

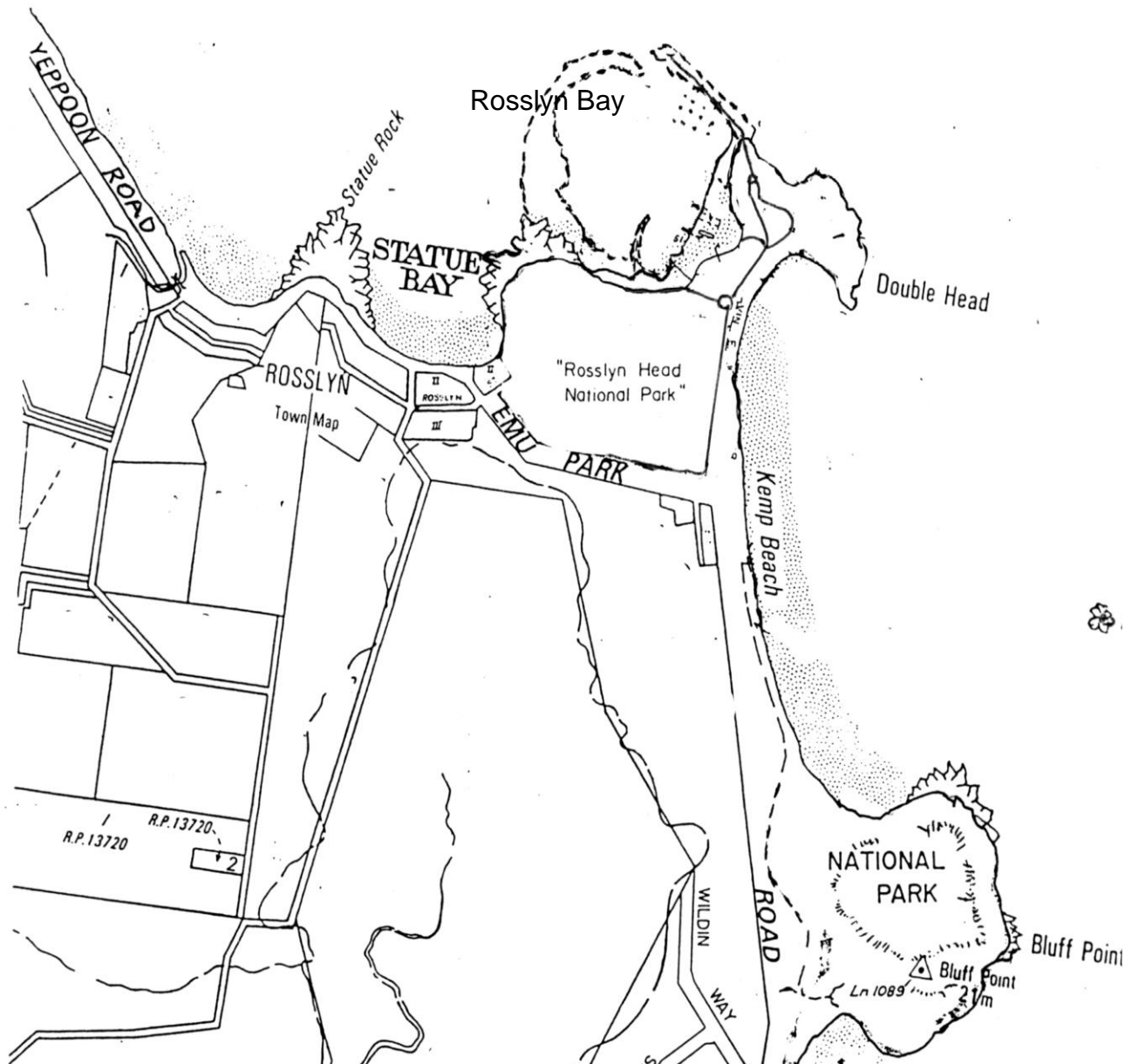
THE C.C.Y.C. HISTORY

1974 – 1999



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Capricorn Coast



Aerial View of Rosslyn Bay 1995

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FOREWARD



Commodore John Harry

Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club has established an interesting history since it's humble beginning at the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club on the banks of the Fitzroy River in Rockhampton.

The Club is now based in it's own premises on leasehold land at Rosslyn Bay, Yeppoon and is recognized as one of the friendliest Clubs on the East Coast and is centered on some of the best cruising grounds in the country. We pay tribute to the many dedicated people who have shown the vision and foresight and who have given their time to help make the CCYC a club we are all proud to be part of.

This book has been presented to coincide with the 25th anniversary of our Club and I feel sure that it will prompt many memories for some of our longer serving members. It will also give the newer members an insight into the struggles in the early years for the Club to gain it's own identity and to secure premises at the harbour.

To the credit of the members, the Club has resisted the temptation to expand into a large pretentious building, choosing to maintain a homely, friendly atmosphere where all can feel welcome. This is what has encouraged a large number of new members to join, and many cruising people to come back year after year. I trust that we can maintain this tradition in the face of the changing pace of life.

The research for the material for this book and the compilation of the material has been a long and arduous task, and I must thank Deirdre Parker for her contribution and congratulate her on the excellent presentation of this book. Much of the information and photos have come from minutes of meetings, past copies of "Dogwatch", newspaper cuttings and photos collected by Deirdre over many years.

I am pleased that we have been able to provide this memento of the first 25 years of the CCYC – "the friendliest boating club on the East Coast". May it continue to remain that way.

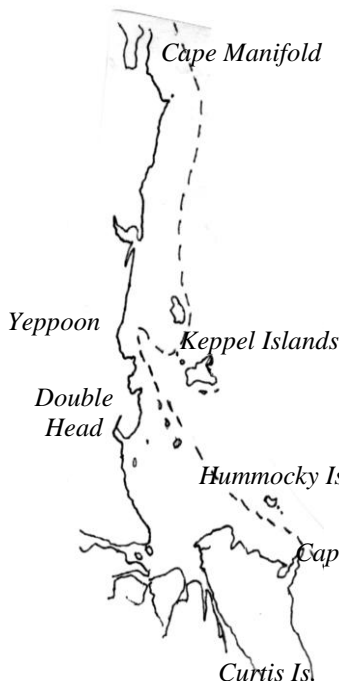
John Harry
Commodore, 25th Anniversary Year.

THE CAPRICORNIA CRUISING YACHT CLUB - THE FIRST 25 YEARS.

This booklet covering the first twenty-five years of the C.C.Y.C, has been compiled by present Secretary, Deirdre Parker.

IN THE BEGINNING

No one knows when the Darambal aboriginal people first occupied the Keppel Bay area but it must have been at least 30 thousand years ago. But we do know, that on Friday the 25th of May 1770 at 4pm, Captain James Cook and his crew dropped the "Endeavor's" anchor in 12 fathoms in Keppel Bay "having the mainland and islands in a manner all around us", and were the first white men to see the beautiful waters of this bay.



Cook named the islands and the bay after Augustus Keppel, a Royal Navy officer who became Admiral Keppel and 1st Lord of the Admiralty. He mapped the area before leaving on the 27th of May to continue north on his epic journey.

Quoting from Cook's Journal: Sunday the 27th of May, on leaving Keppel Bay:

"At noon we were about two leagues from the mainland on Lat. 22.53' Long. made from Cape Capricorn 0 20' West At this time the northern most point I named Cape Many Fold from the number of high hills over it. Lat. 22 43'S it lies N.26 west distance 17 leagues from Cape Capricorn.

Between them and the shore forms a large bay, which I have called Keppel Bay and the islands which lie in and off it were known by the same name.

In this bay is good anchorage where there is sufficient depths of water. What refreshments it may afford for shipping I know not. We caught no fish here not withstanding we were at anchor.

It can hardly be doubted but what it affords is fresh water in several places, as both main land and islands are inhabited we saw smokes by day and fires in the night upon the main and upon one of the islands."

Some 32 years later at 10am on the 9th of August, 1802, Lieutenant Matthew Flinders in the "Investigator" accompanied by the "Lady Nelson", further surveyed the bay on a greater scale before leaving at 2:30 in the afternoon of the 19th August 1802 to continue his circumnavigation of Australia.

Since that time, geographically, Keppel Bay has seen little change and remains today, protected by the Keppel Islands, one of the most scenic and ideal areas for aquatic activities on the east coast of Australia.

Soon the early pioneers found the area an ideal site to live and settlement along the Keppel Bay shores started late in the 1860 and spread along the whole of the immediate coast. As time passed it became apparent that the picturesque bay was an ideal place for all boating activities, so many seafaring folk made good use of the area for commercial and sporting activities on the water.

As time went by and the population of the area grew, there was a greater need for a facility, which would serve the commercial and pleasure craft both large and small to access the Keppel Bay area. Complaints and requests to this end stimulated the then Government to consider and choose an area to develop a harbour for these needs.

Until this time larger craft were kept at Port Alma, anchored in the Fitzroy River at Rockhampton, Ross Creek Yeppoon or at Fisherman's Beach Emu Park. The fishing fleet was forced to take their catch to and operate out of Gladstone, as the facilities at Yeppoon eventually did not reach the set standards.

The State Government realized that the Keppel Bay coast lacked a suitable anchorage for such craft and this harbour consideration would give easy access to the nearby islands which were becoming an increasingly popular tourist and recreational area.

On the 20th of February 1965 the engineering firm of Blain, Bremner and Williams submitted their recommendations laid out by their chief consulting engineer Mr. Bill Bremner, (a yachtsman himself) and the site for the new harbour was chosen. The sight picked was situated between Double Heads and Rosslyn Head Yeppoon and named Rosslyn Bay, probably so named after one of the descendants of the Ross family, the first pioneers in the area. This was an anchorage used in bad weather from the south east, by all craft at that time.

So it was announced and tenders were called for the first stage of a Harbour development at Double Heads in September 1967. This would be built at a cost of \$400,000.00 on a stage-by-stage basis and when

completed would be expected to provide small craft and fishing boats with a safe harbour available at all states of the tide

In April 1973 the Harbour was officially opened by the Honorable the Minister for Conservation and Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Neville Hewitt and in 1974 the breakwater was extended and dredging of the basin carried out.

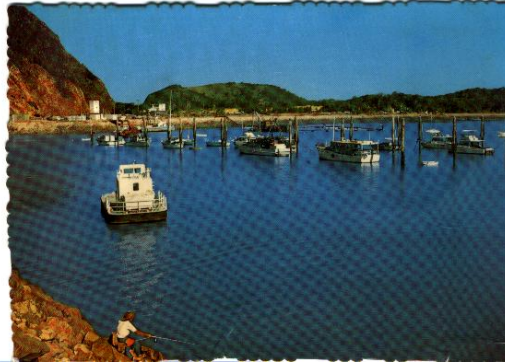
In 1976 Cyclone David caused major damage, the breakwater was over topped and the pontoon and jetties demolished. The engineers carried out exhaustive analysis and the breakwater was redesigned. The new design is today regarded internationally as a major breakthrough in rubble mound breakwaters

and has been designed to withstand a seastate with a design return interval of 1 in 100 years.

In 1987 approval was given for construction of a marina at Rosslyn Bay. The proposed project included the building of a 1000-meter breakwater from Statue Point to the Harbour entrance, dredging for the marina and reclamation of 12 hectares on the northern breakwater was commenced in March 1989 and completed the following year.

This breakwater gave further protection to the bay and its occupants.

This bay and portion of its reclaimed land around its southeastern shore, was in the future to become the home of the C.C.Y.C.



Rosslyn Bay - 1976



Destruction of Rosslyn Bar breakwater after Cyclone David in 1976.

THE BIRTH OF A CLUB

Necessity they say is the birth of invention and formation and so it was with the C.C.Y.C. Tom Susans the Commodore of the F.M.B.C. in 1974 and foundation member of the C.C.Y.C. tells of the events leading to the formation of the C.C.Y.C.

As the numbers of yachts, both keelers and trailable yachts began to increase in the Rockhampton area it became obvious to a number of us that the existing F.M.B.C. would not be able to cater effectively for both the power boats and sailing yachts.

As Rosslyn Bay harbour development was also becoming a reality the siting of a yacht club in that area was becoming desirable. The F.M.B.C. had already made approaches to ensure that in the planning stages of Rosslyn Bay, land would be available for amateur boating but as the F.M.B.C. had recently renovated it's Quay Street premises, they were in no position to develop another club.

The F.M.B.C. members, though were interested in another club eventually developing a Rosslyn Bay site and it was noted that the K.B.S.C. at the coast, was unable, at that time, to establish a coastal facility for larger yachts.

It was with the above factors in mind that a number of us discussed the possibility of forming a cruising yacht club to cater for sailing craft with overnight accommodation. This idea had been under discussion for some time and after talking with Harry Parker (leading advocate for a new club), we decided to bring matters to a head by calling a meeting of those interested in the formation of a Yacht Club.

Therefore we went across the road to the Bulletin office from the old Fitzroy Motor Boat Club and placed an advertisement in the newspaper calling a meeting to be held at my home, 69 Seigel Street North Rockhampton in May 1974.



The first Commodore – Harry Parker

The idea of a meeting at a private house was to ensure that any new club could not be confused with being an extension of an existing club and would therefore be autonomous from it's inception. Thirteen interested people attended the meeting, where it was decided that a new cruising yacht club should be formed. A steering committee consisting of Dr Frank Champion, Major Jack Crigan, Mr. Peter Gardner, Mr. Arthur Dagan and myself with Mr. Ian Renton as spokesperson was formed to organize the formalities.

So the first General meeting was called by advertisement in the Morning Bulletin and was held on the 9th of June 1974, in Dr Frank Champion's office in Bolsover Street, Rockhampton (the building has now been demolished and replaced).



Fitzroy Motorboat Club, Rockhampton – 1970. Yachts preparing for annual cruise.



First attempted flag insignia.

Today's Capricorn faces the other way.

At this meeting the following Flag Officers and various Committees members were elected. The proposed Constitution was tabled by the Chairman Harry Parker and adopted. Fees were set and the new Club flag designed by Harry Parker and others was discussed. This was to incorporate the black and gold colours with the Capricorn goat emblem surrounded by the sun, which would have a black body and gold fly carrying the C.C.Y.C. letters in black. This was also adopted and the new Club became a reality.

Officers elected:

Trustees:- Mr. Harry Parker, Dr Mervan Gold, Dr Tony Loscher.

Patron:- Mr. Bill Bremner (pending acceptance)

Flag Officers:

Commodore: Mr. Harry Parker

Vice Commodore: Dr Frank Champion

Rear Commodore: Major Jack Crigan

Secretary: Mr. Murray Smith

Treasurer: Mr. Vince O'Brien

Measuring Officer: Mr. Arthur Dagan

Rating Officer: Tom Susans

Executive Committee: Mr. Ian Renton, Mr. Peter Sleeman, and Mr. Bruce Davidson

Sailing Committee: Mr. Laurie Cook, Mr. John Leyden, and Mr. Geoff Farr.

The fees set joining \$10, Ordinary member \$10, Associate Member \$5 and junior member \$5.

It was some time later that arrangements were made with the F.M.B.C. for the new Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club to meet in their premises and for the C.C.Y.C. to have the use of an area in the Clubs room for Notice Board etc.,. The equivalent of a social membership for its members was also made available. This ensured that the C.C.Y.C. had a stable meeting place and the F.M.B.C. Happy Hours Friday nights brought both Clubs together on a social plain as well as providing the members of the new Club with the opportunity for regular informal meetings.

The arrangement was in no way a one sided affair as the F.M.B.C. also profited by increased membership as most owners of keel boats then became members of both Clubs in order to use the F.M.B.C. slipping and pontoon facilities.

I honestly believe that the support of the older Club helped tide the C.C.Y.C. over it's young formative years and helped support it until it was able to secure it's own home (premises).

As an ex guarantor of the FMBC I was also pleased with the arrangements, as I believe the extra interest and membership enabled the FMBC to prosper much more quickly that would have been otherwise possible.

Tom Susans

(A founder member of the CCYC and Commodore of FMBC at that time)

Extract from Bulletin

Cruising yacht club move

A steering committee has been formed to investigate all aspects of the formation of a cruising yacht club for Central Queensland.

It was appointed at a meeting called by a Rockhampton yachtsman, Mr H. Parker. Thirteen attended the meeting.

The committee consists of Dr F. Champion, Messrs J. Cregan, P. Garden and A. Dagan and the commodore of the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club, Mr T. Susans.

It will report back to a future meeting.

A spokesman for the committee, Mr I. Renton, said it was decided that the proposed club be known as the Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club and that it should affiliate with the Fitzroy Motor Club.

One of the club's aims would be to promote yachting, both cruising and racing, in Central Queensland and the club's register would be open to yachts with overnight accommodation, including keelers, multi-hulls and trailer-sailers.

It was stated at the meeting that already there were more than 30 boats in the region eligible to participate in events to be conducted by the club, such as one-day and overnight races and cruises in Keppel Bay.

The club hoped eventually to establish, in association with other sailing and boating clubs, a facility at the Rosslyn Bay Boat Harbour.

Soon after on the 8th of July 1974, a letter was circulated to all interested persons to attend the second General Meeting on the 17th of July at the premises of the F.M.B.C. at 8pm. This letter stated, people joining the Club before 30th of September 1974, would be classified as foundation Members.

The following were consequently deemed as Foundation Members and Bill Bremner accepted the position of Club Patron, and remained so till his retirement to Brisbane in 1987.

Foundation Members of the C.C.Y.C.

(Italics denotes current Membership)

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Allen Bray | John Dunnage | Anthony O.Losher |
| <i>Adrian Browne</i> | <i>Geoffrey Farr</i> | Peter M.A. Moran |
| <i>William (Bill) Bremner</i> | <i>William (Bill) D.Fraser</i> | Richard Murray |
| Colin A. Campbell | John A. Gibbs | <i>Vince.O'Brien</i> |
| <i>Frank F. Champion</i> | Leslie M.Gold | Shane J. O'Connor |
| <i>Pamela A.Champion</i> | Mervyn R. Gold | Harry H. Parker |
| Cedric J. Coombs | Graham E. Hardie | Alex J. Ralston |
| Laurie G. Cook | David Heckendorf | Ian W. Renton |
| Peter Daniels | Kerry Herron | John D. Rudd |
| <i>Bruce J.Davidson</i> | David C. Hower | Peter Sleeman |
| <i>Kathy J.Davidson</i> | Sue M. Hower | Gary Semple |
| <i>Arthur Dagan</i> | R.E .Langens | A. Murray Smith |
| <i>Lindsay Dagan</i> | J.J. Leyden | Tom Susans |
| John W Dubois | R.A. Leyden | C.S. Storrar |
| G.Joe Turner | Neville B. Travers-Jones | |

Bill Bremner Patron CCYC 1974 – 1987

Tom Susans Commodore Fitzroy Motor Boat Club 1974 – Foundation member of CCYC.



Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club
(copy of letter)

8th. July, 1974

Commodore : H.H.Parker (275997)
Secretary : A.M. SMITH (197 Wilson St.)

Dear

As many of you know, the C.C.Y.C. was formed on the 9th June, the objects being to promote yachting in the Rockhampton area with both cruising and racing aspects in mind for sailing vessels with overnight accommodation.

The reason for my writing to you is to inform you of the formation and to express my desire to see as many people as possible interested in yachting, join this club.

The available classes of membership are as follows:- (1) Full Member (2) Associates (i.e. wives, girlfriends) and (3) Junior Members. It is intended that this club should cater for family activities as well as formal club racing.

The second General Meeting is to be held on 17th July at the premises of the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club, Quay Street, at 8pm. People joining this Club before 30th September will be classified as Foundation Members and will not require a proposer or seconder.

I strongly urge you to consider joining this club to promote yachting in Capricornia. With your support, this first step towards organized yachting in the area, will be successful.

It is hoped that I have the pleasure of meeting you personally on the 17th of July.

Yours sincerely,



COMMODORE

APPLICATION FOR FOUNDATION MEMBERS

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

| | | | |
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| CLASS: | (1) Full Member | \$10 joining fee/\$10 annual subscription | [] |
| | (2) Associate | No joining fee /\$ 5 " " " | [] |
| | (3) Junior Member | No joining fee /\$ 5 " " | [] |
| | (14 to 18 years) | | |

I enclose cheque for \$..... Signature_____ Date _____

THE DEVELOPMENT YEARS'

09/74 TO 09/79

CLUB PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



Unimproved CCYC lease – Rosslyn Bay

As previously mentioned the C.C.Y.C. met regularly in Rockhampton at the F.M.B.C. The Club being keenly interested in the development of Rosslyn Bay Harbour at Yeppoon as a proposed site for the Club in the future. So at the Meeting held on 25/9/1974 the then Secretary Murray Smith, was instructed to write to the Livingstone Shire Council and formally make application for a block of land to be used as a Club facility on the Coast.

