay Cruise

The recent boat shows at Sanctuary Cove and the Gold Coast Marine Precinct are a great demonstration of the appeal of the boating lifestyle. They also remind us that there is always a bigger boat! However, what they can't put on display is the positive impacts that the boating lifestyle has on families, friendships and the community. One such event that proudly displays these values is the Interclub Bay Cruise.

In 1976, the late John Hattrick, whilst Commodore of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, initiated an annual bay cruise to promote safe family boating and goodwill amongst the boating fraternity. Now in its 41st year, the Interclub Bay Cruise continues to offer boating enthusiasts from all walks of life an annual cruise of Moreton Bay and the Broadwater. The all ages event provides a warm and friendly environment to share a full week of cruising with like-minded boating enthusiasts.

The cruise of 2015 was a very successful event with 64 boats and over 220 cruisers taking part in the tour of the Bay with a different destination and venue each night. RQYS Canaipa once again set the standard for an island venue with Kev hosting the fleet and putting on a delicious meal. The highlight of the night was the nautical

trivia contest which saw even the most experienced sailors scratching their heads.

This year's cruise will see the fleet return to regular favourites such as RQYS Canaipa and Tipplers Passage as well as a great mix of destinations including the Little Ship Club at One Mile, Horseshoe Bay, the BoatWorks and Couran Cove.

The event is open to all types of boats whether your interest lies in "stink boats" or the "rag and stick". Like the supergroup of the Travelling Wilburys, the Interclub Bay Cruise is culmination of efforts by eight affiliated boating clubs in the region. Each club is represented on Interclub Bay Cruise Committee by delegates and the squadron is fortunate enough to be enthusiastically represented by Steve and Kym from Gypsymariner this year.

The cruise will run from the 17th – 24th of September 2016 and all RQYS members and their families are invited to join the fleet. For more details: visit www.interclubbaycruise.org.au or email commodore@interclubbaycruise.org.au.



WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

Members' how long is it since you have dusted off and looked at those old family photo albums and slides?

The current displays in the Miller Gallery will shortly be revamped with some new items.

Display items and photographs in the Gallery are organised and managed by the Model Committee a dedicated group of members who on their own initiative have, to date, been responsible for the acquisition of the International Cadet Dinghy and its restoration, half models and photographs in the Commodores Lounge, and the framed burgees in Flags and adjacent meeting room.

The Model Committee are now beginning to plan a revamp of the Gallery displays that will include displaying the fully refurbished half Finn dinghy HiFinn.

The Committee would now like to also start rotating the photographs in the gallery and are calling on members to contribute and be part of that process?

Members and friends of the Squadron are encouraged to dig deep into their family history and archives for photographs, slides and similar memorabilia that portrays the Squadron's history. Ideally what is being sought is:

- * Photographs/slides that show significant events, including: on the River, at Kemp Place, and the early days at Manly.
- * Photographs/slides of significant achievements at regattas and events by members, their boats and crews.
- * Blue prints, line drawings and half models of significant Squadron vessels.
- * Other items of significance linked to the Squadron and its members.

If you want to keep photographs and slides in family collections the Model Committee can arrange for these items to be scanned, copied and returned.

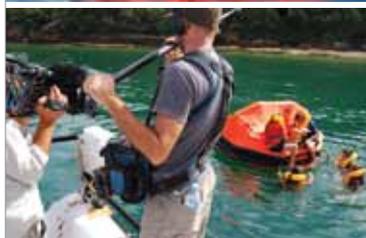
If you would like to discuss what you might have and are not sure of its significance to the Squadron, please email me on mark.gallagher1@hotmail.com with a description of the item and its significance.

Mark Gallagher
Vice Commodore
On behalf of the Model Committee

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MOTORLINE

Club Member of the Year & Volunteer Thank You Night

In May, Squadron members and Volunteers gathered to thank and recognise Volunteers for their contributions to the Squadron and announce the Motorline Club Member of the Year in Season 2015/16.

This year, recognition of volunteers was broadened to include: Marine Sports Contribution and Innovation, Cruising and Navigation, Social, Facilities, and Special.

Our long standing Motorline Club Member of the Year award for the member whose contribution as a volunteer went above and beyond expectations was joined by a new award, courtesy of the Virgo family, the David Virgo Trophy for the Marine Sports Volunteer of the Year.

On the night Squadron members and volunteers who were nominated for awards were presented with Certificates of Nomination and all other volunteers received Certificates of Appreciation.



Pictured: Past Commodore Bill Kirby, winner of the Special Contributor Award, with his wife Margot Kirby.



Pictured: Ian Simeon, winner of the Cruising & Navigation Volunteer Award, and Commodore Ian Threlfall.

Award winners for the various awards were:

Marine Sport Contribution and Innovation Award
John O'Brien and Cameron Whitford for their contribution to developing the Sailboard Program.

Cruising & Navigation Volunteer Award
Ian Simeon for behind the scenes assistance with the organisation of Power Cruising Group activities.

Social Volunteer Award
Trish Brewer for contribution to the success of Squadron social events.

Member Facilities Volunteer Award
Peter Watkins for his almost daily assistance with facilities management and maintenance.

Special Contributor Award
Past Commodore Bill Kirby for knowledge of the Squadron's legal history.

The David Virgo Trophy for Marine Sports Volunteer
Susie Jones for contribution to on and off water volunteering.

MOTORLINE CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2016 -
Peter Watkins: He is there at a moment's notice when needed no matter how small the need. He organises much of the maintenance around the Squadron and at Canaipa. The staff rely on his expert advice and his memory for all the service facilities, gates, toilets, electrical devices, you name it!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Squadron please do not hesitate contacting Volunteer Coordinator Susie Jones on 33968666 or volunteers@rqys.com.au



Commodore Ian Threlfall and Fellow Members

I was truly humbled to have been awarded the 2016 Squadron Club Member of the Year.

