

Brisbane to Gladstone

Yacht Race 2024

Competitor Guide



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Message from the Joint Patrons

With a 76-year record of achievement behind it, the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in 2024 can justifiably claim the title of 'The Home of the B2G', and, as Joint Patrons of the Club, Graeme and I congratulate the current and former leaders and committees on developing the race into the signature event it is today.

Together, those men and women have made the Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone (B2G) Yacht Race a source of pride to every Queenslander, and thanks to their efforts, the residents of Brisbane's bayside communities and the city of Gladstone - even those who are committed landlubbers - now have a unique opportunity, every Easter, to share a three-day celebration of the excitement and challenge of

ocean sailing, despite the 308 nautical miles that separate them.

As a world-class race with an international following, the B2G has attracted exceptional supporters and corporate sponsors over the years and, as Patrons, we thank them for their generosity and commitment to the event and to the club.

Such commitment requires belief, grounded in confidence and trust, and it is clear from the list of current supporters that the club has earned that trust and recognises the vital role of corporate and private donors in realising its vision of becoming a leading sailing, racing and boating club that offers its communities both excellent facilities and a vibrant, welcoming spirit.

Whether you are enjoying the excitement of the race start, following the race virtually, joining the celebrations at the finish line, or happily analysing the detailed race statistics, we know you will join with us in wishing the fleet every success for the 2024 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

Her Excellency the Honourable
Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM
Governor of Queensland

Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD





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Yacht

Make: Sydney
 Model: 38
 Sail number: 38
 Year: 2002
 Yacht Club: SYC
 LOA: 11.75

Crew

Skipper: Harley Cowlshaw
 Crew: Greg Tobin, Ben
 Osborne
 Divisions Entered:



The 75th B2G last year was the first time the Sydney 38 (called 38) had been entered in any offshore races and while it was a tough race the boat went well and the crew loved it so we couldn't resist coming back this year to improve on our 2023 result. Greg Tobin will be co-skippering 38 with Harley Cowlshaw. Harley, a stalwart of QCYC,

will be competing in his 38th B2G so it is great to have him on board with his vast knowledge and experience. We have eight crew this year including Jack Scharf a 16 year old up and coming young sailor from Bowen. Since buying 38 in August 2022 Greg Tobin has raced the boat in Sail Paradise at Southport, Hamilton Island and Airlie Beach race week where we were a division winner. 38 has also been entered in several offshore races including the 2023 Brisbane to Hamilton Island. We have a good mix of youth and experience this year with over 50 B2G races between eight crew members.

Active Again



Yacht

Make: Humphreys
Model: 54
Sail number: JPN4321
Year: 2010
Yacht Club:
LOA: 16.49

Crew

Skipper: Stephanie Kerin
Crew: Stephen Kerin,
David Green, James
Robinson, Neville Taylor,
Tim Gepp, Ashley Salter,
Christopher Johnson,
Renee Cohen, Andrew
Dunn, Michael Muller,
Matthew Hart, Samantha
Cameron
Divisions Entered:



Active Again is a Humphreys 54 racing yacht with a crew of 14.

Skipped by Stephanie Kerin, past winner of the Jane Tate trophy in the S2H, the boat has been steadily building her crew to come together for the best Queensland race, the Brisbane to Gladstone.

With a great result from the Sydney to Gold Coast, this should be a good challenge for all crew onboard.

Alive



Yacht

Make: Reichel Pugh
Model: 66
Sail number: AUS 52566
Year: 2006
Yacht Club: DSS
LOA:

Crew

Skipper: Duncan Hine
Crew:
Divisions Entered: IRC
ORCI



Amaya II



Yacht

Make: Farr
Model: 11.6
Sail number: B247
Year: 1979
Yacht Club:
LOA: 11.66

Crew

Skipper: Matthew Kingsberry
Crew: James Nixon, Mikal Greaves, Stuart Kennedy, Felicity Nelson, Alex Seja, Jack Gaggin
Divisions Entered:



Amaya II is a Binks constructed 11.6 and was first delivered to Melbourne, where she was a competitive racer on both club and offshore campaigns during her early years.

