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## WELCOME

There has been a lot of activity around the club over the last month, culminating in the Airlie Beach Festival of Music over the last weekend. The Annual General Meeting was held over the weekend, with a strong turnout of members interested to hear the plans for the club.

### FROM THE HELM – Leo Rodriguez (President)

Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting over the weekend, where the club's trading results and plans were presented. Much has been achieved this year, somewhat hampered by the fencing that isolated the club during much of the trading period. However, there have been many improvements to the club over the year, with more to come. Many of these improvements are a result of various fundraising and grant applications created through the year.

A special thank you to the current and outgoing board members for their contribution through the year, and a special welcome to



Lisa Mitchell and Heather Sutton who have just come on board. Unfortunately we lost the services of Joanne Norbury and Bill Trueman due to personal circumstances; however their input is greatly appreciated.

With the new board now in place, we are already planning for further improvements, with the appointment of our new General Manager, Michael Carter, who will commence with the club on 11 December.

Finally, what a great event the Airlie Beach Festival of Music was this year. While this event creates a minor interruption to the club's normal program, the benefits to the club make the whole event worthwhile. For the Whitsunday Sailing Club to be centre stage to the whole region for 3 days is a major win for the club, and this goes a long way to improving our trading figures. For those who missed it, make a note in your diary for next year's event on 6, 7 and 8 November.



## FROM THE SAILING DESK - Ross Chisholm - Sailing Officer

As the season draws to an end, work is well underway in preparation for the 2020 season. Sailing programs, for both offshore and off beach are under review with the sole aim to increase participation rates in club events. While our weekly twilight races on Wednesday afternoons are well attended, the same cannot be said about our weekend events. Recent surveys were issued to members in an effort to better understand the expectations of our sailing community, with responses incorporated into next season's programs. Don't forget the annual presentation night is on Saturday 14th December. Make a note in your diary now. Further details to follow once catering arrangements have been finalised.

### Off Beach Sailing

The last few weeks have been a bit quiet for off beach racing due to a combination of the Sail Bowen regatta at Port Dennison Sailing Club followed by Airlie Beach Festival of Music. A number of regular racers made their way to Bowen for the regatta, together with some of our Tackers 2 participants who experienced their first sailing regatta. For both Lucas Purdie and Harry Pilgrim, the opportunity to sail against others was a real experience, while Airlie Frisch, having sailed previously at Yeppoon, it was another opportunity to demonstrate



her skills. Our sailboard fleet did well, with Denis Winstanley collecting the chocolates, with Luke Mairs third and Bill Link fourth. The adult learn to sail program continued at the club, under the guidance of Ross Chisholm, with some of the Whitsunday Christian College students joining in, as did Sophie Vickers from the Tackers 2 program. An enjoyable day with 9 students saw two Quests, two O'pen Skiffs and a tackler in use, with people swapping between boats. According to Sophie, she capsized 14 times

as she tried her hand at an O'pen Skiff for the first time.

### Junior Skippers' Race

The annual Junior Skippers' was conducted last weekend, with 6 boats and 6 skippers participating in two triangular course races on Saturday afternoon. A special thanks to the boat owners who gave up their time and provided the boats for a great introduction to yacht racing for both the junior skippers and, in some cases, their parents.



Race 1 saw Harry Pilgrim, sailing Treasure VIII out in front, while a race long battle between Eden Humphrey on Overdrive and Jesse Frisch on Twister saw Overdrive take second on the water by 3 seconds. Another great battle was between Joshua King in Fargo and Zac Sleight on Anthea, with Anthea taking out the corrected time win from Sophie Vickers on Lama, while Treasure VIII came in third.



Race 2 saw another close battle between Twister and Overdrive, this time going Twister's way, while Treasure VIII was again leading the pack on the water. Once again Anthea had the upper hand on the water over Fargo, however the corrected time results gave the win to Treasure VIII from Twister, with identical corrected time results between Fargo and Overdrive saw equal third placing.

