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WELCOME

After many months of being closed, the club is now up and running at full speed, with an unprecedented number of patrons checking out the new 20 Degrees South Restaurant and Bar. With new decor, an extensive wine list and new menus featuring only the finest produce, 20 Degrees South has introduced a new level of dining in the Whitsundays

FROM THE HELM – Leo Rodriguez (President)

What a busy few months. Now that the club is open for business and the sailing is back to normal, we can start to review the upcoming plans for the club. The Project and Development Committee have been holding meetings with many stakeholders during the development plans for the new training college, including our Federal Member George Christensen, local State Member Jason Costigan, and Minister for Training and Skills Development and Minister for Employment and Small Business, Shannon Fentiman. All of these are strong supporters of our development plans for the club.

Have you checked out the club's new Restaurant and Bar, 20 Degrees South? Going by the number of bookings since opening, and the feedback from those who have dined here, the transformation which took place during the forced closure of the club has made a huge impact. None of this would have happened without the dedication and hard work carried out by our fabulous staff, headed of course by General Manager Michael Carter. Please make sure that you thank them when you next visit the club.

An important note to members and visitors regarding the car park.

We have been advised that Whitsunday Regional Council has commenced patrolling the local car parks, including the one directly in front of the club. This car park has a 4 hour limit, and owners of cars exceeding this limit will be fined in accordance with Council Bylaws.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.



FROM THE SAILING DESK - Ross Chisholm - Sailing Officer

Airlie Beach Race Week 2020 has been and gone, and what an event! Even with the limitations created around COVID 19 and border closures, we managed to get 64 yachts onto the starting line for a week of very light weather racing. Although there were severe limitations on the number of patrons in the club buildings, we managed to work within the limitations, with the club at full capacity each night.

While the regatta missed the downstairs festivities with bands, the marquee and the party atmosphere, competitors, volunteers and supporters made the most of the opportunities both within the club and further afield within the local environs.

In particular, I would like to thank the band of volunteers who got involved, making this one of the most memorable race weeks in recent times.

The final press release from Di Pearson follows:

ABRW Wrap Up

Airlie Beach Race Week – Final race decides winners

Sixty four boats to part in the 2020 Airlie Beach Race Week Whitsundays Festival of Sailing, hosted by Whitsunday Sailing Club (WSC), which had a difficult job on their hands between the light and fluky conditions and imposing restrictions caused by the Corona Virus, but the club handled it with aplomb.



Looking light on for breeze again today, Race Director, Ross Chisholm posted an AP ashore waiting for breeze to appear: “I’d like to get the race in, but I won’t compromise the quality of racing to do so,” he said. The AP was lowered at 11.15am and all divisions raced on windward/leeward courses.

“Due to the light air again today, we had to send the fleet on shortened courses on the Bay again,” Chisholm explained.

Multihull Racing

Following a week of close racing between the Dale Mitchell skippered ORMA 60 and Michel Van Der Zwaard’s Extreme 40, Back in Black, ORMA 60 finished on top by winning the final race of the series. She only arrived in Australia recently.

The two crossed swords all week and finished on equal points after Back in Black scored second in Race 7 – that’s how close it was. Terry Archer’s G’Nome finished third overall.

“The whole week’s been great,” Mitchell said. “It looked like it was between us and the Extreme, but that sneaky little G’Nome was a real threat.

It’s a local boat like us. We know them well; they’re great mates and sailed well. It’s a real credit to the multihull OMR rule – everyone has a shot at winning.

“A couple of races through the middle of the series, we identified that in wind, the Extreme sailed better to her rating. For us, it was best for it to be under 8 knots, rather than have bigger breeze to go and have fun in,” Mitchell conceded.



“We have to thank the owner – the border closures kept him in Sydney. It means a lot to all the crew that he gave us the boat and it was well-prepared. It takes a lot of involvement from all our guys to get us on the water.”

Multihull Passage



John Williams' Tyee III from Victoria got the better of Robert Dean's Cut Snake to take this division out, after the latter had led for most of the week. Cut Snake had it in the bag but scored her worst result of the six-race series today, with an uncharacteristic sixth place. Michael Hayes' Renaissance took third place.

