

Sunshine Coast Yacht Club Newsletter



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Briefs at SCYC

- Fun Sails Every Sunday morning weather permitting register before 11am with a committee member on site at club rooms, 33 Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba.
- The Function rooms are now open at the Mooloolaba Marina at 33 Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba enquiries can be made through Mark West on 54445653
- For Sale.....Marlin Poles Start Game Fishing!!
A pair of 6 metre FG marlin poles with SS deck fittings. Includes hoisting tackle & fish flags. The pair for \$600 enquire at SCYC

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It's all happening in the newly opened clubrooms at Mooloolaba



No wonder Trevor has a smile on his face...this group of lovely ladies were his support team in the Solo Trans Tasman challenge. Trevor Hill skippered Apriori and finished 1st monohull, winning the founders trophy

Thanks to organisers

I wish to thank Murray, your committee, and the Sunshine Coast Yacht Club members for the way you had organised yourselves to assist with the finish of the Fitzroy Yachts Solo-Tasman Challenge.

Special thanks for the preparation, the hours spent in the radio room, assistance out on the water, Julie and her team who organised the prize giving, and the many Club members who went out of their way to help us.

It was all greatly appreciated by myself, Ian and the committee back here in New Plymouth as well as the contestants.

Please pass this on to Heinz and all members of the SCYC and we look forward to meeting you all again in 2014!

Ron Scott, Chairman Fitzroy Yachts Solo-Tasman Challenge.

Solo Trans-Tasman Challenge 2010

Commodore's Report

It takes a special spirit and a whole lot of courage to race single handed across the Tasman Sea which has some of the world's roughest seas, in particular when fierce April gales sweep the area. All the solo sailors in the recent Solo Trans-Tasman Challenge 2010 from New Plymouth in New Zealand to Mooloolaba have displayed that courage. As the official race finishing club, we are proud to have welcomed these solo sailors to the **Sunshine Coast Yacht Club** and we congratulate them all. Whilst the line honours winner was no surprise, there was real excitement in the outcome for all other category winners and place getters. Completion of such a race is a great personal achievement for each of the participants. The race results as announced at the triumphant Presentation Night function were as follows.

YACHT	SKIPPER	ELAPSED TIME	PLACE
Big Wave Rider	Bruce Arms	7d 10h 57m	1 st - Francis Chichester Trophy
Apriori	Trevor Hill	9d 11h	1 st Monohull - Founders' Trophy
Mephisto	Alan Yardley	9d 19h 03m	1 st IRC - Fitzroy Yachts Trophy
Soothsayer	Jennifer Fitzgibbon	9d 13h 58m	2 nd IRC
Nitro	Steven Arms	9d 17mh 58m	2 nd Multihull
Island Time	Matt Paulin	9d 18h 08m	2 nd Monohull
Island Girl	Ian Lillie	10d 21m	4 th Monohull
Strider	Carl Harmer	11d 4h 38m	5 th Monohull
Spellbound	Rhys Boulton	11d 4h 53m	6 th Monohull
An Cala	Blondie Chamberlain	11d 15h 28m	3 rd IRC
Wishbone	Trish Lewis	12d 5h 21m	4 th IRC

As this event was run entirely by volunteers, our race finishing role would not have been possible without our sponsors. The SCYC expresses our sincere thanks to our Australian sponsors.

1. The Mooloolaba Marina, helped and cooperated in so many ways and was the key to the success of the event,
2. Ashby Boat Builders,
3. Lawries Boat Services,
4. Colin Quin Sailmakers.
5. The Sunshine Coast Regional Council
6. We appreciate the sponsorship (discounted) rates charged by the Australian Customs Service (unfortunately an appeal to the Minister responsible for the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) for a similar sponsorship was rejected).

Our SCYC volunteers deserve a very special mention and big thank you. Without the dedicated work of our band of enthusiastic volunteers it would not have been possible for our Club to host this event. The work has involved extensive planning over nearly 12 months, including the arranging of legal formalities such as the 24 hour a day service for almost a week by the Australian Customs Service and AQIS. It also included manning the radio watch, the skilled manning of our official Club race vessel (the *Sterling*), social events organisation, as well as the huge effort to put on the wonderful Presentation Night function for 200 people.

