

Newsletter

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News in brief

Port FM Mais Oui leads Winter Series • Magic wins Keith Quinn Fun Race • Miriama Te Rua racing again! • Port FM Mais Oui contests FNQ J24 C'ship • Working B August 6th • Low Isles overnighter August 20th •

Race Results

Winter Series race 2

Line honours:	Magic
Handicap: 1 st	Port FM Mais Oui
2 nd	Indigo
3 rd	Magic

Race 2: Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series

Six yachts competed on a day that started with a strong wind warning but by 2:00pm as the fleet converged on the start line what little breeze that was left proved very hard to find. Ice got away to a good start but was unable to sustain her speed as Magic and Port FM Mais Oui made it first to the top mark. The intended three laps of the windward leeward course had to be shortened to allow all competitors a reasonable time to record a finish and it was again Magic followed by Port FM Mais Oui crossing the line first. As the breeze picked up in the last half hour Indigo and T Break made ground with Indigo providing a surprise finish that matched the change in the weather. An elapsed time difference from first to sixth place of 26:49 was reduced to 17:23 on corrected time providing some very close times. Indigo skippered by Colin Simpson took second place to record her first podium position of the Championship ahead of Magic in third but not quite good enough to run down the winner, Port FM Mais Oui. The club owned J24 skippered by Andrew Walker and sponsored by local broadcaster Port FM made it two in a row to tighten their grip at the top of the leader board, 3 points ahead of Magic and 5 clear from Ann Sea.

Ports North FNQ J24 Championship Port FM Mais Oui sailed down to Cairns for the match racing challenge knowing they would be up against top competition. The crew of Garry, Andrew, Mike and Nod plus support from Indigo acting as the mother ship (party boat) had a fantastic time despite bowing out early in the contest. They all agreed it had been a worthwhile experience learning a lot from the three day event. Congratulations to Kaizen II Ports North FNQ J24 Championship winners for 2011.

A Fantastic Month of Sailing

July has proven yet again to be a fantastic month for sailing kicking off on the first Saturday with the rescheduled heat 2 of the Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series followed by Heat 3 the following weekend. The Keith Quinn Memorial Fun Race was held on the 16th and on the 20th Port FM Mais Oui sailed down to Cairns to compete in the Ports North FNQ J24 Championship. The Two Island Sail and Run is on Saturday 30th and four fabulous Wednesdays rounded off a fantastic July for sailing at Port Douglas Yacht Club.



Winter Series race 3

Line honours:	Magic
Handicap: 1 st	Ice
2 nd	Port FM Mais Oui
3 rd	Magic

Keith Quinn Memorial Fun Race

Line honours:	Magic
Handicap: 1 st	Magic
2 nd	Indigo
3 rd	Ice

Race 3: Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series

Six yachts competed in excellent conditions as Doug Ryan on Magic pulled off another great start closely followed by Ice and Ann Sea. Series leader Port FM Mais Oui failed to get the start required and had plenty of work to do to make up lost ground. The moderate breeze proved sufficient for three laps of the course and several individual contests emerged as the fleet battled against the clock. Magic lead from start to finish crossing in 01:35:53 and although the prestige of crossing the line first carries the most satisfaction rarely does it get the best result when fleet racing on a performance handicap basis. Magic's handicap gave a seven second per minute start to both second placed Ice and fourth placed Port FM Mais Oui. Similarly T break crossing fifth gave five seconds per minute to Indigo crossing sixth. As the crews returned to the clubhouse to await the final outcome of the computed results each pondered whether their race time would steal a position from their rivals or succumb to a nudge down the ladder. Final results put Magic in third denied second place just three seconds behind Port FM Mais Oui with Helen and Mick Gwilliams on Ice the winners by over two minutes. Ann Sea held fourth with Indigo taking fifth four minutes ahead of T Break. The win allowed Ice to jump ahead of Ann Sea on the series ladder into third with Magic retaining second and Port FM Mais Oui holding first.

Racing in the Poseidon Sailaway Winter Series resumes on August 13th with a double header. Race 4 and Race 5 will be contested with a 10:00am and a 2:00pm start allowing for the traditional favourite of lunch at the club in between, although on current form a couple of boats might need a packed lunch!