Initially I was surprised and speechless, and somewhat overwhelmed at being chosen for this award due the enormous number of volunteers who all pitch in and do their various volunteer duties around the Squadron. So to have been nominated and win this award was unbelievable to me.

I must give credit to the other dedicated volunteers who assist me in carrying out my various projects around the Squadron. There are too many to name in fear of missing one, but they know who they are.

I would also like to thank the staff for assisting me with the back office help that is quite often required to get the jobs done in a timely and orderly manner, without great disruption to the many and various Squadron activities.

Due to my cruising commitments in the next twelve months to the Whitsundays and Tasmania etc I may be a little thin on the ground but certainly only a phone call away.

I feel proud and honoured and reiterate my statement on the awards night: "Why would you not want to be a member of this Squadron!"

Peter Watkins
2016 Motorline Club Member of the Year



Pictured: Susie Jones, winner of the David Virgo Trophy for Marine Sports Volunteer, and Peter Watkins, Club Member of the Year.



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- 1.3 Relevant Class rules (including IRC Rules if applicable) shall apply.
- 1.4 RQYS Club Participation Rules and Code of Conduct shall apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to dinghies and yachts owned by members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.
- 2.2 Classes and Divisions will be determined based on the number of entries received.
- 2.3 Entry will be via the online entry portal at www.rqys.com.au
- 2.4 Season Points Entry Fees:
 - a. Junior Off the Beach Classes (Sabot, Optimist, Flying 11, Laser 4.7, 420, 29er, BicTechno) \$150
 - b. All other Off the Beach Classes, Etechells, VXOne's & Division Yachts \$250.

3. SCHEDULE

Opening Day of the 2016/17 Season will be on Saturday 3 September 2016. Racing will be conducted on Saturdays for Off the Beach classes and Sundays for Division Yachts in accordance with the schedule published at www.rqys.com.au.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published at www.rqys.com.au at least one week prior to the first race.

5. COURSES

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

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Members and guests enjoying the many activities at the Squadron





RQYS Sailing Cruising Group

Easter Cruise

Captains: Mike and Jane Gibson, Curlew

This year the forecast for Easter was perfect, so many of you joined the cruise this year.

We had 18 yachts in total, a great turnout and two more than expected from the list we had. The cruise included a "cruise in company" from Hope Banks to the first destination "The Sandhill's" on Moreton Island. The wind was extremely light and from SW which created a very slow square run from the start. Satisfaction persisted the most and sailed for the longest, Curlew took the opportunity to motor ahead and grab some photos of the fleet.

As most anchorages over Easter are all extremely popular the Sandhill's looked like a mini city at night with all the anchor lights ablaze, spread all the way from the Small Sandhill's to well north of the Big Sandhill's, with well over 200 boats on Friday night.

We all met ashore at 1600 for the traditional sundowners, as the tide was out we adopted a sandbar that could accommodate the group, set up all the aluminium tables in a line and had a banquet of nibbles washed down with some nice wine. Eventually the tide returned and the party was over.

Saturday the group walked from the small Sandhill's to the eastern side for a swim in the clear waters. The departure was an hour before high tide allowing two hours for the round trip and finding our dinghies in the same spot (we did not want to see any groundings with a long drag back to the water). The volunteers for the walk were incredible, a large bunch with four people over 70 up for the trek. They were confronted by a reasonably steep but small first dune and all successfully made to the top, a good sign for the cruise captains, they were all in good enough shape to make the next part of the journey. A great walk was had by all, many who had been to the Sandhill's on many occasions and never walked to the other side. At sundowners we congratulated all who made the journey and the Legends Award went to the four over 70's with a huge round of applause. Congrats go out to Ross Letten, John Steer, Rod Stewart and Nick Cameron for a fantastic effort.

The entertainment for the sundowners was a Rockwiz every question was rewarded with Easter Eggs. Everyone managed to answer something and do a little dance in the circle to get their prize.



With storms forecast for the evening it was agreed to stay at the Sandhill's rather than travelling further north to Lucinda Bay, some yachts decided to leave but the bulk stayed for the Easter Games, the novelty games were designed to create a laugh and a smile amongst the group.

The winners included the crew from Swallow who won the Egg and Spoon variation. Nick Cameron won the Best Tosser in the bunny toss and the Swallow team came through again on the Egg-Legged Race. The prize winners receiving a bottle of wine. The meeting, on a sandbar, was very timely for both sundowners and food for thought for another cruise; creating a formal table, sharing a dinner on a sandbar.

Thanks to all who participated, we had lots of fun!



Sail & Power Cruising Group

Australia Day Cruise

Cruise Captains: Ian & Sharon Simeon, Over Sea'er and Glenn & Joanne Taylor, Simpatico

26 boats with a total of 64 people attended the combined Power & Sail weekend at Canaipa. The theme "Countdown" was chosen for the joint sail and power cruising groups celebrations; the iconic Australian TV show was a world trendsetter and launched many musical careers. So at our Canaipa gathering many stars attended... Angry Anderson, Adam Ant, Led Zeppelin and several Abba lookalikes. Amid the glittering cast for sundowners and a sumptuous dinner by caretaker Kev was his alter ego "Kevinyl", in his signature powder blue safari suit and jaunty fedora hat, spinning his vast collection of LP records of the era. Canaipa rocked the night away in fine style with legends of the seventies.

After the official flag raising and Aussie breakfast, the Games began!

It was pitch perfect for a Test of cricketing skills with the Power team defeating the 'wind gods' by a narrow margin; whoever heard of taking points off for smashing boundaries?

Some novel games set a new bar in competition. Swinging a suspended banana between your legs to knock over bottles required keen hip thrust control! Then there was the elephant trunk contest.. a weighted stocking over your head swung at a ball to score goals by swinging just the head... serious competition there! Sailing won the Tug of War and Tunnel Ball but Power won the Fun with Bananas and Elephant Walk which made Power the overall winners, retaining the winners trophy yet again.

Sundowners, the second night, was themed Aussie finger food and Dame Edna would have been proud of the results... why did toothpick stacks ever go out of fashion?