The list of **Sunshine Coast Yacht Club** volunteers is too long to mention all of them by name, so I thank all of them most sincerely for their generous donation of their time and skills. However some of the leading players really deserve to be mentioned. The key person in the Australian side of the organisation of this race has been our Secretary, Murray Nielsen, who worked tirelessly over the past year to coordinate all aspects of the SCYC role in the race, including communication with the NZ race committee and the coordination of the Australian end of the race. During the finishing week of the race, our race committee boat crew were out day and night in all weathers, meeting the race yachts, recording finishing times and guiding (and when necessary towing) the yachts into the Mooloolaba Marina to the welcoming crowd, the television cameras and the customs and quarantine clearance. Some of the key boat crew were Hugh Harvison, Doug Mahoney, Kevin Troughton and Byron Miller

Our on-land coordinator was Barry Christianson, involved in 24-hour-a-day Internet tracking and radio communications with the arriving yachts. With David Fairfax he also arranged stocking and manning of the highly acclaimed SCYC bar service for members and visitors. Mona Sjodin is thanked for organising Marina berths and for our "meet and greet" service for the solo sailors as well as the extensive social program. Each sailor received a welcome pack of local items and information. The successful publicity campaign and the presentation function team were very ably led by Julie Harvison. Leading the Mooloolaba Marina and function room preparation and support were John Mackay, Lynne Mackay and Mark West.

The NZ Chairman of the overall Race Organising Committee, Ron Scott who worked with our members during the finishing week was most impressed by our organisation and volunteers and on behalf of his Committee has expressed great appreciation for the successful outcome.

The Presentation Night function was a wonderful success. This function was, at the same time, the official re-opening of the Mooloolaba Marina main building function room after months of volunteer refurbishment work by Marina and **Sunshine Coast Yacht Club** members. The evening was well covered by three television channels, further improving the positive public image of SCYC and highlighting the positive future for the Mooloolaba Marina and its function rooms. The dining room with its decorated tables looked absolutely great on the night. It was uplifting to see the main bar operating at full capacity, staffed by an enthusiastic team of SCYC volunteers. The evening included an excellent buffet dinner, introduction of all the solo skippers and presentation of the race awards as well as a great deal of stimulating yachting conversation. A highlight for those present was a live sat phone chat with Jessica Watson "at sea" in her own "solo challenge". It was very satisfying for SCYC to receive so many congratulatory comments from members and guests for such a well presented and enjoyable event.

Wishing you fair winds,
Heinz Seeberg
Commodore
Chairman - SCYC Organising Committee -
Solo Trans-Tasman Challenge 2010



*Heinz Seeberg SCYC
Commodore*

AROUND OUR CLUB



Richard Marchant, Daniel Farmer, David Young, Lindsay Waddell, Tony Rock



Mona Sjodin and John



John Griffiths & Hugh Harvison



Julie Watson and friends



Pat Neilsen & David Wood



Tony and Maria visiting from England



Visitors to our Sunday Fun Sail



Ruby Day and Eve Stevenson



Something must have been amusing



Mona and Bruce (Liveaboards)



Colin tries on a new club hat!



Steve & Debbie Conran at the club

AROUND OUR CLUB



Don Sanders entertaining the ladies



Tracey Emery & Chris Torrissi from Customs



Brooke, Karla and Mark West



Barry Christiansen checks out the 4xxxx



Alan Yardley and wife Babbette



Club members enjoy the amenities



Let the festivities begin



Ernest Pruegl, Sara & Heinz Seeberg



Kym buying raffle tickets off Albert



TV camera-man in action at the club



Margaret Lowther, Hugh Harvison & Tom Lowther



Betty and Stirling Walburn



*Barry Christansen
Social Director
SCYC practises
his wine pouring
in preparation for
the 200 guests at-
tending the pres-
entation dinner at
the newly opened
club rooms to cele-
brate the Solo
Trans Tasman
challenge 2010 .*

*The evening was a
huge success!!!*

Sail Mooloolaba – new event in Queensland sailing program

Queensland's newest regatta, Sail Mooloolaba, June 4-13, 2010, will be a great addition to the north Australian warm winter sailing calendar.

Lasers, Finns, SB3s, Sharpie, Contenders, 505s, Blazers, Etchells, trailer sailers, Farr 40s and 30s, small and large keel boats, multihulls will come together in an exciting week-long celebration of winter sailing off the beautiful Mooloolaba Beach.