The Keith Quinn Memorial Fun Race attracted six yachts on Saturday 16th in memory of one of the yacht clubs more irrepressible members who passed away a few years ago. Billed as a fun race the day was open to the public for the chance to jump aboard for a taste of yacht racing in the tropics. The first challenge was a quiz to test the knowledge of the teams with the results adjusting the yachts handicaps based on their quiz score. The yacht race followed with a reaching course along Four Mile beach with five buoy roundings on a linear course that kept all boats in close proximity. Back at the club round two of the quiz again tested the crews with the results this time adding minutes to their elapsed times. On the water the contest was tight with the inclusion of Miriama and Henry Cotter providing a long overdue return to club sailing. Tau Ceti, Indigo and Port FM Mais Oui were all in the mix enjoying the reaching course and with less than twelve minutes separating the fleet it was going to be close. Line honours went to Doug Ryan on Magic closely followed by Ice and Tau Ceti. The title of most knowledgeable crew was a tie between Magic and Indigo on 62.5% which aided both boats to stake a claim on the final podium positions. Magic claimed the title as the first boat to be named on the new Keith Quinn Trophy ahead of Indigo and Ice followed by Tau Ceti, Port FM Mais Oui and Miriama. Everybody involved enjoyed a fabulous day on and off the water with all crews now in training for the Two Island Sail and Run coming up on July 30th.

Club manager Richard Stapleton enjoys a day off onboard Ice during the Keith Quinn Fun Race



Brain teasers bring in the laughs

In an unusual twist to the already confusing subject of scoring a yacht race the Keith Quinn Fun Race had two rounds of nautical knowledge to test the skippers and crew. Each round had 10 questions and 20 points to be won. In round 1 the team with the highest score was awarded 1 point which converted to a 0.01 addition to their handicap. The team coming 2nd scored 2 points resulting in a 0.02 addition to their handicap and so on. In round 2 the team coming first scored 1 point resulting in a 2 minute addition to their elapsed time and the team coming second scored 2 points resulting in a 4 minute addition to their elapsed time and so on. The end results can be seen in the table below.

Crew	Round 1				Allocated Handicap	New Handicap
	Points	Position	Score	Penalty		
Magic	12	1 st (tied)	1	0.01	0.840	0.850
Miriama	12	1 st (tied)	1	0.01	0.700	0.710
Tau Ceti	10.5	3 rd	3	0.03	0.780	0.810
PFMMO	10	4 th (tied)	4	0.04	0.755	0.795
Indigo	10	4 th (tied)	4	0.04	0.690	0.730
Ice	9	6 th	6	0.06	0.82	0.880
Crew	Round 2				Elapsed Time	New Elapsed Time
	Points	Position	Score	Penalty		
Indigo	15	1 st	1	2 mins	44:43	46:43
Magic	13	2 nd	2	4 mins	35:24	39:24
Ice	9	3 rd	3	6 mins	37:40	43:40
Tau Ceti	8	4 th	4	8 mins	40:15	48:15
PFMMO	7	5 th	5	10 mins	43:45	53:45
Miriama	6	6 th	6	12 mins	52:01	1:04:01
Overall Quiz Placing						
Place	Crew	Points				
1 st (tied)	Indigo	25				
1 st (tied)	Magic	25				
3 rd	Tau Ceti	18.5				
4 th (tied)	Miriama	18				
4 th (tied)	Ice	18				
6 th	PFMMO	17				

FUN RACE FINAL PLACES

- 1st Magic
- 2nd Indigo
- 3rd Ice
- 4th Tau Ceti
- 5th Port FM MO
- 6th Miriama



Some interesting answers were provided by some puzzled crew...Asked what a brass monkey was used for one response was *“old fashioned way of measuring the weather”*. Not a bad guess although hardly the intended purpose, more of a consequence really! When asked how many meters are in an international nautical mile one team declared *“1.85 meters”* which is about 6 feet! The practice of each team marking another’s answers left a little to be desired. On closer inspection some results might have turned out a little different to what went down on the day but it was all in the name of FUN so we’ll leave it at that for now.

Award for dumb things done on the day goes to the crew of **Ice** who dropped the anchor and rode for the start line buoy overboard 300 metres before they got to where they wanted to. “I heard this sliding noise from the stern, looked around and the crate with the chain and anchor went off the back of the boat” said the skipper. Someone neglected to fasten the bottom life line of the open transom! The crew of **Port FM Mais Oui** came alongside **Ice** sitting on her mooring with the promise of a spare couple of beers on offer only to be blasted by water cannon once in range. They missed out on the beers too! Perhaps not quite living up to the anecdotal antics of Keith Quinn the day did provide a wonderful event to honour his memory and a new lease on life for the race and the new trophy that bears his name.

