



# Waypoint

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## Club Member of the Year 2016-17

### Peter Chapman

was selected by the Committee for his stalwart support of the PDYC over a number of years, not just this past year.

This past year has not been the kindest to Peter and his lovely wife Jenny but even then Pete's commitment to the club and the sail training did not waver. Something we are all deeply appreciative of.

Pete has been the mainstay of our growing sail training program. Skipper of Viva La Beaver, one of the Club J24's, his patience and good natured humour has encouraged a number of new sailors to join our club.



An active member of the Sailing Committee, two time former Club Champion and current Club Captain, ever passionate about his sailing Pete is a treasure trove of knowledge and humour.

And to quote another club member a thoroughly nice bloke!

Congratulations Peter and thanks from all of your friends at the Port Douglas Yacht Club for all you do. We are looking forward to your return to present you with your trophy.

Peter pictured left at a recent working bee.

### Apologies!



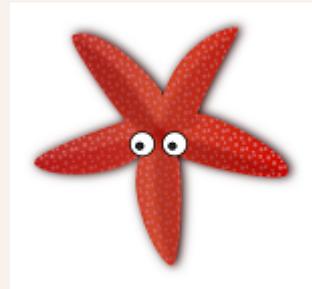
Doug Ryan the staff at the Waypoint are grovelling in apology! Our last edition showed some pictures of PDYC members competing at Magnetic Island Race Week. We omitted mentioning Doug because the last newsletter was put together in a hurry. Doug and Shazam finished third in the Performance Handicap Class Division 2.

Congratulations to Doug and his crew, unfortunately we have not been able to source any images of Shazam at Maggie! But we have some nice images of Doug and Shazam in our archives





Some of the crew who braved the hot sticky conditions to get things ready for the Festive Season. A great group effort.

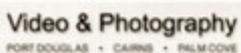
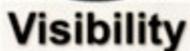
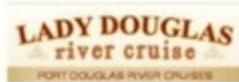


## Guess Who?! Competition



This young innocent had no idea what lay ahead in life.  
 A free beer or wine to the first member who correctly guesses the identity of our mystery lad!  
 Email us and we will send a voucher to the first correct answer.

**Conditions:** Competition only open to PDYC Members. Current or former Committee members and their spouses or dependents and anyone the editor showed the image to is ineligible!





That bloody bear is everywhere!- Ed



Merry Christmas





# A Bear's Year.

Well G'day, Sawasdee, Selamat Datang, Bonjour and Ia Orana as us international sailors say!

Edward Bear here folks. It seems the Editor reckons I can tell the tale of my year as PDYC Mascot and debonair man about the club!

It's been a pretty good one for a bear when it comes to going to sea and seeing the world! Started off when I went to Thailand to the King's Cup Regatta with Nod and the crew from Senga. Wow they did real good but for the wind on the last day. I was on my best behaviour and despite scurrilous rumours to the contrary you would have been proud of your mascot.

The delivery journey home was fun even if 'Captain Concrete' was in charge. Boy, he's a tough nut sometimes but he got us back in good time and he even asked me to go on other adventures later in the year. And he lets me have a beer now and then without too much prompting. And the odd glass of red, nice chap really - despite his nickname. Then in March I was invited to be the deckie on a delivery trip with the, then, Commodore. What a proud bear I was to travel in such luxury and company and there were no shaggy dog tales that journey to the Philippines and back! Just three blokes doing our jobs and doing it well! Hmmn maybe I was the chaperone this time? Have you ever considered that? **(NO! -Ed.)**

Wasn't Race Week a blast? What a great week of fun and racing. I was very disappointed that I couldn't make the first couple of days due to a prior commitment **(Yeah right Ted, what was her name? -Ed.)** but being a part of the last day of racing and being on the winning boat in our division was pretty cool. And what a great social time it was around the Club! It was a bit disappointing that more of those members that weren't racing didn't come and enjoy the ambience as well. The more the merrier after all - as I discovered down on the pontoon on Presentation Night. Ah good memories but of course a bear doesn't kiss and tell - well not often.

Then in October I was invited along to French Polynesia to celebrate the birthday of a friend of a PDYC member. Wasn't that thrilled about getting out of bed at 3am so often but it was worth it. Flying via Melbourne ensured some great hospitality and even some healthy gardening. **(Picking lemons for the gin is hardly gardening! - Ed.)**

French Polynesia is the bomb! After a couple of nights in Teahupoo we flew to Raiatea and boarded Mistral with her skipper Guillaume and his beautiful, brilliant wife Nathalie! **(Stop drooling! -Ed.)** We anchored in the lagoon and then sailed to Taha'a the next morning to snorkel off one of the motu on the edge of the reef. The water around Port Douglas has made this bear a bit soft, it was a bit brisk out on the edge but it was pretty nice. I also partook in various cultural outings like a vanilla plantation and a pearl farm on Taha'a which was pretty nice but it was Bora Bora I was looking forward to.

The morning dawned grey and grim looking. Grimmer as I heard the unmistakable sound of someone head down in the head. **(Personal experience? - Ed)** It was Nathalie. Our superlative Chef cum First Mate had visited family and friends the evening before and had eaten something she shouldn't have. Consulting with Guillaume who

agreed with me that we promote our deckie to temporary First Mate and I would act as deckie for the journey. I was an honoured guest after all! It was blowing a nice 20-25 knots, just right for Mistral although we did reef the main for the first part of the journey. Temporary First Mate made sure the Birthday Girl was cool and sorted out food. Mmmn baguettes! And Nathalie had water and a bucket and so we set off.