Bruce Kellerman on Tyee III said, "We're all as happy as can be – unfortunately Willo (Williams) is stuck in Melbourne. He'll be sad he's not here, but happy he's won. His daughter, Elizabeth and crew regular, Trish Wallace-Smith, are on board. They both live in Queensland." Kellerman pondered, "The important last day... We're lucky they changed the course to windward/leeward's. The boat's good around

the corners."

IRC Rating Passage

Ray Roberts cleaned up, only beaten twice in the series. Barry Cuneo's Envy Scooters finally got the better of Team Hollywood, a Botin 40. The TP52 won Race 6, while the Sydney boat settled for second to win overall. Desperado, Graham Sherring's little Atkinson 25, took on the grand prix boats and finished third overall with a third place today backing up its win of Wednesday.



Ray Roberts: "It was a very short course today and easy to get tangled up. Good racing and good Envy got a win at the end of the regatta – they tried hard all week. It was good competition with them. They were a boat we could target, and they kept us focussed. I think what happened to help us against the TP52 is the water was flat. Had it been choppy, they would have been better."

Performance Racing

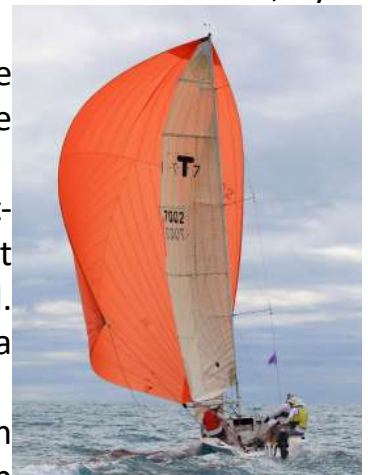


Damian Suckling's Top Gear held a half point lead over the hungry Mister Magoo (Goggles) coming into the final day. Could it be any closer? Race 7 decided the series in favour of Mister Magoo, when she finished second, while Top Gear finished third. Lance Vinnell's 4 Shaw won the race, by far her best result.

Goggles: "It was super close. There was a bit of glitch with the handicaps, but it was sorted out after the lay day; all good. We won by half a point.

"Top Gun was much faster than last year. I've been doing this regatta for 15 years, and we make our gains through crew work. It kept us on our toes, especially in light winds, where we usually do well. But we struggled trying to shake him off. The first day was a bit of a lottery, and he got the winning numbers, which helped them."

At a first regatta for all under Covid 19 rules, Goggles said: "It's been a fun week. It's obviously disappointing we can't get into the Club (WSC), but it's been a lot cheaper week not buying tickets from the beer tent! Strange times – I reckon next year will be huge at Airlie Beach, we'll all have some catching up to do..."



Performance Cruising – and the winners are...

In Division 1, Noel Hardy's Envy was just two points ahead of Daniel Farmer's B52. The top two scored their worst results today, Envy with a 12th and B52 a 10th, handing the series to Hardy by one point, with Graham Furtado's Matrix sneaking into second place overall ahead of B52.



"We were aware of each other's presence on the water..." said Angela van Daal, choosing her words carefully when asked if there was any 'hunting' going on between Envy and B52 today. "We're both from Southport Yacht Club, we know the B52 crew well."

"It was a wonderful regatta and we are so glad they went ahead with it – everyone here feels the same way."

Division 2 was decided in the last race. After winning yesterday's Race 5, Mark Beale's Cross-

bow was top dog, with Daniel McSweeney's Brigus in second and Craig Piccinelli's Wobbly Boot third- all on 23 points each.

However, Race 6 decided in favour of previous leader, Curlew (David Lewis), her fifth place was enough. Wobbly Boot finishing on equal points to take second overall. Crossbow settled for third – Brigus missed out.

"One second place saved the day! It was a lovely day," Lewis said. We had a terrible day yesterday with mistakes. Wind came when we weren't there and we didn't sail well. All the boats were close, so that's pretty good handicapping. It's also a game where seconds count, and you don't give up."

Non-Spinnaker

QMS, owned by John Galloway, led into Race 6 from local hero, Peter Harrison's Awesome, which has won at Race Week in the past. Michael McCarthy's Sunrise was perched in third; four points separating the trio. Galloway prevailed, with Sunrise second and Awesome third overall.

Trailable Yachts

This was a battle start to finish, but after retiring from Race 4 for sailing the wrong course and losing a win and the division's top place, Leon Weaver was determined to make amends with Jakal. Leading into the final race, he had reclaimed the top spot on the leaderboard.

