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Port FM Mais Oui 2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Champions

News in brief:

- Port FM Mais Oui 2011 Club Champions
- Ann Sea Spring Series Champion
- Fundraiser nets \$8,108
- 2012 Exemplar Clipper Cup Notice of Race and entry forms available
- Doug Ryan nominated for Life Membership
- 2012 sailing programme available at the club



Andrew Walker and Garry White

skipper the clubs J24 **Port FM Mais Oui** into the history books as 2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Champions. After 18 races only half a point separated the top two boats.

In addition to Andrew and Garry club members who crewed in 2011 include Nod, Mike, Ken, Vicki, Simon, Peter, Richard and Andrea.

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| Port FM Mais Oui | 23.5 |
| Magic | 24.0 |
| Ann Sea | 24.5 |

Pictured right:
Mike, Andrew and Nod celebrate the win for Port FM Mais Oui

Latest Race Results

Poseidon Sailaway Spring Series

Race 5 December 3rd

- 1st Ann Sea
- 2nd Magic
- 3rd Ice

Race 6 December 3rd

- 1st Groove
- 2nd Magic
- 3rd Ann Sea

Christmas Cup December 10th

- 1st Magic
- 2nd Ann Sea
- 3rd Sea Wizard

Ann Sea wins Spring Series

L-R Bruce Wynn, Ann Cox, Tim Preuss (Skipper), Bob White, David Inkster, Branch Inkster



The final results of the Spring Series gave back to back Spring Series wins to Ann Sea (6) ahead of Magic (7) and Ice (11) with Port FM Mais Oui (16) and Ruff Red (16) tied for fourth followed by Tau Ceti (24), Groove (31), Island Girl (31) and Indigo (34). An elated skipper Tim Preuss said the win came as a surprise as they were 10 points off the pace heading into the final two races. It was the system of allowing two drops that enabled Ann Sea to drop the two 9 points awarded during her absence cruising during race 3 and 4 that enabled the series victory.

2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Spring Series Results

| Place | Boat Name | Skipper | Series Score | Race 6 | Race 5 | Race 4 | Race 3 | Race 2 | Race 1 |
|-------|------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Ann Sea | Tim Preuss | 6.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | [9.0C] | [9.0C] | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 2 | Magic | Doug Ryan | 7.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | [5.0] | [2.0] |
| 3 | Ice | Mick Gwilliams | 11.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | [4.0] | [4.0] | 3.0 |
| 4 | Port FM Mais Oui | Andrew Walker* | 16.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | [9.0] | 3.0 | 3.0 | [6.0] |
| 4 | Ruff Red | Greg Langan | 16.0 | 7.0F | 4.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | [9.0L] | [9.0L] |
| 6 | Tau Ceti | Ken Brown | 24.0 | [10.0C] | 9.0 | 9.0C | [9.0C] | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| 7 | Groove | Belinda Cooper | 31.0 | 1.0 | 10.0L | 10.0L | 10.0L | [10.0L] | [10.0L] |
| 8 | Island Girl | Leon Paul | 31.0 | [10.0C] | 9.0C | 9.0C | [9.0C] | 8.0C | 5.0 |
| 9 | Indigo | Colin Simpson | 34.0 | [10.0C] | 9.0C | 9.0C | [9.0C] | 8.0C | 8.0F |

* Port FM Mais Oui was also skippered by Peter Buchanan in race 5 & 6

Legend: [] = dropped score, F = did not finish, L = late entrant, C = did not come to the start

Interesting facts: Only 3 from 9 boats competed in all six races; Magic crossed the line first in all but one race.