The following years saw development stages at Rosslyn Bay. Not until 1976 did three delegates from the C.C.Y.C. (D.Hower, D. Hanley and G.Keane) meet with the then Minister for the Department of Harbours and Marine Mr. Newbury on the occasion of his visit to Rosslyn Bay, to inspect the devastation caused by Cyclone David. From this the Club was informed that the site at the bay would be completed by Christmas 1976.

On the 7/7/1976 the Club made a further approach to the Department and a development program was drawn up by the Executive to look at the cost and requirements needed by the Club to development the site, if and when acquired.

The following two years saw much planning by the Club's Executive and at the General meeting held on the 25/5/78 (with 28 members present) the Commodore Harry Parker tabled the recently acquired plans, maps and charts for the proposed Rosslyn Bay site.

It was anticipated at that time that the Annual rental would be 3% which would approximately be \$1,200 PA. Other estimates were Water connection \$1,500, Electricity connection \$10,000 and security fence \$2,000. Total capital outlay was estimated \$45,000.

After full discussion on this proposal Des Stanaway moved a motion that the C.C.Y.C. now negotiate with the Livingstone Shire Council for a broad term lease at Rosslyn Bay.

This was seconded by Tom Susan and carried unanimously.

So negotiations continued with the Livingstone Council for a further 12 months and at the Special General meeting on the 8/5/79 held at the F.M.B.C. the Lease was presented and accepted by all the Members present. Cost of this Lease was \$2,184.14 and the lease was finally signed in July 1979.



*Construction begins – the first BBQ.
L-R: Harry Parker, Dennis Hanley, Bruce Davidson, Don Fuller & baby Davidson*

Now development could commence on the unfenced site. The surveying was attended to by Past Commodore Rod Schlencker, with the first construction on our land being a BBQ, built at the waterfront side of the block by Dennis Hanley, Barry Laundry, Don Fuller, Bruce Davidson, Harry & David Parker.

This was put to good use forthwith.

The fence was soon to follow to secure the area.



Hard at work – Don, Dennis & Harry

The following is an extract from the Annual Report presented by the then Commodore Harry Parker for the 1978/79 Season on 26/9/79.

'Gentlemen it gives me great pleasure to report on the activities of your club for the 1978/79 season. This is our 5th year and perhaps one of the most significant years in the history of the Club, with the granting of the lease at Rosslyn Bay. This lease has now been prepared and signed by your trustees and is in the hands of the Livingstone Shire Council. With the approval of the Council, work has begun on the site with part erection of the fencing and the laying of the water main and electricity to the clubhouse area, and the property. With this facility now a reality, I feel the progress of the Club is assured.'

Plans for development have been compiled with assistance from the following:

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| Honorary Surveyor | Rob Schlencker |
| Honorary Architect/builder | Robert Finlayson |
| Honorary Electrician | Vince O'Brien |
| Honorary Steel Fabricator | Harry Parker |
| Honorary Plumber | John Pearson |
| Honorary Tiler | Gary Semple |
| Honorary Earthmover | Don Fuller/David Hower |
| Honorary concrete supplier | David Heckendorf |



*CCYC – First Clubhouse and boat storage
Rosslyn Bay - 1978*

OUT ON THE OCEAN

09/74 TO 09/79

Up until the formation of the C.C.Y.C. new members, to be, had been cruising and racing in sailing events with the FMBC, KBSC and PCSC. One such event was the *Inaugural "Gladstone to Keppel Island" Ocean Yacht Race*. This was held over the weekend of 14/6/74. CCYC Commodore Harry Parker



"Scintilla" on its way to the first Gladstone to Keppel Is. Race.
Crew: Harry Parker, Frank Champion and Ian Renton sailed his yacht "Scintilla" with crew consisting of, (Vice Commodore to be) Frank Champion and (foundation member) Ian Renton. Accompanied by (foundation member) Peter Sleeman in his yacht "Target", they sailed to Gladstone to compete in the race. This was the event which was the lead up to many more such ocean yacht races to be held by the CCYC in the future years.

The first sailing event held by the new Club was on the 4/8/74 and it was decided by the Sailing Committee (consisting of Geoff Farr, Laurie Cook, John Leyden and Vice Commodore Frank Champion), that the cruise would be a *Handicap Log Race* to North Keppel Island. A social gathering and lunch would be held on the island immediately after the race.



*"Tiki II" in the Great River Race
Skippered by Don Fuller & David Hower*

The race started at 9.30am after a briefing held outside the Rosslyn Bay Kiosk where skippers received sailing instructions and estimated cruise times.

The event was won by David Howe/Don Fullers yacht "Tiki 11," an RL 24. This yacht and her crew was to dominate early events with the CCYC on Keppel Bay.

These formative years included many day and overnight cruises to the beautiful Keppel

Islands. They proved to be immensely popular with the cruising folk as well as the racing fleet. Families were involved and this paved the way for Club unity and enjoyment and these cruises were to be included in the Clubs yearly Calendar of events then and in the years to come.

The following cruise event to the islands in

September 74 was cancelled owing to adverse weather but two hardy mariners actually completing the cruise. They were later overheard mumbling about cowardly T.S.16 skippers. The rest of the club (i.e. cowardly T.S. owners) had an enjoyable sail above the Barrage up the Fitzroy River to the 18-Mile Island and back.



*"Te Anau" racing in Gladstone.
Kathy Davidson on helm.*

The following is an extract from September "Dogwatch" 1974.

On October 12/13th., saw the first Trophy Event with a predetermined course on Saturday & Sunday with overnight stop at the Island. Winners were as follows.

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 4RO Cup | 1. Tiki 11 | David Hower |
| | 2. Sombrero | Tony Loscher |
| | 3. Cedune | Cedric Coombs |
| Davidson Cup | 1. Scintilla | Harry Parker |
| | 2. Te Anau | Bruce Davidson |
| | 3. Dianne M | Murray Smith |
| Secretary's Cup | 1. Tiki 11 | David Hower |
| | 2. Te Anau | Bruce Davidson |
| | 3. Scintilla | Harry Parker |

Island racing was to follow using the various islands as course marks.

The first of these races was held on 10/11/74.

Yachts were competing for the Cheetham Trophy with the briefing being held at the F.M.B.C on Friday night the 8th. The race started at 11am from Rosslyn Bay.

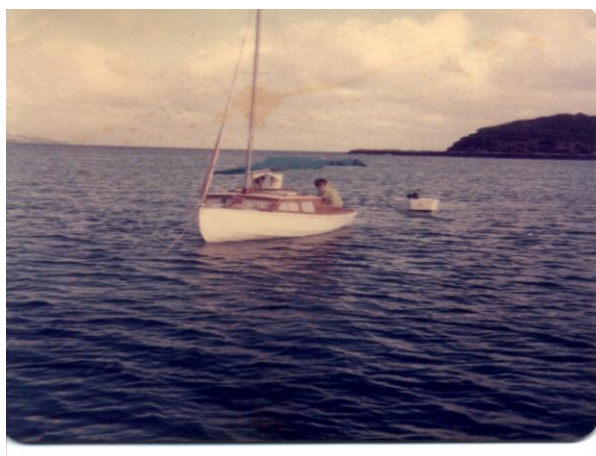
Extract from November 1974 "Dogwatch"

'This event attracted twelve starters all of whom enjoyed the race despite the light variable winds. Line honours went to 'Tiki 11' David Hower closely followed by 'Sombrero' Tony Loscher and third, John Rudd's Highway 21. The Trophy however, is presented to the winner on corrected time and the Club extends its congratulations to Ian Renton who sailed a magnificent race in his yacht 'Glimmer' Hartley 16'.

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| Places: 1. 'Glimmer' | Ian Renton |
| 2. 'King Rag' | Bruce Purdie |
| 3. 'Scintilla' | Harry Parker |



The first club raft up at Great Keppel Is.



"Glimmer"
Ian Renton

'Dogwatch' received the following tribute to Mr. Renton's effort:

The poorly sail-trimmer of the lugger called Glimmer,

*Was out to win a race one sunny day,
He went to put about, when his wife gave a shout,
That the mackerel on the line had got away.*

*By this twist of fate, instead of being late,
He showed his tail to all the other craft,
His injured fingered mate thought they were going great,*

Which goes to show the rest of us are daft.
(The author of this verse wishes to remain anonymous so Dogwatch will respect his wishes)

The last event for 1974 saw on December 1st a family cruise to the islands which was enjoyed by all with a very good fleet attending.

Extract from 'Dogwatch' on the event.

'The surprise of the day was the performance of 'Argo', a Hartley T.S16 owned by Shane O'Connor and Andy Gibbs. The seamanship of Andy and Shane must be improving as they MISSED colliding with 'Tiki 11' after a remarkable tactical manoeuvre.

Better luck next time'!

And so to 1975.

Due to bad weather conditions in the early months of 1975, many events were cancelled and postponed.

The Inaugural Commodore's Cup was run on 6/4/75 being a non-stop race via Myall Island and return. Line Honours to 'Etude' John Bubb

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| 1. | Bri-Lure | Brian Harris |
| 2. | Dianne M | Murray Smith |
| 3. | Sombrero | Tony Loscher |

At this time Arthur Dagan (the Club measurer and handicapper) and Lindsay Dagan had purchased a 30' Diamond "class sloop 'Spitfire VII' and sailed her from Brisbane in record time, it was told. Brother's Earl and Ron were soon to join the Club. With acquisition of this yacht.. 'Spitfire VII' soon showed her stern to many of the Club yachts in the competitive racing.



"Spitfire VII" skippered by the Dagan brothers

Here is an extract from 'Dogwatch' at that time.

(Membership now stands at 51. Our statistician tells us that, of those members, 10.91% are female, 7.27% are medicos, 1.82% are wowzers, 1.82% are Americans and 5.45% are Dagens)

The Sailing Committee had been investigating the proposal put forward by Commodore Harry Parker and others that the Club looks at holding a major ocean yacht race.

So on the 1st of February it was announced

that the Inaugural 'Yeppoon to Mackay' Ocean Yacht Race would be staged by the CCYC (in conjunction with the newly formed Cruising Yacht Club Mackay) on the long week end of 3rd, 4th, 5th of May 1975.

The patron Bill Bremner had donated the major Trophy and wall plaque and preparations were put in place to run this yachting event.

And so planning started. A delegation of 6 members of the Committee visited the Cruising Yacht Club of Mackay and found that the Club was keenly interested in the race and would co-operate closely with the CCYC. Apart from the business side of the weekend, the delegation gained a fair amount of local knowledge.

For instance, Bruce Davidson made the amazing discovery that there are a lot of lights around the harbour at 3 o'clock in the morning. (Invaluable information for yacht navigators.!) At one am., Bruce together with Ian Renton had clinched a deal to purchase a 30ft yacht and by 2.30am, had sailed a Trans-Pacific voyage. However by 7.30am they had written the whole experience off as a nightmare.

Arthur Dagan, Harry Parker, Frank Champion and Murray Smith (the Secretary & Editor) conducted themselves in a manner befitting CCYC Committeemen.



"Seeker" prepares for the first Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Yacht Race. Skipper Ces Hennegan.

The following was published in the magazine *OFFSHORE* in June 1975 - This tells all.

The First Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean
Yacht Race
Unlucky 13 Haunts Race.

The Inaugural Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean Yacht Race turned into a battle of the big ones in many respects. Firstly there was a battle for line honours over the 180 miles to Mackay between the two big boats, a 43ft Sydney sloop, *Williwillli*, skippered by John Hawley from the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, who defeated by 60seconds the 53ft Mackay ketch, *Heemskerk*, skippered by John Donkin. It was a battle of the big waves, over 20ft high, whipped by big winds from 30 to 45 knots. The race was conducted by the Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club which was formed just 9 months ago. It started on Saturday, 3rd May from the Central Queensland coastal resort of Yeppoon just north of the Tropic of Capricorn.

The course followed the scenic coast for five miles passing many excellent vantage points, which were packed with spectators. Yachts then were to proceed north to round High Peak Island lighthouse on the main northern shipping channel, then to Vernon Rocks Lighthouse, and to Mackay with the finish line between the beacons at the entrance to Mackay Harbour.

Fourteen entrants were received; however, strong southeasterly winds for two weeks before the race prevented the Mackay trimaran, *Valauranne*, from reaching Yeppoon in time for the start.

Thirteen started, and it may be argued for years that this was an unlucky number that caused organizers and families many hours of worry and concern during the weekend.

The method used to start the inaugural Yeppoon to Mackay Race is believed to be a first in Australian Yachting. The start was 25 miles inland in the studios of 4RO, Rockhampton Commercial broadcasting studio. All yachts had transistor radios tuned to 4RO for a 15 minutes countdown and simultaneously when the starter gave the "go" tone, the Yeppoon Coastguard fired a white parachute flare from one of the launches marking the starting line.

A strong wind warning was current when the fleet crossed the line and spinnakers were broken out in the 30-knot southeasterly winds. Trouble struck the fleet as they headed out of the protection of the Keppel Island group, and two of the smaller yachts, the 24ft sloop *Tiki 11*, and the 23ft sloop *Sombrero*, were dismasted when hit by a strong wind squall.

Larger yachts soon left behind the baby of the fleet, the 19ft *Caprice*, and in the rough conditions decided to retire from the race and return to the protection of the Rosslyn Bay Harbour. The remainder of the fleet reported a wild and exhilarating run up the coast with *Williwillli* reaching 22knots down the face of the high seas. Even the 30 footers were reaching speeds of 15 knots.

The 30ft Rockhampton sloop *Spitfire VII* held a narrow lead on *Williwillli* and *Heemskerk* late on Saturday afternoon when she dived through the top of a high wave and dropped into a deep trough bending her rudder level with the bottom of the boat, forcing her retirement. On the 4pm radio sked, most skippers learned with alarm that the High Peak Island Lighthouse was not working, and with the dark night and rain squalls the island, which was the major rounding mark in the course, would be impossible to see.



"Willie Willie"- John Hawley & "Heemskerk"- John Donkin

The sloop *Scintilla*, skippered by Capricornia Cruising Yacht Club Commodore Harry Parker, was running close inshore and was caught in a 40-knot rain and wind squall, which cut visibility to zero. Her crew decided to retire to the protection of Island Head Creek as they had no chance of obtaining a position fix with the lighthouse not operating. Yachts that were further to seaward, set courses to give the island a wide berth.

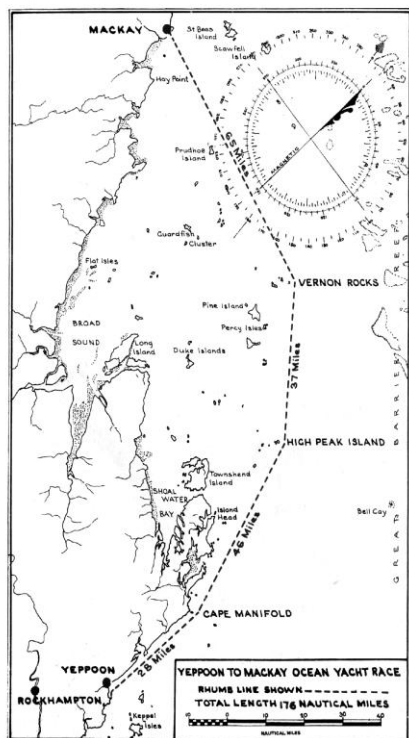
The failure of this lighthouse caused the crews much concern and confusion during the wild night at sea and was undoubtedly the reason for the 32ft Mackay sloop *Solitaire* hitting Denton Reef at 3.30am on Sunday morning. Her crew spent the night on the side of the yacht and at daybreak launched their liferaft in which they spent two days waiting for rescue.

Unfortunately *Solitaire's* mast had exploded on impact with the reef, and they were unable to get a radio message of their plight to either the *Ampol* Mother Vessel *Seeker*, or the Yeppoon and Mackay Coastguard who were keeping a 24 hour radio watch on the fleet. A search aircraft found *Solitaire* on Monday afternoon and diverted the Barrier Reef Tourist Cruiser *Coralita* to the reef at first light on Tuesday.

The rescue operation was first class and the crew were plucked from the sea by the *Coralita*, transferred to a seaplane and returned to Mackay. *Solitaire* was a write-off. However, the rescue of the crew was a brilliant example of co-ordination among *Coralita*, R.A.A.F., Mackay Air Sea Rescue, D.C.A. Mackay Hospital and Doctors, Happy Bay Resort and many more people. Throughout Saturday night the battle of the giants continued and as day dawned, *Williwilli* was approaching Mackay Harbour closely followed by *Heemskerk*. *Williwilli* crossed the line at 6.09am to establish a record for the course of 19hrs and 54 minutes, a

record, which could stand for many years. *Heemskerk* finished 1 minute later. No other yachts crossed the finishing line until 4.30pm when the 40ft ketch *Silhouette* skippered by Dave Morine representing the Ponsonby Yacht Club of New Zealand, finished.

She was followed by the 24ft sloop *Al-Cyone*, skippered by Ernie Skinnerton from the Port Curtis Sailing Club, Gladstone and *Gilden*, skippered by Peter Rule, which is a 19'6" Red Witch sloop from Mackay. The crews of *Al-Cyone* and *Gilden* sailed a great race in very heavy conditions with *Gilden* covering the last 120 miles under storm jib. The next yacht to finish was the 22ft Mackay Bluebird sloop *Teal*, skippered by Wal Sheperd, which light aircraft searched for during Sunday. *Teal* took a course well clear of Vernon Rocks, approaching Mackay from a more northerly direction and sailed most of the course under a well-reefed mainsail and storm jib.



The last yacht to cross the line was *Cottontail*, skippered by David Newman from Gladstone, which finished at midnight Sunday having sailed well to sea during the wild Saturday night.

When the handicaps were adjusted, *Williwilli* won the Bremner Trophy by 26 minutes from *Heemskerk* with *Al-Cyone* taking third place. Once in Mackay the crews of all yachts were welcomed into homes of Mackay citizens and all have declared they will be in it again next year.

The race has attracted Australia-wide attention and covers some of the most interesting waters on the tropical coast. Next year's race follows the Brisbane to Gladstone race by about 2 weeks and many of the competitors in this event are expected to take part in the Yeppoon to Mackay event.

Story supplied by foundation Executive Committee Member, Ian Renton (The then Manager of Radio 4R0 Rockhampton.)

Following on from Mackay race *Spitfire V11* now with new rudder, competed in the 2nd PCSC 'Gladstone to Keppel Island' race on the 13/6/75 winning this in record time and taking line honours. This effort also gained Arthur the 4RO Sportsman of the Week award.

Spitfire V11 went on to win the Yeppoon to Mackay Race - 3 years running.

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| Lindsay Dagan | 1976 |
| Ron Dagan | 1977 |
| Arthur Dagan | 1978 |

The Club racing continued on a regular basis and on the 27/06/76 saw the first heat of the '*Brass Monkey*' Series, which was sailed around the buoys with the KBSC. This is a series of 7 races sailed in the winter months, which proved extremely popular with the fleet and continues to do so to this day. Sponsorship was supplied by TAA later to become Qantas.

Winners of the first Series were:

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| 1. | Top Hat | Geoff Cue |
| 2. | Kismet | Gary Semple |
| 3. | Rebel | Andy Jordan |

The second major Ocean Yacht Race developed by the Club was the 4RO 'Round the Bay' Race. Sponsored by Radio 4RO, the inaugural event was held on the 7/11/76 and started from Sea Hill Curtis Island, so attracting entrants from the Port Curtis Sailing Club, Gladstone and the Fitzroy Motor Boat Club in Rockhampton.

The winners were:

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| 1. | Spitfire V11 | the Dagens and crew |
| 2. | Latona | Vince O'Brien |
| 3. | Gallivant | John Van Heyst FMBC |

This event is held each year in November and is hotly contested to this day.

On the 19/7/78 a River race was held. This was called the '*Crocodile Cup*' and the winner was Peter Sullivan, in his Cole 23, with Tony Loscher '*Sombrero*' 2nd and Adrian De Groot '*Sun-A-Ri*' third. This race paved the way for the Inaugural 'Head of the River' race later to be known as the '*Great River Race*'

So on the 4/2/79 with 20 yachts nominated and a briefing at the FMBC by OOD Bruce Purdie the race started at the mouth of the Fitzroy

River at 10:30am and sailed the shortened course to finish at Thompson's Point. This was due to lack of wind, the tide and grounding on mud banks!