From Melbourne she was sold into Townsville with a previous owner and was a competitive club racer, before being effectively retired from racing and sold to a liveaboard owner in Airlie Beach.

She is currently in the hands of her fourth owners, Matthew and Ben Kingsberry, and has undergone various restoration works in recent years. She has been racing at a club level in North Queensland before her owners made the decision to campaign her more widely. The Brisbane to Gladstone will be the first offshore race for Amaya II in at least 20 years, and the longest race ever undertaken by her current owners.

GCCM Arctic Blonde



Yacht

Make: Hick
Model: 39
Sail number: R60
Year: 2007
Yacht Club:
LOA: 11.5

Crew

Skipper: Peter Cook
Crew: Jessica Greenwood,
Chris Keil, Dean Baker,
David Hutcheson
Divisions Entered: PHS,
AMS, IRC, ORCI



Arctic Blonde is a Hick39 built in 2006 as a bay racer. Since purchasing her in 2021, Peter has raced her out of Southport Yacht Club for all inshore and offshore racing, some Brisbane regattas as well as the last two Airlie Beach Race Weeks and Hamilton Island Race Week, recently winning on ORC for Hamilton Island Purple in 2023 as well as a win on ORC in the 2024 Surf to City Yacht Race.

Balancing Act



Yacht

Make: J Boats
Model: J/99
Sail number: PC27
Year: 2022
Yacht Club:
LOA: 9.9

Crew

Skipper: Tony Craner
Crew: Andrew Turnbull-
Miler, Rick Plain, Saskia
Groen-in't-Woud, Scott
Poole
Divisions Entered:



Balancing Act's first ocean race and first under the PCSC flag was the recent Surf to City (Gold Coast to Brisbane) which is a qualifying race for the B2G. Balancing Act achieved 5th overall in IRC, and first in Division 2. That race provided lots of learnings and plenty of smiles with a long kite run with winds 22 to 28 knots. This is Tony's first year as Skipper but he crewed on Wistari's 2021 win and has fond memories of the fireworks going off as they crossed the line for the win. The crew is well experienced with Tim and Andrew completing many B2G races and Rick just completed another Sydney to Hobart. They are also great mates with the crew of Sassy so will be looking behind for them!

Big Hairy



Yacht

Make: Sayer
Model: 11
Sail Number: B101
Year: 2003
Yacht Club: CCYC
LOA: 11

Crew

Skipper: Tim McCall
Crew: Bronson Mc Call,
Errolyn Moore, Joshua
McCall, Greg Christie
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC
ORCI



The Big Hairy was formerly known as Team Runaway and was designed, built and sailed by Jon Sayer for the 2003 Melbourne Osaka race. It has competed in another two Melbourne Osaka races and a Sydney Hobart, as well as lots of coastal racing. The boat was languishing in Geelong, so the McCall family bought it in early 2023 with the view to getting back into offshore racing, and particularly for something fast and fun on the downhill run. The boat is based in Yeppoon and the crew of six includes Dad (Tim) and two sons (Bronson and Josh), as well three other Central Queensland elite sailors. The boat is a work in progress, but we are starting to learn to sail her.

Birdie



Yacht

Make: Lapworth
Model: 50
Sail number: L-50
Year: 1962
Yacht Club: MYC
LOA: 15.17

Crew

Skipper: Warren Venaglia
Crew: Emma-Karin Millers,
Fiona Bengtsson, Harry
Blom, Murray G Phillips
Divisions Entered: PHS



Birdie is a wooden Lapworth 50 launched in 1962,
#4 of only six built.

In 1963 she placed 3rd in Division in the Transpac,
and for 40 years was a racing regular in the USA.

Following extensive refurbishment she has been a bluewater cruiser, providing
sailors of all ages and skill levels with classic sailing in style. 2024 will be her
first B2G.