Colin and Ali and the crew of Indigo have notched up three 2nd place positions in recent races beginning with race 6 of the Exemplar Clipper Cup and followed by race 2 in the Winter Series and then the Keith Quinn Fun Race. Is this a sign of good sailing or good handicapping, or maybe both? Nervous keelboat crews are a plenty as the big cat muscles up.

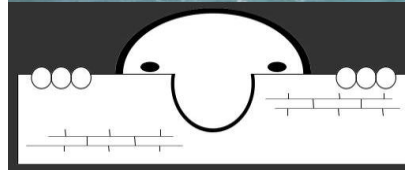
Committee Corner

PDYC management committee met on Tuesday 19th July with all members present and a full agenda at hand. Amidst the formal agenda items there was acceptance of 15 new members. Topics discussed included the status of funding applications through grants, post Clipper Cup analysis, replacement seating, plans to attend to redevelopment of certain sections of gardens around the club, the future plan, closer links with the Coastguard, a safety meeting scheduled for August 14th, and several executive reports.

The committee is coming to the end of its tenure as the AGM looms in September with most members indicating they will stand for re-election. Would you like to take an active role in the management of Port Douglas Yacht Club by joining the committee? Any two financial members of the Association may nominate any other financial member and nominations must be received by August 28th 2011. The committee is comprised of eight members, five of whom shall be yacht owners whose names appear in the yacht register.



Magic on her way to winning the Keith Quinn Fun Race



Did you see the Clipper Cup Survey on the PDYC website?

A big thank you to all those who contributed to the Clipper Cup survey recently. The Zoomerang survey was posted on the PDYC website seeking feedback from anyone interested in the event. A total of 62 visits resulted in 12 completions with some useful information gathered from the response. The overwhelming conclusion is to see multiple divisions for future races. Other points of note were that 50% considered the prize pool to be about right and 11 from 12 said they would make it a priority in 2012. Some suggestions were to include a spinnaker run along Four Mile Beach and Saturday night entertainment. Some criticism was given to the handicaps (what's new?), the value of the presentation dinner and the inclusion of a very fast multihull. All feedback received will be used to improve the event and to continue the growth that we are all hopeful 2011 has fuelled.



Lucky enough to be onboard on a beautiful Wednesday night sunset sail

Maritime Safety Queensland Queensland Notices to Mariners 598 (Temporary) of 2011 Port Douglas pilottage area

Locality: Port Douglas

Activity: Evening sailing cruises

Mariners are advised that an evening sailing cruise will be held every Wednesday evening of August, September and October 2011 between 1600 hours and 1900 hours in the waters between Port Douglas and Low Isles within latitude 16° 25' S, longitude 145° 33' E and latitude 16°30' S, longitude 145°28'E.

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution..

It's official!

WAGS is on every Wednesday Through August, September and October

Keep up to date with what's new from MSQ

Visit: <http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Notices-to-Mariners/Ntm-port-douglas.aspx>

Working Bee

Saturday August 6th 8:00am

Gardening projects and general maintenance.

Bring your green thumb and your rake and trowel. It's time to do some gardening. We'll plant some pot, or pot some plants and play around in the dirt before its sandwiches and beer all round.

Gotta love those working b's at the Yachtie.



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Member Profile



Doug Ryan

The dashing skipper of Magic (according to Port FM) and one of the clubs most accomplished sailors Doug Ryan and the 'Blue Boat' are always the ones to beat come race day. With an impressive sailing record boasting 12 Brisbane to Gladstone, 14 Hobarts and 15 Hamo's its little wonder that Magic usually leads the way around the course on our local waters. Having served his time as both Rear Commodore and Commodore over many years Doug is an irreplaceable club asset and a wealth of knowledge. Always keen to share his skill with anyone willing to learn Doug is content these days just crossing the line first accepting that his handicap will usually deny him the win. Taking line honours in just about everything Doug also gets the occasional handicap win such as the 2010 Christmas Cup and more recently the Keith Quinn Fun Race. He will no doubt be keen to defend his course record for the Two Island Sail and Run which was set last year. A reliable entry in every event (unless forced by work not to sail) Doug is guaranteed to support the sport that the club was built for, a sport for some serious fun...just ask Billy!

What's cooking in the kitchen? Matt & Sime have recently changed their seafood supplier and as a result have wild Barramundi caught in the local waters around Port. This has proven to be very popular and is a best seller most nights. They are also receiving whole fresh fish filleted on site so if anyone needs some bait for their crab pots pop in and see the boys in the kitchen. Lunch is now being served Wednesday to Sunday with frequent repeat visits for lunch from diners the evening before. With a great specials board in addition to the regular menu delights Spinnakers is definitely the place to go for great sea food and a great dining experience. Don't forget to mention you're a member for your special member rate.

