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PDYC is becoming a Discover Sailing Centre!

The Sailing Committee is pleased to announce that the Port Douglas Yacht Club has passed the audit requirements to become a Discover Sailing Centre under the auspices of the program run by Australian Sailing and the Australian Sports Commission.

This exciting news will allow PDYC to hold certified and accredited sailing and seamanship courses. In turn this will bring new members and sailors to the Club and these qualifications will be recognised around the world. Enabling PDYC to promote, encourage and foster the sport of yachting as our founding members enshrined in the Constitution.



Port Douglas Sailing History.

As promised in our last edition. The trophies Dave Ormsby has in his possession.

The one to the immediate left was presented to Dave in 1959 when he was a young lad.



This trophy was allegedly stolen from one of the local hotels in 1938.

Unfortunately Dave couldn't give us any more details but from his description of his own adventures in our previous edition we are fairly certain there were some high jinks involved.



PDYC proceedings



September 30 Saturday

Queen's Birthday long weekend overnight cruise

October 10 Tuesday

Skippers Dinner

October 13 Friday

Quiz Night The Yachties Team Challenge

October 14 Saturday

Coral Sea Cup Regatta

Race 16, 17 and 18 Club Championship

October 15 Sunday

Coral Sea Cup Regatta

October 28 Saturday

Lady Skippers Race Second fun ladies day

November 4 Saturday

Low Isles Full Moon Overnighter

November 11 Saturday

Spring Series race 1 and 2

Races 19 to 24 Club Championship

November 18 Saturday

Spring Series race 3 and 4

November 25 Saturday

Spring Series race 5 and 6

December 2 Saturday

Working B All hands on deck

December 9 Saturday

Christmas Cup

Race 25 Club Championship

December 16 Saturday

Christmas Party



August Working Bee. Great Job Gang!





Vale Perry

By Denise Cochrane.

Perry Allen was born in Australia on the 18th September 1962. He had his 55th birthday last week before finally surrendering after a difficult fight to an aggressive cancer. Perry was taken from this world on the 25th September 2017.

He was married for most of his adult life to his best friend Gail. They moved into the Port Douglas community 5 or so years back and deciding to purchase a home here, as well as keep their home in the South Island of New Zealand in Wanaka. This allowed Perry to spend half the year in Port and half in Wanaka, giving him, as he explained, a perpetual summer life. They called both places home.

On arrival to Port, Perry immediately made his way to the PDYC where he become a valuable and active member. He was very keen to swell the club numbers with new and competent sailors. So, it was with Peter Chapman and Alf Fowler that they initiated and designed the 6 week learn to sail course on the clubs J 24's. Perry gave his time and expertise generously. He instructed many would be sailors during the 2015 and 2016 "Learn to Sail" course and was always ready to give his time for extra signing off for competency after the course. Perry had an extremely relaxed manner and was an accomplished sailor and excellent instructor. He brought many new and younger members into the club because of his enthusiasm and steady approach to teaching people the fundamentals of sailing, allowing non- sailors the opportunity to actually sail a yacht.

New trainees felt completely as ease on a boat with Perry. He had a way of giving just the right amount of instruction to keep you focused on the task at hand. He encouraged trainees to helm, to trim, to feel the wind on their face and neck and to always be mindful of the wind direction, to be alert and to be ready. His passion for sailing was infectious and he loved the Coral Sea. When you were in a boat with Perry you come to appreciate just how happy he was on the water.

Perry spent many hours at the club maintaining and repairing the J fleet. He was fastidious about keeping the boats in good order. He didn't wait for things to break, he would check and replace items that were a bit worn and have spares ready if they seemed on their way out. It was a regular sight to see Perry tinkering on his beloved "Mai Oui", screw driver, pliers and his quiet presence going about the task without need of recognition of acknowledgment.

Although relaxed and cool headed, he was also fiercely competitive and played to win. He had a take no prisoners approach. A race meant just that, it was a race and you had better have your sailing skills finely tuned because "Mai Oui" had to be going as fast as she could possibly go. But after the race had finished he resumed the happy relaxed, full of laughter and stories, friend that we all knew.