The most adventurous of the group, including Past Commodore Denis Land, took on the Sand Hill Challenge, entailing the seriously steep climb up to the peak opposite Canaipa Point but worth the effort for the magnificent views over the southern bay islands. The journey back down via the sand flume was so much easier but a high tide made for a cooling wade to get back to our dinghies.

The pool, as always, was in sparkling form thanks to Kev and we took advantage of the cool clear water either for a bit of volleyball or just to chill out and chat.

All in all, the Power team again took out the perpetual trophy and the celebration concluded in good spirits; a great party atmosphere to celebrate our great country and our great club at our fabulous Canaipa facility.



Power Cruising Group

Other fantastic cruises so far this year!

A Cheesy Valentine's Day weekend at RQYS Manly

Cruise Captains: Graham and Karen Hills, Rumbler

The Powerboat Cruising Group becomes innovative when faced with a bad forecast that made Horseshoe Bay, Peel Island unsuitable for our weekend away - so we used our 'concrete beach' (Bill Kirby Jetty) at the clubhouse. Big thanks to first-time Cruise Captains Graham and Karen for the Wine & Cheese Tasting Competition. There was a great variety of wines and cheeses to sample and score for the best combination. A lot of fun was had by all.



Easter weekend at Bribie

Cruise Captains: Commodore Ian & Dawn Threlfall and Greg Denton & Trish Brewer on Destiny

16 boats with a total of 36 people attended the weekend cruise to Mission Point. Some boats arrived on Wednesday and Thursday with the majority arriving on Good Friday. We booked two campsites for our base onshore and thanks to everyone for setting up the gazebo, BBQ and ladies toilet. Every afternoon we met onshore for Sundowners followed by a BBQ dinner around the campfire, a special thank you to Mick and Jenny from Sweet Thing for supplying all the wood. As Easter was early this year the weather was especially fantastic on Saturday so we enjoyed a lot of water activities, swimming, sitting/floating in the shallow water's edge, kayaking and SUPs. Mick and Jenny put on a great

lunch of BBQ rib fillet burgers. Sunday morning we saw a bit of rain but that did not stop the Easter bunnies, Cruise Captains Commodore Ian, Dawn, Greg and Trish, arriving by tender to deliver chocolate Easter bunnies to all of the boats. The bigger registered tenders went on an exploration trip up to Caloundra where we had lunch at the Caloundra Powerboat Club. Monday we had BBQ breakfast ashore followed by the Crab Competition weigh in. It was a close competition between three boats catching a total of 12 mud and sand crabs with Meleleuka (2 sand), Over Sea'er (3 sand & 1 mud) and Crystal (4 sand & 2 mud). Once again Arthur and Jan from Crystal were the winners by a couple of millimetres, winning the biggest crab in both species and the biggest catch. It was great to have the four day break and it was another sensational weekend away on the water.



Magical Mystery Cruise

10 Days: Anzac Day weekend to May Day weekend
Cruise Captains: Ian & Sharon Simeon, Over Sea'er
Deb Coghlan & Jan Ralph, MJ.

It was a great opportunity with the two long weekends to have 10 days on the water. We had 16 boats in total with seven boats, Azimuth, Destiny, MJ, Over Sea'er, Rumbler, Snow Goose and Sweet Thing attending the full cruise and the others joining for the weekends. Luckily it was a Magical Mystery Cruise as due to the winds some of our destinations were changed at the last minute, special thanks to Commodore Ian Threlfall for his valuable advice.

We started off at Canaipa and were joined by Rous Explorer and North Light for the Anzac Day weekend. We had a group BBQ lunch ashore on Saturday and dinner on the boats due to the wind forecast. Sunday morning it was quite windy and we took the bigger tenders out of the calmer creek and ventured over to the other side of the passage to Rous Explorer for morning tea, thanks Tim & Fran Green for a fun morning. Monday we attended the Anzac Day main service followed by lunch at Russell Island RSL. Tuesday morning saw the fleet head south guided by Destiny and anchored overnight at Cobby Cobby where we had a group dinner aboard Snow Goose, thanks Past Commodore Keith and Kay Anderson for a fantastic night.

Wednesday the fleet travelled to Southport Yacht Club (SYC) for two nights in the marina and Sajesar joined the cruise. The crews enjoyed a mud crab late lunch thanks to our successful crabbers Ian Simeon from Over Sea'er and Deb Coghlan from MJ. That night there was a few pre-dinner drinks at SYC followed by a group dinner at a local restaurant, Domanis. Everyone did their own thing the next day which included surfing, shopping, meeting parents for lunch, beach walks and we all met for dinner at SYC, where the service was great as were the meals. Thanks to SYC for their hospitality.



On Friday morning we headed north and anchored at Paradise Point and went ashore for a sensational four course degustation lunch at Artichoke's on Ephraim Island.



After lunch we continued north and decided to spend the extra night anchored at Dux on South Stradbroke and Summerized joined the cruise. We had Sundowners aboard the rafted boats but did not need any dinner after our huge lunch. Most of us had a quiet day on Saturday except Deb Coghlan and Jan Ralph from MJ who went for a two-hour kayak. We went ashore for Sundowners and BBQ dinner with the SYC members who were starting their 70th year anniversary cruise. A fun night, which included Trivia, was won by one of the RQYS teams. Sunday; it was raining and after much discussion about the wind forecast, the cruise headed for the protected anchorage off Karragarra Island where we were joined by Meleleuka, Restless Six and Feranda. Unfortunately, Sajesar had a small issue and headed home. Aranui and Crystal went to our expected last night's anchorage at Deanbilla so unfortunately they missed out on our last night of fun. It was pizza night, so Jo Davis from Summerized ordered 12 pizzas through Mumma's Pizza on Macleay Island and they delivered the pizzas to the boat ramp where Deb Coghlan and Mick Atkinson volunteered to go by tender to collect. Although we had the wind and rain to contend with, overall the weather was kind to us and we all enjoyed a wonderful 10 days on the water with great friends.