Race Report: Spring Series

race 5 & 6 The Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Spring Series concluded with a double header. Race five started in good conditions and a steady sea state that provided a very close contest between Ann Sea and Magic as the two yachts led the field around the three lap course. Ann Sea having held off Magic throughout the race finally gave up the lead on the final downwind leg allowing Magic to take line honours. Corrected times however awarded the race to Ann Sea ahead of Magic, Ice, Port FM Mais Oui and Ruff Red. Cairns visiting yacht Groove joined the fleet for race six and immediately set the pace leaving the locals in her wake as the experienced crew showed off their skills. Magic having switched head sails put the mornings struggle with Ann Sea behind her as the fleet split considerably in the dying south easterly breeze. Groove took line honours in 1:25:30 eight minutes ahead of Magic who in turn was ten minutes ahead of Ann Sea. With the wind falling out on the final lap for the remaining yachts Ruff Red did not finish and Ice and Port FM Mais Oui were out of contention. Groove held onto the win on corrected time ahead of Magic

Magic snaps up a triple

Ann Sea claimed her third consecutive Coral Sea Cup victory earlier in the year and now her nemesis Magic has notched up her third consecutive Christmas Cup win following a mammoth five hour rounding of Low Isles. The race culminated in a 48 second time difference between the two boats allowing Magic to match Ann Sea by recording a triple for the year. Ice had her sights set on a third consecutive Club Championship but it was not to be.

Christmas Cup action: Magic (left) and Ann Sea strike out from the start line in variable 5 - 10 knot breeze heading for a port rounding of Low Isles



Race Report: Christmas Cup – Low Isles passage

The final race of the 2011 yacht racing calendar, the Christmas Cup was held on Saturday 10th with the onset of the summer northerlies playing havoc with the best efforts of the crews that braved the scorching heat and light air for the passage around Low Isles. Eight yachts came to the start but only five managed to make it as far as Low as the variable 5 to 10 knot breeze dropped in and out and skipped around most points of the compass. The skill of the sailors was put to the test in the challenging conditions as Ann Sea and Magic showed the way tacking back and forth in the oscillating breeze.

The fleet converged on the southern side of Low for the portside rounding but Magic and Ann Sea had opened up a considerable lead ahead of Ice, Whitecap and Sea Wizard. Miriama, Ruff Red and Impact had to concede the wind strength was never going to be sufficient and pulled out when it became clear they would never complete the course in time. As the two lead boats hoisted their spinnakers for the run home a close contest developed east of Low as Whitecap and Sea Wizard were hot on the tail of Ice rounding the island. Magic took line honours in 05:04:36, double the time usually taken in a steady sou'easter, to be 10 minutes ahead of Ann Sea with Ice, Whitecap and Sea Wizard a full hour behind. Ann Sea tried everything to rein in her rival but corrected times gave the win to Magic by just 48 seconds with Ann Sea second and a great sail from Bob White on Sea Wizard claiming third. Congratulations to Doug Ryan for a third consecutive win of the Christmas Cup sailing Magic.

2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship Results Table

| Place | Boat | Score | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|-------|-------------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| 1 | Port FM | 23.5 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1.5 | 3 |
| 2 | Magic | 24 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| 3 | Ann Sea | 24.5 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 |
| 4 | Ice | 33 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | Tau Ceti | 64 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 10 |
| 6 | Indigo | 80 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 10 |
| 7 | Whitecap | 96 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| 8 | T Break | 99 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 9 | Karagun | 110 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| 10 | Kai Lani | 127 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 11 | Ruff Red | 128 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| 12 | Sea Wizard | 124 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 13 | Island Girl | 148 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| 14 | Groove | 166 | 1 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |

≡ drops: Each boat dropped its six worst results

Scoring is based on RRS Appendix A whereby a boat that did not come to the start (including late entries) is scored one more than the number of boats in the series at that time. A boat that started but did not finish is scored one more than the number of boats that came to the start.

2011 – some interesting facts

How important is every second in a yacht race? Race 2: Ann Sea on elapsed time of 01:25:00, 11 minutes 26 seconds ahead of Port FM Mais Oui on 01:36:26 tied on corrected time of 01:05:17 with handicaps of 0.768 and 0.677 to score 1.5 points each. The extra half point picked up by Port FM Mais Oui proved to be enough to deny Magic the Club Championship.