Black Diamond



Yacht

Make: Reichel Pugh
Model: 42
Sail number: 52542
Year: 2009
Yacht Club:
LOA: 12.87

Crew

Skipper: Glenn Burrell
Crew: David Jackson, Jacob Restall, Kevin Hooper, Lee Randall, Shane Dickson, Adam Goode, Kate Ausburn, Joey O'Keeffe
Divisions Entered:

Black Diamond (Formerly Black Jack Too) has been owned by Glenn Burrell (Vice Commodore of Sail at Southport Yacht Club) since August 2019. This will be the fourth time Black Diamond has entered the Brisbane to Gladstone.

Her best result was in 2022 when she finished 2nd in IRC Division 1, 3rd in ORC Division 1 and 3rd overall on PHS. She has predominately the same crew line up for 2024 with well over 100 Brisbane to Gladstone race experiences amongst them. As usual we will have a bottle of rum or two wager with Rosie (David Rose) and crew on Wedgetail for both Line Honours and IRC Results.



Blizzard



Yacht

Make: Farr
Model: 44
Sail number: NZL4945
Year: 1982
Yacht Club:
LOA: 13.5

Crew

Skipper: Neville Watts
Crew: Peter Thompson,
Stuart Noble, John Farmer,
Paul Priebbenow
Divisions Entered:

Skipper, Neville Watts has completed 12 previous B2G, along with sails from Brisbane to Noumea and Sydney to Southport. Blizzard has raced out of Auckland to most Pacific Islands.

She has also sailed to Spain to watch the 06-07 America's Cup.



Celestial



Yacht

Make: TP
Model: 52
Sail number: 9535
Year: 2011
Yacht Club:
LOA: 15.85

Crew

Skipper: Sam Haynes
Crew: Wulf Wilkens,
Lindsay Stead,
Callum Cecil, Francis
O'Leary, Charlie Wyatt,
Richard Parker, Harrison
West, Lewis Brake, Jack
Macartney, Alex Nolan,
tom Grimes, Finn
Rodowicz, Charlie Gundy
Divisions Entered:



Owner/skipper Sam Haynes bought his TP52 Celestial in 2019 and has raced extensively inshore and offshore since then. Celestial has enjoyed consistent success over the last three-and-a-half years, most notably winning the 2022 Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, just a year after finishing second overall.

Haynes and Celestial's first Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race was in 2022, when Celestial finished third overall and set a new record for a conventionally ballasted yacht. That was a springboard to success as Celestial claimed three top 10 finishes in the CYCA's 2022/23 Audi Centre Sydney Blue Water Pointscore, before winning the coveted Tattersall Cup. Photo credit - Andrea Francolini

Flat White



Yacht

Make: Radford
Model: 12.2
Sail number: 1696
Year: 1995
Yacht Club: NCYC
LOA: 12.2

Crew

Skipper: Geoffrey Tomlins
Crew:
Divisions Entered: PHS

Team Flat White is excited and ready to tackle one of Australia's great ocean races on Good Friday.

We come in with plenty of youth and experience on board. We are looking to do all the East Coast races in 2024. We are excited to send the boat North! Our crew is building nicely. We are looking to give youth an opportunity to get into offshore racing with Flat White. The motto for the boat is to race hard but have fun while we do it while being safe.



Flying Colours 2



Yacht

Make: Cavalier
Model: 350SL
Sail number: 5632
Year: 1994
Yacht Club:
LOA: 10.6

Crew

Skipper: Douglas Cavaye
Crew: Andrew Vivian,
John Clouston, Peter Cavill,
Timothy Sullivan
Divisions Entered:



Flying Colours 2 is competing in its 12th Brisbane to Gladstone race. It's a Cavalier 350 SL designed by Laurie Davidson, built 1994, 30 years old in April. It won the Brisbane to Gladstone race overall PHRF in 2017, with the owner's three sons amongst the crew. Its crew are all ageing gracefully, kind of. Navigator Peter Cavill is competing in his 45th Brisbane to Gladstone race this year, Skipper Doug Cavaye doing his 18th, and the remainder of the crew have completed numerous Gladstone races, and sailed inshore and offshore for more than 60 years. Crew member Andrew Vivian is a past Qld and Australian dinghy champion from the 1960s. Whilst our boating colleagues regularly assert that our best days may be behind us, our sailing outlook remains "the older we get, the better we were". We look forward to another Easter Sunday at the bar at Port Curtis Sailing Club.