The placing's were:

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| 1. | Ruthless | Rod Stendrup |
| 2. | Briaur 11 | Brian Harris |
| 3. | Lil Leibling | Don Simpson |

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|--------------|---------|-------------|
| Fastest time | Tiki 11 | David Hower |
| Finish Time | 2.25.30 | Don Fuller |



"Lil Leibling" in the Great River Race

Starting from the Club, Rosslyn Bay, racing continued on a fortnightly basis into 1979, with many members acquiring new craft: namely the Sisley's '*Prittigurl*', Kevin Hanley's '*Papillon*', Des Stanaway's '*Scarlet Lady*' and Ian Whelan's "*Waarlock*".



The Gladstone to Bunderberg Yacht Race winner in 1978 – Ian Whelan.

Crew – Rod Stendrup, Andy Oakham and Andrew Wake

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE:

09/74 to 09/79

Before the formation of the CCYC many of the to be members of the new club, joined with the FMBC in cruises and social gatherings. During these years owing to the distance from Rockhampton many of these events were held on the river or to Sea Hill, Curtis Island and to Gladstone.

The first cruise social event was held on 4/8/74 in conjunction with the handicap log race and the ashore Bar B Q on North Keppel Island was enjoyed by all. As stated previously these cruise events continued throughout the calendar years and do so to this day.

Film evenings, Navigation lecture evenings and social gatherings were held at the FMBC and the Friday afternoon Happy Hour at the FMBC was a meeting place for all Club members.

Club shirts were now on sale with orders being taken by Pam Champion with Richard Murray helping the finances of the club by selling beer tickets from the Crown Hotel.

Christmas was approaching and the first Club Xmas function was held at the YMCA Hall in Quay Street and the 'Dogwatch' at that time stated the cost to be \$4.00 per person and members were invited to bring a guest and his wife!

The 28th June 1975 was the date set for the first Trophy Presentation and Supper Dance for the Club. This was held at the 'Crystal Room' at the Club Hotel. The cost was \$4.50 a head with the dress formal and the Commodore had promised to restrict his speech to 20 minutes!

One of the quaint trophies presented this evening was to Murray Smith (1st Secretary and Editor of the 'Dogwatch') for The Most Consistent Competitor -(in this case consistently last) - the trophy: A rubber ducky.



Murray Smith, crewing on "Sea Fever"
"in the Yeppoon to Mackay race.

The 1st A.G.M. was held 2nd July 1975 at the FMBC.

Some notable new members:
Quoting from November 'Dogwatch' 1974.

"Deirdre Parker has been elected as an Associate Member of the Club, Deirdre lives with the Commodore and has a mania for hoisting spinnakers upside down.

Mr. Brian Harris has been elected as a full Club member. Brian owns a very well equipped Hartley T.S.16, which should perform well against other Club T.S.16's.

Mr. Dennis Hanley has been elected as a full Member. Dennis is Exec. Officer on Bruce Davidson's "Te Anua" and believes that a boat's performance is inversely proportional to the quantity of alcohol consumed by the crew. An interesting theory."

Mr. Bruce Purdie has been elected as a Full Member. Bruce owns 'King Rag', a Hartley T.S.16. Bruce recently purchased a spinnaker, which was made for the top University Lightweight Sharpie, so shouldn't have any excuse for losing a race".

**** Bruce was to become Commodore of the Club in 1976.**

In the July 1975 edition it was noted Mr. Don Fuller has been elected (at last) and as a part owner of *Tiki 11*, Don has had a great deal of sailing experience and really enjoys the sport.

As well Andy Oakham joined in September.

Andy has crewed on several CCYC boats and was known to favour long tacks halfway to Mackay before coming about to round Miall Island. Andy was to become the Rating Officer of the Club and kept this task for some years.

Late September 75, saw a large number of Members attend the Social Bar-B-Q at Kerry & Jean Herron's beautiful home on the river where all enjoyed themselves.

The only embarrassing situation during the evening was the spectacle of Bruce (*I hate you all*) Pickering & Bruce (*Cutthroat*) Purdie sailing toy boats in the pool.

The 2nd Annual Yeppoon to Mackay Race farewell social was again held at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club, (as was the first) and this renewed friendships with Clubs.



*"Wistari" crew - Mackay harbour, relaxing after race – 1977
Noel, Ken, Ross, John, Dee & Wheels*

The Annual Easter cruise to Gladstone proved popular and the families and members joined with the PCSC for their annual Easter Ball and other attractions held at the Club (while waiting for the yachts to finish in the Brisbane to Gladstone Race).

An exciting Doubles Inter Club Pool Competition final was held at the FMBC on the 2nd July 76, the CCYC was represented by "Black Ball" Travis-Jones and "Pot em All" Purdie, with the Off Shore Boating Group sending along 2 of their trusty players.

The Off Shore group narrowly defeated the CCYC even though the brilliant play on the black ball by old "Black Ball Jones" almost upset their play.

Invitations from other local clubs saw many CCYC members attending, notably the annual FMBC dinner which provided a magnificent feast of seafood and was held on the 24/7 /76. A successful crabbing outing the week before provided the crabs for this event.

July 76 saw the formation of the First Ladies Social Committee. *Dogwatch* report on their first function, follows: "A barbecue run by the newly formed Ladies Social Committee, a leftist group, at a secluded beach at Emu Park was well attended by members and friends. The day was a great success, well organized and enjoyed by all except Barry Laundry who managed to break his toe whilst playing with the women. Physical fitness was the order of the day, as members did battle on the volleyball courts and in the drinking arena Bruce Davidson excelled himself. An egg-throwing contest was staged and proved very popular with the married couples. The event was consequently won by Gary

Semple and Jennifer Dagan." (They had just announced their engagement!)

This outing was followed by a night out at the "Beefeaters Arms" where all 60 tickets were snapped up. The Christmas Dinner at Jan's Restaurant on the 11/12/76 was well attended. As usual Barry & Bev Laundry's Restaurant turned on a 1st class evening

The following day (12/12/76) saw the 1st Club Christmas Family Bar B Que.

Extract from *Dogwatch* on the event.

'An enjoyable day was had by all.

A large number of members and their families ensured that Santa Claus received a warm welcome as he sailed into Kemp Beach on a bright red Catamaran, with his large bag of toys. The ladies Committee in organizing this day again gave the Club their utmost effort in turning on excellent weather and a successful day.'



The first CCYC picnic in 1976 - held at Emu Park

The End of Season Presentation of Trophies and Dinner was held at the 'Blue Room' Leichhardt Hotel

The Australia Day Cruise with the FMBC saw The Parker's, Dagens, O'Briens and others of the CCYC joining in to cruise to Sea Hill and enjoy the Bar B Q. held at the "Sea Hill Hilton"

An Art Union was conducted and on the 22/4/77 the draw took place with the winner being Laurie Cook. It was reported that Laurie & family enjoyed their holiday on Brampton Island, flying TAA. This helped to swell the Club's finances.

A Film evening was held at the Dunmore Hotel in June by courtesy of Richard Murray, who had just moved from the Crown Hotel. Money from the raffles held was donated to the Club.

The *Inaugural 'Sheep On the Spit'* cruise was held on the 6/7 August 77. Report from the *Dogwatch*: *'The Clubs weekend outing to Sea Hill was particularly well patronised with 19 yachts in the creek at one time. Several members tried their hand at fishing and crabbing, but most of the members were content to swap tall stories and true, and to lay the dust in their throats. Saturday night, one and all made tracks to the Pacific Creek Yacht Club House for dinner and entertainment. Our compliments must go to the Chef "Luigi" for his superbly prepared spit roasted whole lamb. (Well done, Commodore Harry). Entertainment of professional standard was presented by the Crockford boys, whose singing and guitar playing were appreciated by all present. Sunday morning presented an opportunity for the women and children to display their prowess with rod & reel. The women's competition was won by Deirdre Parker, the girl's section Karen O'Brien and the boy's section James Murray. The return trip was a glorious sight with every boat displaying canvas of some description'.*

This marvelous event was to stay on the agenda for many more years to come. The Herron's home was the site for the Social Bar B Que. again in September 77 and was well attended and enjoyed by all. In October a Supper Dance organized by the Ladies Group was held at the FMBC, this also proving to be enjoyed by members from the CCYC & FMBC.

The Mackay Race Farewell social was held in May 1978 at the new KBSC Club house which had just opened after the "'old tin shed" was damaged during cyclone "David" the year before.



*Joe Goddard, Kevin & Dennis Hanley,,George Ewings
Barry Laundry, & David Parker –Mackay Cruising
Yacht Club, 1978*

Great Keppel Island Resort was the venue for the first Dine Ashore on the weekend of the 13/14 May. These events proved to be an

added attraction and were to stay for a few more years. A further social cruise to Keppel Island was held on the 3rd June 78 to welcome the yachts in from the Gladstone to Keppel Race. (Several of our yachts had nominated for this annual PCSC event.)

Presentation Night and Dinner was held on the 8/7/78 at the Casa-Del-Qua. This proved a tremendous social success. The AGM was held on the 13/06/78.

Gourmet gobbling at Sea Hill September 1978.

Notice: Dogwatch

'The Commodore Harry is personally fattening sheep, catching squid and smoking oysters in preparation for the gourmet feast - one of the year's highlights' and it certainly was enjoyed by all with 14 yachts attending.



Chef Harry bastes the sheep

October saw a social picnic cruise to North Keppel Island. Several yachts made the trip and the following fashion show was enjoyed by all. A club social evening was held at Rod & Cheryl Schlenker's home in October where the lightning proved to be illuminating.

Education night talks were held at the FMBC. Thanks to John Learmonth and Frank Champion - "Medical Procedures at Sea" and with Andy Oakham, on Navigation.

The 1979 Easter social cruise to Gladstone was most enjoyable with many old friends getting together at the PCSC.

Here is an extract from *Dogwatch*:

"Geodesy" and "Scintilla" visited Gladstone to welcome in the Brisbane boats.

In addition to the oceanic O'Briens and the partying Parker's, there were a dozen Dagens, a handful of Hanley's, a hulk of Huppatz, a mucho (Richard) Murray and a wrecked (Rob) Wilson. A lively weekend was had by all at the PCSC Club with many fellow yachties, our Gladstone friends and the "Three Up" crew from Mackay: Peter Mansfield, Peter Rickter and Ricky Smith".

An informative "Knot Tying" evening was held, for member's wives at Deirdre Parker's home, with Arthur Dagan, Bob Huppatz and Andy Oakham being the instructors. This was followed up on the 23/4/79 with an evening held at the Commodore's home, on "Rigging and Sail Storage" This was a hands-on instruction evening and was well attended, Bruce Purdie and Arthur Dagan gave the instructions.



Arthur Dagan instructs Dot Hanley at knot tying

Presentation and Social Dinner, this year saw the Club at the "Ranch" on the 29/6/79. This was very well attended and the AGM was held at the FMBC on 5/7/79.

15/16 July saw a working bee on the newly



"Bags" lays the slab

acquired land at Rosslyn Bay.

Ian Whelan raises the flag for the first time.

Here quoting from June *Dogwatch*:

"This comprised mostly of Committee members.

The No.1. decision was selection of the BBQ site, which occupied one-half a day! Construction of the BBQ features cyclone-proof design as it is reinforced with dozens of empty cans and broken bottles. It's size is sufficient to accommodate simultaneously 2 oxen, 1 small sheep or pig and 136 hamburgers. The BBQ was also constructed according to rigid metric specifications and measures 8ft x 8ft x 2metres.



Electricity and water supply lines have been laid and fence posts have been installed of a height sufficient to keep out kangaroos and camels. The septic tank, supplied by Terry Donoghue of Humes, matches in depth the fence post height and should be able to handle the Club's expanding membership. Don't miss these fun-filled, healthful weekend events! We should be "in" by Christmas".

The evening BBQ held that night was super with the music supplied by Bev Laundry on her pianoaccordion.

The October social Picnic Cruise to Humpy Island saw many members and families enjoy the beautiful day together on and off the water.

It is noted that Lynn Fuller was appointed as Quartermaster and Peter Goltz accepted the post of Publicity Officer during this time.

Preparing to finish races from roof of first clubhouse. Lyn Fuller & Dot Hanley



THE PEOPLE

1974 to 1979

The following is a list of Members who joined the Club after the cut off date for foundation members to the end of 1979. (*italic* =denotes current members)

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| <i>Deirdre Parker</i> | Bruce Purdie | Denis Hanley | <i>Brian Harris</i> |
| John Bowen | Graham Keen | Geoffrey Prior | Earl Dagan |
| Ray Findlay | Tim Park | David Thomas | Bruce Pickering |
| <i>Don Fuller</i> | Athol Watson | Andy Jordan | Robert Paterson |
| <i>Geoff Cue</i> | Noel Barker | Andy Oakham | Col Matherson |
| Gerard Dugan | Joan Potman | Jenny Dagan | <i>Richard Prater</i> |
| Lee Unwin | Roy Semple | Ron Dagan | Frank Schroder |
| Norm Hudson | Richard Weston | <i>Barry Laundry</i> | <i>Rod Schlencker</i> |
| Sylvia Susans | Des Stanaway | Mick Crockford | Oscar Hausknecht |
| Peter Indus | Colin Muir | Don Simpson | Jin Goodsall |
| Ray Powell | Sue Pickering | Edward Barry | James Daniell |
| Alan Todd | John Moyle | Wayne Adams | Charles Caruso |
| Andrew Wake | Robert Murry | Herbert Reich | Maranne Reich |
| George Seifert | Rob Wilson | Rod Stendrup | Gerard Clevett |
| Patrick Slade | Barry Thompson | Val Sisley | Susan Parker |
| <i>John Learmonth</i> | Bob Huppatz | Denis Cook | Mike Wilkinson |
| Alan Solager | Ian Whelan | Kevin Hanley | John Murphy |
| <i>Andrew Watt</i> | Adam Hudson | Peter Sisley | Ron Campbell |
| Reg Craig | H. Everett | Peter Goltz | <i>Peter Hielscher</i> |
| Les Wright | Robyn Wright | <i>Ray Bruce</i> | Elizabeth Palmer |
| <i>Keith Stover</i> | Ross Aird | <i>Graham Birch</i> | Gordon Neilsen |
| Michael Willis | Alan Croft | Frank Downes | <i>Lyn Fuller</i> |
| Don Lawrence | Harvey Lewis | Peter Bradford | Shane Burke |
| Roy Langley | Ian O'Connor | Rob Thomasson | Michael Mc Laughlin |
| Don O'Connor | Patricia O'Connor | Munro Phillips | John Sullivan |
| Randall Hammond | Gary Edwards | <i>Terry Donoghue</i> | David Tempest |
| <i>Red Fixter</i> | William Mason | | |

OUR COMMITTEE:

| | Year 75/76 | 76/77 | 77/78 | 78/79 |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Commodore | Harry Parker | Bruce Purdie | Harry Parker | Harry Parker |
| Vice | David Hower | Bruce Pickering | Nev.Travis-Jones | Rod Schlenker |
| Rear " | Frank Champion | Harry Parker | Bruce Purdie | Frank Champion |
| Secretary | Murry Smith | Nev.Travis-Jones | Vince O'Brien | Rod Stendrup |
| Treasurer | Dennis Hanley | Oscar Hausknecht | R. Murray | Geoff Farr |
| Exec.Comm. | Kerry Herron | Bruce Davidson | Arthur Dagan | Bruce Davidson |
| | Ian Renton | Murray Smith | Adrian Browne | Vince O'Brien |
| | Vince O'Brien | Brian Harris | Frank Champion | Richard Murray |
| Sailing. | Cedric Coombs | Arthur Dagan | Lindsey Dagan | Denis Cook |
| Committee | Bruce Purdie | Des Stanaway | Rod Schlencker | Barry Laundry |
| | Lindsey Dagan | David Hower | Rod Stendrup | John Learmonth |
| Rating Officer | Arthur Dagan | Andy Oakham | Andy Oakham | Andy Oakham |
| Measurer | Bruce Pickering | Gary Semple | Gary Semple | Rod Schlenker |
| Patron | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner |

THE C. C. Y. C. MAKES
ROSSLYN BAY 'HOME'
09/79 to 12/83

CLUB PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

By 8/11/79 the land site had been fenced and secured, electricity and water connected and quotes were obtained for construction of an amenities block from G.R.Cook and Associates, building Contractors. The concrete slab for the roof was to come after the opening. Quotes were

accepted and, with the help of many members at working bees, the official opening of the Club house(as such) was carried out on the 21/06/80 by Mr. Henry Beak, the then Chairman of the Livingstone Shire Council.

First Clubhouse - 1982



QYA Membership was acquired on the 26/3/80 and the Ladies Auxiliary Group formed 14/3/80. Cheryl Schlencker took the Chair, with Secretary Joan Purdie and Treasurer Deirdre Parker.

During the 7th month of 1980 the Livingstone Shire Council handed over control of the Harbour to Harbours Corporation for the Government and the CCYC lease was transferred to this Department on the 22/07/80.

As members were having to use the Public ramp to launch their boats it was proposed by Commodore Parker at the meeting on the



Working bee, building first ramp. construction and after consideration Don

22/7/80 that the Club look at constructing it's own Ramp, Hard Stand and Pontoon. Much planning was needed for this large

Fuller's quote was accepted and 1982 saw the completion of the Ramp and handstand. A large number of club members were involved. The underwater lease for the ramp was secured on the 01/02/82.

The pontoon plans were put on hold owing to the cost at this time.

During these years the following noted items were acquired by the Club: On the racing scene, the 1st Club boat "Sea Witch" arrived, three race buoys and new race flags and radio equipment installed and an AYF Training scheme was set in place by Ian Whelan. The first beer fridge was donated to the Club

by the F.M.B.C. With a booth License in place, this allowed members legally, to enjoy a cold and favored tinny. The phone lines were connected. The Constitution booklets were updated and Incorporation proceedings were started with the Club solicitors.

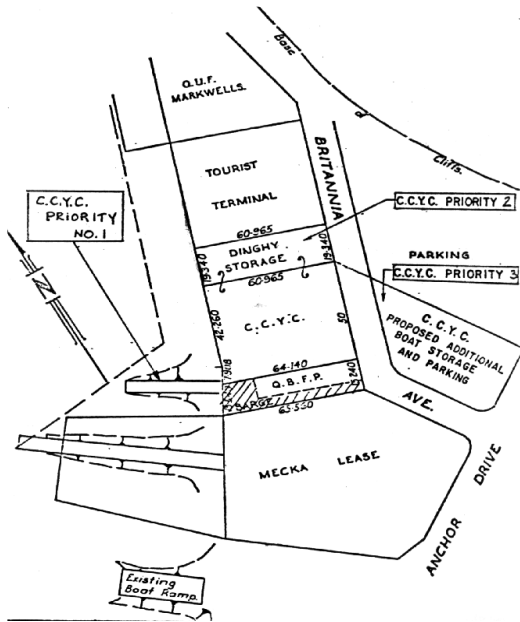
Times were changing and the Executive Committee could see that the Club would need more land in the very near future. This was owing to the steady growth in members (membership stood at 283 with 125 boats in July of 1983) and the need for dry land storage for members, especially those living in western towns of Central Queensland.

Application was made to acquire the block of land to the east of the Club lease but this was not to be as it was allocated to the Tourist group at the time.

So the Club turned their eyes to the west and as the Mecka Lease had not been taken up as proposed, an application was made on 19/06/1983 to secure this additional land.

Much negotiation followed with the Department and at the General meeting on the 21/09/83 John Learmonth moved a motion that the Club accept the offer of the Mecka Lease from the Dept. of Harbours & Marine.

Formal approval was received and the area east of the Clubhouse land was to be vacated by 31/12/83 with rent for the new area to be charged accordingly from 01/01/84.



Basil & Lorna Fixter, with dog Tiny

Security was now becoming a top priority and our first Caretakers Basil and Lorna Fixter took up residence in their caravan behind the Clubhouse in June 1981. They were to stay until 1983 and return again for another two years in 1986



View of Club and Mecka lease - 1979. Note large hole in center of yard.

OUT ON THE OCEAN:

09/79 to 12/83

This year saw the Brass Monkey Series hotly contested with many new Club yachts making their names felt.

Des Stanaway in 'Scarlet Lady' claimed the Series with Kevin Hanley's 'Papillon' second and Ian Whelan's 'Waarlock' third.

Yachts participating in the Great River Race



Picnic cruises continued to the Islands and the 'Above the Barrage' Cruise on the Fitzroy with the Offshore Family Club in November was well attended.

The Inaugural 'Summer Series' was the next Series formed by the Sailing Committee. This was a four-race event held over the early summer months. The first Heat was a buoy race held on the 11/11/79 and at the final heat on the 15/12/79 saw 'Taurus' skippered by Barry Laundry, win from 'Allegro' (Alan Croft) second and 'Cowboy' (Bruce Purdie), third.