Had the result gone either way by only 1 second then, if Port FM won race 2 she would still have been out right winner (23 points) and, had Ann Sea won race 2 and Port FM scored 2 points then Port FM, Magic and Ann Sea would all be tied equal first on 24 points. A tie break in favour of Ann Sea scoring five 1st places against Port FM (4) and Magic (1) would then award the Club Championship to Ann Sea.

The club staged a total of 33 races for the year

Magic took line honours 15 times and handicap honours 5 times from 28 races contested.

Port FM Mais Oui took line honours twice and handicap honours 4 times from 28 races contested.

Ann Sea took line honours 11 times and handicap honours 8 times from 25 races contested.

Tau Ceti took line honours 2 times and handicap honours 4 times from 26 races contested.

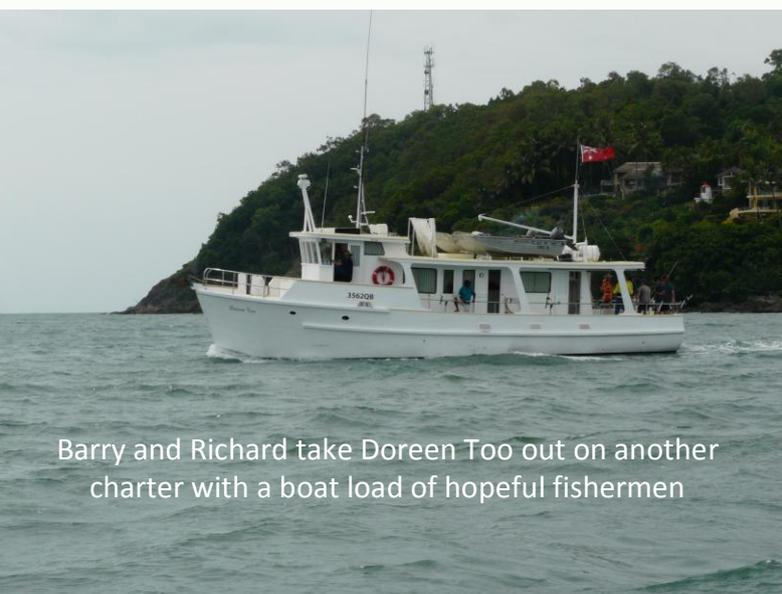
Groove took line honours 2 times and handicap honours 1 time from 8 races contested.

Ice took handicap honours 4 times from 33 races contested. **Indigo** took handicap honours 1 time from 24 races contested. **21 different yachts** competed throughout 2011 in 33 races.

Only one boat competed in every single race staged by the club. Ice matched her 2010 record by again being the only boat to compete in all club organised races.

A total of 14 yachts competed in the 18 race Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship providing 111 starts at an average of 6.1 boats per start. This compares to 15 boats in 2010 competing in 16 races and 77 starts at an average of 4.8 boats per start. With 24 races scheduled for 2012 we need 147 starters at an average of 6.1 per race to better 2011. Can we do it?

Is your boat on the club Boat register? A total of 31 members provided their boat details to update the Yacht Register at the recent Christmas party. Talk to the staff or the committee to help keep the boat register up to date and to make sure your boat is on the list.



Barry and Richard take Doreen Too out on another charter with a boat load of hopeful fishermen

New Members

Current membership sits at about 150 with no additions for the month of December. Are you a club member?

Member benefits

- 25% discount at the bar
- 10% discount at Spinnakers
- 10% discount at Closehaven Marina
- Access to hard stand storage
- Access to locker storage
- Yachting Queensland membership