#### Final Results:

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Series Score	Race 2	Race 1
1	RP36	Treasure 8	Harry Pilgrim	4.0	1.0	3.0
2	W1	Anthea	Zac Sleight	6.0	5.0	1.0
3	361	Fargo	Joshua King	7.5	3.5	4.0
4	W407	Twister	Jesse Frisch	8.0	2.0	6.0
5	7548	Overdrive	Eden Humphrey	8.5	3.5	5.0
6	YC48	Lama	Sophie Vickers	9.0	7.0F	2.0



#### OFFSHORE RACING

With only one race remaining, an offshore race on 24 November, many of the club's trophies have already been run and won, so it is time to start thinking about next season's events. The 2020 program is being developed as you read this, following detailed discussions at the recent skippers' meeting. It is likely that the new program will see some major changes from previous, while maintaining the major events that are enjoyed each year.

#### PRESENTATION EVENING - 14 DECEMBER

Don't forget the presentation night is on Saturday 14th November. Canapes, followed by choice of Beef, Chicken or Fish. Bookings will be available soon, either on line or at reception. Tickets at \$25 (Adults) and \$10 (Children).

#### Club Trophies

Please ensure that any club perpetual trophies are returned to the club as soon as possible so they can be prepared for presentation on the night.

#### Nominations are open for:

- Sailor of the year
- Club person of the year
- Yachtsperson of the year.

## **AROUND THE CLUB**

### **Honorary Life Member – Kevin Fogarty**

In accordance with the club constitution, a motion was moved and passed at the AGM to appoint Kevin Fogarty as an Honorary Life Member of the Whitsunday Sailing Club. Kevin joined the Whitsunday Sailing Club in 1991 and was elected to the board in 1996.

He was the Rear Commodore from 1997 -2004, board member 2004 – 2005, Commodore for 6 years 2005 -2012 and Rear Commodore in 2015 – 2018. Kevin has been on the Airlie Beach Race Week committee for many years and has been a major sponsor for the last 20 years. He is a keen racer Wednesday Twilights and Weekend racing and is a past national race officer and is currently State Race officer and judge.

### **Dinghy Basin Dredging**

The dredging has finally started, with work expected to be completed by next Wednesday. While the contractors were not working over the weekend, the impact on the club's Learn to Sail programs and various racing events was minimal. In some cases, boats were launched from the main beach opposite the playground.

### **Off Beach storage**

As part of the club's revision of storage fees, a new fee structure has been agreed for off beach dinghies which are regularly used for club events. Effectively immediately, owners will be charged an annual fee as follows:

OTB Catamarans (Hobie 16, Arrow, etc)	\$500.00 per year
OTB Monohulls (Laser, Tasar, Corsair,	\$250.00 per year
O'pen Skiff, Optimist, Sailboard, etc)	\$150.00 per year
Sailboard (including Rig)	\$100.00 per year

Boats owned and sailed by youth members (under 18) which are regularly sailed in club events may be stored free of charge, upon application to the sailing committee.

### **Car Park**

Thanks to Whitsunday Regional Council, you may have noticed that the top car park, which is utilised by club members and visitors, has been resurfaced. Although the car park was closed for a couple of days while the work was being completed, it will be a worthwhile exercise to the benefit of the club.

### **RevSport**

Along with the club's new website, coming soon, Australian Sailing's RevSport program is being introduced to members. This platform will enable members to complete many activities on line, in so doing free up many of the administrative tasks carried out by staff. This includes self checking of personal details in the Australian Sailing database, check validity of your Australian Sailing Sailor Identification Number (previously known as silver card number), pay membership fees, boat registration and storage fees, enrol and pay for courses, enter races and pay race entry fees, and other items to be developed over time.

### **SheSails**

SheSails has arrived at Whitsunday Sailing Club, and is a fabulous initiative from Australian Sailing and presented by Hamilton Island.