A fun race 'Around Keppel Island' was again held at Keppel Island on New Years Day and featured a sprint from the bar at the Resort [after a cool drink, for the skippers,] to their yachts and then a race around the island. 'Papillon' (Kevin Hanley) won, closely followed by the Parker's in 'Scintilla' second, Shane Burke in 'Te Anau' third, Andrew Watt in 'Tylo' fourth and Ian Whelan fifth in 'Waarlock'. A fun Beach Bar B Q, put on by the Resort, followed.

Here is an extract from Jan. *Dogwatch* 1980, on this event:

"Several people think Waarlock won the race, however, protests are still being heard over which skippers didn't scull their starting beer properly, who used motors! and even one of the boats starting with all sails up while being held by its crew. This must be one of the most grueling race starts in the Southern Hemisphere since each year – a number of skippers are barely able to climb aboard their craft after the chug-a-lug, beach sprint and swim to their boats."

The Chippendale "River Race" in March 1980 saw 'Timandra' Bruce Davidson's yacht take line honours from the fleet of 21 craft.

For the first time, in May 1980, the "Yeppoon to Mackay" Race sailed with two divisions. In this year Harry Parker sailed 'Scintilla' to a win in the Cruising Division, second was Vince

O'Brien in 'Geodesy' and third Andrew Wake in 'Half Moon'.

The racing Division saw 'Amelia' (Graham Birch) first, 'Taurus' (Barry Laundry) second and 'Rainbow Connection' (Peter Rule, from Mackay), third.

Following on after the Mackay race, saw the largest CCYC cruising fleet, up to that time, head north for a 2-week cruise of the Whitsunday Islands. *Scintilla*, *Geodesy*, *Prittigurl*, *Waarlock* and *Sesamoid* leaving Mackay and were joined further north by *Jorina*, *Timandra*, *Halcyon* and *Tylo*. Twenty-nine members booked into South Mole resort for the cabaret, which was organized by John Learmonth and all enjoyed the hospitality for the evening. A great club Bar B Q was held in Nara Inlet the next evening.

T.A.A. (later to become Qantas) sponsored the Brass Monkey Series. This sponsorship continued for many years. 'Sombrero' Tony Loscher won the ticket.



*Tony Loscher wins "THE BRASS"
Peter Goltz, Rod Henneghan & Bruce Davidson*

The social outing to Sea Hill in September saw the first and only '*Almost Anything Goes Fun Race*' held to coincide with the 'Sheep on the Spit' weekend.

John "One Minute" Learmonth set out this simple navigational test event which proved most popular and was won by Denis Cook. The report on this event can be viewed in the August 1980 copy of *Dogwatch* - held by the Secretary!

Yachts were changing hands with "*Spitfire VII*" sold to Andy Oakham the club handicapper and "*Amazing Grace*" being purchased by Ian Whelan the Vice Commodore. "*Cowboy*" Bruce Purdie and "*Running Blind*" skippered by Ian Groves had just arrived on the scene.

The final heat of the 1980 'Summer Series' saw Barry Laundry win in '*Taurus*'. This yacht went on to win the "Yeppoon to Mackay" Race in May 1981. The *Great River Race* was now sponsored by *Blue Water Marine* and remained so for years.

In April 1981 many of the Club trailer sailer yachts trailed south to attend the Inaugural "*Tin Can Bay /Harvey Bay*" Yacht Race. This was to become a very popular annual event for the trailer sailer yachts in the Club. The placing's were "*Running Blind*" (Ian Groves) first, "*Cowboy II*" (Bruce Purdie) second and "*Papillon*" (Kevin Hanley) third.

Presentation Night saw the Inaugural "*Off Shore Aggregate Patrons Trophy*" awarded to "*Lindy*" sailed by Des Stanaway. This important Trophy, donated by Bill Bremner, the then Patron, was for a combination of the four major races sailed in the Club's sailing season. These included the: 'Yeppoon to Mackay' Race, the 4RO 'Round the Bay' Race, the "Gladstone to Keppel" Race and the "Gladstone to Bundaberg" Race. Today this perpetual trophy stands and is supported by our Patron John Learmonth.

The composite today has changed to include

"Yeppoon to Mackay" Race the 4RO "Round the Bay" Race the "Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay" Race and the Sisley's "Round the Keppel's" Race.

Sam Wood with crew's after the first Singing Ship Race, Presentation - 1981



forever.

The Inaugural "*Most Improved Boat of the Year*" award was also presented. This prize went to Peter Bradford in his yacht "*Gaf*". A "*Single Handed*" Race was held in conjunction with the Christmas Party on the 05/12/81, the winner being "*Myth*" (Peter Williams).

Another Inaugural event was formed. Known as the "*Cyclone*" Series, a three race series sailed over the early weeks of the year. The winners were Ian Marriner in "*Tangerine Dream*" Matt & Wendy Orgill in "*Cloud of Fire*" second and third Peter Clayton in "*Master Blaster*". The following year this series was dropped from the CCYC calendar owing to unsettled weather conditions.



Amazing Grace

In this year Commodore Ian Whelan entered his new yacht "*Amazing Grace*" in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race thus showing the CCYC flag in this major yachting event. His crew consisted of Red Fixter, Don Fuller and Denis Cook.

The Inaugural "3 Islands" Race sponsored by 4R0, TAA, Morning Bulletin and the CIAE.

was held on the 18/06/83

This innovative race was suggested to the sailing committee by Commodore Ian Whelan. The idea was taken from the strenuous Many Peak orienteering race held in England for some years.

The race was to consist of 25 miles sailing 10 miles of running, no engines, 2 oars permitted crew maximum 4 with minimum of 2 runners to each yacht. The course was to Conical Island, Middle Island then to Great Keppel Is - each yacht and runners to finish off the resort. (water and beach respectively).

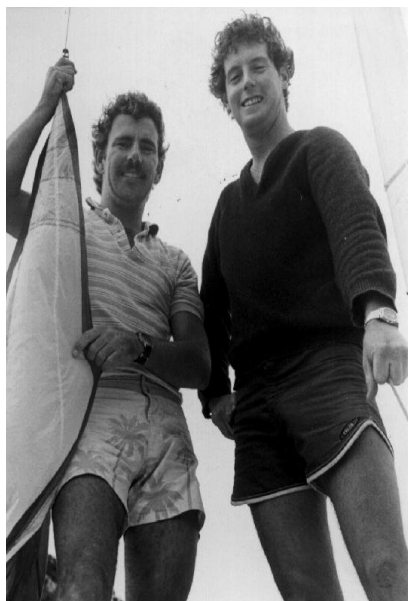
The race saw 27 yachts nominate but the weather conditions soon disrupted the fleet with many retirements taking place. All the student division yachts retired as did the Division 2 yachts after battling heavy conditions.

David Parker with his crewman of Mike McLachlan skippered "Scarlet Lady" in heavy

conditions to win, this first event.

"Amelia" (Graham Birch) was second and Ian Whelan in "Amazing Grace" third. "Joanne" (Tony Granger) won the multihull division 2nd "No Frills" (Humphry Jones) and "Blade Runner" (Jim Duncan) came third. In

the future this race was to see a few changes in the course both on and off the water.



Winners - 1st 3 Islands Race

David Parker & Michael McLachlan

For the first time in the Mackay race, sailed in May 1992, a yacht from Mackay won this

prestigious event.

This was "Short Circuit" sailed by Bob Thomas from the CYCM, second was "Lindy" (Des Stanaway) third "Taurus" (Barry Laundry) "Scintilla" (David Parker) won the Cruising Division.

The best way to Rosslyn Bay is by truck said Col Glover when he delivered 'Short Circuit' to Rosslyn Bay for the 1983 race.



This year proved to be a very wet event rain persisted through out most of the weekend.

Bruce Davidson and Andrew Watt both attired for the conditions that were to come.

Presentation of Trophies at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club 1983.



Ian Groves. Noel Patrick. Deirdre Parker. Ian Whelan. Patron Bill Bremner

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE:

09/79 to 12/83

During this year many of the social events were held in conjunction with the sailing events and this proved to be very popular.

On the 27/10/79 a BBQ and Wine Evening social was held at Des & Nell Stanaway's home mature and well –cellared Hunter Valley wines with CCYC own labels were available for sale at \$3 each or 12 for \$32.

The film evenings were well attended and to finish off the year the Club Christmas Party held at the Club on the 1/12/79 was enjoyed by all. This was the first Christmas Party held at the Club house at Rosslyn Bay.

A very successful gala Chicken and Champagne fun-raising breakfast was held on 9/2/80 starting at 0600 at the Dunmore Hotel. A bus load of KBSC members travelled from Yeppoon to attend the function. Games, films and fried fowl added up to more than \$600 profit for the Club. Many thanks to Richard Murray. It was told not many lawns were cut that afternoon.

Here is an extract from *Dogwatch's Crews News* on this years Mackay Race. *Dr Frank Champion and his champion crew of about 14 on 'Sesamoid' carried three Beaufort life rafts.*



"Sesamoid" and crew - 1987

These were marked Public, Medibank Intermediate, and Private. The public model was standard with two liters of water, Intermediate had two liters of rum, while Private carried a four-liter cask of Chateau du Pape.

A major raffle was organized by the Ladies Auxiliary. The prize was a berth on the luxury ship the "Elizabeth E" which follows the yachts to Mackay. The winning ticket was won by Jack Stewart.

Unfortunately this year owing to bad weather the trip was off, so Jack flew instead.

Next came the Dedication and Opening of the Rosslyn Bay facility.

As stated previously, this took place on the 21/6/80 by Mr. Henry Beak accompanied by Mrs. Beak.

Mr. Beak addressed some 170 members and families, guests and friends amidst a colorful background of yachts carrying bunting and of a festooned Club. Mr. Beak noted that the Shire had relinquished management of Rosslyn

Elizabeth E" & Elizabeth E II



Bay to the Dept. of Harbour and Marine, so great has the activity there become.

Speaking from his personal knowledge of the Club, he reviewed our history and expressed pleasure in having assisted with the lease arrangements.

He spoke highly of the Club's facilities, impressive growth over the past five

years, and noted the Yeppoon to Mackay Race as a major annual Central Queensland event. He then congratulated the Ladies Auxiliary on the jobs well done and then formally opened the Club.

Rod Schlencker

Commodore Rod Schlencker thanked Mr. Beak for his interest and support of the Club since its inception. The Commodore reviewed the Club's growth & plans for future development. He singled out Harry Parker for his leadership and drive, Rod also praised Don Fuller and his selfless labors in having established the site and organized materials and work parties. Lastly he thanked all who had helped.



Commodore Graeme Kean of the KBSC and Tot Moran from the Gladstone Yacht Club (on behalf of Commodore Brad Barker) gave congratulatory addresses.

Pirate Night – Rob, Harry, Sue & Bruce

Dinghy jousting followed the formal ceremonies with craft supplied by the Rowing Club and arranged by Red Fixter. There were no winners!! A Bar B Q lunch was then enjoyed by all.



Presentation Dinner and Dance saw large numbers of Club members attend the evening at the "Ranch" for the formal dinner to end this season.

One of the largest functions held by the Club was set for the 1st of August 1980. This was organized by the Ladies Auxiliary. "The Fun and Games" Night, held at the Municipal Theatre, proved to be a resounding success. With a profit of over \$4000 going to the Committee, new tables & chairs and other items were purchased and \$3,000 given towards the building fund.



Lyn Fuller took over as Chairperson of the Auxiliary for the new term. September saw the Club members return in force to Sea Hill for the annual roasting of the sheep.

Nearing the end of the year the girls staged another whopper with the "Buccaneer's" Night. This super event saw the Club pirates come by the bus load from Rockhampton and were joined by dozens from Yeppoon to board the M/V "Seafari" at Rosslyn Bay for a moonlight, gambling Chicken and Champagne cruise till midnight. What a night this was with a considerable amount of cash being pirated to the bank. Geoff Farr won the best costume prize, with his lovely & practical adornments and Commodore Harry's parrot seemed to survive

the ordeal. The ugliest pirates went to Bob Huppatz and Sue Parker.

March 28th 1981 saw the A.H.E.P. Hall come alive to the sound of "Home Brew" for the CCYC Auxiliary's next brilliant event, the "Logie Night". This was a sell out with hilarious costumes, good food and drinks and a warmly lit and

festooned hall making for a great night out for members. The prize for the best costume went to Dame Edna Cleverage (Bruce Acutt), Brisbane Bitter Cheeky Cyclist (Ian Groves) Clark Kent (Steve Brady). Others were Cat Weasel (Geoff Farr), Peter Wherret Hot Wheels (Debbie Clayton). Witchy Poo (Sue Parker), The Flying (Pregnant Nun) Gail Brady (while her husband (Master Sargent) Chris kept her out of trouble). Dr Who (John Learmonth) and GTX Oils aren't Oils (Crim Shane Burke) and Dave & Grace O'Sullivan (Peter & Bev Goltz. -Not only did Peter win a prize but he found 400 pounds in the pocket of his uncle's 40 year old suit.)



Logie Night – Dee, Lyn & Don

There were no less than 15 Harry Butlers, including Dave Hower with an abundance of give away pet frogs, one with a pet snake (Red Fixter).

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a birthday cake to Caretaker Basil Fixter on his 70th. birthday.

A farewell evening BBQ was held to say goodbye to Andy Oakham who left to take up residence in Gladstone. Peter Heilscher taking over as handicapper for the rest of the term.

Denis Hanley retired as Dogwatch Editor with Bruce Acutt taking over the job.

The 'Fun and Games' Night in November and the Xmas party at the Club in December rounded up the year's many social events.

The trip on the "*Elizabeth E 11*" (following the yachts to Mackay) this year proved to be simply marvelous. Alas for the competitors in the race - no wind and heavy thick fog. Sailing out of the fog bank into perfect weather were the happy band of lotus-eaters aboard the *Elizabeth E 11* - theirs was a journey of sheer indulgence and delight.

The 1982 Sea Hill social Sheep on the Spit weekend saw many CCYC, FMBC and PCSC members attend. All enjoyed the well-basted sheep.



The gang arrives – Sheep on the Spit, Sea Hill 1983

'Fun and Games' Night was another blinder in 1981. What a Xmas. The Christmas Party and Single handed yacht race for 1981 were both astounding successes with CCYC boats being found all over Keppel Bay during the holidays.

Rob & Merle Thomasson hosted a multitude of sailors for Xmas dinner on '*Germania*' anchored off South Keppel during the break.

Many more social outing on the water were held over the following months and enjoyed by all who participated in these family day sail events.

Meg Fixter took over from Lyn Fuller as chairperson of the Social Group in this year. She was ably assisted by Dot Hanley as Secretary.



*Partying on the Deck Elizabeth E"
at anchor in Island Head Creek - 1981*

This committee set about organizing many social events and June 3rd 1983 saw the *Inaugural Yacht Club Ball*.

This formal event was held at the Municipal Theatre and tickets were sold out well before the event. The evening proved to be a huge success. Busloads of formally dressed guests

attended from Gladstone and Yeppoon with all danced to great music and enjoyed good food.

The Theatre Restaurant outings were well attended during the year and a Country & Western theme social evening was held at the Caves. Western dress was the in gear worn.

A Licensed Cabaret started off the social events for 1982 held at the YWCA.

The year of the fog - 1981

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The race started under the influence of a slow moving high which sat over the course for the entire race, providing fickle N.W.-N.E. winds mostly below 5 knots. Hearts were broken at the start!

THE PEOPLE

1979 to 1983

The Following is a list of members who joined the Club from 1980 to the end of 1983.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| John Fowler | Merve Damrow | Bryan Blanning | Fred Lawn |
| Rowena Fowler | Simon Lanyon | Martin Wallace | Allen Predergast |
| <i>Paul Stevens</i> | Janice Stobo | John Grainger | Peter Williams |
| Don Askeland | John Birch | Bruce Acutt | <i>Barry Balchin</i> |
| Anthont Boulton | Eric Burrows | <i>Adrian De Groot</i> | Maurie & Fay Delahoy |
| Ian Groves | Neil Hanschen | Willaim Hornsby | Fred Mearns |
| Matt Orgill | Graham Sharp | Bill Thaw | Kevin Weisse |
| Wendy Orgill | Len Kersey | Robert Louth | Greg O'Regan |
| Tom & Fran Walsh | Russell Clayton | <i>Ken Prior</i> | Ian Wright |
| Denise Burrows | Malcolm Johnson | Doug Brazier | John Kelman |
| Robert Effeney | Jeff Powell | Tim Lovegrove | R. Kelly-Wiseman |
| Steve Thomasson | Steve Brady | Mike Cahill | Harold .& M. Boyd |
| Patrick Miller | David West | Norman Wright | Cecil(Sam) Wood |
| Alan Sisley | Glen Hamilton | Grant Beak | Bill Harris |
| <i>Debbie Clayton</i> | Peter Macdonald | Barry Mc Carthy | Kevin & M Arnold |
| <i>Peter Clayton</i> | Ren Lanyon | Peter Isles | Pam Fisher |
| <i>David Parker</i> | Jenny Suchey | Russell Butteress | <i>John&Patricia Kelly</i> |
| Ken Horsman | Amelyn Ross | Amanda Barrett | Russell McCamley |
| Ken Winters | Lindsey Mc Bryde | Ian Fitzpatrick | William Ouston |
| Barry Semple | Ian Marriner | Gary Gibson | Alan Tannock |
| Barry Bransdon | <i>Lew Taylor</i> | Russell Girle | Harry&Sandra Sulter |
| <i>Alan Alt</i> | Alan Grey | Kim&Nell Nicholls | Barry Wheatley |
| Anthony Ward | <i>Wal Taylor</i> | Jack Woollard | Trevor Hewett |
| <i>John Mc Lean</i> | Alan Teal | Arthur Hamilton | Peter Hatcher |
| Humphry Jones | Alf Curry | <i>Des Real</i> | Arthur Eewart |
| John Quaife | Peter Jenner | <i>Max Fargher</i> | Doug&PamSheppard |
| <i>Richard Watson</i> | Lance Emery | Kerry Craig | Vince George |
| Rod Lovett | Peter Schafer | Ted Price | Ian&Julna Pitcher |
| Tim Johansen | Ralph Vaughan | Les Endres | Noel Frewster |
| <i>Howard Walmsley</i> | James(Jim)Duncan | Col&Rhoma Sims | <i>John & Sharyn Harry</i> |
| David Pass | Donald Fisher | Ed Jewell | <i>Bruce&Pauline Ross</i> |
| Col Bailey | Archie Beak | Simon Fleury | Ken Mc Kinnon |
| Frank Cave | Peter Kiesecker | John Smith | Kevin James |
| Bob Smith | Arthur Hansen | Glyen Wyeth | Bill Verschuer |
| Kevin Downing | Dru Wood | Peter Sheedy | Peter Brischke |
| Basil&Lorna Fixter | David Ohl | Peter Stark | Trevor Bambrick |

(Italics denotes current membership)

OUR COMMITTEE

| | <u>1979/80</u> | <u>1980/81</u> | <u>1981/82</u> | <u>1982/83</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Commodore | Rod Schlenker | Bruce Davidson | Ian Whelan | Ian Whelan |
| Vice " | Bruce Purdie | Ian Whelan | Bruce Purdie | Ian Groves |
| Rear " | Harry Parker | Harry Parker | Harry Parker | Harry Parker |
| Secretary | Ian Whelan | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Dee Parker |
| Treasurer | Mike Wilkinson | John Learmonth | John Learmonth | J.Learmonth |
| Exec.Comm. | Des Stanaway | Denis Hanley | Bruce Acutt | R.Findlayson |
| | Noel Barker | Peter Goltz | Norm Hudson | A.De Groot |
| | Peter Hielscher | Peter Hilscher | Robert Effeney | L.Mc Bryde |
| Sailing Com. | John Learmonth | Des Stanaway | Arthur Dagan | David Parker |
| | Bruce Purdie | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Matt Orgill |
| | Kevin Hanley | Kevin Hanley | Ian Groves | Peter Clayton |
| Measurer | Don Fuller | Don Fuller | Don Fuller | Don Fuller |
| RatingOfficer | Andy Oakham | Andy Oakham | Peter Hielscher | P.Heilscher |
| Patron | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner |

THE CLUB EXPANDS

1984 to 1989

CLUB PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commodore Bruce Davidson and the Executive now set about to develop the Meeka site. Much planning and construction was started with the large hole in the center of the area having to be filled. Don Fuller, Lew Taylor, John Kelly and others took on the task of filling and leveling the site.