Fruit Salid 3



Yacht

Make: Beneteau
Model: First 40
Sail number: RQ334
Year: 2013
Yacht Club: RQYS
LOA: 12.58

Crew

Skipper: Mark Drobotko
Crew: David Fisher,
Michael Milestone, Miles
Ellery, Neil Everson, Sam
Johnson
Divisions Entered: PHS

Fruit Salid 3 was purchased in England in 2016 and sailed to Australia by her new proud owner. During that time she experienced the delights of sailing across two oceans (Atlantic and Pacific), sailed through the Panama Canal and visited numerous remote and exotic ports along the way.

Salid (as she has become known) regularly competes in the ocean racing scene and she can be often found racing north during winter to take advantage of warmer weather and the tropical race week circuits. Once summer arrives she competes in the Sydney to Hobart, recently completing the 2021 and 2022 races. She is currently being prepared for the 2024 Sydney to Hobart.

Why Fruit Salid? Fruit Salid is the 3rd in a trilogy.

The first Fruit Salid was named after a big night out when we were much younger, problem was when we awoke the next day someone spelt the name wrong. Never one from shying away from owning your mistakes, Fruit Salid was born.



Hutchies Yeah Baby



Yacht

Make: Welbourn

Model: 50

Sail number: A5

Year: 2000

Yacht Club:

LOA: 15.19

Crew

Skipper: Andy Lamont

Crew: Barry Schoonenberg,

Craig Foley, David Walton,

Emma Baillie, Andy

Lamont, Jake Gundry,

Jason Lane, John Paech,

Matthew Andrews, Philip

Gadd, Phoebe Reedman

Divisions Entered:

Ahoy! Step aboard "Hutchies Yeah Baby," owned by the illustrious Andy Lamont, fresh from conquering the Sydney to Hobart!

With a crew seasoned like the finest rum and a yacht that's proven its mettle on the high seas, we're ready to tackle the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race with the wind at our backs and victory in our sights!



Indigo II



Yacht

Make: Marten
Model: 49
Sail number: 211
Year: 2008
Yacht Club:
LOA: 15

Crew

Skipper: Darryn Purdy
Crew: Stacey Jackson,
Martin McEniery,
Peter Macarthur, Nick
Hollingworth, Ian
Marsden, Nigel Stubbs,
Johnathan Gravit, Gary
Van Lunteren, Lucas
Down, Samuel Edwards
Divisions Entered:

Indigo II is a Marten 49 based in Manly, QLD returning for the second time. After suffering mainsail damage last year, we are keen to make amends and cross the finish line under sail, rather than motor.

With crew coming from Brisbane, Adelaide and Auckland we are looking forward to close racing with our regular rivals. We enjoyed a good northern season last year with the Brisbane to Hamilton Island race and Hamilton Island Race Week. More offshore racing is the plan for this year.



Jenesis



Yacht

Make: Hanse
Model: 415
Sail number: MB4
Year: 2016
Yacht Club:
LOA: 12.4

Crew

Crew: Co-Skippers Niamh
Larkin and Michael
Andrews
Divisions Entered:



This will be the fourth B2G in a row and third double handed.

2023's upwind conditions saw Jenesis win two PHS divisions, so hope for similar conditions this year, but with more light in the sky from the moon rather than lightning.

We again are supporting the Bob Brown Foundation to help protect the Takayna/Tarkine rainforest, the home for many rare and endangered species.

Joust



Yacht

Make: J Boats
Model: J/111
Sail number: D111
Year: 2014
Yacht Club: DSC
LOA: 11.1

Crew

Skipper: Simon
Cruickshank
Crew: Marcus Ilton
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC
ORCi
IRC Two Handed

Joust is a J11.1 recently bought by its new owners Simon and Jo Cruickshank and Marcus Ilton and Viv Eugster. The boat originally sailed out of Sandringham but is on her way to the Northern Territory where she will race out of the Darwin Sailing Club. On the way the owners are aiming to race in the Pittwater Coffs race followed by Brisbane Gladstone and then Airlie Beach race week, Hamilton Island and Magnetic Island race weeks. This will be the first race sailing 2 handed so expectations are modest and interest high.