Before one race last year he was wearing, as he described, a brand new "super quick dry" shirt and shorts. After beating into the wind on the return from a passage race around Snapper, we were all cold and wet sitting on the rail as we headed for Port. After a particularly big dowsing as we crashed awkwardly through the swell and it broke on top of us, I turned to ask how he was sitting at the back of the boat in his new "super quick dry" shirt. He replied "Wish I had of got some super quick dry jocks!".

Perry was very special to many of us. He was an honest, salt of the earth bloke, he avoided drama, he was a straight talking bloke who had a contented happy nature, a genuine smile, a real person with no hidden agendas. What you saw was what you got with Perry. He was a social creature and enjoyed company. He and Gail organised the J24 end of year parties and their hospitality is legendary both here and across the ditch.

He loved sailing and he loved the Coral Sea. We were very fortunate to have known and sailed with Perry and have him as a member of the PDYC. We take the time to remember Perry and extend our heartfelt condolences to Gail at the untimely loss of her husband and our friend.

Memorial for Perry Allen

A gathering will be held to celebrate Perry Allen at the Club this Sunday

Date October 1st 2017

Venue Port Douglas Yacht Club

Time 12.00 noon



AGM September - New Committee

The AGM was held on Sunday September 10. A new Committee was returned

Commodore: Garry White

Vice Commodore: Bob Standley Rear Commodore: Mick Gwilliams

Treasurer: Craig Rudder
Secretary: Robyn Shelly
Committee: Brett Almond
Committee: Helen Gwilliams
Committee: David Morrow

Incoming Commodore Garry White paid tribute to the work done by Carl Barnett over the past year. Carl has been very hands on and we as a club are extremely lucky to have had his hand on the

helm.



Thanks Skipper!

Waypoint is looking for Staff

We are looking for contributors, anyone who might be interested in helping keep the Newsletter a regular happening.

Articles, recipes, silliness anything is gratefully accepted. This edition is light on for words but images are good as well

Please contact Richard or email Waypoint direct































From the Commodore

It's been a busy few months for the Club and I'm glad to say that we are doing well. We have held a number of functions over the last couple of months and all have been a great success thanks to Rich and his staff. The boys in the kitchen have continued to produce great meals throughout this busy period. This has given the Club a great name which is being reflected on Tripadvisor and Facebook.

With all the onshore activities going on it's been great to see that the weather has been kind to the sailors and Mick has managed to get most of the fleet out on the water with some tricky courses. And even trickier quiz questions, which left most of the skippers and crew members confused.

I would like thank all members of the club that have been involved in some form or the other with WAGS. We need as much support from the members as possible at this time of the year. As we all know it is very important for the club as we get a large number of locals and visitors who enjoy WAGS and stay for drinks and a great meal.

A working bee took place on the 5 August with 13 keen members turning up and putting in four hours of hard work to get the Club house and boat yard looking great. Thanks to all those who regularly turn up to keep our club in good trim. I would like to thank Richard and the Committee for their hard work over the past year and wish the new Commodore and Committee all the best for the coming year. See you on the water.

~Carl.







Mick's Fiji Chilli Pickle

Ingredients: 250g Green Chillies 6 Lemons
3 Tbsp Raw Sugar 1/2 tsp salt 3/4 tsp turmeric
1 tsp cumin seed

Wash and thoroughly dry chillies

Toast cumin in a dry pan until fragrant, set aside and cool before grinding in a mortar and pestle or spice grinder.

Place sugar, salt, turmeric and ground cumin in a non reactive bowl. Mix with the juice of one lemon to make a paste.

Slit chillies along one side with a knife and stuff with the sugar and spice paste.

Juice remaining lemons

Place chillies in a small non reactive pan and cover with lemon juice Bring to simmer and simmer gently until chillies are tender and cooked. Put in a clean jar and refrigerate.

Makes approximately 1 jar

Save the Dates!