Finally the area was fenced and water and power connected. The development continued over the next few years. Bill Bremner and Rod Schlencker carried out the much-needed engineering and survey work during the development time.



First hard stand in use

The Lease was finally signed on the 17/12/85. New equipment was arriving slowly when the Club could afford it and, thanks to John Kelly, new dinghy trolleys saved members having to carry them to and from the water.

With the new larger area, boat storage was no longer a problem and the yard saw many new boats make use of the dry storage area.

Harry Parker



of his tireless efforts and support of the Club.

The Club became an Incorporated Body in the 04/04/85, thanks to the dedicated work by John Learmonth. The By Laws were set in place by the end of this year.

As time went on the Department of Harbours and Marine required a site at Rosslyn Bay for the Department of Fisheries.

A proposal was put to the CCYC to consider the relinquishment of their developed site back

to the Department in exchange for a cash reimbursement to the value of \$89,000.

A Special General meeting of the Club was held at the FMBC on 12/4/1988 and the motion put for the relinquish of part of the land was lost.

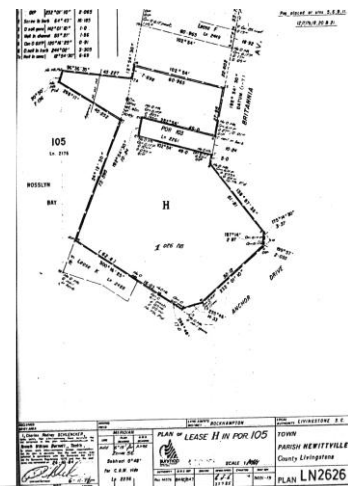
A further notice of motion that the Club should reconsider was put at the quarterly Meeting on the 10/10/88, at this meeting it was agreed to relinquish the said land back to the Department. Much discussion followed on this proposal and as the lease fees had risen alarmingly the

then Commodore Rob Hodgetts, Vice Commodore John Harry and the Executive negotiated with the Department and on the 12/6/89 the exchange finally took place.

Use of the Club ramp and hard stand was still made available for Club members.

Now the club was without a home. This proved very trying over this period of time, so an

agreement was made with the Coastguard to share their facilities on payment of membership fees. CCYC Members were then able to use the Coastguard facilities.



At this time our new caretakers (Bill and Pat O'Donnell) had arrived. They looked after Club members, the Coastguard building as well as the yard and storage area. They stayed eight years.



*The Coast Guard erected in 1976.
Bob Domotor, Flotilla Commander.*

OUT ON THE OCEAN

1984 to 1989

The Inaugural Foster's "Round the Keppels" race which was to be held on 28/1/84 was postponed owing to bad weather and was not to be seen on the Club sailing Calendar again till April 1986 when *Alchemy* skippered by Steve Thomasson won from *Pachov* (Barry Brandson) with *Beware of Dog* (John Learmonth) finishing third. An A.Y.F. Training Scheme was set in place and conducted by T.A.F.E. This proved to be well attended by club members.



Alchemy

The well liked Commodore's Cup Series of three races saw many enter in the early months of 1983 and *Beware of Dog* took out the series with *Amazing Grace* (Ian Whelan) second and Russell Girle in *Gay Abandon* third.

The Port Curtis Sailing Club had been conducting the Gladstone to Keppel Ocean Yacht Race since 1974 and the CCYC was in force in this year of 1984. *Ocean Racer Chaser* skippered by brothers Ken and Trevor Watson from the PCSC won, with the CCYC division being taken out by the new yacht to the Club "*Stargazer*" skippered by John & Rowena Fowler.

Heat 7 "Brass Monkey" competitors sailing off Rosslyn Bay - 1984

This yacht is still an active Club racer and competes in all Club events today. She is now owned now by Bruce Davidson and Don Fuller.

In conjunction with the overnight Brass-Monkey Heat 5 on September 4th 1984, an innovative race was designed for those who loved to have a race if they could set the conditions! They had to pick their own course, starting times and place but they had to finish between 3pm and 4pm at Great Keppel Island.

"*Scintilla*", the finishing yacht, was set at one

end of the finish line off the resort beach and could be approached from any direction and she had on board in a sealed envelope the finish time which was to be opened at 4.15pm. Skippers could elect to start from 100metres away, sail around "*Scintilla*" who would note the finish time and tell where the Monster Bar-B-Q was to be held that evening.

This was the Mystery Finish time Race that was won by Maurie and Fay Delahoy and poodle, in their new yacht "*Sombrero*"

"*Lil Liebling*", "*Fenina*" and "*Myth 11*" joined the racing fleet for the run home. In all a pleasant weekend was enjoyed by all.

Another PCSC annual event the "Gladstone to Bundaberg" Ocean Yacht Race, was run over the Australia Day Week end in 1985.

"*Alchemy*" skippered by Steve Thomasson and crewed by Denis Cook, Barry Laundry, Bruce Acutt and Alan Croft, took line honours.

This event had been part of the Off Shore Trophy Series for some years and known as the Patron's Trophy.

An inter Club event conducted by the C.C.Y.C. and the P.C.S.C. was now being discussed. This was first thought of by F.M.B.C. member Alex Patrick and taken up by Secretary Deirdre Parker. This new race for Trailer Sailers was to be known as the "Narrows" Race.

Competitors started in Gladstone and raced up the Narrows with an overnight stop and

Bar B Q. at Pacific Creek, Sea Hill on Curtis Island.

The next day saw the fleet race from Sea Hill to Rosslyn Bay where the Presentation of Trophies and Bar B Q was held.

It was first held over the long weekend of June 1995

and Division 1. was won by *Sundance* PCSC (Wal Walters) from *Beware of Dog* (John Learmonth) and third was *Master Blaster* (Kevin Hanley). Division 2 *Snow White* (John Granger) first *Rumbo* PCSC (Martin Swatzki) second and *Silver Cloud* (Gary Daniels) third. John Grey donated a team's trophy and in this year it was won by P.C.S.C. This Trophy still stands today.



The K.B.S.C. and the C.C.Y.C. were awarded the J.O.G. Queensland Championships in this year and with much preparation they were held from the 24th to the 28th of June in 1985. These Titles proved to be well attended and attracted a number of leading trailer sailer competitors from around Queensland.

The Club handicapper, Andrew Watt's invaluable assistance, made this a week one of enjoyable sailing. The weather was a little trying at times with lack of wind being the main problem. Ian Whelan won the Displacement Division in "Amazing Grace" "El Encierro" (Brad Barker PCSC), second and "Half Crazy" (Des Stanaway) third. The "Three Islands" Race of 1985 saw for the first time a Cruising Division where the boats had to tow a dinghy and could have as many crew as they wished but only two runners.



Flare demonstration at Club - 1984

A flare & liferaft demonstration was held at the Club in September in conjunction with the Coast-guard and other aspects of safety at sea were displayed.

These meetings were informative and members gained first hand knowledge on the

use of this equipment which is only used in emergency situations. During the Summer Series in this year the Club hosted 20 members of the visiting 1st Signal Regiment taking part in Kangaroo 1. at Shoalwater Bay. A wall plaque shows their appreciation.

Cec Hennegan Skipper of the Radio Relay Vessel "Sea Fever" again made his boat available for this most important task. Of following the yachts to Mackay in the 1986 Fosters "Yeppoon to Mackay" Ocean Yacht Race.

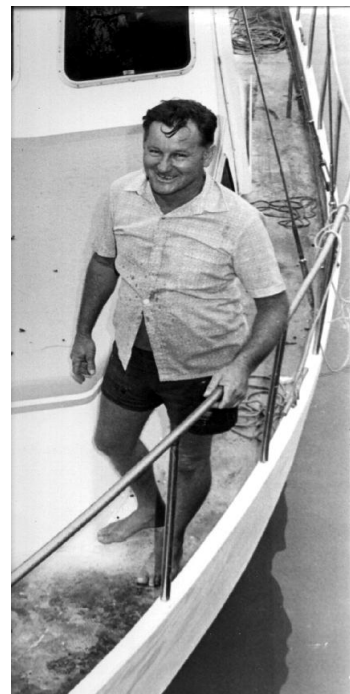
This was the 12th year he had done so. The first 5 years had been in his previous vessel "Seeker".

Again this year the weather provided a range of conditions to test the best of our seamen. Strong but variable winds, confused seas, no moon and as a finishing touch. There was scudding cloud into which the various land marks and navigation aids could conveniently secrete themselves as the weary mariners approached.

Conditions more reminiscent of "the good old days" was the comment heard muttered by more than one old Sea Dog into his rumbo during the Friday evening's fun.

The Mackay yacht "Spar Wars" skippered by Bill Hill won, with "Scintilla" skippered this year by David Parker, winning the "Scintilla Cup" for the Cruising Division.

This perpetual Trophy (Scintilla Cup) had been presented to the Club by Cec Hennegan and the crew of "Sea Fever"



Radio relay vessel "Sea Fever" skipper, Cec Hennegan.

PCSC multihull yacht "Escapade" skippered by Gordon Myers won the Multihull division.

Short Ocean races were incorporated into the Sailing events for the 87/88-year and saw a number of yachts take up the challenge. *Amazing Grace*, *Master Blaster*, *Beware of Dog*, *Kielee* and *Pachov* to name a few, enjoyed these races.

The Sail Past and Inaugural Blessing of the Fleet was held on 7/02/88 and well attended with Commodore Peter Sisley taking the salute with Father Warby officiating from the decks of Alan Alt's large motor cruiser.

Many of the Club members had been cruising over the holidays with a combined cruise to the reef being enjoyed by Kerry Connolly and Kerry & Sue Craig.

The 1987 “Brisbane to Gladstone race saw CCYC yacht “*Fenina*” skippered by Bill Fraser and his crew sail to Brisbane to enter the race and they finished a credible 23 rd out of 57 entrants.

Over the Anzac Day weekend in 1988 a three race Regatta was held for the first time with a Bar BQ at the Clubhouse following.

“*Stargazer*” (Ian Whelan), “*Onehunga Bus*” (Des Stanaway), “*Courthouse Express*” (Bernie Tregellis) were 1st 2nd and 3rd in Division 1. “*Allegro*” (John Harry), “*Cloud of Fire*” (Matt Orgill) and “*Timandra*” (Bruce Davidson) were the placing’s in Division 2.

An AYF Training Scheme run by TAFE was well under way in 1989. Many CCYC members attended the courses. QYA also were prominent in visits and courses were arranged and held.

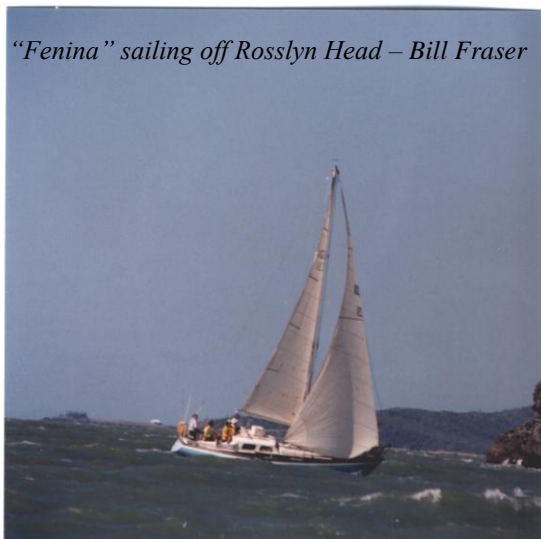
Early in the year Club member David Levenspeil in his yacht “*Peace & Plenty*” set sail on the first leg of his intended cruise around the world. David was to send over the next year’s reports of his adventures, and these were placed in the Club Magazine, *Dogwatch* which was read and enjoyed by all.

For the first time Coca-Cola was to sponsor the “Yepoon to Mackay” Race in 89 and the winner this year were treated to lots of coke to go with their bottles of rum!



“*Takari*” wins Scintilla Cup 1985 and ‘Best Dressed Crew’-1986 in Yepoon to Mackay Race.

“*Fenina*” sailing off Rosslyn Head – Bill Fraser



Cruising in company proved very popular and the annual trip to Island Head Creek and Pearl Bay proved to a great success with super weather. Commodore Rob Hodgetts, extract from *Dogwatch* Oct. 1989, reported: -

“This is the first time I have seen so many families involved with sailing in the club.

Children have a great time exploring new places, playing and boat hopping with other kids. Teenagers alike had a great time paddling, fishing and general enjoyment by eating their parents out of house and boat. All were in

agreement that the event should continue on an annual basis this being the most successful cruise anyone could remember”

This was John Harry last cruise on his T/S “*Allegro*” as it was sold and went to Gladstone.

The Summer Series this year saw “*El Buraq*” Peter Macdonald winning from “*Stargazer*” (Ian Whelan) and “*Master Blaster*” (Andrew Watt.)

“*Master Blaster*” leads the fleet



Master Blaster lead the fleet in the “Blue Water Marine”(Brown Water) Great River Race being in the Trailer Sailer Division. Meanwhile “*Prittigurl*” charged up the river leading the Cruising Division fleet.



Yachts in the River Race

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

1984 to 1989

In 1984 The Old Glenmore Homestead was the venue for CCYC members to enjoy a great traditional Bush meal and dance. Buses collecting on the way, traveled from Yeppoon and Rockhampton.

Friday night get togethers and Bar B Q' at the Club were encouraged and many members took the opportunity to call into the Club on these weekly occasions.

The Fun & Games Night in August proved very popular once again this year. This was however the last event of this nature held by the club (to this date).

The Xmas holidays saw many CCYC yachts cruise to the Keppels. As in the past, Svendsen beach proved to be the spot for numerous Bar B Q's held to celebrate the holiday spell. The freak hailstorm, which hit the area this year, was a nasty experience we could all have done without.

At the end of the Inaugural "Narrows" race in June 85, a Pig on the Spit - instead of the usual Bar B Q, was put on by the Social group, headed by Meg Fixter who was ably assisted by her trusty team.

To add music, some Jazz muso's led by Scott Fixter, turned up to make a great night of the occasion .

The 3rd formal Yacht Club Ball was held again at the Municipal Theatre in June This was to be the last Ball to be held by the club. The Presentation of Trophies Dinner was another great occasion held at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club with excellent food supplied by French chef Michael.

The official opening of the new KBSC was held on the 26/10/85 with CCYC members attending. The Annual Sheep on the spit cruise to Sea Hill and the social functions at the end of the 3 Islands Race 1986 saw again a welcome number of members joining in and enjoying the fellowship of the club.

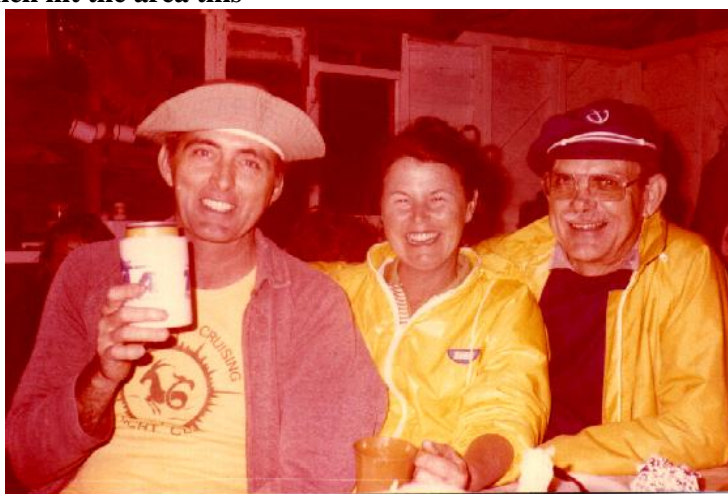
The Easter and Xmas raffles helped to swell the social group funds. These funds were used to purchase items for use in the kitchen. All the working bees were well run and organized with the ladies providing morning & afternoon teas for all.

A new Bar B Q was constructed at the front of the club. This was put to good use for post race get - togethers. A children's play-ground area constructed so the mum's could relax while enjoying the functions.

The post race functions put on by the



Socializing at the Sea Hill Hilton – Ton Susans, Alec Patrick & others - 1984



Socializing inside the Sea Hill Hilton – Ray Bruce, Deirdre Parker & Peter Daniels

FMBC proved most welcome for the Great River Race entrants (32 in all) in 1987. A large number of crews and families attended these functions

In 1988 this event was held in conjunction with the Rockhampton City Games, *Inaugural Open Day” - 1988*

Meg Fixter once again ably arranged the bus trips to and from Mackay, to welcome in the yachts, in the 87 Mackay Race.

Songbooks were distributed to the packed bus on the way back and this concluded another unforgettable Mackay race weekend.

On 6/11/87, in conjunction with the Rockhampton Jazz Society Big Band, a Jazz Costume Evening , was held at the Municipal Theatre. Even though down on numbers, the evening proved to be most enjoyable.

Tuesday 2nd February 88, saw the Club meet at the FMBC for the “Sailors Night” which gave yachties a chance to meet up with fellow yachties and compare holiday sailing, adventures and other information for the coming season.

The official opening of the new Fitzroy Motor Boat Club clubhouse was held on 16/7/88.

Life membership was bestowed on retiring Patron Bill Bremner at the Presentation of Trophies and dinner held at the KBSC in July 1987.



Life Memberships bestowed on Bill Bremner

Meg Fixter handed her position of Social organizer over to Bernadette Wehmeier in July 1988. Meg had spent years of hard work organizing fun events for the members of the

CCYC.

For the first time, an Open Day at the Club was held on 20/11/88. This saw a large number of the public come along and inspect the many displays provided and also be taken out on the water for a sail.

The working bee in December saw the club spick and span for the Christmas Party on 3rd of December. Santa (Max) arrived on the Coastguard boat at 2pm. After a buffet luncheon he had lots of

goodies for the children.



Christmas Party 1987 at the Club

Mystery and Bar B Q cruises to the islands were held in the early months of 89. Many motor vessels and yachts joined together for island socializing.

A well attended film evening was held at the FMBC in May and the Presentation of Trophies Dinner Dance for the Club was again held at the KBSC. This marked the end of the sailing season for this year.

What happened to Santa's boots!.. The truth is (we were told later), Santa had sustained a broken toe after Rudolf had stood on his foot!



Santa Max – “Where's the Boots??