Why not join today? See bar staff for details



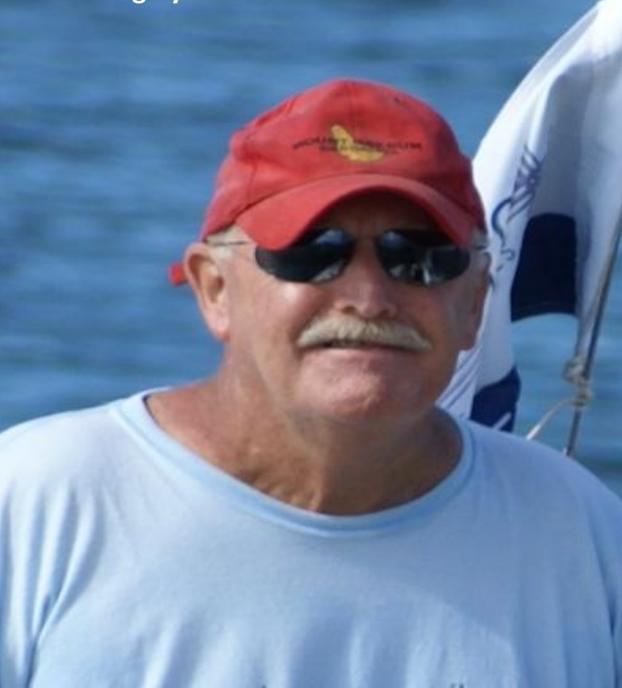
When Red Boomer II sailed back into Port Douglas she brought with her a past commodore and club legend. Billy 'Boomer' McNeil and his family have returned from two years knocking around south-east Asia in Red Boomer II, which was built by Bill in New Guinea of local timber. Red Boomer II used to be one of the starters in our race calendar in the early days of our club. One of the last races I can remember Boomer participating in was the Clipper Cup in 2005. Her LOA is 59', with a beam of 16' and draft of 6'6" fully loaded. Bill has done three global circumnavigations, mostly accompanied by his family. When they left Port in 2009, Bill and family sailed to Darwin where they stayed for 12 months before starting a cruise in company to Batam just north of Singapore. They spent Christmas 2010 and New Year in Phuket before moving back down the coast to Singapore and up to the Tioman Islands. Some of the yachts that had headed out into the Indian Ocean and on to the Red Sea had run into pirates, so Bill and family decided not to go that way this time. From the Tioman Islands they worked their way across to Borneo. Bill said the wild life they saw was amazing, elephants, tigers and orangutans were all part of the scenery. From Borneo they travelled east to Sulawesi and on to West Papua, where Bill said the rubbish was thick in the water. On more than one occasion they had blockages in the cooling water that cools the motors. I wonder who is responsible for polluting our oceans. Logs were also encountered. The last stage of the trip after leaving Sulawesi took them to Jayapura, Kavieng and on to Rabaul, where Bill said the diving was amazing with great corals and shipwrecks from the Second World War.

If you have a story to share of a voyage from yesteryear put your fingers to the keys and send it to pdy@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au

Doug Ryan nominated life member

A brief general meeting was called to order ahead of the annual Christmas party on Dec 17th and the only agenda item was the nomination of Doug Ryan for life membership. A unanimous show of hands approved the nomination which rewards members that have over a period not less than eight years rendered special services to yachting in Port Douglas. Doug has spent his time in various committee positions including Rear Commodore and Commodore and is a deserved recipient of this honour for his continuous support of PDYC and sailing in our region. Doug now has to await the formality of a second vote at the next general meeting (likely to be the AGM in September 2012) before he can take his place alongside the clubs immortals on the list of Life Members. Congratulations Doug.

Doug Ryan – nominated life member



Skipper: Hey crew, is my sailing improving?
Crew: Sure, we're only half as far behind as we used to be...

New Year Closures

The club will be closed on Sunday January 1st

Wet Season

Monday Closures

The club will be closed every Monday commencing January 16th 2012
The next Monday we will be open is April 9th 2012
This closure is for Mondays only. All other days it's business as usual.

Why are good crew like a good pair of undies? Because they cover your ass when you most need them to!

News from the Kitchen

Sime and Lana are happy to announce the safe arrival of Ryo Coombe, the couple's second child. Ryo a healthy 7lb baby boy arrived on Monday 19th December just in time for his first Christmas. Mother and son are doing fine and are relaxing and taking it easy at home while Daddy Sime does all the house work in between feeding everyone at the Yachty and trying to grab some sleep!

It's a Boy!

Congratulations from all at the Yacht Club – could this be the start of a football team?

