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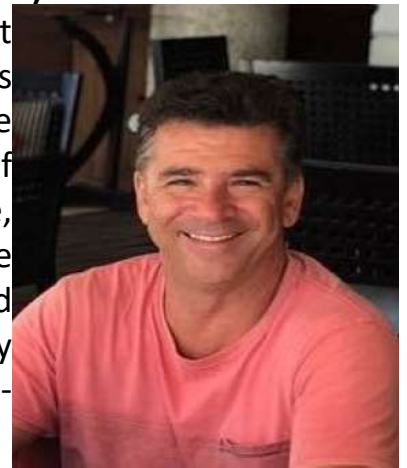
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WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Whitsunday Sailing Club Newsletter. Our aim is to keep members and guests abreast of happenings at the club and further abroad together with achievements of some of our members, particularly with respect to sailing related feats. Like all newsletters we welcome articles and feedback from our readers.

FROM THE HELM – Leo Rodriguez (President)

As always there has been a lot going on at the club over the past month. If you have visited the club over the past couple of months you will have seen some substantial changes at all levels, with the final touches to 20 Degrees South restaurant upstairs, relocation of the Whitsunday Maritime Training Centre to their downstairs office, and a revamp of the hard stand area. One of the most noticeable changes is the demolition of the rock at the eastern end of the hard stand, and subsequent rock wall installation adjacent the dinghy sheds. This will greatly enhance the boat storage layout and provide additional space as the number of boats increases.



The club has also successfully negotiated a grant to pave part of the hard stand area, helping to minimise damage caused by storms. After assessing the damage from cyclone Debbie, the design will protect the areas most damaged.

The redevelopment works associated with the Whitsunday Maritime Training College is progressing well, and is now awaiting DA approval from the local council. Federal Government funding has now been signed off by the deputy Prime Minister, so the project should be shovel ready early in 2021.

Members will be pleased to know that the board has approved installation of new security gates at the eastern end of the club property. To complement an improved secure storage area for members' boats and equipment, the club is also looking to install upgraded security lighting together with an upgraded security camera network.



FROM THE SAILING DESK - Ross Chisholm - Sailing Officer

Yachty's Networking Nights

Starting on Thursday 8th October (and each month thereafter on the 2nd Thursday of the month) we will conduct a Yachty's night at Whitsunday Sailing Club from 1800 Hrs. This will be an opportunity for the sailors of the club to get together to discuss sailing matters of interest and to hear from guest speakers on a range of subjects such as:

- New racing rules of sailing due next year
- Cruising experiences and tips
- Race Management software (race entry, crew registration, boat registration, crew match)
- Sail cloths and sail maintenance
- Sail Shapes
- Rig tuning
- Antifoul types
- Boat maintenance & repairs

Dinner will be available for participants after the presentation, with a special function menu. For catering purposes, those planning to remain for dinner are requested to book through events@whitsundaysailingclub.com.au or phone 4946 5282

A plea to all boat owners and skippers.



We have recently been inundated with people looking to experience the joys of sailing in one of our world famous Wednesday afternoon twilight races on Pioneer Bay. It has become necessary to turn people away in large numbers because we are unable to provide positions for them. In the interests in promoting our sport, can you please consider if you are able to take one or two (or more) passengers on board the next time you go racing? We know that everyone wants to be

competitive, and we all want to have access to more regular crew. There are potentially lots of crew out there just waiting to get a chance. Please advise Ross Chisholm at the club on 4965 3911 (note the new phone number for the sailing office) if you have space available.

Twilight Races

The weekly twilight races have again been very popular, with 16 to 20 boats competing each week, which equates to 80 – 100 sailors out on the water each Wednesday. The nightly presentations are now being held on the balcony of the club around 1900hrs, or as soon as possible after racing. This provides competitors and guests an opportunity to discuss the day's sailing over a drink and dinner while the daily presentations are conducted. In addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division, prizes are also awarded for best start in each division (sponsored by Doyle Sails



Whitsunday), the SML (Stone Motherless Last) award (sponsored by Whitsunday Industrial Services) and an overall mystery prize (the only rule is that you have to start in the race and be present at the presentation to win) (Sponsored by Bayside Hearing).