Aerial view Rosslyn Bay 1987

THE PEOPLE 1984 to 1989

The following is a list of members who joined the Club from 1984 to the end of 1989
(Italics denotes current members)

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bill Drochmann | Errol Thomasson | Noel Robinson | Ian & Kim Smith |
| John Sweep | Carlo DeChair | <i>Bruce Bates</i> | Graham & Julie Jones |
| Arthur Coutt | <i>John & Gail Newton</i> | <i>Duncan Finlay</i> | Greg & Sandy Moore |
| David Patrick | Slim Broadhurst | Geoff Sengstock | Peter & Ellen Gibson |
| Marvin Loughrey | Michael Deckman | Pat&Ann Maloney | Andrew Morris |
| Jack Morgan | John Hogan | Ingrid Millroy | Rory & Jan Corbett |
| Cyril Thomasson | Don &Dell Campbell | Gail & Joel Dunn | Berney & Jen Tregilles |
| <i>Richard Tibbi</i> | David Clay | James Davidson | Richard Chippendale |
| Grant Phillips | Noel Thorpe | Trevor Rayfield | Murray Phillips |
| Brian Canti | Mark Bransdon | Ray Nufer | Bill Edminston |
| Geoff Brewster | Rex Boggs | Geoff Johnston | Greg & Pat Cave |
| David Peel | Frank Olive | Kerry Marr | <i>David Levenspiel</i> |
| Armin Kullack | Cyril McLean | William Gubbins | Ray & Suzie Matthews |
| David Tonkin | Roger Smee | Bruce Sagnol | Murray Taff |
| Trevor Kemp | Peter Triggell | Brett Watson | <i>Arthur&Daph Beyer</i> |
| John Beatty | David Tonkin | Wally Nitkins | Jim &Jill McCarthy |

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Greg Daniels | John Killeen | John Macfarlane | Charles Richards |
| David Bayliss | Eric Timm | William Pearce | Chris & Sue Campbell |
| John Agar-Wilson | Wayne Sweeney | Grant Meredith | Trevor & Glen Williams |
| Eric&Joan Mayne | Geoff &Ann Janes | Ken & JeanRlofe | Ray & Val Benson |
| <i>Bruce Towle</i> | Kerry Connolly | Ken & Diane Riley | Charlie & Bronwyn Mann |
| Lance Phillips | William Keepkie | Robert Jamison | Doug & Kath Doran |
| Bruce Ward | Graeme Boyle | Tom Kizman | Nick & Edith Dash |
| <i>Ronald Jones</i> | Kevin McGinity | John Stubbs | Graham Clements |
| Guy Bultreys | Brian & Judy Hose | Ken Wiltshire | <i>Evan&Ann Jeffries</i> |
| Asser Saaristo | Paul Harvey | Wayne Heehan | Don & Wendy Aitcheson |
| Harry Levis | John Williams | Bryan Blanning | Deane & Viv Welch |
| <i>Wayne Hoey</i> | John Hallett | Duncan McIntosh | Ross & Marg Sollitt |
| Edward Elliott | Tony Pynsent | Harold Obkiracher | Arthur & Maree Small |
| Peter Hill | Harvey Lewis | Ross Smith | Alex & June Robinson |
| Kevin Hay | Ray Beasley | Andrew Somogyi | Graham & Fay Griffin |
| Greg Tyree | John Donkin | Doug&SallyBlack | Graham Palmer |
| Dick Oxborrow | Ken Woods | Gary Roberts | John & Allison Evans |
| David Donald | Geoffrey Bradley | Derek Lines | <i>Jim &PattieBurgess</i> |
| Kent Wilcock | Ivan Smith | John Farlow | John & Trish Andrews |
| Les & Lyn Schofield | Horrie & Fay Prew | Gregory Jones | Don & Marl Wallace |
| John & Elly Philps | Rod & Clair Judd | Mark & Kim Day | <i>Steve&BarbEarnshaw</i> |
| Harvey& Gail Hunt | Glen Ryan | William Deacon | Jerry & Sandy Crockford |
| Rob Hodgetts | Lyal Newton | Harry Rigney | <i>Porter&Audrey Kenny</i> |
| <i>Ross Schuurmans</i> | <i>Bruce Rhoades</i> | Len Osborne | Lindsay & Jenny Adams |
| Robert Truscott | Vince Herbert | Noel Deeley | <i>Graham & Thea Bytheway</i> |
| Arthur Newton | James Bennett | Michael George | Keith Petersen |
| <i>Chris&RoseAttwell</i> | Peter Forbes | Aiden Higgs | Colin & Betty Freeman |
| Richard Holroyd | Lloyd&Sue Akerod | Andrew McClelland | Neil Bradshaw |
| Edward Davies | Henry Hinz | Kevin Marks | Lou & Robyn Ravic |
| Steve & Sue Baker | Roy&Cindi Birch | Ernie Swift | Bevan & Stephanie Proposch |
| Rodger Hall | <i>Danny Norton</i> | <i>Michael Green</i> | James & Joan Ware |
| Grant Stephens | Jim& JennyCurry | Tony Shields | <i>Neil & Janette Humble</i> |
| Blair Harrison | Rob Wright | Arthur Morris | Peter Mc Nally |
| Jim Forbes | <i>John Hobson</i> | Phil Mc Kone | Steve Fairweather |
| Colin Mc Combe | Andrew Bennett | Brett Di Rossi | Clive & Diane Hadow |
| John & Rita Koerner | Wayne Taylor | John Robinson | Rus & Helen Clayton |
| Noel Jackson | Francis Judas | John Barrett | Michael Grant |
| <i>Paul Lanchaster</i> | Peter Kensella | William Woolley | Denise & Leslie Nichols |
| Malcolm Hill | Tony Hally | Michael Davis | Mark & Tanya Mason |
| <i>Lance Pendergast</i> | Sally Michael | <i>Mark Bom</i> | Bernard O'Farrell |
| <i>John Rodger</i> | Michael Curran | Graham Watts | Tony & Marg Martin |
| Allan Neal | Jason Malouf | | |

OUR COMMITTEE

| | <u>1983/84</u> | <u>1984/85</u> | <u>1985/86</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Commodore | Bruce Davidson | Peter Sisley | Ian Whelan |
| Vice Commodore | Des Stanaway | Barry Bransdon | Matt Orgill |
| Rear Commodore | Harry Parker | Frank Champion | R Thomasson |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | John Learmonth | John Learmonth | John Learmonth |
| Executive Committee | Robert Finlayson | David Parker | Don Fuller |
| | Lindsey McBryde | Meg Fixter | Meg Fixter |
| | Peter Sisley | John Kelly | John Kelly |
| Sailing Committee | Matt Orgill | Matt Orgill | Red Fixter |
| | David Parker | Geoff Munck | Alan Croft |
| | Bruce Acutt | Bruce Acutt | David Peel |
| Measurer | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt |
| Rating Officer | Laurie Cook | Laurie Cook | Andrew Watt |
| Patron | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner | Bill Bremner |

| | <u>1986/87</u> | <u>1987/88</u> | <u>1988/89</u> |
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| Commodore | Ian Whelan | Peter Sisley | Rob Hodgetts |
| Vice Commodore | Matt Orgill | Matt Orgill | Matt Orgill |
| Rear Commodore | Rob Thomasson | Ian Whelan | Ian Whelan |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | John Learmonth | John Learmonth | John Learmonth |
| Executive Committee | Meg Fixter | Meg Fixter | Howard Walmsley |
| | John Kelly | Bruce Davidson | Barry Laundry |
| | Doug Shepherd | Doug Shepherd | John Macfarlane |
| Sailing Committee | Red Fixter | Red Fixter | Red Fixter |
| | Barry Semple | Barry Semple | Richard Watson |
| | David Peel | David Peel | John Harry |
| Measurer | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Barry Semple |
| Rating Officer | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Geoff Farr |
| Patron | Bill Bremner | Frank Champion | Frank Champion |



Race official's on breakwater starting the races – Gordon Neilsen, Meg Fixter & Deirdre Parker



View of new decking – Delia enjoys the facility

THE CCYC CONTINUES TO DEVELOP 1989 to 1999

CLUB PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

As time went on it soon became imperative that a clubhouse must be established. So the Works

Committee at the time consisting of Barry Laundry, David Parker and John Harry, traveled to Goonyella and purchased two demountable buildings these were transported and positioned on site by

- 12/12/90.

They were then reconstructed. Electricity, water and phone were connected, a verandah was added and painting was carried out by Club members at working bees. The sewerage was connected by the end of 1991 and the Club House, as it is today, was finally in place by 1991.

The official opening of the new facility was held at a formal function on 27/06/92. The opening was performed by club Patron Frank Champion and Commodore Red Fixter. Frank's speech is recorded further on.

Now members were having concerns when using the old ramp so quotes and plans were obtained by John Harry to construct a new ramp on the site of the old Mecka ramp, which had been pulled back to form the basis of the new ramp. This construction started on 10th August with the help of a large number of Club members and was completed by September 1991.



Building 2nd ramp

Owing to an increase in numbers and usage of the Club's facilities, the Committee began to up-date the By Laws of the Club and these were published for all members in July *Dogwatch*. These were then updated from time to time when deemed necessary.

An electric gate(which improved security), new dinghy racks & a gold phone for

members use were installed. A new flag pole was made and erected by Red Fixter. A 3 door bar fridge, (making life so much easier for the bar attendants) arrived.

New indoor furniture was supplied by the Social Committee. The Club was granted a full Club Liquor License on 09/09/93.

Red Fixter's request to obtain a new start/finish craft was answered with the purchase, to the delight of the Sailing Committee, of the "Deirdre P".



"Deirdre P" arrives

A sad farewell was bid to Basil Fixter (our first Caretaker) in his passing on the 29/6/92. As John Learmonth wrote in the *Dogwatch* of that month "We were all fond of Bas with his warm friendly charm and willingness to help everyone. He was a fine example of a gentleman both in every day life and in adversity".

The K.B.S.C. made a formal approach to the Club re the construction of a 3 bay boat shed and this was accepted and finished in late 1993, when the shed with the CCYC & KBSC boats were installed.

Driving piles, new hard stand & jetty



Next to come was the handstand and jetty and thanks to John Newton and Bruce Ross and willing working members, completed by late 1994

Improvements to the Club continued over the next few years and at the Quarterly General meeting on 01/02/95 Bruce Davidson moved a motion that the Club now look at construction of the Pontoon, which was put on hold ever so long ago.

At this same meeting David Parker submitted the plans and cost for a new kitchen for the Clubhouse, and, thanks to club painters, plumbers, electricians, welders and general helpers, this was completed by 25/3/95



Driving the piles for pontoon,...

Now to the large pontoon project. Piles were driven and dredging started in July and construction completed was on 14/12/96. David Parker constructed the walkway with help from his crewmembers, and Bruce Ross completed the land based boardwalk area in February 1997. Thanks must go to a number of dedicated Club members for their help on this major project. The boardwalk and pontoon put a finishing touch which was beyond the dreams of the Executive that so

long ago put forward the plans to construct and beautify the area.

Other major projects were completed. The extension to the boat shed (with a residence set up for the Caretaker) a new office together with a new winch which had been planned since 1983.



Thanks to the unyielding efforts of the present Commodore, John Harry, the new Club lease has been granted with a huge reduction in lease costs and this alone will assure the Club's

progress for the next 25 years.



Working bee to prepare pontoons for launching...



Launch day arrives...



Construction continues on the water...



Construction of the walkway by Roger, Barry, Mal, David, Sid and John



The first raft up of yachts on the newly completed pontoon.



It fits...



The Finished Product – Completion of this major construction for the Club in 1997.

OUT ON THE OCEAN

1998 to 1999

The Mystery cruise to Conical Island held over the Australia Day weekend, 1990, proved a mystery, as to this day, no record has been found as to who won this event. Derek & Barbara Mason led the fleet, after giving the briefing, followed by *Cloud of Fire*, *Aquarius*, *Raw Sugar*, *Escapee*, *Buster* and *Gooney Bird*. Lunch was ashore at Conical Island, then all sailed on to Keppel Island where a joint dinner was held at the Kiosk.

The three race Commodore's Cup series for 1990 was won by Bill Fraser sailing in *'Fenina'* followed by *'Spirit'* (John Learmonth) second and third *'Fast Lane'* (Phil Mc Kone). Owing to adverse weather the Anzac Day Regatta, (sailing for the Keith Acutt Trophy) was held over to September. When finally run the race was won by *'Raw Sugar'* (Blair Harrison).

The Mackay Race of 90 saw the PCSC yacht *'Wistari'*, sailed by well-known yachtsman Noel Patrick, win this event. He had contested this race many times and was delighted to win this, one of his favorite races.

'Peace and Plenty' skippered by, soon to be world traveler, David Levenspeil, won the Scintilla Cup and the Cruising Division. *'Scavenger'*, a visitor from Melbourne, broke the long standing record, crossing the line in 18.25.00 hrs.

The Club held its second Open Day on 11/11/90. This was a huge success, with many of the public taking advantage by trying their hand at a spot of sailing. Members made their yachts available to encourage the sport of sailing.

Fun on the water was held again in the form of dinghy racing at the club's Christmas party.

This was enjoyed by all entrants' children and parents alike. Chris Attwell set the course and timed the entrants, much to the members delight.

Thirty-five yachts braved sandflies, mud, heat and mozzies to enter in the Great River race of 1991. This was one of the largest fleets seen in this event.

Twilight Races were introduced in 1991 and Roger Searl in his trailer sailer *'Hen & Chicken'* won from *'Happy Daze'*. No spinnakers were allowed in these events.

In April of 1991, the CCYC joined with the KBSC in a 3 race Series event (The Val Sisley) This was sailed around the buoys of the

Yeppoon beach with the KBSC fleet. Richard Watson skippered *Parledee 11* to victory in this series.

Parledee 11 also won the PCSC 'Gladstone to Keppel' Ocean Race in this year.

The Commodore's Cup overnight event saw the Club join with the KBSC Keppel

Krippler entrants and a great night was had by all crews on the water as well as ashore. A cruise to Yellow Patch at Easter saw many CCYC members take advantage of the fine weather and escape from the heat ashore. Sand sailing for the younger crew, proved to be the in thing on the huge sand dunes at the Patch. Our first International entrant in the Mackay Race this year saw the Japanese entrant "April 4th" enter the Cruising division. Vice Commodore Red said in Dogwatch: "I am not sure what all the bowing and scraping was all about at Presentation in Mackay, but the smiles on their faces said it all". They took out 3rd place in the Cruising division while the Mackay yacht *Waterline* sailed by Don Brooks, won the racing Division.

The overnight events to Keppel Island proved ever popular with the Cruising folk joining in for the on-the-beach Bar B Q's held in conjunction with the races.



"Spirit" - John Learmonth



Ramp in use –
Race Day

The 1991 “3 Islands” Race saw yachts vying for the new memorial trophy donated by the Morning Bulletin in memory of their late Editor, Club member and yachtsman, Barry Bransdon.

Ladies Learn to Sail group

The ever popular “Brass Monkey” winter series held every year was and still is a very competitive and enjoyable series and in this year John Mc Bow in “1984” won with Dennis Little in “*Deliverance*” winning division 2.

The 4RO sponsored “Round the Bay” Race for 1991 winner was “*Wistari*” (Noel Patrick from the PCSC) and in the multihull division “*Peregrine*” (PCSC) won from John Harry in his new yacht “*Allegro*”.

In 1992 long standing member and past Commodore Peter Sisley, sponsored the “Round the Keppel’s” Ocean Yacht Race which saw John Newton in his new yacht “*Pabati 111*” win from “*Master Blaster*” (Andrew Watt), with “*Kielee*” (Peter Clayton) third. “*Allegro*” sailed by John Harry won the Multihull Division. This race was introduced as a warm-up race for the overnight Yeppoon to Mackay Ocean race. Owing to adverse weather the Anzac Day Regatta saw only one heat run, The winners was “*Pabatti 111*” (John Newton) from “*Master Blaster*” (Andrew Watt) and “*Rampage*” (David Parker), the new yacht to the fleet third. The Yeppoon to Mackay Race in this year was won by “*Pabatti 111*”

The newly formed Hamilton Island Yacht Club Regatta saw a few of our racing fleet sail up to enjoy sailing with the big fleets. Members which were and still are attracted to this major yachting event. Here is an extract from *Dogwatch* at that time:

“Rum Tum Tugger” raced particularly well and but for a dismasting was favored to win in the Multihull division. “Allegro” was the most consistent performer from the CCYC and had a louder stereo than “Brindabella”.

“Brindabella” was always first to leave the

harbour with “We’re Simply the Best” blaring across the water. J. H’s “Allegro” reply was to return to the harbour with “We Save the Best to Last”

A record fleet of 32 yachts entered the fun “3 Islands” Race and in light, increasing to 20 knots, northerly

winds “Rampage” blitzed the fleet even though starting last off the blocks. May be the runners helped!!!

“Starship” skippered by Robert Carter came in the winner in the Cruising Division.

Many of the ladies in the Club were interested in learning to sail and Rosemary Attwell made her yacht available for sailing instructions. These were held over the next few weeks in October.

Race Organization and Officer-of-the-Day Courses were held at the Club and a good attendance was had. Pattie Burgess held First Aid courses which saw many members rolling and applying bandages to various parts of other member’s bodies.

The 1992 “4RO Round the Bay” Race will be remembered by many. A fleet of 23 entered but with bad weather looming, some withdrew early.

Bevan Proposch’s M/V “*Blue Gum*” started the race in a brisk northerly and with a steady 10 knots, building to 25 knots as the fleet headed out to Barren Island, all yachts reduced sail.



The start of the 4RO Round the Bay race “Restless”, “Pabatti III” & Evelyn”

Around Barren Island the swells were large. Iron Pot Is. was reached in record time. Here many yachts retired into Rosslyn Bay. On rounding IronPot, amazing speeds were recorded by the remaining fleet.. *Rampage* and *Restless* were leading the fleet and



"Rampage" - David Parker

"Rampage's" spinnaker jammed and for the next thirty minutes in the middle of the storm she had a frantic ride. Fortunately sea room was available and she managed to weather the storm.

"Restless" finished and made it into Pacific Creek while *"Pabati 111"* was left, after the storm tore across the Bay, in failing airs of 2-3 knots and crossed the line at 10.30pm. She was last in, but 3rd overall.

Starting in February 1993 the Inaugural Central Queensland Yachting Championships came into being. These were a joint venture between the PCSC and CCYC. They consisted of three weekends of yacht racing, comprising two heats in Gladstone, the Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Race and two heats on Keppel Bay. The Gladstone to Rosslyn Bay Yacht Race was now to be included in the CCYC's Patron's trophy. It remains so to this day.



Old State T/S Titles Fleet racing in Keppel Bay - 1993

A new format for the Mackay race was set in this year. With a pre race regatta starting on Wednesday before the Mackay Race. This consisted of *Race 1* (Wed), Island race, (Thursday) Lay Day (with all the crews playing golf at Capricorn Resort) *Race 2* (Friday) buoy race with briefing and farewell dinner in the evening. Finally *Race 3*. (Saturday) Yeppoon to Mackay Race.

"Rampage" sailed by David Parker and crew won the overall event and took out the Mackay race for 1993.

"Eve's Delight" (Max Cridland) from M.Y.C 2nd, *"Seaulater"* P.C.S.C. 3rd, *"Pabatti 111"* (John Newton) 4th, and *"Fenina"* (Bill Fraser) 5th. *"Allegro"* (John Harry) took out the Multihull Division while *"Impetuous"* (Vince O'Brien) won the Scintilla Cup for the third year in succession.

Capricorn International Resort sponsored this event which was called The Keppel Ocean Racing Series and was to stay for the next few years.

Patron, Frank Champion, made available his yacht *"Kooltandra"* to be Radio Relay vessel this year and followed the fleet to Mackay.

In 1992 Vice Commodore Andrew Watt recommended to the Sailing Committee that it apply to the QYA to host the Queensland Trailable Yacht State Championships in June 1993. The Club was privileged (in conjunction with the KBSC) to run this event.

A major sponsor was solicited and Rosslyn Bay Inn Resort took on this important role. These State Titles were held



Buoy race – T/S State Titles

over the Queens Birthday long weekend that saw one of the biggest fleet of yachts ever seen on Keppel Bay.

The annual 'Darwin to Ambon' Yacht Race on the 31/7/93 was held with 72



yachts competing. This saw the CCYC flag aloft on our Club multihull "Allegro" (with John Harry skipper, Geoff Farr navigator and other

members of the CCYC as crew) start and sail to victory in their division.

Peter Clayton with "Kielee" had competed in this event in 1988 and 1990, Peter's enthusiasm for this International race had sparked off the adventure for other members to follow.

March 1994 saw OOD training sessions held at the Club with many interested members taking part, on and off the water.

Mackay race week again saw many entrants and 20 yachts lined up for the start. "Restless" (Ray Hobbs from P.C.S.C) won from Peter Macdonald in "El Buraq", "Rampage" (David Parker) 3rd, with "Casper" (Wayne Hoey) winning the Scintilla Cup.

"Allegro" fresh back from the Indonesian cruise won the Multihull Division.

"Peace & Plenty" (David Levenspeil), arrived back via Gladstone in October in this. David had kept the Club informed of his adventures over the last three and half years cruising the world. Two divisions were introduced into the Spring Series. These were designed to encourage the cruising fleet to participate and proved very successful. "Banyandah" Kevin Luck won this division.

The 1994 4RO Round the Bay Race saw "Restless" and "Rampage" vying for the trophy again in heavy conditions. "Rampage" won from "Restless" with "Shearwater" (Owen Kenny) third. "Allegro" won from "Capricorn Magic" (Reg Harris) and "Kisst" (Tony Henderson) won the Cruising Division from "Ginko" (Chris Strahm PCSC).

The big cats "Allegro" and "Teekayo" staged an exciting finish in 1995. Under full spinnakers they crossed the line within minutes of one another in the Great River Race. This year, the race was sponsored by Rockhampton Mobile Marine.

Saturday 1st April saw the introduction of the "April Fools Race" which was sailed to Viv. & Joy Barnes place in Coorooman Creek.

This fun event proved very popular and an overnight stop allowed other members who did not sail to drive down and join in the festivities at the "Landing".

Extract here from

Dogwatch: "The estuary negotiated, the sail home was delightful. One short shower washed away the last of the mud from the toenails and after a few tacks, one long reach from Wedge Island brought us to Rosslyn Bay". "Banyandah" (Kevin Luck) took line honours and was followed home by "Parledee 11" (Richard Watson) with "Rhoma" (John Graham) third.



"Kielee" - Peter Clayton

This year only one race was held in the lead up to the 1995 Yeppoon to Mackay Race. This was the Invitation race held on the 27th and won by "Capricorn Magic" (Reg Harris). The weather proved strong and on the morning of the Mackay Race the strong wind warning was cancelled at 8am. just prior to the start.

As Commodore John Harry said in his Report in the June *Dogwatch*:

'This year's Yeppoon to Mackay race was an incident filled weekend and one which we all hope will never be repeated'.