To top the cruise off we joined SYC again at RQYS Manly for dinner as part of their 70th anniversary cruise where they presented a 70th year anniversary burgee to Commodore Ian Threlfall. Once again great food, great service from our staff and another enjoyable night with great friends.

Thank you to all the members who participated.

OUR ADVENTURE

Scotland to Australia: continued

STORY & PHOTOGRAPHS BY
BY IAN AND SHELLEY THOMASON

Well, it's April again and we are back in Greece on the island of Samos. Getting here this year was uneventful, no long delays, all flights on time and since landing it has been really quite fun.

After 27 hours of travel we were picked up at Izmir airport, (Turkey), by Murat who we met last year at Patras west of Athens. He said he would drop us off at his home for a sleep and then head off for a day's sailing in a local regatta. Shelley was snookered and all she wanted to do was go and catch up on some sleep, but then Murat said "are you up to it, would like to join me for the day?"

I guess you can predict the answer! So totally jet lagged and in the same clothes I had been wearing on the plane, off we went. Luckily I was wearing sailing shoes! It turned out these guys are good sailors and we won the two races of the day. This was followed by a sponsor's party with all the food and drink you could handle. Needless to say by the end of the night I felt like a wet cat, sprawled on the quay with my head over the edge staring blindly at fish swimming past in torment.

Sunday was better, we started by heading out for a traditional breakfast at the local village with Murat and Oya. Then it was off for another day of sailing. Shelley went racing with an all-girls team, I went back out with the boys and guess what, and we were both on winning yachts! Trophies, medals, photographs and more bubbles followed. Our holiday had begun. The one night planned stay with Murat and Oya turned into three with a tour of the town of Izmir and the local bazaar.

"It turned out that these guys are good sailors and we won the two races of the day!"

Tuesday morning we are up early ready to head to the ferry at Kusadasi. From here we make the one and a half hour trip to Samos. We jumped into a cab and headed over to Andreas Roussakis's boatyard where we are keen to see the yacht and the new work that has been done while we have been away. Our baby, still on the frame with the travel trailer perched beneath is ready to be cradled back into the water.

We ran an eye of approval over the new solar panels which had been fitted over winter, checked out the new header tank for the fuel which is an addition to prevent the fuel pickup from gulping air when motoring in rolling seas, and all the other little bits and pieces we had authorised. It looks great!

Back in the water and across the harbour to the quay. The friendly hotelier Narcos who we had met last year greeted us like long lost friends, took our lines and we were set. Behind us were, among other establishments, two hotels, a cafe with fantastic chocolate cake and free wifi that we can hook into from the boat, the best pizza shop we have been to in years and smiling faces everywhere.

The only indication of the refugee crisis affecting this area is the presence of several international coast guard boats, including Germany and Sweden, which go on patrol every night and if inflatables are found, the occupants are taken to a remote jetty, put into police busses and delivered directly to the compound.



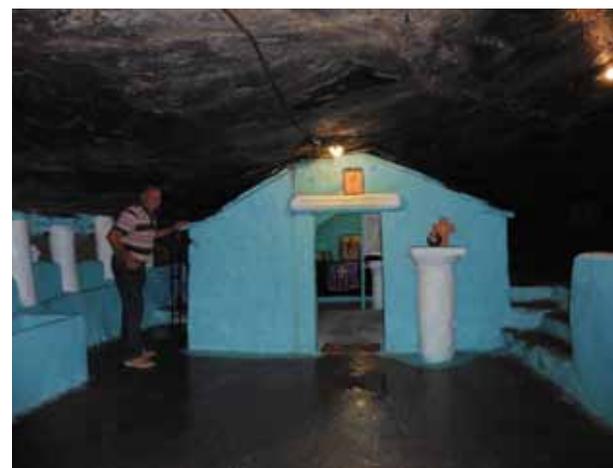


So the task of provisioning and setting up the yacht begins, a task we love to undertake. All is completed amid trips around the island in our little rented Suzuki Splash, an amazing little car which you can squeeze into some of the tightest places. With the mirrors folded in they take up as much room as a motor bike, well almost. We check out some of the sights of Samos, the Temple of Hera, Eupalinio's Tunnel and the Monastery Panagia Spiliani with its fabulous grotto.

One of our excursions was to drive into the mountains and visit a small village called Leka. The road on the map was a different colour to the main roads which usually is a sign of a secondary road. Well let me tell you about the colour orange on the map we had. It means that the path ahead is fraught with difficulty. Full lock hairpin turns, rough anti-skid concrete road surfaces, holes, dirt, steep drop offs, this had it all. Wow, we made it to the top, the only thing to do now was to squeeze between two buildings; one was an unused church, the other a stone shed. We lined the car up as best we could, folded the mirrors in and calculated the clearance.

I suddenly thought, what if this goes nowhere and we can't turn around once through this? I had better check this out on foot first. So I walked up further to a small flat area where there were a couple of really old houses and, wouldn't you know itdogs! The next thing I found myself bailed up by six barking, snarling, hungry attacking dogs. I held them at bay as best I could but one got through my pathetic defences and latched onto my leg. Finally a very old Greek gentleman who looked like he was riddled with arthritis came through an open doorway and started calling them off. It was not much help for a while until he got quite close because our gold fish make more noise than he did. Anyway, finally they settled, and with blood running down my leg, I established the road did continue on to a larger town and headed back to Shelley and our armoured vehicle. We squeezed through the gap in the buildings and soldiered on to our next Samos experience....The Hospital!

Better have a tetanus shot to make sure there are no ongoing problems so off to Samos hospital for a quick shot. Ha, ha, ha! The first thing to do is to recognise the hospital and accept it for what it is. Dilapidated, dark, dingy, understaffed and depressing, it made us realise we have nothing to complain about in Australia. One in four lights was operating if not broken, arm rests on wheel chairs were held in place with elastic bandages, walls had paint peeling and floors were in need of repair. You could get sick in a place like this. The best part of the hospital were the doctors and nurses, they were fantastic.



