



Tell Tales

TOWNSVILLE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Townsville Sailing Club Centenary Presentation Night 2009



The Mayor Mr Les Tyrell presenting Commodore Bruce Shephard with a unique photo of early sailing days on The Strand

Townsville Sailing Club celebrated 100 years of sailing in November 2009. The Mayor Mr Les Tyrell and special guests joined members and friends on the lawn for this centenary awards evening. Club Secretary, John Byrne thanked the Mayor for the Council's support of the clubs sailing weekend at Paluma and for his ongoing concern for the club's future. In his welcome address John reminded those present that during 100 years the club has produced many Queensland and Australian champions. This continues with current club members Brendon and Andrew Torpelund, Danny Fuller and Mick Guinea who regularly compete successfully at national and international level. Some years ago the Australian Olympic coach Mr Victor Covenko said that "if you want to build a child's spirit for life, teach them sailing". True of what the club has done over the years and continues to do.

Robert Hayles Senior Perpetual Memorial trophy

This award recognises courage and intrepid spirit and the original 100 year old trophy was on display at the presentation night. Special guests Mr Kevan Johnson, the veteran of many Sydney to Hobart yacht races, and Mr Geoff Hansen president of the Townsville Museum and Historical Society presented the inaugural award. Winners were young sailors Emma and Chris Barsi who showed exceptional courage going back on the water to assist another sabot sailor after their sabot was involved in a collision last year.

Chris and Emma Barsi being presented with the new perpetual trophy by Kevan Johnson and Geoff Hansen

Two special TSC awards are voted by club members each year. The Aidan Mathieu Memorial Shield recognises someone who strives in their own sailing, assists the club and other sailors and shows good sportsmanship. This was awarded to Catriona Mclvor. The Seafarers Award is awarded to the most promising sailor of any age in the club who displays an affinity for the sea and was awarded to Justin Spillman, currently working in Mt Isa and promoting sailing on Lake Moondarra.



Special thanks to Sandra Jones who is stepping down as canteen convenor. Sandra has had a long association with the club and was made a life member some time ago. The club is delighted to have two new life members; Ian and Helen Murdoch. Ian and Helen have been involved with the club for many years; sailing, coaching, running children's learn to sail courses and helping at regattas and other club events.



Catriona Mclvor (L) and Justin Spillman (R) with perpetual shields



Bruce with Sandra Jones

Congratulations to Jesse Lancashire who won the Captains' Trophy, to all fleet winners and sailors in 2009. In particular thank you to the clubs volunteers both on and off the water. We look forward to seeing you all again this season.



Ian and Helen Murdoch

Thank you to Breakwater Chandlery for sponsorship of vouchers at the clubs presentation night. The Breakwater Chandlery is located near the clubhouse at Breakwater Marina. Please support them for all your boating needs. www.chandlery.net.au launch on line 1 February. Hot launch deals all February

Sailing starts Sunday 7 March - Try Sail 10.00 am & race 1.30 pm

**Do your children have friends or school mates who would like to try sailing?
Bring them to the club at 10.00am to have a go**

The club will be running learn to sail courses this season, contact Nick Wightman

TSC well represented at National Championships over the Christmas break

Nacra Nationals at Hervey Bay, F18 Nationals in Vic, Laser Nationals in SA, Contender Nationals and Worlds in Brisbane and Sabot Nationals in NSW

31st Nacra National Titles - 2 – 8 January 2010, Hervey Bay Sailing Club.

TSC sailors Mick Guinea, Craig Milton, Wes Bailey, Jarrod Cook, Viv Haydon, Marty Webb and Guy Williams with fellow NQ sailors fielded entries in all but one of the classes. A total of 14 boats made up the NQ Team; nearly ¼ of the 60 boat fleet.

Conditions varied from a 10 to 15 knot northerly on the opening day to south easterly any where between 10 and 25 knots.

In the F18s it was close racing at the top of the fleet, with Mick Guinea and Dutch crew: Christa

Van Helden, just missing out on a podium finish in fourth place. In their first nationals together, Jarrod and Viv finished a deserved 13th despite some teething problems with their kite halyard. Guy and his son sailed their Nacra 5.8 *Stray Cat* in the largest fleet. They gained invaluable experience from the racing which will serve them well in the NQ mixed fleets. In the competitive Nacra 16sq fleet, Craig Milton and Wes Bailey were pitted against numerous seasoned campaigners. Unfortunately a neck injury saw Craig out for two days of racing. In *Zulu*, Wes was able to sail to 17th place. In their first nationals, both our guys missed out on the "Wood Duck Cup". Mick and Christa and 4 other F18s from NQ travelled to Melbourne over the Australia Day weekend to compete in the F18 Nationals, which were part of Audi Victoria Race Week.

Report from Wes Bailey and Mick Guinea



Over Easter, Townsville Sailing Club will host the Nacra State Titles and our guys will be joined by some of the country's best catamaran sailors. Races over Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Watch for more news on this event at our club.