The race started in moderate conditions but as the fleet drew further out to sea conditions worsened and saw many of the fleet retire to the protection of Port Clinton and Island Head.

"Rampage" was leading **"Bit O'Fluff"** and **"Restless"**, with all yachts recording fast speeds. As **"Rampage"** was rounding High Peak Island a large rogue wave heeled her over and the next wave capsized her. All six crew were in the water. **"Bit O'Fluff"** saw the incident and turned to assist but was unable to help. **"Restless"** came on the scene and within 40 minutes saw all of the Rampage crew on board and resumed the race to Mackay.

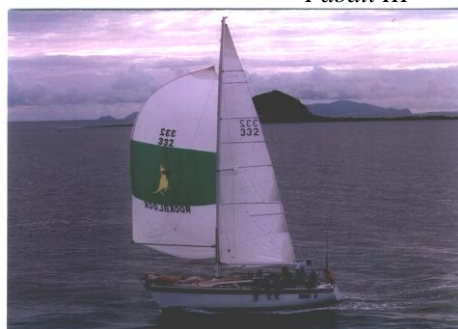
Earlier to this **"El Buraq"** had retired from the race and was proceeding to shelter. Nearing Port Clinton she was hit by a large wave and all crew were thrown into the water. Three were able to regain the yacht but Peter Macdonald, Maureen and Robert Carter were left in the water and, in the heavy conditions, were in great peril.

Sadly Peter Macdonald did not survive. Maureen and Robert were able to make the shore. The club was deeply saddened by this loss and the next year a Memorial race was set up to honor and remember our Member.

Bit O'Fluff went on to break the Record in the Mackay race by crossing the line at 4.35.21hrs and hence completing the race in 17.52.21hrs. **"Restless"** now with 13 crew on board, crossed six minutes behind **Bit O'Fluff** at 4.41.38hrs.

"Rampage" was later recovered, redesigned, rebuilt and was back on the water in six months.

In the Gladstone to Keppel Race of 1995, a few of the Club yachts sailed to Gladstone to compete with the PCSC fleet. **"Pabati 111"** (John Newton) came home with the trophy.



In this year our long standing Vice Commodore, Chairman of the Sailing Committee and handicapper /rating officer (and much much more) Andrew Watt, decided to hand over the reins to John Learmonth (past Treasurer for 15 years). Ross Macdonald assisted and took the handicapper role job from Andrew.

Bishop Ahern blesses the fleet



July saw Commodore J.H., in **"Allegro"** take off for a cruise of the Pacific his crew was made up of a number of CCYC members. The 1995 Brass Monkey Series was again hotly contested. It was won by **"Stargazer"** (Don Fuller), **"Parledee 11"** Richard Watson second and **"Special K"** (Peter Mawson) third.

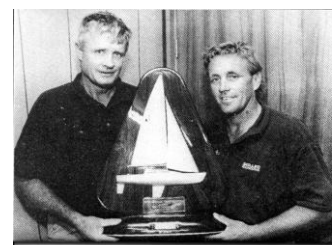
The PCSC yachts took out all the major trophies in the 4RO Round the Bay" in 1995 with **"Pabati 111"** gaining a fourth and **"Spirit"** (John Learmonth) coming fifth.

The Blessing of the Fleet was a feature in 1996 with 20 boats taking part and a Bar-B-Que. on Middle Beach at GKI was very

much enjoyed by the families of 11 yachts on the following day. **"Instant Torque"** sailed by Mal White won the Sisley's 'Round the Keppels' from **"Special K"** and **"Rampage"** while **"Rum Tum Tugger"** (Greg Moore) won the multihull division.

The Central Queensland Yachting Championships were held in February. In

memory of his late brother Peter, David Macdonald presented the new Memorial Trophy to Ray Hobbs from PCSC.



David presents the trophy to Ray Hobbs

A cruise in company to Pearl Bay and other beautiful spots, kicked off in June. With the weather holding for most of the holiday, this cruise was led by Commodore John and was enjoyed by all. The following are a few of the yachts that went for the cruise:

Casper, Keyeemah, Schmick, Bouquet, Vixen, Relentless, Myall, High& Dry, Chaye, Pabatti 111, Pegasus, Waterwitch and Allegro.

The Three Islands Race saw the closest win ever recorded at the Club. Here is an extract from *Dogwatch*: “The race was rescheduled and held on 26th October. The handicap start race got underway at 8am with “Rohani” (Evert Bulder), first away and still in the lead with only half a mile to go. However “Rampage” (David Parker), with the bit between her teeth, and a two hour time difference to make up, stormed over the line to win by the closest ever margin of 19 seconds”.

Third was “Allegro” (John Harry) with “Casper” (Wayne Hoey) fourth. This race was then scheduled to be held every two years.

This year, Moonlight cruises were introduced by John Newton. These cruises are still held and enjoyed by all, weather permitting.

The Fun Race, which started after the Blessing of the Fleet early on 1997, was well attended with 15 entrants. The three division winner was M/V “Bob Cat” (Bruce Dixon) from Jim Linney in “Lyra”. “Banyandah” (Kevin Luck) from “Shangri la” (Bill Harrison) and “Allegro” (John Harry) from “Capricorn Magic” (Reg Harris).

During the 1997 Yeppoon to Mackay Race, the race record set by “Bit O’Fluff” in 1995 was broken.

“Restless” smashed the record, completing the race in 16.52.36hrs taking almost an hour off the record.

“Rampage” finished in 17.48.22hrs .



David, Martin, Sid, Nick and John at Mackay Yacht Club - after Yeppoon to Mackay race - 1996

“Rampage” won the event on handicap from “Redback” sailed by Red Fixter with “Restless” third.

Race Management Courses were held at the KBSC in June 1997 and attended by members of the C.C.Y.C. Sailing Committee. This was most beneficial when holding Club races.

A change of date (owing to weather conditions) saw the Fitzroy Parts & Machinery “Great River Race” being held in October of this year.

Ian Carlton sponsored the event again and also started the race from his yacht near the mouth of the Fitzroy River.

“Secures” (Clive Finter) won from “Casper” (Wayne Hoey), “Allegro” (John Harry) from “Freedom Drifter” (David Fenning), “Stealaway” (Brad Hudson), from “Rhoma 11” (John Graham) and Mat Thompson from the Navy Cadets in “Rocky Terror”.

A co sponsor Harvey Norman, joined Radio

All girl crew
“Casper”



“Redback” - Red Fixter



4RO in the 1997 4RO/Harvey Norman “Round the Bay” Yacht Race. This year Rosslyn Bay was chosen as the start position and large fleet participated.

1998 saw the 50th year of the Brisbane to Gladstone Ocean Yacht Race. Many of the CCYC yachts sailed to Brisbane to compete. Peter Clayton in “Evelyn”, “Impetuous” (Vince O’Brien), “Redback”

(Red Fixter) to name a few.

Early in 1998 “Pabati 111”, a constant competitor in Club races, changed hands with Ross Macdonald taking over the helm. It is great to see yachts like this stay in the area.

The 1998 Yeppoon to Mackay race saw our 2nd International entrant “Harmony 11” again from Japan compete. They too came third in the Cruising Division. “Larrikin” (Paul Burke) from PCSC won the coveted trophy this year .

A return of the *Sheep on the Spit* at the Sea Hill Hilton saw all the entrants in the 'Narrows' Race join in for a sumptuous feast of spit roasted sheep perfectly cooked by our master chef Red Fixter. Paul Lawrence ably assisted chef Red and also ferried the entrants to and from the shore to attend the feast.

John Beasley once again made his vessel available to control the finish and start at Sea Hill. This was the first such event in his new boat "*Devine Site*" and he had on board a large assisting crew as well as Deirdre, the official starter and finisher.

Ross Macdonald in "*Pabati 111*" won the Peter Clayton Trophy and the overall event from "*Vixen*" (Gary Finn).

Extremely bad weather caused the postponement of the bi annual '3 Island' Race. This was run in October and once again won by the crew and runners from "*Rampages*"

The International Paints *Spring Series* in 1998 saw "*Pabati 111*" (Ross Macdonald) win in convincing style.

The 4RO "Round the Bay" Race was again co-sponsored by Harvey Norman and saw a large fleet of 25 yachts competing. The weather turned it on and all yachts had completed the 62 miles race by 6.30pm.

The PCSC yacht "*Gremlin*" skippered by Dudley Jacobs won from "*Spirit*" (John Learmonth), with "*Pabti*" 111 (Ross Macdonald) third. "*Starship*" (Phil Prizeman PCSC) was first in the Trailer Sailer Division and "*Limbo*" (Geoff Cue) first in the Multihull



Crews preparing for 1998 "Round the Bay" Race
Martin Watson. Tot Moran(PCSC) & Adrian DeGroot

Division.

The PCSC has always supported this event and sent a good fleet to contest the 1998 race.

The Sailing Committee have posted the calendar for the rest of the sailing Season to the end of 1999. This appears to have new and tried events listed for the enjoyment of the Club's sailing, cruising, and motor vessel members.

Conical Island was the venue for the annual Christmas Ladies Social cruise outing on "*Allegro*".

Ällegro anchored at Conical Is, Keppel Bay



What a beautiful day it was.

The 1st of May 1999 will be the 25th. anniversary of the clubs major yachting event, the "Yeppoon to Mackay" Ocean Yacht Race.

Plans are already under way to promote this event on a larger scale and the Committee hopes to see many of our members, past and present, involved.

The Mackay Yacht Club will again be welcoming us.

This Club, having been heavily involved since the first race in 1975, always offers great support.

Construction has started on a marina at the outer harbour Mackay, so storage of yachts will be on a greater scale than in the past.

So now to the rest of the 25th year –

Good Sailing, Cruising and Motoring.
See you out there .

ON THE SOCIAL SCENE

1989 TO 1999

Owing to the fact that the Club was now without a home, social functions over the next Years were at low ebb and most functions centered on the race weekends.

The farewell dinner and breakfast for the Mackay race was enjoyed by all entrants and support crews alike, as was the Presentation Night Dinner Dance, again held at the KBSC.

The Open Day for November proved to be a huge success with sailing activities for the public and interesting displays and second hand stalls attracting much attention.

The Christmas Party saw the CCYC join with the KBSC and this combined Party was held at the Keppel Bay Sailing Club.

In December this year the works Committee of John Harry, David Parker and Barry Laundry purchased the demountable buildings and they were transported to the Club site, erected and within a few months the Club had it's new house.

Ian Whelan & Andrew Watt, officiate at Clubhouse opening - 1992

Working bees were the thing of the day in 1991 and a large number of members came along to give a hand. Morning & afternoon teas and lunches were supplied to the hard working team. This kept them topped up so they did not stop their enthusiastic labours.

The ladies social group ably assisted by Pat O'Donnell, the number 1 of the caretaker's team, helped with these chores.

At one of these working bees Peter Clayton just turned up with his truck, laid the lawn and planted trees in the front of the club - much to the delight of the members. Thank you Peter.

Bernadette, owing to work commitments, handed over the role as social organizer to Ann & Bruce Bates.

Efforts were made to re introduce the Bar B Q after race days. This once again proved very popular.

On 27/6/92 the Official Opening and Cocktail Party to celebrate the clubhouse opening was a great success with 130 members and guests



Opening Night guests from various clubs

being present. A large marquee was erected next to the clubhouse and decorated appropriately. Guests included Commodores Maryaka Barker, (P.C.S.C), Greg Helps, (Mackay Yacht Club), Paul Keating (K.B.S.C) and Ces. Hennegan (F.M.B.C).

Vice Commodore Andrew Watt chaired the proceedings and the Commodore Red Fixter and his wife Kerry welcomed the guests and members.

Past Commodore Ian Whelan, as Guest Speaker, delighted the gathering with his account of past and present happenings of the Club.

Patron and foundation member Frank Champion addressed the gathering and went on to officially open the facility.

With an unscheduled speech, Past Commodore and foundation member Bruce Davidson called on the Secretary to christen the Club Boat the "Deirdre P". Assisted by John Harry and a bottle of champagne, she preformed this duty. The hot food and varied drinks kept out the cold and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.



Patron, Frank Champion's speech on the occasion of the Club opening follows.

This is a very happy landmark in the history of the Club, and I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to participate in the formal part of the evening. Despite the apprehension of the founding committee, there is no doubt the CCYC has filled an important gap in the yachting activities of Central Queensland.

This is evidenced by the increase in membership and boat registrations. Over the years it has been interesting to observe the interests of people attracted by and catered for by the Club. At one end of the scale we have straight out racing or cruising members, more often they combine these pleasures. At the other end of the scale are the dreamers and those who enjoy the fellowship, also people who love working on or building boats. Some lucky people seem to span all these categories. During its short history, we have been fortunate to have a large number of people who have served unselfishly in various ways and have been responsible for the running and advancement of this Club. At times some very significant decisions and changes of direction were undertaken, not I might add, without very considerable thought and anxiety. On behalf of all members, I would like to thank all that have contributed in this way.



I don't wish to single out particular people, as I would be here all night, however I would be remiss if I did not mention the services of Deirdre Parker and John Learmonth. They have served the club for 14 years in the position of secretary and treasurer respectively, and without whom the administration of the Club would have been particularly difficult. As you know, most of the Club meetings for convenience have tended to be held at one of the committee member's home, with the open meetings held on neutral ground.

In the beginning, the open meetings were held in my waiting room of my old surgery Bolsover Street, however after a short period of time the FMBC kindly offered us the use of their Clubhouse, which was then situated opposite the Bulletin building. As it was more convenient for most members, we continued to use the venue for many years, even after the lease of the land at Rosslyn Bay.

After the acquisition of this land, rockblock amenities building with an open area at the front and ramp was built. This was done using voluntary labour, mainly due to the efforts of Don Fuller who contributed over many years. During the mid. to late eighties, the Club ran into a severe financial storm, brought about among other things by the heavy rental demanded by the Government. The helmsmen of the Club during this time proved to be very good financial heavy weather sailors, and in true Illingworth style shortened sail early with the relinquishing of that portion of the lease which contained the Clubhouse. This resulted not only in a marked reduction of the rent but also a significant injection of cash into the Club coffers which put the finances on a sound basis and made subsequent developments possible. Most members don't realise the huge amount of work and worry by people involved at this time. On behalf of us all, I would like to thank all concerned

Once again we were out in the cold with a yard but no clubhouse. This time the Coastguard took pity on us and we were very grateful for the use of their clubrooms until the present clubhouse was finished. We now have a clubhouse which is very practical and of which we can be very proud.

The vision, organization and implementation of this project was carried out by a number of people but the driving forces were undoubtedly David Parker and John Harry. To all involved in this project, the rest of us say a very big thank you. After all the trials and tribulations the Club has now a sound base on which to build. Given the type of people concerned with their friendship, enthusiasm and hard work, I feel the Club will go from strength to strength and serve the region over years to come.

On behalf of all Club members, I have much pleasure in declaring the joint facility, the ramp and Clubhouse, officially open.

Frank Champion - Patron C.C.Y.C. (1987 – 1996)



Clubhouse viewed from the sea after opening

July saw Lois Mc Bow take the helm, of the Social Committee (a position she holds to this day), from Ann & Bruce, and the CCYC Social Group was up and running. The first function of this new group was a Tupperware afternoon tea party followed by a family Bar B Q at the Club.

A Wine & Cheese afternoon at the club was next to follow and 20 members and friends attended for the tasting.



On the 18th of October a Champagne Cruise on “Allegro” was greatly enjoyed by 16 ladies with skipper John Harry and decky Wally in charge. What a great day it was.

The Christmas this year saw the introduction of a smorgasbord luncheon

Santa arrives



The Social group ended the year with a Xmas get together on the 12/12/92 where gifts were exchanged .

Many social get togethers were held over the next few years most notably of which was the trip to Nob’s creek pottery and on to lunch at the Ferns. We had a further visit to Ferns Hideaway for a combined social Dinner on 9/10/1992.

A bus was again organized and the CCYC reveled in this most pleasant outing. Good company, good food and beautiful venue.

The Social group assisted with all the functions held in conjunction with the racing functions and does so to this day.

Various raffles were run in conjunction with all the functions and as a result many useful items have been donated to the Club for member’s use. Some of these have been: a new refrigerator, freezer and a microwave commercial toaster (just to name a few).

Visits to St. Auberns Village Rocky, afternoon tea at Karen Hoey’s home and the day outing to Blackwater with a visit to Curragh Mine, (ably organized by Patti & Jim Burgess) were just a few of the functions enjoyed by the group.



CCYC Ladies – Blackwater mine visit

Here is an extract from “*the Moorings*” in September “*Dogwatch*” on the trip to Blackwater by Lois:

“Saturday the 16th saw the Ladies Social Group heading out to Blackwater for their tour through Curragh Mines.

We arrived about 10.30am and with Deirdre as navigator and Patty’s mud-map, we soon lost our way. Backtracking, we finally arrived at Patty’s house for a sumptuous morning tea.- Of course,

Jim was there also to lend a helping hand and volunteered to do the washing up!.

In Patty's expert hands we were soon off on our way to the mine. We looked every bit the visitor in our helmets and goggles. The highlight of our tour was our ride aboard the dragline while it was working. Lunch was had at the Golf Country Club before heading home - a most enjoyable day".

The weather proved unpleasant for the "Tropical Night" held at the Club in October this year but the function was enjoyed by all members and friends who attended. The cocktails served by the ladies were just superb.

The Xmas break up saw again the ladies cruise on "Allegra" to the Keppels for their annual end of year social.

Crocodile Farm, the Ferns visit and pottery, wine and cheese tasting in conjunction with race day proved ever popular in the early months of 95. The "Girl's Night Out" at Gail Newton's home proved to be a blast while the men were away sailing.

Mal Barker, Social Committee convenor, ably assisted by Maree, set about the task of providing functions for the Club. The last Friday of each month was set aside to hold get-togethers with guest speakers, lectures, quiz and film evenings in conjunction with byo Bar B Q's.



Keith serves the members

Keith & Lillian Truscott were appointed as our caretakers March 1997.

Saturday the 30th June, Red Fixter was chief chef for the "Pasta and Wine" evening while in September Footlights Theatre Restaurant saw the ladies social group organize a Club



Joy & Ann dress up

Father's Day evening. This proved to be a hilarious night out with all members attending agreeing that they were thoroughly entertained throughout the evening.

Instead of the usual end of month get together both groups combined to hold The first "Halloween"

Night at the Club in October 95. What a buzz. There were so many witches, warlocks, corpses and the proverbial Pumpkin Head, it was a wonder that the Club house wasn't spelled away - it was a bewitching time.



The ladies social group spent the weekend at the beautiful Ferns hideaway where a super time was held canoeing on the creek, walking, relaxing, eating and dancing the night away.

Richard & Delia Watson in disguise

The windy conditions saw Santa arrive by road for the 95 Christmas party and the children and oldies alike enjoyed the luncheon and festivities. The Club house was decorated in an Australia Day Theme for the "Australia Day One Week Early" function in 1996. Meat pies for entrées, cornmeal and cabbage for the main meal, damper with syrup for sweets followed by billy tea, served to all who attended.

This was followed the next day with the Blessing of the Fleet and cruise to the islands over the weekend.

Afternoon tea at Joy Barne's home and evening dinner, in conjunction with the inaugural

April Fool Day race was another function held by the ladies group.

A wine and cheese tasting held at the club saw the ladies enjoy themselves. The bus, trip to view the Olsens Caves (via the Caves Pub for



The helicopter rescue demonstration

lunch), was another way to spend Mother's Day. The rescue demo put on by the Capricorn Rescue Helicopter Service was indeed excellent. The invitation to attend was extended to all the clubs who have anything to do with boating and around 200 people were at the Club to watch. Mike Reynolds from the service gave the demonstration.

The St Patrick's day evening saw members tuck into Irish Stew, green wine, jelly and potatoes with gallons of Guinness to wash it all down.

Lyndon & Naomi Walker *Mal & Queen Ann open boardwalk*

wore their big sombreros while cooking up for the Club's next social event the "Mexican" Night. The Club was packed to capacity to enjoy this feast in true Mexican style.

A "Seafood" evening cooked by the guys followed, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Presentation Night in 1996. What can one say! The K.B.S.C. was again the venue for our formal night but this year we had a change of program. John Learmonth, weeks before, had suggested 'let's do something different' and so the idea of a review was born. Deirdre gathered up a cast of interested members and contacted Kay from Footlights Theatre Restaurant. She then took on the task over the next weeks, turning yachties into actors of a sort!. All had a wonderful time during rehearsals with the evening itself (well gathering from the laughter and the applause from the packed room of members and friends) was a brilliant success.