OUR ADVENTURE

Scotland to Australia: continued

Now to the treatment, with the wound cleaned a prescription was written for me to take to the pharmacy and bring the medication back to the hospital wherein the injection would be given. The script was written on a piece of note paper torn of a note block similar to a post-it note, it did have a hospital emblem on it I must admit. This is all very well except the pharmacies are closed, it is Saturday afternoon after all. Finally at 6pm one opened and with product in hand I trekked back to the emergency centre for the lifesaving shot. Man, what a day!

Picture this, we were all set to leave Samos until we heard about their Easter celebrations. Easter here is later than Australia (Greek Orthodox Calendar) and they really celebrate.

Best of all we have been invited to a family dinner in a home in the centre of the Island. How could we refuse this? What a day, whole lamb and offal sausage wrapped in intestine rotating over embers on a spit in the back yard, Ouzo, Greek grappa, wine, beer and other drinks we were not game to touch adorned the table.

Then the fireworks began!

Bungers which were more like sticks of dynamite were lit and thrown around the yard, double barreled and pump action shotguns appeared and the fun really started. Empty beer and wine bottles were thrown into the air above the neighbours olive grove and clay pigeon shooting commenced. Glass went everywhere, every time a successful shot occurred another

drink came out and it started all over again. We're coming back here for Easter again next year!

So we're still here, because everything is closed for their long weekend and on top of that it's their May Day holiday. The provisions we had bought have been consumed, the beer is gone and the wine rack empty. When the shops open again on Wednesday we will hit the local supermarket and stock up again ready to finally head off on Thursday. The plan is to head across to Teos Marina at Sigacik, Turkey, as we have entered TAG as a competitor in a regatta on the 14th and 15th May. This should be a lot of fun, we'll keep you posted!



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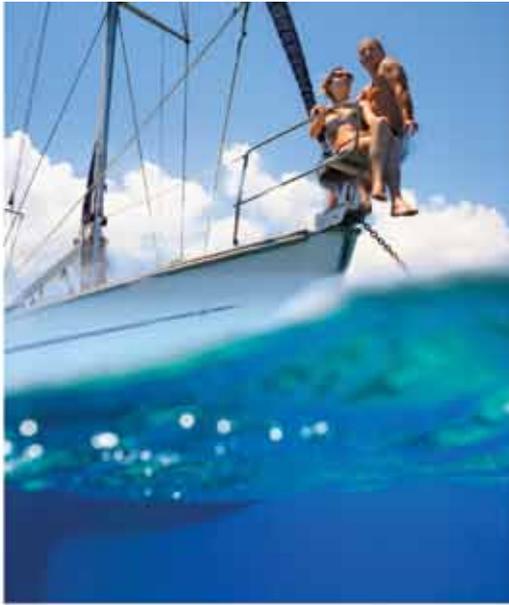
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Kevin James Driscoll

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BY PAST COMMODORE KEVIN MILLER

Born in 1927 and a member for 57 years, Kevin Driscoll's extra-ordinary life came to an end in late February 2016 at age 88. As the son of a sewing machine salesman, he started his own building company, National Homes in 1955 at age 28 and at various times owned seven cattle stations and eight hotels over time in Queensland.

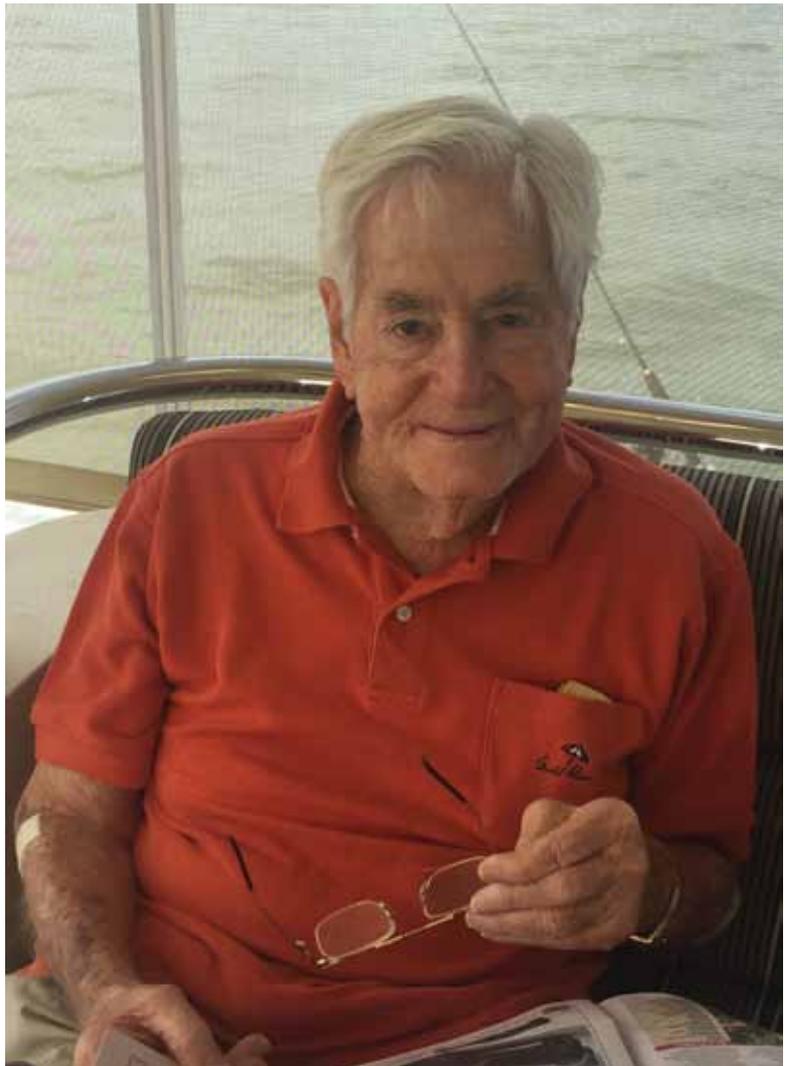
As a prominent member of the Queensland Property Industry he held positions as:

- President of Qld Home Builders Association and later National President of the Housing Industry Association.
- Head of the Australian Housing Corporation from 1972.
- Chairman of the Companies and Securities Advisory Board from 1989-96.
- Director of World Expo 1988.
- Deputy Chair and Director of the Lang Park Trust.
- Director of the Qld Tourist and Travel Corporation.
- Member of the Prince Charles Hospital Board.
- 1998- was the Chairman of the Business Enterprise Committee of the Indigenous Land Corporation and as a long servicing director provided bulls for the breeding herds of the I.L.C. properties.