Kicking off the week on Friday 4th June will be the Sailability training day for Sunshine Coast disabled sailors. Then on Saturday 5, Sunday 6 the dinghy and keel Boats will take to the water. Through the joint efforts of Maroochy Sailing Club, Mooloolaba Yacht Club, Noosa Yacht and Rowing Club, and Sunshine Coast Yacht Club, innovative courses and top level race management will ensure competitors from around Queensland will experience brilliant competition.

Sail Mooloolaba will also be incorporating the South East Queensland Contender Championship.

Wednesday June 9, will be the Mooloolaba Yacht Club's Fun Sail and Wharf Tavern party, with all boats welcome to join in.

Then on Thursday, the 14th edition of the Musto Etchells Australasian Winter Championship will commence with racing to be over the June long-weekend finishing on Sunday June 13. Olympians, America's Cup and World Championship sailors will compete in the six race, three day event.

Chair of the event organising committee John Pearce said "it just made sense for the Sunshine Coast yacht clubs to expand on the already hugely successful Etchells winters. Nowhere on the east coast of Australia other than Mooloolaba can offer a world class holiday destination along with quick and easy access to some of the world's best offshore sailing waters.

"We expect over 60 dinghies, 50 yachts racing and close to 60 Etchells competing in this inaugural event. This regatta is already attracting the interest of some of Australia's best sailors.

"With our warm waters and winter sunshine, Sail Mooloolaba will in the future become one of the major regattas on the Australian winter sailing calendar."

The Notice of Race for both the Dinghy and Keel Boat events are now published. Online entries opened on April 27, 2010. The event website is www.sailmooloolaba.yachting.org.au

For further information please contact John Pearce on 0404 031789

Solo Trans Tasman Skippers



Back: Rhys Boulton, Steve Arms, Blondie Chamberlain, Bruce Arms, Matt Paulin, Trevor Hill, Trish Lewis,

Front: Ian Lillie, Ian Arms (Family), Ron Scott (Chairman), Jennifer Fitzgibbon, Carl Harmer, Alan Yardley



Top: Doug Mahoney & Ron Scott in radio room. **Below:** Kevin Troughton checks out the course

Thanks to our Sponsors

Thanks to sponsors that have come on board for the Solo Trans Tasman Challenge. They can help you with services including boat building, boat repairs, anti-fouling, gel coating, fibro glassing, sail making, repairs to sails and all rigging gear, sandblasting, hard stands and Marina berthing services.

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Colin Quin Sailmakers 3/25 Runway Dr Marcoola 4564, Phone 07 54506889, Mobile 0418832615, Email: quinsails@bigpond.com

Lawries Boat Services at Lawries Marina 12 Orana St Buddina 4575, Phone 07 54781350. Email: lawriebs@pacific.net.au

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Our Club Strategy is built around the "4 S" concept:

1.Sailing 2.Social 3.Sustainability 4.Succession

*1.The enjoyment of **SAILING** and all that it involves is our primary reason for existence and so is the number one focus for the Club.*

*2. A key component of our sailing and onshore activities (and our fund raising) is the enjoyment of **SOCIAL** contact. Our licensed clubrooms are the hub of social activities from after-race BBQs to social evening events. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who maintain our successful social calendar of activities.*

*3. **SUSTAINABILITY** by Keeping the Club financially strong whilst taking into account the constraints on members, Increasing public awareness and building membership.*

*4. **SUCCESSION** The Club has a lack of young members so needs to continue building appropriate inter-club relationships and involving junior and dinghy fleets to build a base for our long term future membership.*

Our club rooms welcome you to join us for some friendly hospitality!

Members, friends and visitors are welcome to join us in our clubrooms during our liquor licensing hours.

On Friday evenings you will find a number of members and guests enjoying a BBQ and some social chit chat. Bar is opened from 2pm-9pm.

Sunday is our club sail day, registrations before 11 am for 12pm start on the water followed by a BBQ around 2.30pm. The bar is open from 1pm-7pm All visitors must sign in the

visitors book at the door.

Sailing awards are presented for those lucky enough to win on the day.

You can also purchase club polo Shirts for \$35, Hats for \$15 and Stubby Coolers for \$7.50.

Bar Licensed Hours	
Sunday	1pm-7pm
Wednesday	2pm-6pm
Friday	2pm-9pm
Saturday	1pm-9pm



Members and visitors enjoying a drink at the new venue



Roger O'Grady, David Fairfax & Heinz Seeberg