WOYRC Series

The 2020 Whitsunday Offshore Yacht Racing Circuit (WOYRC) is fast approaching. Whitsunday Sailing Club Ltd, Mackay Sailing Club, Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island and North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, as the joint organising authority, conduct the Advanced Alarms Mackay WOYRC Series. The annual 3 day regatta starts from the North Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in Bowen on Saturday 3rd October, with boats racing from Bowen to Airlie Beach, where they remain overnight as guests of Whitsunday Sailing Club.

For those who survive Saturday night, it is off again in the morning with a race around various islands of the Whitsundays, finishing at Hamilton Island, where they will be hosted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Hamilton Island.

After another big night, this year it is an early start on Monday morning for a race from Hamilton Island back to Airlie Beach where the final presentations will be hosted by at Whitsunday Sailing Club.

Off Beach News

Our off beach sailors have just returned from Yeppoon where they have been representing the club at the Queensland Youth Camp followed by the Queensland Youth Championship. This annual event provides our young sailors an opportunity to learn from the best coaches and to compete against sailors from all over the state

For 6 of our local sailors, it was an opportunity to hone their skills and learn from the coaches before putting their skills into practice in the championship races.

Leading our local team was Eden Humphrey, competing in a fleet of 29 sailors in the Laser 4.7 fleet, finishing a credible 13th overall, which was a huge improvement from last year. Close behind, and sailing his new boat was Jesse Frisch, finishing 16th, with Zac Sleight 1 place behind in 17th. These were great results against some of the best sailors in the state.



In the O'pen Skiff class, Joshua King performed well to finish second overall behind Jonah Parry from Southport Yacht Club. Jack Scharf finished well to take 5th place, which was a great result given that he has only recently moved

into the fleet.

Airlie Frisch competed in the Green fleet, which is a separate competition for beginners. Out of a fleet of 14, Airlie managed to finish 5th, which was again a great result for someone who only started sailing less than a year ago.

The Whitsunday Sailing Club team all sailed well, competed in a sportsmanlike manner, and did our region proud. This event falls soon after the Mackay Sailing Club's Festival of Sails, and will be followed by the Townsville Sprint Series and Sail Bowen over the next few weeks.



Offshore Races

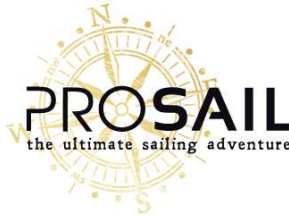
We are now well into this year's condensed season, with many of the re-scheduled races now completed. The Great Northern Series has been run and won, as has the Two Handed series. The Lady Skippers series managed to get two races in prior to the Covid-19 shutdown, while the Offshore Series and the Challengers Cup are currently underway.



The fleet size has grown through the season with several new boats, some of which remained after Airlie Beach Race Week, including Alabaster, Back in Black, M32 World, Masmerised, Wide Load, Good Vibes, plus the long awaited return of Wobbly Boot. The winds have been very favourable over the past few weeks with some great racing at all levels. Certainly the inclusion of the M30 and the Extreme 40 has added a new spice to the spectacle. The new race management software being trialled has provided some excellent results proving that the handicaps used at the club are very reliable in most conditions. Trying to handicap an extreme 40 against a trailable yacht is a challenge for any system.



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AROUND THE CLUB

Telephones

Your club has now completed the long awaited upgrade of the telephone system, with additional direct dial numbers available for key departments:-

Main Business Number	(07) 4946 6138	Weekdays	7 am to 5 pm
Maritime Training	(07) 4946 6710	Weekdays	8 am to 5 pm
Sailing	(07) 4946 7610	Weekdays	8 am to 5 pm
Events	(07) 4946 5282	Weekdays	8 am to 5 pm

The club's restaurant, 20 Degrees South, has been an instant success, as seen most afternoons and evenings. Even with Covid 19 restrictions still in place, Whitsunday Sailing Club has again become a social gathering place within the Airlie Beach community as well as attracting those visiting the area.

Members and guests are reminded that COVID-19 rules are still in place. This means that members and guests are required to sign in at reception upon arriving at the club, and to follow all COVID-19 rules and guidelines. For those competing in club sailing events, we are still working under the Queensland Aquatic Sports Industry COVID Safe Plan, which requires the skipper to provide contact details of all crew on board during any club organised event.