Litoria caerulea – the White Lipped Green Tree Frog is a protected species and this one was seen recently seeking the protection of the club furniture. Or was he here for the race briefing and a place on a boat maybe?



WAGS roundup

Wednesday 30 November and only five yachts made it out onto the water. Miriama was first off followed by Freda, Samantha, Ice and Sinabada. With a couple of regulars unavailable and some still cruising there was unfortunately a handful of hopefuls that missed out. Freda put on a good show leading the fleet on both legs and wrapped up the evening taking home the rum.

On Wednesday 7th December eight yachts cruised south in a gentle NNE as the summer northerlies arrived announcing the onset of the coming wet season. Miriama, Ice, Magic, Freda, Sinabada, Impact, Ruff Red and a welcome return for Indigo made up the fleet with everyone finding a place onboard a yacht. Freda won the rum for the second consecutive week.

Wednesday 14th December was a classic summer evening sail with gentle ENE breeze, flat seas and billowing cumulus nimbus building on the horizon. Miriama and Freda took a starboard tack towards Snapper and Ice, Samantha and Sinabada opted for the beach with Indigo unable to make up her mind in between. Six boats was enough to provide everyone with a ride and Graham and Judy won the rum although Freda narrowly missed out on a third for the month settling for second.

Wednesday 21st December and six boats again made it out onto a very choppy sea with very good breeze. Tau Ceti led the fleet on her maiden voyage for the repaired rig and it was great to see her back in the fleet. Ann Sea, Freda, Ice, Miriama and Samantha made sure everyone got a ride and a smaller than usual crowd enjoyed a good night at the club after a fabulous sail. Tau Ceti wasted no time claiming the rum on her first WAGS draw for quite some weeks and deservedly so for a triumphant return to the water.

RRS Part 5 Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals

Our “this club was built for fun” attitude towards our sailing activities has resulted in a somewhat controversial addition to some of our Sailing Instructions denying protests and requests for redress. As an example the SI for the 2011 Poseidon Sailaway Club Championship simply stated that there will be none!

The origin of this goes back a long way and seems to be entrenched in the relaxed and informal manner in which the majority of sailors over the years have not bothered too seriously about rules and regulations. Happy to accept that what happens on the water stays on the water for the sake of a cohesive club and a pleasant and friendly days sailing and socialising.

It may however not be quite the right thing to do. As with any interaction between humans there is inevitable conflict and there probably should be some accepted means to resolve any dispute that finds its way off the race course and into the club house. Enter RRS Part 5. So how do we achieve the right balance between having our inherent conventional right to “fun” and protecting our right to be treated “fair”?

On the one hand future Sailing Instructions will not prohibit RRS part 5 thus allowing boats the right to protest and seek redress. A protest shall be in writing on the official protest form and must identify the rule the protestor alleges has been broken. (RRS Part 5 Rule 61.2)

On the other hand we must preserve our ethos and remember the spirit in which we all set sail. I urge all skippers to respect your right to protest and to use it wisely if you do.

Mick Gwilliams – Rear Commodore



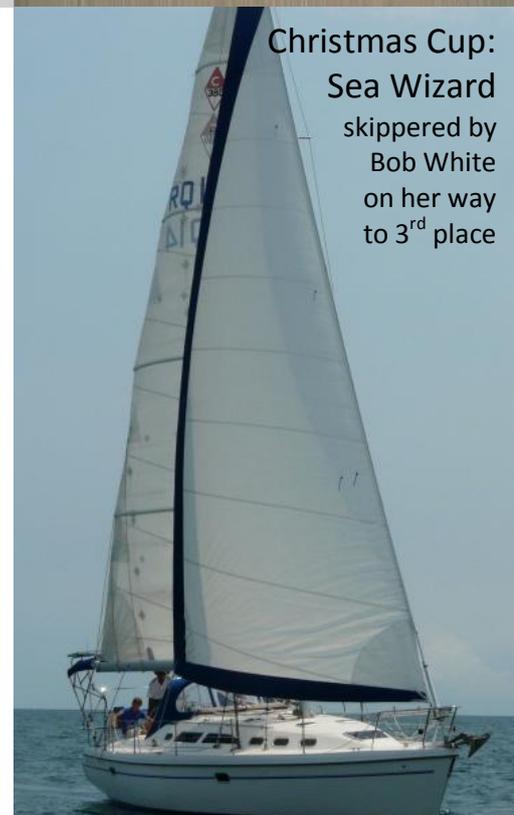
All smiles at the Christmas party
(L-R) CC, Robyn, Sean and Peter