As a further inspiration, particularly to young members, Kevin was married for 57 years to his wife Thelma, the daughter of another prominent member, Sir Leslie Thiess.

Kevin's boats often carried the name "Silver Fox" and were well named for his expertise in business and community work. He is survived by his four children, 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren, many of whom enjoy the Squadron's facilities and sailing school. He remained interested in the affairs of the Squadron right to the end and was often first to send his proxy on important matters in which he had a keen interest.

May Kevin's life achievements be an inspiration to us all.



A Day Or Three Helping Husky

BY LESTER GABIREL

With the resignation of the dredge assistant, and the incumbent not being available on a full time basis for a few weeks, I was asked if I would be interested in helping out for a few days.

I was a director of RQYS Nominees at the time the dredging options were being actively considered, I subsequently resigned my directorate to go cruising, leaving just before the long awaited dredge's arrival. After an absence of 18 months, we are now back in Brisbane whilst my wife Helen does some contract work. So, having heard some waterfront scuttlebutt about the dredging performance, it was a fantastic opportunity to see the dredge operations for myself.

Day one near the end of April, saw a 0600 start, going through the induction process and learning the intricacies of the dredging operation. By the end of the day, we had moved 606 m³ of water and mud into the settling pond. What astounded me is how often the dredging works had to be suspended whilst debris was cleared from the augers and from a grille located between the augers and the pump head on the dredge.

Whilst occasionally there were oyster shells, our most notable find was a 12m long morse cable that managed to fall off the marina or a boat and ended up in the mud... that item took some untangling!

The dredging process is not a straightforward operation – there are multiple controls and many things that can and do cause delays.

It would seem that the biggest dilemma is the volume of debris that is found on the bottom of our boat harbor. As well as the usual boating detritus, the dredging has assembled an assorted collection of

mobile phones, sunglasses, even an iPad in a purple cover!

I certainly have a much higher level of appreciation of the complexity of the dredging operation and certainly members can be assured of the competency and commitment of Scottie the Dredge Master in getting the job done.

After the ten hour shift, we removed the equivalent of 37 dump truck

loads from the harbour. Our shore based disposal option was looking to be a disused quarry near Ipswich – that would have been an enormous logistical and financial outlay. Our neighbours would have really loved all those trucks!

I wish I had worn a step counter, it felt like I had covered many miles on day one. I did put the step counter on for the shorter day two; the day was done, some 9,400 steps later!



About the author: Lester Gabriel (together with his wife, Helen) have been members since 1998. They sold their Catalina Haze in 2012 and purchased the Island Packet 40 Joule. They have been as far north as Bowen and then participated in the RYCT's Van Diemen's Land Circumnavigation in 2015 with fellow RQYS members Phase 2 and Aurora III. They then stayed on in Tassie and experienced that State's coldest winter in 50 years. They plan on resuming cruising, in warmer climes, later in 2017.



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BOAT CARE BASICS:

Expand Your Anchorage Options With Stabilisers!

BY PETER JENYNS

Many of us who enjoy our local cruising grounds know that anchorages in the northern end of Moreton Bay can get a little rocky under certain conditions, and for this reason we tend to shy away from spending time there. This is a pity, as in my opinion they are arguably some of the prettiest anchorages we have, with their clean water and white sandy beaches. Basically any anchorages along the western shore of Moreton Island are exposed to choppy water unless you have easterly in the forecast, and even then it's still easy to get caught out! The most common scenario experienced usually unfolds like this - the breeze has been east all day and conditions couldn't be calmer as the wind drops off around dusk. The forecast is easterly again the next day, the family is happy, you've finally got lucky with perfect conditions for this anchorage - so what could possibly go wrong?! Unfortunately where it goes wrong is in the middle of the night! Rarely does the breeze stay out of the east all night, except maybe during the summer months. Most other times of the year however, as soon as the temperature starts to drop onshore through the evening, we see the land breeze take effect. Most commonly a sou-wester will gradually develop around the middle of the night, strengthening through to the early hours of the morning, depending on how long it takes to reach you. Then, around dawn you can typically expect to have a metre of chop making breakfast uncomfortable - particularly if you have wind against tide. Of course by late morning this land breeze usually drops away again and the effects of the easterly start to dominate and conditions are once more perfect. It's a situation experienced by many, spoiling what appeared to be a perfect forecast for the western side of Moreton Island, and often putting an end to a return visit, but there is a solution!

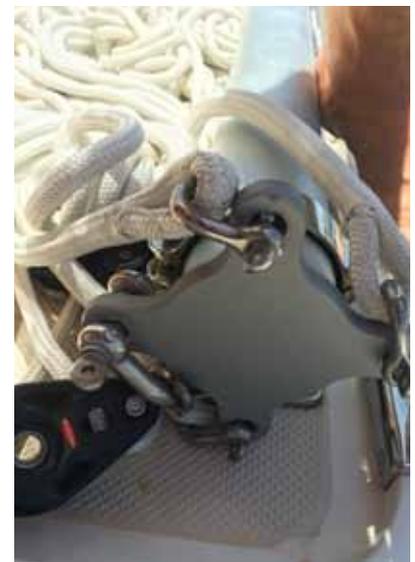
Stabilisers!