However, Ian Vonk's Revival, which had replaced Jakal at the top of the board after Race 4, was sitting second and equal points with Jakal. Early series leader, Lunasea (Thomas Jordon) was in third, a point away.

So who got there in the end.... Revival did. She won the final race to beat Jakal by three points after the latter finished fourth in Race 6.

"It was very close all the way with Jakal. The windward/leewards suited us and our crew work was up to scratch. This is our first time here, so we had no expectations. We'll definitely be back next year."



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On the week of racing, Ross Chisholm said, “Given the sailing conditions we’ve had thrown at us this week, we’re happy to get in all the racing we have.

“Because of travel restrictions, we are missing a lot of our experienced race officials and volunteers. Their replacements are learning as they go. They’ve done everything correctly, so it’s worked out well and improves our scope of volunteers for the future.

“I’ve been receiving comments from competitors, all positive, saying how well Airlie Beach Race Week has been handled. They’ve liked the courses, even the first day, which was quite challenging. Whitsunday Sailing Club, as a whole, is happy we could provide a regatta for competitors.”

For full results and all information, including social bookings, please visit: www.abrw.com.au

By Di Pearson/ABRW media

Airlie Beach Race Week Photographs

If you wish to view or purchase photographs from Airlie Beach Race Week go to:

Shirley Wodson Photography -

<https://shirleywodsonphotography.smugmug.com/Yacht-Racing/Airlie-Beach-Race-Week/Airlie-Beach-Race-Week-2020>

AROUND THE CLUB

Safety Boats

Whitsunday Sailing Club is now the proud owner of our new start boat and all round safety boat, Safety 3. The 8 metre catamaran was recently commissioned to replace our aging Safety 10, which is now on the market. The new boat is stable, has plenty of room to carry buoys and ground tackle, has the ability to get to emergency situations quickly in all weather conditions, and even has a “head” to improve the facilities for volunteers.



Boat Insurance

As many PBO's (Poor Boat Owners) are aware, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain insurance for boats berthed or moored at Airlie Beach. Our club insurance broker, Brian Kinde, has indicated that he has negotiated a supplier who is willing to consider applications for boat insurance.

If you are looking for insurance for your boat, contact Brian Kunde (briankunde@auscover.com.au), ph. (07) 3237 8631 or m 0457 932 734, mentioning that you are from Whitsunday Sailing Club.

Hard Stand Area

Works to improve the Hard Stand area to the east of the club will commence soon. This work will entail movement of some boats within the area to allow relocation of services, possible demolition of the rocks at the Eastern end and paving of select areas to limit future damage from inclement weather.



Coming Events

Off Shore

12 September	1100 Hrs	Two Handed Series Day 1
13 September	1100 Hrs	Two Handed Series Day 2
20 September	1300 Hrs	Challengers Cup Races 3 & 4
3 Oct – 5 Oct		W.O.Y.R.C. Series

Off Beach

23 August	1300 Hrs	Spring Series
30 August	1300 Hrs	Spring Series
5 – 6 September		Festival of Sails (Mackay Sailing Club)
19-20 September		All Boats Regatta (Port Curtis Sailing Club)
21 – 26 September		Queensland Youth Camp / Champs (Yeppoon)

Training

12 – 13 Sept	MARSS00008	Shipboard Safety Skill Set
14 Sept – 10 Oct	MAR40618	Master >35
20 Sept	MARC020	Long Range Radio Operators Cert of Proficiency

Social

21 August	7-10pm	Markus Meier
22 August	7-10pm	Jake Mason
23 August	2-5pm	Ash Smith
28 August	7-10pm	Josiah Samuels
29 August	7-10pm	Mick Woodridge
30 August	2-5pm	Ash Smith

Social Activity

- Father's Day Saturday 6th September at 20 degrees SOUTH. Treat Dad lunch or dinner and he receives a can of Balter Gold Coast Brew on us!
- 20 degrees SOUTH presents "Sip of the Sea" on Friday September 18th Enjoy a 5 course degustation meal with paired wines. Tickets are \$99pp and extremely limited. For bookings and enquiries email events@whitsundaysailingclub.com.au or call 49466138
- Live music every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10pm and Sundays from 2-5pm

20 degrees SOUTH

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