New Years Eve At The Yachty Entertainment Kevin Walker

Buffet: \$30.00 per person

2011
\$27.00 members

Buffet open from 5:00pm



Christmas Cup:
Sea Wizard
skipped by
Bob White
on her way
to 3rd place

The Working Bee on Sunday 11th

attracted all the usual suspects as the sound of hammers and saws, trimmers and hole diggers and hard work filled the air. A few new plants found a new home, some timber repairs on the decking occurred and the sign out the front that blows over in every storm has been secured. Most importantly though the rest rooms have had a thorough clean so make sure you show some respect and less neglect as a lot of effort was put in by some dedicated volunteers! Thanks to Mat & Sime for some wonderful sandwiches to round off the morning and the committee laid on a couple of beers to quench the well earned thirst of the workforce.

\$8,108.00 raised at Anti Violence Fundraiser for Damien Smith

On Sunday 11th December the club staged a fund raising festival to assist the family of Damien Smith. Many local musos gave their time and talents freely to entertain the masses and a fantastic round of raffles every hour ensured the cash kept on flowing. Many local businesses donated prizes in a wonderful effort organised by close friend of Damo, Simon Macfie. Club members offered sailing trips and the club donated a \$100 bar tab to the raffle. There were reef trips and massages and beauty treatments and picture frames and basket hampers a plenty to name just a few. Port Douglas police sergeant Damien Meadows came along to address the crowd and spoke of the amazing way the community rallies in times of need. As with all events staged at the club members put their hands up to do the work organising the door, collecting glasses and removing rubbish and generally helping out wherever and whenever to make sure the club maintained its reputation as the best place to stage an event in the far north. Club manager Richard Stapleton as always put in the extra yards to make sure the day all went to plan.

Many of Damo's family were in attendance and really appreciated the day. Colin and Ali offered a raffle prize for a picnic on Indigo and Mum Julie and sister Bec were given the prize by the lucky winner. Julie and Bec along with Damo's Daughters Talhia and Jes and their mother Rachel were joined by Simon, Angeline and Ange for an enjoyable days sailing on Indigo a couple of day later.



Jenny and Robin on door duty at the fundraiser for Damo



The crowd enjoy the live music at the fundraiser for Damo

More end of year race results

Ten races run over six individual events constituted a club trophy series throughout 2011 (excluding the Exemplar Clipper Cup). The events were the Closehaven Cup (R1), Keith Quinn Trophy (R2), Quicksilver Cup (R3 & R4), Coral Sea Cup (R5, R6 & R7), Life Members Race (R8 & R9) and Christmas Cup (R10). Although each event was a stand alone event these races were bundled into a fictional series to reflect the efforts of the crews that contested the events throughout the year. The Top Yacht system was set up to combine the individual race results to give a Trophy Series result and allowed for two drops from the ten races. A total of 12 yachts competed in the series and the results are as follows: **Yellow** = dropped race result.

| Place | Boat Name | Skipper | Score | Race 10 | Race 9 | Race 8 | Race 7 | Race 6 | Race 5 | Race 4 | Race 3 | Race 2 | Race 1 |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Tau Ceti | K Brown | 17.0 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | Magic | D Ryan | 20.0 | 1 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | Ice | M Gwilliams | 23.0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | Port FM | A Walker | 39.0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| 5 | Indigo | C Simpson | 41.0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 8 |
| 6 | Ann Sea | T Preuss | 45.0 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 6 |
| 7 | Island Girl | L Paul | 68.0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 5 |
| 8 | T Break | R Mair | 78.0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 11 |
| 8 | Miriama | H Cotter | 78.0 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 10 |
| 10 | Groove | B Cooper | 79.0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 3 |
| 11 | Sea Wizard | B White | 94.0 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| 12 | Whitecap | V Petrus | 96.0 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |

Congratulations to Ken Brown and the crew of Tau Ceti winner of the unofficial PDYC Trophy Series!