The solution is simple - fit stabilisers to your boat and suddenly your choice of anchorages expands significantly! Of course boom suspended flopper stopper style stabilisers, often homemade, have been around for a long time amongst the cruising yacht fraternity, often using their boom and spinnaker pole to support them. Paravane style stabilisers have also been around for a long time, commonly used by the commercial trawler fleets the world over.

But it's only in the last 10 to 15 years that we are now seeing them become increasing popular on private pleasure boats. Many of our long term members may recall my family's boat South Pacific II when she was moored here at RQYS. She is a very capable 72 foot, 85 tonnes pleasure cruiser built by Norman R Wright & Sons. We recently sold her after 40 years in the family, however the reason I mention her is because those same members may recall the stabilisers my father fitted back in the late 1970's. Seeing a non-commercial vessel with stabilisers back then raised a few eyebrows - in fact, I'm pretty sure we never saw any other pleasure boats with stabilisers on the entire Queensland coast! My father was certainly a pioneer in this respect, and of course not everyone (including me) liked the look of them! It should be mentioned, South Pacific II was designed by the renowned Eldridge McInnis naval architects in Boston with the brief being to design a vessel capable of crossing all the world's oceans. So she was more than seaworthy, however all boats rock and roll, and because Dad was taking the boat to Cairns every year for the marlin season, the comfort of his guests was always a priority for him. He had long admired with interest, the small commercial mackerel boats of north Queensland, who used boom

stabilisers, and of course the trawler captains he met in the regional ports along the coast were a wealth of stabiliser knowledge - and before we knew it, he was experimenting with various boom stabiliser set ups of his own. Over the years the booms got longer, and the gear more serious, but he eventually had the ideal set up for his boat. I can assure you, even the harshest critics of how they looked, were soon believers once they experienced what a difference they made to the comfort of life on-board.

Now of course, sporting a set of boom stabilisers has almost become a badge of honour thanks to publications like Passage Maker Magazine who regularly feature articles highlighting their benefits. Some might even suggest they instantly define your boat as a serious blue water passage maker! As you might have guessed, having been exposed to stabilisers from a young age, I'm a big fan of adding a set to any boats inventory, and of course many of our clients now carry them. In fact, I've even made up a small set that can hang off the transom cleats on my little 18ft runabout - they make a huge difference!



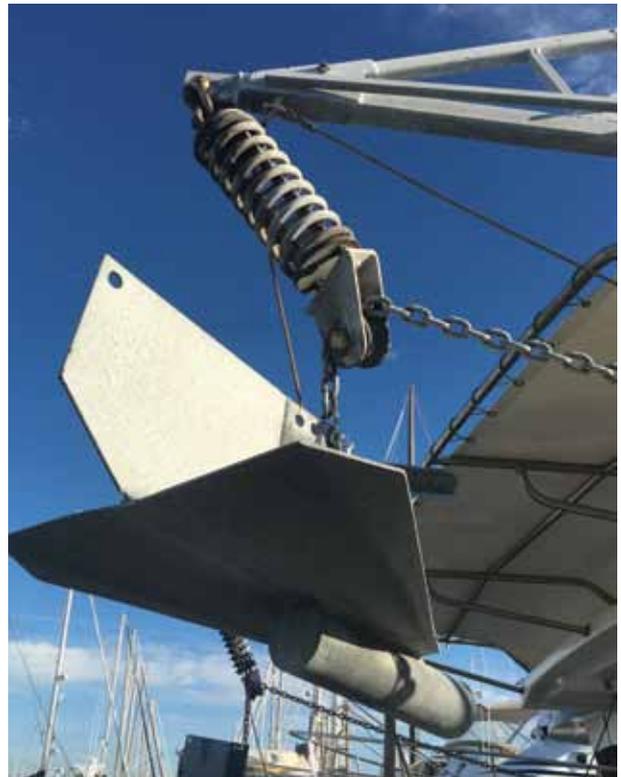


There are many types of stabilisers on the market these days to suit different boats and different needs, and of course different budgets! I will briefly touch on the most common styles – here’s a basic overview of the different options available.

Flopper Stoppers (Below)

This set up is by far the most cost effective. Most of the boats we have set up for our customers recently have all opted for a simple ‘clip on, clip off’ design meaning no permanent structure to detract for the boats good looks and minimal structural work if any. They’re designed to be stowed when not in use, yet easy to clip on should you find yourself in a rocky anchorage!

Flopper stoppers are basically a metal disk with a grill base and rubber flaps. They are lowered into the water and suspended from the end of the booms. As the boat rolls and the boom lowers, the flopper stopper sinks forcing the rubber flaps to open allowing water to pass through the grill and sink quickly. Then as the boat rolls back the other way and the boom lifts, the rubber flaps close forming a flat disk that resists lifting through the water. With both booms working alternatively you can imagine how they slow down the roll significantly. At a guess as much as 50% - the important difference between your wine glass tipping over or not!



Paravanes (Above)

The next level up from the simplicity of the flopper stopper style, are paravanes. These are what you commonly see on trawlers. They require substantial modifications to superstructure given the extreme loads and are most effective when used underway.

They work by constantly digging deeper into the water when towed due to the angle of the surface plate. As the boat rolls and the boom lowers, the paravane drops deeper, while on the other side, the lifting boom will be pulling hard to try and lift the paravane. On South Pacific II we set up our paravanes on chain for ease of stowage and to be able to adjust the setting depth. Chain is probably the most common option however on trawlers they tend to use a fixed rod. The benefit being you can set the paravane at a much flatter angle which creates less drag. The stiff rod option also makes it impossible to get a wayward paravane flying through the air and crashing into the wheelhouse, as made famous in the movie Perfect Storm! During our early experimental days of chain length and paravane setting adjustments, we had one fling out of the water and incredibly land perfectly on the side deck – no damage except a small bruise on the beech deck!