Contender Nationals and Worlds, RQYS, Brisbane

Tony Debney, Dan Haydon and Scott McInerney competed in winds from 7 to 25 knots in Moreton Bay. Tony was plagued by breakages but managed to enjoy himself whilst learning about the single handed boats and improved his performance over the 15 races. Dan in borrowed boat *Gavin* managed to finish every race including the first race in which many of the fleet retired in



John 'Crazy' McLean (Bowen), Tony, Dan & Scott



Scott in new boat Don't Know

challenging 25 knot conditions. Dan's best result was 28th in the fleet of 60. Scott had the most success gaining 36th and 33rd in the nationals and worlds respectively. Scott was thrilled with his new Bonezzi boat which he bought for the regatta. Scott gained a best result of a 21st reaching the top mark in 4th position in this highly competitive fleet with less than 10 minutes separating the majority of the fleet in all races.

Report from Dan Haydon

Australian Laser Nationals 2010 Adelaide Sailing Club

Three TSC sailors competed in the radials at Adelaide sailing club who ran a great regatta on and off the water for the 4.7's, radials and standard rigs. 196 competitors attended the nationals (95 radials) ranging from Olympians (male and female) through to weekend punters. The courses were set just off the beach in mostly S-S/W sea breezes ranging from 5 to 25 knots across the series. The large ocean waves on the windier days were awesome and made for good fun downhill and dolphins playing around boats were a highlight. The radials were split into 2 fleets for 4 days (8 races) of a qualifying series. Then fleets were divided into gold and silver for the 4 race final series with all TSC sailors comfortably making the gold fleet. The last of the final series was abandoned when the wind dropped out. Overall a good regatta by all the TSC sailors with lots learnt and heaps to work on. Final places were Danny Fuller 10th, Andrew Torpelund 30th (15th youth) and Brendan Torpelund 24th. Andrew went on to compete at the Youth Nationals at Largs Bay finishing 11th overall (9th Australian).
Report from Danny Fuller

46th Sabot Nationals 27 Dec 2009 - 3rd Jan 2010 Gosford Sailing Club, NSW

Sam Bartsch in *Radar*, Chris and Emma Barsi in *Twisted Sister* had a fun-filled, wet week of light-weather sailing at Gosford for the Sabot Nationals. They met new friends and learned the art of restarting races numerous times! Thanks to Andrew Torpelund for the extra coaching and JB for the rules update. A great experience - thoroughly recommend it to all – the 2010 Nationals are in Tasmania.
Report from Judith Barsi



Emma and Chris Barsi and Sam Bartsch with North Queensland Sabot Association flag

Sailing Club Paluma camping weekend



Scott and son Hugh in Icon, 505 Swingshift with a new lease of life, sabot and canoes on the lake

Sailing club members and friends enjoyed the social sailing and introducing younger family members and non sailors to the sport. Campfire evenings and lazy lunches make this a great social weekend on the sailing club calendar. The club pacers have been refurbished thanks to John Byrne, organising painting and fittings.

John fixing the rudder box on the pacers - love the paint job! (R)

The campsites were full for the January family camping weekend at Paluma Lake. The weather did not deter adults and children alike who took to the water in canoes, windsurfers and a variety of dinghies. It was a beautiful day on Saturday for admiring the scenery and a great sailing breeze Sunday morning. Those who went up to the top end of the lake reported a hoot of a ride – with wind gusting from all directions!



John also towed two of the pacers to the lake for members and friends to sail. Thank you to John for organising the weekend and the council for their support.



Tom Ledez doing a great job keeping his new Bic afloat with six on board



How many can you fit on a Bic?

In the end someone has to go!

Volunteers are needed for the safety boats and canteen

Can you assist on Sunday 7, 14 or 21 March?

Safety boat volunteers please contact Scott McKellar email scottandsarah@aapt.net.au

Canteen volunteers please contact Marg Spillman Tel: 47798766 or email m.spilly@bigpond.net.au

Christy Guinea has generously volunteered to run the canteen this season and your help is needed on a roster basis

TSC committee 2010

There are a couple of positions vacant on the committee for the year. Although one is as Commodore, it is a straightforward position as club members' man Officer of the Day and work together to run regattas. The Commodore's position mainly delegates and directs enquiries to others! Please talk to a committee member about giving it a go and support our committee as they work to support our club. Remember - *everyone* is a volunteer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Opening day Townsville Sailing Club
Sunday 7 March 2010

Nacra State Titles
Townsville Sailing Club
2-4 April 2010 Easter long weekend

Easter Regatta
TBA

Tinaroo Regatta
Tinaroo Sailing Club
1-3 May 2010 May Day long weekend

FOR SALE

Nacra 16sq, Sail Number 37, Zulu
\$5,200 Location: Townsville
Includes new road trailer and beach rollers
Ready to sail
Contact: Wes Bailey – 0402 333 163

125, built by Ross Haven Marine
\$1,100 ONO Location: Townsville
Includes road and beach trailers in excellent condition
Contact: Fred Eames - 47751133
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Thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter
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