



# WHITSUNDAY SAILING CLUB

May 2020 COVID Close day 56

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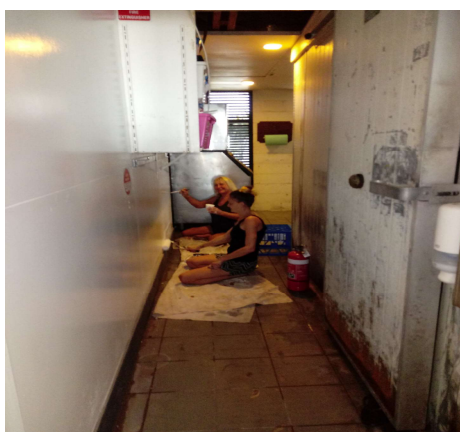
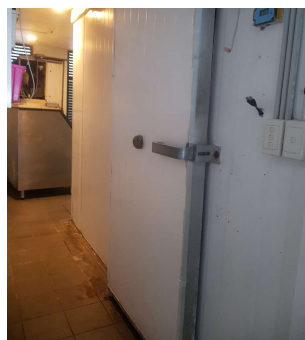
### 20degrees SOUTH BAR & RESTAURANT

Yes this is a new us!! coming as soon as we can open again..... Sitting as the Club does at 20.16 degrees South Latitude and 148.43 East Longitude we decided that our new look restaurant and bar would be aptly named



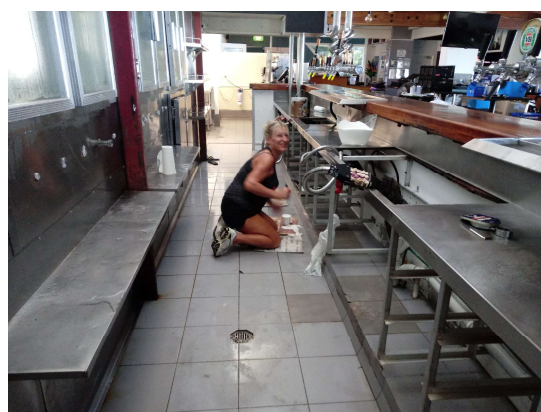
## FIRST AN APOLOGY

I owe you all an apology for not staying in touch. I just realised I have not been in contact since Easter. The days have rushed by, yet it feels like more than 6 weeks have passed. I hope that you are all well and not going stir crazy in this unusual event and that you will be happy with all that we have achieved at the Club, and in the Clubhouse, by taking this chance to cleanup and repair and renew as many areas as possible



*Darvi and Maggie are an awesome pair they are responsible for completely painting the bar and the female toilets and ordering me all over the place to get things for them*

*I don't believe they even have given Graham a chance to draw breath guys should be afraid of women on a mission*



A shot of the finished back area and Mags proving a dab hand at painting in the bar.



*Philip our head Chef proves along with Nick and Jai that they are good at demolishing, OK at painting (the girls are better) and sensational at bringing our kitchen into its new future*

The Staff have all been working everyday to get things presentable and you will see a new look bar and kitchen; the toilets have been cleaned up and painted; we have repaired plumbing and old electrical (unfortunately a lot of the achievements will be out of customer view but I am sure that, as Darvi is so proud of her work, she will happily drag you out and show you); Kitchen all cleaned up; new stainless on the walls; the cool room re-floored; all the gas brought up to code.

We are working on new menus and drink lists. I imagine members are like the staff and looking forward to their club reopening as soon as possible. The Government's 3 step plan for reopening follows but given all the rules and all that we are trying to achieve with your club we are at this stage looking at a 6<sup>th</sup> July opening and hopefully back to normal for

Christmas.

While you are looking around, don't forget to check out the newly painted balcony, now looking spic and span.

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*Look Out for 20degrees SOUTH*

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## **QLD GOVERNMENT'S 3 STEP PLAN FOR RETURN TO NORMAL**

### **This is what we know:**

1. As of Saturday 16 May 2020, as part of stage one (1), clubs may commence dining in their cafes, restaurants, and bistros. This will be limited to 10 people at any one time, while observing social distancing of 1.5m and at least four square meters of space per person. There is to be no bar or gaming activities at this stage.