Fins

For many boats, particularly modern sleek designs, booms may not suit. There are many variances but fin style stabilisers are a popular alternative. There are mechanical or fixed options. Fixed fins are very effective and common on metal hull boats where the superior strength can be utilised.

On larger production boats mechanical fins are commonly fitted and work very successfully. Basically they are fins on either side of the boat that stick out into the hull envelope, which is the area of water that would be contained if lines from a boat's keel and gunwale met to form a right angle below the water. Basically from there an electronic motion sensor detects even the slightest bit of movement in the water and commands the fins to rotate accordingly. So, for example, if the boat's rolling to starboard, the fins will turn counter-clockwise to counteract that motion. Again, fins are most effective when underway, where manufacturers claim they can reduce roll up to 90 percent, and when at rest, they claim the reduction is closer to 70 percent.

Gyro

Perhaps one of the most impressive types of stabilisation systems I've experienced is the Gyro. Simply put, it's a high speed spinning flywheel inside a vacuuming encapsulation sphere, and like any spinning mass it wants to maintain its orientation. So as the boat rolls, the gyro tilts fore and aft, which is called precession, and it does this as it's spinning, which creates torque that pulls up on starboard and down on port, or vice versa, and that in turn reduces roll. An internal electronic sensor detects the waves coming in and adjusts the speed of the gyro's precession, and effectively its torque, meaning your boat negotiates the ocean's surface by adjusting to meet the forces of a wave.

I've fished on a game boat out of Cairns a couple of years ago that had one retro fitted. We were rolling along the outside of the Ribbon Reefs and the skipper said he had forgotten to turn it on. He flicked a few switches to get it spinning and warmed up, then said wait until you feel this – he wasn't exaggerating, it was incredible. In fact

it was so effective it was strange and initially it caused me to feel unsteady as the boat wasn't moving under my feet how I was naturally expecting it to! You quickly get used to this however and where it was really amazing was when we were fighting a fish and might be side on to a swell – she just went up and over swells in a vertical position! They can be retro fitted however the science behind doing so is amazing and very much a specialist field. You can imagine the power and torque involved could tear a boat apart if you got it wrong – and there are stories of this happening around the world!

As mentioned, we have advised on and outfitted many of our customer's boats with stabilisers. There is an art to understanding how they will work on a particular boat, choosing the correct sizing, where the lift points should go, positioning of the boom and even storing the equipment for ease of use. I would recommend even just a basic set to any owner - why limit your anchorages to the southern end of the bay!

Happy boating!

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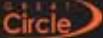


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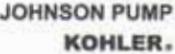
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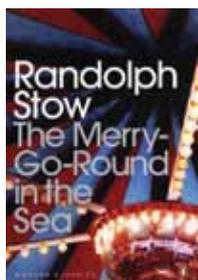
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Book Reviews



THE MERRY GO ROUND IN THE SEA

Author: Randolph Stow
Review: Julie Butler

This is an Australian novel published in 1965, written by an author who at the age of 22 won the Miles Franklin Award with his novel 'To The Islands'. Stow's works are at present being reintroduced to a contemporary readership.

It is a story of a Rite of Passage of a boy before, during and after the Second World War. It is set in Geraldton in Western Australia at a time in the 1930/40's when it was normal for a house to be filled with visiting aunts, uncles and numerous cousins so this novel is very much based on the dynamics of family attitudes of the times. The two main characters are the young Rob Corman and his uncle Rick Maplestead whom he idolises.

The outbreak of war sees Rick in the army and he suffers the horrors of the Changi prison camp. News of his suffering does not reach his family and Rob believes he is living an adventure in a jungle somewhere. Rick befriends another young prisoner, Hughie Mackay, but on their return to Australia even their continuing friendship cannot save Rick from his demons and disillusionment with civilian life. High adapts but Rick, who is more creative, remains unsettled and finally leaves for England, but not before his rejection of a girlfriend results in her attempted suicide. There is a semi-autobiographical element in the novel as Stow himself also left his homeland. The emotional changes in Rick confuse his young cousin who sees it as a personal betrayal.

Symbolism is strong in the story, the Merry Go Round in the title is actually the submerged wreck of a boat and is open to more than one interpretation. Stow's descriptions of the landscape and native flora are evocative and the Book Club readers agreed he is a skilful novelist, however some were disappointed in aspects of it. The irritating overuse of the word 'boy' and the fact Stow seemed to be projecting his adult ideas through the eyes of a child too young to have such thoughts. Others found the members of the extended family too numerous to hold their interest in the family tree.

As usual we all enjoyed a lively discussion resulting from our diverse responses to a book that is today regarded as an Australian Classic.



RECKONING

Author: Magda Szubanski
Review: Jennifer Murray

When Australians think of comedians, in particular Australian female comedians, the name Magda Szubanski generally is the first name that comes to mind.

Reckoning is a very brave and intimate invitation to readers to join Magda as she shares the highs and lows of her life. This is a serious account (with some incidental laughs) of her Father's life and the moral and historical influence he bequeathed to her. From the opening line we are invited to explore predominantly her family history, in particular her father – a Polish WWII war hero and assassin. This is a moving account not just of her Polish ancestry, but also her Scottish heritage, and Magda gives full credit to her Scottish Mother for the gift of humour which she enjoys.

The journey takes readers from a fondly remembered childhood in the UK to the splendours and miseries of growing up in Croydon, pounding the tennis courts under the ever-present eye of her tough and controlling Father; to an education under the tutelage of teachers who introduce her to the joys of literature; to her realisation that performing is her destiny

This book also takes readers on a journey of sexual discovery, culminating in Magda's brave decision to reveal to her adoring public that she was gay. It was an unfounded fear that such a revelation would alienate her family and that public...how wrong she was! This is a well-written memoir by a first-time author, a natural story-teller, whose command of the English language makes it a touching, sometime humorous, often insightful look at a complex subject....being human.

Members of our Book Group, as always, offered insightful and quite divergent opinions ranging from sympathetic to empathetic, to surprisingly strongly expressed views about Magda herself.

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