The Review



October saw Bill and Pat O'Donnell leave after being with us for eight years. The Ladies Social group organized a farewell luncheon for Pat at Rosehill House in Rockhampton. This was



The Club farewells Bill and Pat.

attended by the entire group. A Club farewell party was held on 25th October. The Commodore on behalf of the

Executive and members presented the farewell gift to Bill and Pat .

Some of the major events for 1997, were a post Valentine's supper party, and an Irish Bunny

Night which was a combination of St Patrick's Day and Easter celebrations being held at the Club.

At great expense to the club no less than Her Royal Majesty (Anne) bestowed her blessing on the newly constructed pontoon/boardwalk and all who drink on them at the social function held on the 25th April.



The CCYC bus was required again this time to take the ladies group to the Calliope markets where serious browsing/shopping was done at various stalls before continuing on to Awonga Dam for lunch.

The farewell dinner for the Mackay crews and supporters was, as always, a social gathering

"Peace & Plenty" crew



with many old friends getting together over a few ales. At the Presentation of Trophies at the Mackay Yacht Club the crews had an enjoyable time at the Club after the race on the Monday.

At an Executive meeting, David Parker requested that we look at holding our Presentation of Trophies and Dinner at the Club. This was taken up, and for the first time in 23 years, this major function of the Club's was held on site.



Cleon, David, Red & Mal

Setting up first presentation night at the club



A large marquee was erected and with many member's help this was decorated and caterers, waiters and a DJ employed. The weather was superb and the deck was put to good use for the dancing members. A great night was had by all.



*Anne, Lois, Pat, Delia, Robert Watt & Kelly
get together at the club*

A welcome video/film evening was held at the Club on the 27th March 1998 where members saw some interesting tapes such as the Sydney to Hobart and International races.

In April, Lyndon Walker repeated his success of last year when he whipped up his Mexican meals to the delight of all members present.

Christmas in July, which turned into Christmas in June, was attended by 50 odd members. The evening was catered and gave our organizers time to enjoy themselves. Santa (Reg.) was in attendance with 24 girls lined up to sit on his knee to tell Santa what good little girls they had been all year. His grin was the widest

Presentation Dinner and Trophy night was held once again at the Club and proved to be as popular as the last year with 150 members, friends and guest's attending.

The weather cleared on the 14th November to a perfect day for the Christmas outing of the ladies group who joined together on 'Allegro'. With skipper John, they cruised over to Conical Island for the day. Presents were exchanged, lots of goodies eaten and drinks consumed.

*Working bee June 1998 to paint the
building*



Swimming was just perfect and the sail home was delightful.

At this year's Christmas Party, the "Deirdre P" delivered Santa (Reg) to the new pontoon – much to the delight of all the children and members present.



*In 1998 Santa "Reg" arrives at the
pontoon for the first time*

The Blessing of the Fleet took place with Reverend Chris making sure the gathered yachts were given his blessings.

The Fun Race followed. This fun sail/ motor event saw nine yachts compete. This was followed by a cruise to the Keppel Islands, where a Bar B Q ashore was held.

The winner of the Best decorated boat was 'Spirit' (John Learmonth) while 'Taminda' (John & Glenda Graham) the race winners.

Now, to 1999.

The Committees are planning new and exciting events and being the Jubilee 25th year, will round off with a gala evening on Saturday 15th August with the Annual Dinner Dance Celebrations and Presentation of Trophies. This will be held at the Club.

See you all there.

View of Club from harbour middle wall



THE PEOPLE

1989 to 1999

The following is a list of members who joined the Club from 1989 to the of 1999

(Italics denotes current members)

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| Graham & Mary Palmer | Tony & Kay Francis | Kevin & Cindy Rayfield |
| Bernard Gray | Mark Cashen | Tony Dick |
| <i>Wayne Hoey</i> | <i>Marg Barry</i> | Col Bailey |
| Eric Wolfengen | Michael Suthers | Peter Eccleson |
| <i>Tim Cattran</i> | Stuart Northey | Ron & Kathy Muller |
| A.Morgan | Wal Spicer | Rod Higgins |
| Brian Wall | <i>Bruce & Pauline Ross</i> | <i>Denis & Susan Little</i> |
| Rex Cowan | Jeff Torenbeek | <i>John & Lois Mc Bow</i> |
| <i>Lyle Mc Cullagh</i> | Guy Hampton | Eddie Ruyss |
| <i>Peter Mason</i> | Wayne Kitchner | Mitchell & Desline Renz |
| <i>Keith Stover</i> | David Stewart | Roger & Francis Berkin |
| <i>Wally Taylor</i> | Arthur George | William Andrews |
| Barrie Hill | Nils Thomson | Doug & Lyn Doulis |
| Allen Mullhrkey | Stuart Macdonald | <i>John & May Briggs</i> |
| <i>Karen Duncan</i> | Gary Wolfe | Andrew White |
| Brian Congerton | Don Mc Cabe | <i>Nick Corbet & Vera Grant</i> |
| Des & Dawn Moren | Ashley Salmond | <i>Bill & Pam Harrison</i> |
| Stephen Pybus | John Bell | Dwight & Sharon Dellow |
| <i>Mark Mc Camley</i> | Stephen Chittick | Cameron O'Reilly |
| Steve Rodda | Len Payne | Stewart & Angelia Sankey |
| <i>Paul Tew</i> | John Payne | Greg & Sandy Moore |
| <i>Brian Spowart</i> | Richard Davis | Lee Hemsley |
| Gill Smith | <i>Denise Flanagan</i> | <i>Tony & Sally Henderson</i> |
| <i>Carol & William Gifford</i> | Carmel Davis | <i>Gavin Gyuris & Corrin Ouston</i> |
| Andrew Lord | Kim Beasley | Jo & Hans Schinkel |
| <i>Cam Schroder</i> | Rob Trennant | Robert & Maureen Carter |
| <i>Gordon Roberts</i> | Tim Clark | Ross & Helen Meakin |
| David Woods | Steve Blanchard | Tony & Leanne Wordley |
| Ian Groves | Peter Priem | Steven & Mandi Olifent |
| <i>Kevin Luck</i> | S & David Ferris | David & Joyce Watkins |
| Bill Leeke | Andrew Healey | David & Jenny Bell |
| Ken Stevensen | Ian Birch | <i>Garth & Pauline Drew</i> |
| Ken Wikner | Peter Koorneff | John Middleton |
| John Wilson | Geoff Fyldes | Jill & David Fenning |
| Leslie Mills | Lloyd Giles | <i>Mal & Maree Barker</i> |
| William Lewis | Mick Mullholland | Noel & Dawn Barker |
| Tim Morris | Kevin Dooley | Rod & Ruth Stendrup |
| Ian & Lyn Marsh | Alice Carter | Ian & Donna Luxcton |
| William Thurlow | Peter Aitkin | Eric & Yvonne Munro |

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| <i>Gavin Gilmour</i> | Michael Waring | Michael & Marg Wilkinson |
| Grant Mc Omish | Eric Webb | <i>Reg & Lola Harris</i> |
| <i>Paul Cruice</i> | David Webster | Allan Hutchinson |
| <i>John Philps</i> | Robert Martin | <i>Peter Champion</i> |
| Hilary Mercer | Michael John | <i>Michael & Robyn Bowen</i> |
| Jim Riddell | James O'Brien | <i>Evan & Jan Jeffries</i> |
| <i>Ted Barlow</i> | <i>Gary Daniels</i> | John & Linda Ashmede |
| <i>Ross Macdonald</i> | Peter Stevensen | Ray & Yvonne Brodie |
| Chris Daws | Ted Nowick | Harry & Joyce Lewis |
| <i>Barry Balchin</i> | <i>Michael Atkinson</i> | Darrell Dunnett |
| Rusty Smith | David Dixon | Evert Bulder |
| Mark Manley | Jeff Beechey | <i>John Naylor</i> |
| Wayne Dunn | Steve Bradshaw | <i>John Wastall</i> |
| <i>Ken Jones</i> | Richard Tarvis | Andrew Grose |
| <i>Peter Cameron</i> | <i>Michael Augestine</i> | <i>Robert & Dianne Lucey</i> |
| Garth Hutton | <i>Greg & Kathy Harper</i> | <i>Barry Whelan & Fiona Walpole</i> |
| Brian Speechley | Brian & Maria Kirkman | Peter & Bronwyn Russell |
| Michael Beilhartz | <i>Jim Linney</i> | <i>Cleon & Nyrelle Clark</i> |
| Michael & Jenny George | <i>Graham Cagney</i> | <i>David Witchell</i> |
| <i>Barbara & Dennis Begeman</i> | H & M Cox | R Frish & P Newman |
| G. Rhol | <i>David Harding</i> | <i>Steve Bishopric</i> |
| Pam Bailey | <i>David Haddock</i> | Megan Thompson |
| Alister Paton | Robert Royal | Ted & Carolyn Price |
| <i>Hylton Luke</i> | <i>Peter Ells</i> | <i>Andy & Sue Devine</i> |
| Lloyd Day | Glen Ey | <i>John Graham</i> |
| <i>William Ouston</i> | Les Hollis | Ken McLachlan & Ivy Byron |
| Brian Mossop | Andrew Murphy | <i>Ross Taylor & Fiona Bailey</i> |
| Andrew Hahn | Clive Hill | <i>Robert & Karen Collins</i> |
| <i>Peter Mawson</i> | John & Lois Hall | John Smith |
| Jack Wollard | Scott Fixter | Rhea & Tony Willsallen |
| <i>Eric Randall</i> | Ken & Nalda Smith | Barry & Leonie Glenwright |
| Paul Forrest | <i>Luke Matschoss</i> | <i>George Wathen</i> |
| <i>Warren Bacon</i> | Maaret Sinkko | Graham & Gilda Cunningham |
| Mike & Kendall George | <i>John Wyga & Sue Muir</i> | <i>Keith Rixon & Diane Sommer</i> |
| Des & Ann Smith | <i>Tim & Catroina Mc Call</i> | <i>Ernie & Cheryl Young</i> |
| <i>John Ritter</i> | <i>Peter Simond</i> | <i>Lyndon & Naomi Walker</i> |
| Ron & Judith Sleeman | Mark Fidler | Robert & Julie Priem |
| <i>Jim & Dianne Bishop</i> | Mal Tynan | <i>Graham & Gail Baker</i> |
| David & Narelle Watt | Martin Watson | <i>Rod & Winsome Moore</i> |
| <i>Amanda Watson</i> | Peter Elliott | Dell & Tracey Lines |
| <i>Trevor Simpson</i> | <i>Peter Smith</i> | Peter Atkin Gavin & Jan Paul |
| <i>Bruce Dixon</i> | Trevor Williams | Colin & Fay Sharrock |
| <i>Tom Cowling</i> | <i>Sean Coughlin</i> | <i>John & Pattie Rutherford</i> |
| Peter Bonaz | <i>Dennis Bigg</i> | Steve Thomasson & Megan |

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| <i>Arthur & Laurel Hunt</i> | <i>David Collocott</i> | <i>Merve & Rosie Foster</i> |
| <i>Paul Lancaster</i> | <i>John Sullivan</i> | <i>Jim & Michael Gorman</i> |
| <i>Walter Kelly</i> | <i>Trevor Woodesen</i> | <i>Henning & Rita Pedersen</i> |
| <i>Trevor Plahn</i> | <i>Glen Landry</i> | <i>Paul & Julie Keating</i> |
| <i>Dale Bates</i> | <i>Bob Scott</i> | <i>Eric & Carmelita Bunny</i> |
| <i>William & Sharon Lang</i> | <i>Chris Connellan</i> | <i>Nick Calcagnini</i> |
| <i>Barry Valk</i> | <i>Eric Holgate</i> | <i>Ronald & Julie Champion</i> |
| <i>Kenneth Newbury</i> | <i>Robert Plim</i> | <i>Kevin & Louise Ward</i> |
| <i>Rod Harris</i> | <i>Bill Cowie</i> | <i>Peter & Barbara Slaughter</i> |
| <i>Tod Gulick</i> | <i>Ray & Denise Freeland</i> | <i>Laurel Wyte & Stuart Wolfe</i> |
| <i>Les Earle</i> | <i>Darren & Fay Williams</i> | <i>Arthur & Olwyn Newton</i> |
| <i>Anthony Corkran</i> | <i>Brendon O'Brien</i> | <i>Hubert & Noelene Murray</i> |
| <i>Lionel Hart</i> | <i>John & Dot Beasley</i> | <i>John & Doris Smith</i> |
| <i>Keith & Olive Drabsch</i> | <i>Lloyd House</i> | <i>Bill & Judy Manteufel</i> |
| <i>Malcolm Blauel</i> | <i>Gramham Philip</i> | <i>Roy & Janice Briscoe</i> |
| <i>Bill Maria</i> | <i>Peter Ells</i> | <i>John & Sylvia Williams</i> |
| <i>Stuart Atwell</i> | <i>Viv & Janine Ward</i> | <i>Clive & Christine Bulleid</i> |
| <i>Barry & Jacki Brooks</i> | <i>Ian & Rosemary Pitcher</i> | <i>Trevor & K Laister</i> |
| <i>John Fitchen</i> | <i>Vic Prior</i> | <i>Terry Donoghue</i> |
| <i>Syd Smith</i> | <i>Vic Stevens</i> | <i>M & J Bent</i> |
| <i>Ken Burke</i> | <i>Paul Tew</i> | <i>Lance Matschoss</i> |
| <i>Keith Beck</i> | <i>Steve & Roslyn Rogers</i> | <i>Arthur & Daphne Beyer</i> |
| <i>Greg & Patricia Moran</i> | <i>Steve & Margaret Parsons</i> | <i>Rufus & Gwen Moore</i> |
| <i>John & Corry Hendrik</i> | <i>Greg & Rosie Ayre</i> | <i>Clive & Elizabeth Finter</i> |
| <i>Arthur Huges</i> | <i>Geoffrey Cue</i> | <i>Gorden Langenfield</i> |
| <i>Ian White</i> | <i>Robert Watson</i> | <i>Graharm & Thea Bytheway</i> |
| <i>John Mc Evoy</i> | <i>James Henderson</i> | <i>Michael & Anne Tooker</i> |
| <i>Max Fargher</i> | <i>Ken Hunter</i> | <i>Timothy & Karen Leeson</i> |
| <i>Martin & Narrel Adamson</i> | <i>Richard & Marlene Tibbie</i> | <i>Maurice & Glenda Cave</i> |
| <i>Claude & Sylvia Powe</i> | <i>Roger & Ann Allison</i> | <i>Chris & Wendy Le Cornu</i> |
| <i>Luke & Anita Pengilly</i> | <i>Brian & June Wilson</i> | <i>Lex & Heather Nicol</i> |
| <i>Trevor Bowen</i> | <i>Neil Keller</i> | <i>Michael Hellman</i> |
| <i>David York</i> | <i>Toshio & Rumiko Ikeda</i> | <i>Nic Williams & Kathy Holden</i> |
| <i>Cliff Mc Quillan</i> | <i>Adrian & Debbie De Groote</i> | <i>Colin & Rosslyn Miles</i> |
| <i>Colin & Micaela Vincent</i> | <i>Ray O'Dell & Maree Smith</i> | <i>Noel & Joan Pierce</i> |
| <i>Peter & Dinah Simpson</i> | <i>Stephen & Barbara Earnshaw</i> | <i>Lojic & Robyn Radosavljevic</i> |
| <i>Paul & Jenine Sweeney</i> | <i>John & Kathy Watkins</i> | <i>Steve & Anne Bosomworth</i> |
| <i>Barry Ryan</i> | <i>Kevin & Jeanette Hargraves</i> | <i>Brett Diessel & Debbie Bogan</i> |
| <i>(Italics denotes current membership)</i> | | <i>(Up to date at time of printing book)</i> |



OUR COMMITTEE

| | <u>1989/90</u> | <u>1990/91</u> | <u>1991/92</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Commodore | Rob Hodgetts | Rob Hodgetts | Red Fixter |
| Vice Commodore | John Harry | Red Fixter | Andrew Watt |
| Rear Commodore | Matt Orgill | Barry Laundry | Barry Laundry |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | John Learmonth | John Learmonth | John Learmonth |
| Executive Committee | Barry Laundry | John Newton | John Newton |
| | Peter Clayton | Chris Atwell | John Harry |
| | David Parker | David Parker | John Andrews |
| Sailing Committee | Richard Watson | Richard Watson | Richard Watson |
| | Blair Harrison | Blair Harrison | Blair Harrison |
| | Red Fixter | Kevin Marks | Roger Searl |
| Rating Officer | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt |
| Measuring Officer | Barry Semple | John Newton | John Newton |
| Patron | Frank Champion | Frank Champion | Frank Champion |
| | <u>1992/93</u> | <u>1993/94</u> | <u>1994/95</u> |
| Commodore | Bruce Davidson | Bruce Davidson | John Harry |
| Vice Commodore | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt |
| Rear Commodore | Barry Laundry | Red Fixter | David Parker |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | John Learmonth | John Learmonth | John Learmonth |
| Executive Committee | John Harry | John Harry | Richard Watson |
| | John Newton | John Newton | Robert Carter |
| | John Andrews | John Andrews | John Payne |
| Sailing Committee | Richard Watson | Richard Watson | John Newton |
| | Bill Harrison | Bill Harrison | Bill Harrison |
| | Denis Little | Nick Corbet | Denis Little |
| | | Vera Grant | Nick Corbet |
| Rating Officer | Denis Little | Andrew Watt | Andrew Watt |
| Measuring Officer | | John Mc Bow | |
| Patron | Frank Champion | Frank Champion | Frank Champion |
| | <u>1995/96</u> | <u>1996/97</u> | <u>1997/98</u> |
| Commodore | John Harry | John Harry | John Harry |
| Vice Commodore | John Learmonth | Mal Barker | Wayne Hoey |
| Rear Commodore | David Parker | David Parker | David Parker |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | Peter Sisley | Nyrelle Clarke | Nyrelle Clarke |
| Executive Committee | Richard Watson | Ann Bates | Ann Bates |
| | Robert Carter | Wayne Hoey | Mal Barker |
| | Mal Barker | Rodney Moore | Rodney Moore |
| Sailing Committee | Ross Macdonald | Ross Macdonald | Ross Macdonald |
| | Bill Harrison | Red Fixter | Red Fixter |
| | Nick Corbet | Martin Watson | Martin Watson |
| | Reg Harris | Amanda Watson | Amanda Watson |
| Rating Officer | Ross Macdonald | Ross Macdonald | Ross Macdonald |
| Patron | Frank Champion | John Learmonth | John Learmonth |

OUR COMMITTEE TODAY

1998/99

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commodore | John Harry |
| Vice Commodore | Wayne Hoey |
| Rear Commodore | Warren Bacon |
| Secretary | Deirdre Parker |
| Treasurer | Nyrelle Clark |
| Executive Committee | Ann Bates |
| | Mal Barker |
| | Rod Moore |
| Sailing Committee | Ross Macdonald |
| | Amanda Watson |
| | Red Fixter |
| | Viv Barnes |
| Start/finisher | John Rodger |
| Rating Officer | Ross Macdonald |
| Patron | John Learmonth |



TO THE FUTURE

With the conclusion of it's 25th year the Club now has the foundations and infrastructure to look forward to a bright and prosperous new millennium.

Deirdre Parker
Secretary

LIFE MEMBERS

(1926-1984)

Harry Parker



Bill Bremner

Past Commodores



Harry Parker
74/75 75/76 77/78 78/79



Ian Whelan
81/82 82/83 85/86
86/87



Now to 2000



Bruce Purdie
76/77



Rod Schlenker
79/80



Bruce Davidson
80/81

83/84

92/93

93/94



Peter Sisley
84/85 87/88

Red Fixter
91/92



Rob Hodgetts
88/89 89/90 90/91

John Harry
94/95 95/96
96/97 97/98
98/99

Commodore

In Conclusion

I congratulate Deirdre Parker on her production of this history of things done by many, both individual and together over 25 years to make a significant contribution to the sport of sailing in central Queensland.



John Learmonth - CCYC Patron

It documents from the beginning the achievements of men and women who have enjoyed fellowship and time on the water. There is now a warm friendly Club, respected widely on the Queensland coast, and which offers great facilities. Even the yachts seem to have personalities. The Club has participated with fellow clubs on the coast as well as further afield – Brisbane to Gladstone and Darwin to Ambon. Cruising has developed more slowly but one of our members has circumnavigated the world.



On the way there have been significant deeds of seamanship and navigation as well as good fellowship. There has been

tragedy and difficult times, but in the end we have a great club and the members have had a lot of fun.

It points the way to the future.

John Learmonth