All venues must have a COVID-19 Safe Plan in place. The Queensland Government has prepared a COVID-19 Safe Plan which will be available for distribution in due course. Clubs Queensland has also developed risk management documents which are under consideration and local application. There is still to be no bar or gaming activities. Outdoor, non-contact related activity may re-commence with a maximum of 10 people.

2. As of 12 June 2020, as part of the stage two (2) restrictions this will increase to 20 people for the above activities (50 for Clubs in Outback Queensland).

3. As of 10 July 2020, as part of stage three (3), registered and licensed clubs may re-open, with limits of 100 people. This will extend to bar and gaming activities.

## **MARITIME TRAINING**

Luckily for us training was declared an essential service and while we have to social distance (only 9 to our class room) we have more than doubled our classes and are having a really successful couple of months. In fact our Master 4 course is booked out and we are receiving requests for another. Also we have relocated the training office into the downstairs small training room which allows for us to better look after our students and gives the trainers a quieter place to work; I must admit it's quieter in the Admin office. Ross is now back in his old quarters in the main office upstairs. This all bodes well for our planned expansion into a larger version of the Training Centre, thanks to the hard work of John, Lydia, Andrew and Leonie. Their efforts have helped keep the Club afloat and income enough to help cover our debts.

## **HARDSTAND/MARINA**

This has proven to help our income with several new members and additions to both areas. Unfortunately we have had to tighten up security in this area and increased night patrols. I do apologise for any inconvenience to members. Gate keys and water access keys are available from the office to members for a deposit of \$50; remember the hardstand and marina are secure storage areas and we have the security of our members' boats to consider at all times.

Please be aware with the advent of the COVID-19 shut down all sorts of non members have tried to access our site, taking water, dumping rubbish, even driving in open gates to launch boats because the public areas were too busy.

All tenders in the yard or hardstand area must be tagged, otherwise they will be removed. To get a tag for your tender, you will need to contact the club Secretary.

We still have spare berths in the marina and the Administration office is open for business.

## **SAILING**

The Queensland Government, through the Department of Sport and Recreation, has stressed that Stage 1 does not include sport. Organised sport activities, events and competitions are not permitted at this stage.

The key message from the Queensland Government is that they do not want people to congregate. Anything that sends the message, intentionally or not, that it is okay for gatherings and people to form groups is not acceptable.

Stage 2 (12 June) will permit a limited introduction of sport, primarily for training, while Stage 3 (10 July) will see an almost full resumption of normal sport training and competition. Note that these dates are projections only, and may change. Watch this space.

Members of the sailing community should not return to sailing if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19. All sailing community members must be made aware not to attend club environments if they are unwell and should use a cautious approach. Anyone who is unwell should see a doctor in accordance

with local Public Health Authority guidelines. In an environment of community transmission of COVID-19, any individual with respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, fever or shortness of breath), even if mild, should be considered a possible case of COVID-19.

A sailor with a possible case of COVID-19 should refrain from training/sailing activity until they have been cleared to do so by a doctor, given the potential for worsening illness.

For Stage 1 (From 15<sup>th</sup> May):

### **What does this now mean for sailing and our sailing clubs?**

- Recreational sailing continues to be a permitted activity.
- Sailing for exercise continues to remain a permitted activity.
- Access to marinas is allowable.
- Access to fuel sales is allowable.
- Food and beverage may open under strict guidelines.
- Committee meetings are still encouraged to take place remotely using electronic means.
- Club houses should remain close and bathrooms and facilities should remain closed except to allow use of toilets.
- Sailors should embrace a "Get in, Sail and Get out" approach.