2012 Closehaven Marina Trophy Series

John Morris has agreed to sponsor the 2012 Closehaven Marina Trophy Series to provide further incentive for skippers and crew to make the most of the exciting race calendar. The first race is the Closehaven Cup on March 31st 2012.

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Travesty

It seems Lex Adams and Travesty are attracting the attention of an old sea salt lately. This rather large log was spotted floating against the tide one Friday evening and even got himself into the local paper through the lens of Sue Morgan. If he's going to be hanging around the neighbourhood we should probably conjure up a name like they do on the Daintree. Any ideas?



POSEIDON



THE AGINCOURT RIBBON REEFS - THERE IS NO COMPARISON . . .

Outer Great Barrier Reef



Poseidon Outer Reef Cruises Proud sponsor of the 2011 Club Championship

The Treasurers new boat...

After many months in the hard stand Alan Schultz, the club Treasurer has finally got his boat **Rubber Soul** into the water. Sea trials took place earlier this month as the proud skipper put the twin hulled power boat through her paces with the assistance of Commodore Vic Petrus. In what has been a long wait for Alan and partner Jenny to get the boat ship shape they are now looking forward to spending some time on the water in their very own boat.

Exemplar Clipper Cup Regatta 2012

The Notice of Race has been published and is available on the club website and notice board. In response to your input into the running of the 2011 regatta significant changes have been introduced. There will be three divisions provided a minimum of three entries are received for each division and the regatta will be staged over five days instead of nine.

In other regatta news 2011 Race Official John Graham has confirmed his appointment as the Race Officer for 2012. John brings a wealth of experience to the event and is instrumental in steering the regatta towards the format required to build on the success of 2011. Talks are underway with prize indemnity insurers to investigate the possibility of offering a huge drawcard prize for an outstanding achievement similar to a hole in one for golf tournaments. Stay tuned for more.



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January Sailing

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| WAGS | Wednesday 4 th 4:00pm onwards | Sunset 6:55pm last light 7:18pm |
| WAGS | Wednesday 11 th 4:00pm onwards | Sunset: 6:56pm last light 7:20pm |
| Summer Cruise To Low Isles | Saturday 14 th Anytime you like | BBQ on the beach before sunset and stay overnight. Sunset: 6:57 last light 7:20 |
| WAGS | Wednesday 18 th 4:00pm onwards | Sunset 6:57pm last light 7:21pm |
| WAGS | Wednesday 25 th 4:00pm onwards | Sunset 6:57pm last light 7:20pm |
| Tin Shed | Thursday 26 th | Australia Day Low Isles Race (Check with Combined Clubs for details) |
| Summer Series R1 & R2 | Saturday 28 th 10:00am & 2:00pm | Two windward/leeward buoy races with lunch between at club. |

Skippers and crew are reminded that all club organised events in accordance with Yachting Australia Special Regulations Part 1 (also recommended for cruising boats) are Category 6 events considered being close to the shoreline in protected waters and in daylight hours only. RRS YA SR Pt 1 Section 2.01.7.



That's all folks.....but just before you go it should probably get a mention that each year the committee elects a Member of the Year for outstanding service to the club. Modesty (or common sense) prevents me from plastering my mug shot all over these pages but I received that honour for 2011 for which I sincerely thank the committee and members of PDYC for that recognition. I am very proud to have received this award and thank you all very much. Mick Williams

Left: Armed and ready for action Port Douglas MasterChef menu maestros Henry Cotter and Ken Brown.
 Above: A big fish on a TV screen and a little boy sneak into this picture of Steve Edmondson of Poseidon Sailway with the Club Championship Trophy and 2011 winning skipper Andrew Walker.

Next issue: Scheduled for release late January sometime 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 pdy@portdouglasyachtclub.com.au