The swells tend to swirl a bit between the islands which can be a bit tricky sometimes but we had a great downwind run across from Taha'a to the pass at Bora Bora. I did lose my camera and got it back on the next wave! But it slammed into the transom and let water in which was a bit tough but other than that it was just damned good sailing. Our newly promoted First Mate helmed from Taha'a into the lagoon at Bora after insisting, as we began to move into the lee of the island, that we shake out the reef.

The birthday girl was a bit green around the gills but that cleared up once I showed her where to hang out at the top of the companionway. Nice chick she made sure I had plenty of libations on the trip! Bloody Mary's was a fun night, we hooked up with a friend of Guillaume's who is the only professional female skipper in French Polynesia - and she has a beer named after her! Hinano! Not a bad drop by the way. Her First mate, also a lovely lady, is a descendant of a fella who sailed with Captain Cook called Tupaia. Real nice ladies, when my mob bugged off to eat they stayed and talked to me at the bar I didn't feel much like eating at Bloody Mary's, not after the fabulous food Nathalie made us every day.

Bora Bora is beautiful, real picture postcard stuff but very busy with cruise ships calling there every day. One shop had door beads made of pearls! I had to take charge of the credit cards of my travelling companions otherwise they might have had to sell me into white slavery to be able to afford the rest of the trip! After Bora we sailed back to Taha'a and spent a couple of days sailing and snorkelling in the small passes around the lagoon before taking our leave of my lovely Nathalie and Guillaume. But not before going to a night at the Ficus restaurant to see some dancing. Lots of tourists in the small place but it was great to see the local kids coming to watch the dancers and peeping around the corners to watch. Dazzling stuff and some of the ladies were pretty dazzled by yours truly! I got lots of snuggles and even stole a quick snog with Nathalie! BUT I was almost abducted by the toddler mafia! I had to be rescued! Which dirtied my club shirt but I got a new shirt in Apooiti the next day and was able to say a proper farewell to



mon chéri Nathalie. And Lisa. And Jessica, Anne and Kathy. Oh and Jezy! Just a couple of nice ladies I met. **(A couple?! -Ed.)**

I didn't realise that part of the deal was getting stuffed into a duffel bag with a pile of bottles of demon drink! I was kind of hoping that I would be seated upfront on the plane and charming the vahine's on Air Tahiti! Not so! I was merely the padding for the Cointreau, Vodka, Gin AND Rum! And they say moi drinks too much! But it was off to Huahine in the hold, holding the grog! Standing on the wharf in Fare' I realised the crew boarding the cat hired for the second week were all women! And boy could they talk! But hey, ever the gentleman, I threw myself in head first! Temporary First Mate decided to jump ship and hired a scooter and we scouted out some nice mooring spots for yachts around Huahine. After a last lingering lunch at the Yacht Club in Fare' I girded my loins for the trip home. 46 hours and six airports! I needed a holiday from the holiday! So it was off to Lizard on Casuarina for a restorative, monastic, secret man's business sail with the skipper. **(You pair? we saw the blurry pic! - Ed)**

What happens on the cruise, stays on the cruise!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Here's to a bigger and better 2018



Loves Ted

especially to all you lovely ladies



# Membership Details

One of the challenges of any organisation is accurate record keeping. In an effort to streamline our membership records we have undertaken to start using Australian Sailing's mySailor database as a way for our membership to be able to access their details and ensure accuracy.

Early in the New Year many of you will receive an email on the steps to be able to do this. We request you do create your profile and check the details therein. As the club has not collected Dates of Birth on our initial membership database we have selected a default birth date- so some of you will be older than you are and others younger! The club will be notified when this upload of our information is completed and you will be notified by us that it has occurred.

We are not forgetting that some members do not use email, those members have already been noted and we will endeavour to let them know by snail mail and telephone over the next couple of weeks.

We can then ensure that our records are accurate and accessible to our members.

We will keep you informed as it progresses.

## What's Next?

- January 26 Friday Australia Day Celebration Fun day
- March 10 Saturday Learn to sail - 2 week series J24 sail training week 1
- March 11 Sunday Learn to sail - 2 week series
- March 17 Saturday Learn to sail - 2 week series J24 sail training week 2
- March 18 Sunday Learn to sail - 2 week series
- March 23 Friday Quiz Night The Yachties Team Challenge
- March 24 Saturday Closehaven Cup Race 1 Club Championship
- March 30 April 2 Easter Rally Hope Isles



## EAT DRINK AND BE MERRY

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
@ THE YACHTY!**

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SCRUMPTIOUS  
BUFFET  
& CHRISTMAS  
PUDDING!

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GLASS OF BEER,  
WINE OR  
SOFT DRINK  
ON ARRIVAL!

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**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Please call us on  
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# Don't Forget



## Merry Christmas

**Christmas Day Lunch Menu**

**Cold Buffet**

Cooked local tiger prawns.  
Honey glazed, carved leg of ham.  
Pickled squid salad with mango dressing.  
Cabbage and bean sprout coleslaw.  
Pumpkin and potato salad.  
Mixed local greens.

**Hot Buffet**

Roasted free range chicken with lemon and tarragon.  
Slow roasted Tasmanian topside beef.  
Sweet potato and coconut gratin.  
Pan fried local caught Spanish mackerel.  
Fresh bread rolls with butter.

**Dessert**

Hot steamed X-mas pudding with Bandy rum custard  
and vanilla ice-cream

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