### **What vessels can we sail?**

- Yachts – Yes, provided you remain within 150km of your home; social distancing and hygiene is maintained the people on board are from the same household; or an individual and one friend. Gatherings of 10 are only allowable in an outdoor setting such as a park.
- Dinghies - Yes, provided you remain within 150km of your home; social distancing and hygiene is maintained; the people on board are from the same household; or an individual and one friend.
- Windsurfing- Yes, provided you remain within 150km of your home; social distancing and hygiene is maintained.
- Kiteboarding- Yes, provided you remain within 150km of your home; social distancing and hygiene is maintained.
- Powerboats- Yes, provided you remain within 150km of your home; social distancing and hygiene is maintained; the people on board are from the same household or an individual and one friend. Gatherings of 10 are only allowable in an outdoor setting such as a park.

### **How many people can I have on board?**

- You are permitted to have the members of your household on board,

**OR,**

- One friend on board.
- You must also remain compliant with your vessel's load capacity.
- Gatherings of 10 are only allowable in an outdoor setting such as a park.

### **Can clubs deliver racing and organised events?**

- No. The Queensland Government has provided clear guidance that organised sport activities are not permitted during Stage 1. This includes, for example:
- Club races (including for single handed or short-handed fleets)
- State or Regional championships
- Twilight/ social racing
- WAGS / SAGS type events etc
- Coaching
- Learn to sail activities

### **Can clubs deliver courses or programs?**

- No. The Queensland Government has provided clear guidance that organised sport activities are not permitted during Stage 1. This includes both on-water and club/ shore-based activities, for example:
- Learn to sail courses
- Instructor/officials courses
- Squad based programs
- Information nights
- Social activities

### **Is on-water coaching permitted?**

- Organised sport activities, events and competitions are not permitted in Stage 1, this includes organised coaching.

### **Can Clubs promote, encourage, and facilitate Sailing?**

- Yes. Clubs can promote, encourage, and facilitate sailing for recreation and exercise. Clubs must ensure they are communicating the requirements for all to meet the conditions that apply:
- Social distancing and hygiene must be maintained
- You must stay within 150km of home and
- Clubs have a responsibility to ensure members comply with these conditions whilst on club premises.

From the above, it is clear that the club is not permitted to conduct any events, including twilight races, weekend races, off beach races, learn to sail programs, organised cruises or any other on water events, until at least Stage 3 opens the way on 10 July.

On another note the club is currently reviewing our race management software. One of the first things that will be noticed is a change to the presentation of results on the club website. Further information will be sent directly to skippers as it become available.

## AIRLIE BEACH RACE WEEK

While it is unclear what the rules will look like by mid August, one thing is clear – Airlie Beach Race Week will proceed in some form if at all possible. The organising committee is looking at various options, however it is assumed that the on water competition will be “Business as Usual”, albeit with a reduced fleet and restructure of divisions. Boats may be required to develop or complete a Covid-19 management plan as part of the registration process.

On shore festival activity is not so clear, with social distancing very much limiting activities and gatherings. Until Government rules around gatherings are better defined, we are unable to finalise these plans, but we will be doing everything to ensure it is another great event.

If you were planning to participate in this year’s event, entries are currently open and we encourage as many boats as possible to enter now. Entry is not a commitment to participate, and entry fees are not required at this stage, but a strong indication from the sailing community greatly helps our approach to the Government for dispensation or assistance.

## MEMBERS’ RECORDS

It is important that members’ records are kept up to date. For sailing members this can be done using the club’s Revsport portal <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/whitsundaysc/>. Please check your records and update as necessary. A new addition is to nominate your profession / specialist skills. From time to time the club requires services from external providers. Where possible the club would prefer to use the services of members, so having this information at hand allows us to offer these opportunities should an opportunity arise.

Currently we have urgent need for Carpenters / builders who can assist with several projects around the club.

For social and non-sailing members, below is a form that can be completed and returned to the club. If you know of other members who are not receiving newsletters or club correspondence, please feel free to forward to them so their records can be updated.

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To update your membership records, please complete below and return to:  
[secretary@whitsundaysailingclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@whitsundaysailingclub.com.au)

### Member’s Record Update

Name:		
Address:		
	State:	P’Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Profession / Specialist Skills		