Effective immediately, the DOSA (Designated Outdoor Smoking Area) downstairs has been permanently closed. The Board of the club has confirmed that the only area of the club where smoking will be allowed is in the "Rotary Shed" adjacent the upstairs eastern entrance to the building. Please note that this area is not licensed for the consumption of alcohol or drinks purchased at the club. As such it is a dry area.

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

Don't forget that Whitsunday Regional Council are now patrolling the car park outside the club, with potential fines of \$133 for those caught overstaying the four hour limit. While there are options in "The Beacons", these are in short supply. The club has been negotiating with the council to find a solution that is satisfactory to both parties, but these negotiations take time. In the mean time, those planning to go cruising may be able to obtain a pass from the club, but will be required to provide credit card details which are chargeable should the pass not be returned.

Under no circumstances are members or others allowed to park in the club grounds without permission. Vehicles found parked within the boat yard area may have wheels clamped.

A directive from the Board is that the gate to the hardstand area is to remain locked at all times, and must be locked on entry and exit.

Coming Events

Off Shore

3rd Oct – 5th October		W.O.Y.R.C. Series
17 October	1100 Hrs	Lady Skippers Series 3
18 October	1100 Hrs	Lady Skippers Series 4
25 October	1300 Hrs	Offshore Race – Club Championship
1 November	1300 Hrs	Challengers Cup 5 & 6 – Club Championship

Off Beach

3rd – 5th Oct		Townsville Sprint Series (TSC)
11th Oct	08:30	Adult Learn to Sail
11th Oct	13:00	Summer Series 1 - 3
18th Oct	08:30	Adult Learn to Sail
18th Oct	13:00	Summer Series 4 - 6
25th Oct	08:30	Adult Learn to Sail
25th Oct	13:00	Summer Series 7 - 9
31st Oct		Sail Bowen (PDSC)

Training

12th – 13th Oct	MARSS00008	Shipboard Safety Skill Set
14th Sept – 10th Oct	MAR40618	Master >35
14th – 30th October	MAR30818	MED 2
14th – 23rd October	MAR 20418	MED 3

Social

Friday 2nd Oct	6-9pm	Jake Mason
Saturday 3rd Oct	6-9pm	Lloyd Saunders
Sunday 4th Oct	2-5pm	Ash Smith
Friday 9th Oct	6-9pm	Dylan Hammond
Saturday 10th Oct	6-9pm	Jake Mason
Sunday 11th Oct	2-5pm	Simon Briley
Friday 16th Oct	6-9pm	Keiran McCarthy
Saturday 17th Oct	6-9pm	Lloyd Saunders
Sunday 18th Oct	2-5pm	Ash Smith
Friday 23rd Oct	6-9pm	Mike Duff
Saturday 24th Oct	6-9pm	Simon Briley
Sunday 25th Oct	2-5pm	Ash Smith
Friday 30th Oct	6-9pm	Markus Meier

Coming Events:

Event- Sip of the Sea wine lunch

Date- Sunday October 11th 1-4pm

Tickets- \$99 include a 5 course degustation menu and paired wines

Description- Join us for a delicious 5 course degustation menu crafted by our talented Head Chef with paired DeGrendel South African wines. Tickets are \$99 per person and are very limited, call 49466138 or email events@whitsundaysailingclub.com.au for inquiries and bookings

Event- Melbourne Cup Lunch

Date- Tuesday November 3rd 12-4pm

Tickets- \$59 includes a 3 course lunch and a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival.

Description- Melbourne Cup comes alive at the Whitsunday Sailing Club! Join us for a delicious 3 course lunch with a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival. Enter fashions on the field to win some great prizes or why not try your luck on a sweep. Dress to impress and remember the COVID safe venue guidelines.

Event- Christmas Lunch

Date- Friday December 25th 12-4pm

Tickets- \$79 children including a gift from Santa \$189 for adults includes a seafood buffet and all house beer, wine, sparkling and soft drink

Description- Join us for a spectacular Christmas Day lunch on Friday December 25th! Adult tickets include a delicious Chef served buffet complete with fresh Seafood, cold meats, salads and sides and inclusive of beer, wine and sparkling. Children's tickets include a personalised gift from the Jolly man in red, their own delicious chef served buffet and soft drink or juice. Adults \$189 Children \$79