Spinnakers Restaurant

Port Douglas Yacht Club
Open for lunch Wednesday to Sunday
Dinner seven nights a week

New Members signed up for the month of July are Carl Barnett, Jo Buzza, Mike Garrett, Helen & Tony Seale, Paul & Judy Fyfe, Peter Philip, Chris & Leanne Baker, Barry & Jill Blackwood, Craig Wicks, Diane Harper and Loraine Dillon. A big welcome to all and a special welcome to those looking to get involved with sailing. Make sure you get along on a Wednesday afternoon and introduce yourselves to any of the skippers for the chance to go sailing. We're always on the lookout for new crew and with a very busy sailing calendar there'll be plenty of chances to learn and lend a hand.

PDYC Safety Expo: Keep the afternoon of August 14th free in your diary

for the Safety Expo being organised by the club. We all take it for granted that we have onboard the required safety equipment but when the time comes to actually use these items do we really know how to operate them? Plans include a demonstration of marine flares supervised by the appropriate authorities and local representatives invited from the Coast Guard, MSQ, and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol to provide candid advice that will make our on water activities all the more safer. Garry White is the man behind the idea and if you have anything to contribute to the day contact Garry on 0448 248 555. The flare demonstration will be from 4:00pm onwards.

The afternoon will be accompanied by a three piece band called the Sitting Ducks who with a name like that should keep well away from the flare demonstration! Larry Cash, Sadie Jones and Craig Arblaster will be entertaining amidst the serious safety stuff.

August: Events for your calendar

Saturday 6 th	Working Bee (gardening and maintenance)
Saturday 13 th	Heat 4 and 5 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series
Saturday 13 th	Quicksilver Cup
Sunday 14 th	Safety Expo
Saturday 20 th	Low Isles sleepover – cruise and party at Low
Saturday 27 th	Heat 6 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Winter Series
Saturday 27 th	Winter Series presentation
PLUS five Wednesdays making an extra WAGS for the month!	

Would you know what to do with one of these in an emergency situation?



We've all heard of the COLREGS and we should all know what they are but what exactly are they?

Part 2 of the COLREGS following from the June issue

Sailing boats and power-driven boats : Power usually gives way to sail. However, this does not always apply. Larger vessels, such as ferries or container ships, have difficulty manoeuvring due to their size. Masters of other boats, including sail boats, should always apply common sense and seamanship by Giving larger vessels a wide berth.

Sailing boats: When two sailing boats have wind on different sides, the boat with the wind on the port side must give way. When both boats have the wind on the same side, the boat to windward shall give way to the boat to leeward.

Sound signals: Most recreational boats do not use sound signals, however they are used by ships and larger vessels. Boats more than 12 metres should carry sound signals, a whistle and a bell. Vessels less than 12 metres should have some means for making an efficient sound signal. Sound signals are either used to indicate manoeuvring or warning, but also during restricted visibility. You should be aware of sound signals and what action you should take when you hear a sound signal. Sound signals may be accompanied by light signals.

Manoeuvring and warning: One short blast means 'I am altering my course to starboard'. Two short blasts mean 'I am altering my course to port'. Three short blasts means 'I am operating engines astern' (the boat may be reversing or stopping). Five (or more) short blasts mean 'I am unsure of your intentions'

Restricted visibility: All boats should use sound signals in restricted visibility to alert others of their position. Use common sense and slow your boat or stop and be ready to take immediate action. Be extremely cautious when operating in restricted visibility.

To learn more about the COLREGS go to the International Maritime Organisation website at:
<http://www.imo.org/about/conventions/listofconventions/pages/colreg.aspx>

Low Isles Cruise

Saturday
August 20th

It's been a while between drinks on the PDYC cruise calendar! Join the August cruise out to Low after lunch at the club, pick up a mooring or drop the pick, kick back and relax watching the sunset from the deck. What a way to spend the weekend! Cruise home Sunday in company. Check with skippers to find available places.



A Clipper Cup committee is to be set up following this year's AGM with the aim of putting together a team of dedicated people to manage the event for 2012. Be sure to be there and get onboard if you want to help.

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PORT DOUGLAS

Next issue: Scheduled for release Thursday August 25th all being well. **Thanks** to all the owners of material borrowed from the net.

Contributions welcome: If you want to submit anything for inclusion, even a regular article, email pdyc@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au

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