SheSails is all about enjoying your sailing adventure in a fun, friendly and safe environment. SheSails is designed to recognise all of the amazing female contributors to our sport, and to encourage women of all ages to enjoy sailing through organised activities at your local sailing club.

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**SheSails (continued)**

Whether you're sailing for the first time, returning to the sport or are an active sailor there are a variety of social SheSails activities both on and off the water for you to get involved in.

SheSails aims to:

- Promote and celebrate female participation in the sport of sailing
- Provide new and existing female sailors with the opportunity to enjoy activities at their local sailing club with like-minded people
- Provide clubs with visual materials and case studies to help grow female participation in recreational and competitive sailing
- Develop a platform to feature female-focused events and programs across the country

We are hoping to present some great come and try days, both on the dinghies as well as the Keelboats which will be open to women and girls of all ages and abilities. If it is your first time or you are an experienced sailor we would love to meet you and welcome you to the club. Keep a look out for upcoming events. If you just cannot wait and want to start sailing straight away, feel free to ring the club to find out how we can help you to set sail!! Interested? Contact the club or our SheSails ambassador Caroline Frisch.



## SOCIAL SCENE

### Airlie Beach Festival of Music

This year's Airlie Beach Festival of Music was another huge success for the local economy as well as a much needed financial boost for the club.

One of the headline act Smokey(UK) enjoyed lunch upstairs on the balcony much to the delight of our patrons. Yothu Yindi met with traditional elders the Gabe family who performed a blessing and welcome to country and John Williamson and John Butler attracted huge crowds. The F & B Team did a great job of catering to the crowds with a smile so be sure to thank them for the hard work whenever you are at the club. For a full wrap up from the festival check out <https://airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au/thank-you-for-the-music/> for some great pictures and quotes of what went on.



The festival organisers are also hosting an official After Party at the club on Friday 22nd of Nov with Rockabilly 3 piece band 'Christian Power and Lonesome Train' to play after the Raffles and Members Draws. They have also thanked the club and staff for helping pull off another amazing Festival and look forward to working together next year.

### Club News

Sunday afternoons continue to be popular with Live Music from 2pm till 6pm. Wed night 'Round the World' Buffet continues to attract new and regular customers. The kitchen staff have also decided to add a 'Roast of the Day' to our Daily Specials at a cost of \$16 for members. So be sure to check out the specials board to see what's on each day. Thanks to our sponsors at CUB we will be featuring Carlton Dry giveaways for the rest of Nov with some great giveaways up for grabs at the bar.

The club is filling up fast with Christmas Functions so remember to book a table if you are having friends and family dining at the club to help ensure a balcony table.



## COMING EVENTS

### Offshore

16 November	Junior Skippers Series
24 November	Offshore Race
30 November	Christmas Cruise
14 December	Presentation Night at WSC

### Off Beach

16 November	Junior Skippers Series
17 November	Learn to Sail (Tackers 2, Adult Start Sailing 1 & 2)(From 0830 Hrs); Off Beach Racing (from 1300 Hrs)
24 November	Learn to Sail (Tackers 2, Adult Start Sailing 1 & 2)(From 0830 Hrs); Off Beach Racing (from 1300 Hrs)
1 December	Learn to Sail (Tackers 2, Adult Start Sailing 1 & 2)(From 0830 Hrs); Off Beach Racing (from 1300 Hrs)

### Australian Sailing Courses

Jan 2020 (TBC)	Club Race Officer Course & Club Judge Course (CYCHI)
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### Maritime Training

18 – 19 Nov	Exemption 38 (Low complexity duties)
20 – 21 Nov	Shipboard Safety Skill Set
20 Nov	Provide First Aid
21 Nov	Bareboat Briefing Operations
24 Nov	Marine Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency
25 Nov – 4 Dec	Coxswain Grade 2
25 Nov – 6 Dec	Coxswain Grade 1
16 – 17 Dec	Shipboard Safety Skill Set

### Social

Monday Nights	Trivia
Wednesdays	Around the World Buffet
Sundays	Live Music





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