Kerisma



Yacht

Make: Ker
Model: 11.3
Sail number: 11033
Year: 2001
Yacht Club:
LOA: 11.3

Crew

Skipper: Chris Larsen
Crew: Mark Bunker, Nigel
Lang, Stuart Graham, Peter
Shepherd, Angus Wheatley
Divisions Entered:



Kerisma has completed three Rolex Middle Sea Races, three Sydney to Gold Coast Races, three B2G's with David Rose (winning PHS in 2017 & 2019) and two B2G's with Chris Larsen. Chris has owned Kerisma since October 2020 and raced

the yacht in the Southport Yacht Club Offshore program where notable achievements have been:

1. Won the Club Offshore Division 1 Championship in 2021-22 season
2. Finished in 2nd place in IRC Division of Sail Paradise Regatta 2022
3. 2nd place in 2021 SYC Flat Rock race
4. 3rd in 2022 SYC Cook Island race & 2023 SYC Julian Rocks race
5. 5th online in 2021 B2G race

Kodachi



Yacht

Make: J Boats
Model: J111
Sail number: 111
Year: 2011
Yacht Club: MYC
LOA: 11.1

Crew

Skipper: Andrew Champion
Crew: Martin Duff, Andrew Scott, Michael Johnston
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC
ORCi



Kodachi is a J111 previously raced as Blacksheep out of the CYCA in Sydney.

Purchased in 2023 by Andrew Champion and now berthed in Mooloolaba, this will be the yacht's first Brisbane to Gladstone race.

The crew features a number of yacht racing veterans including the Sunshine Coast's Tom Johnstone and Andrew Scott.

Maritimo 52



Yacht

Make:
Model: TP52
Sail number: MEX952
Year: 2005
Yacht Club: SYC
LOA: 15.85



Crew

Skipper: Michael Spies
Crew: Peter Jones
Divisions Entered: PHS
AMS, IRC, ORCi

Mayfair



Yacht

Make: Rogers
Model: 46
Sail number: M16
Year: 2006
Yacht Club:
LOA: 14

Crew

Skipper: James Irvine
Crew: Mark Carter,
Andrew McCole, Cameron
Minns, Justin Smith
Divisions Entered:



Built 2006, originally owned and raced in the UK, Europe and later on the east coast of Australia. James Irvine purchased the boat in 2020 after successfully campaigning his previous Mayfair (Beneteau First 40) for several years. He has actively campaigned the many of the east coast Bluewater races since purchasing the current boat, including the Rolex Sydney Hobart (2021 and 2022), Brisbane to Hamilton Island Yacht Race (2022), Airlie Beach Race Week (2021 and 2022) and the Brisbane to Gladstone (2021 and 2022). Notable results include:

B2G 2021 - 2nd Line Honours, 1st IRC Div 0, 3rd IRC overall

B2G 2022 - 3rd IRC Div 1

S2H 2021 - 10th Line Honours

Mystic



Yacht

Make: Moody
Model: 41 AC
Sail number: A150
Year: 2011
Yacht Club: WMYC
LOA: 12.7

Crew

Skipper: Ian Barr
Crew: John 'Jugz' Moody,
Tyler Moody, Andrew
Wells, Matthew Harrison,
Rebecca Harrison
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC



Mystic is a Moody 41 AC owned and skippered by Ian “Barros” Barr out of WMYC, and while it is more of a cruising yacht – it has shown some promising upwind speed in the heavier breezes – so it’s one to watch if the conditions are tough.

Mystic is crewed by John “Jugs” Moody (Navigator), Matty “Spiros” Harrison, Andrew Wells and two first-timers to ocean racing – Tyler Moody and Rebecca Harrison

Ocean Crusaders J-Bird III

Yacht

Make: Andrews
Model: TP52
Sail number: OC52
Year: 2001
Yacht Club:
LOA: 15.8

Crew

Skipper: Annika Thomson
Crew: Ian Thomson, Milan Stanish, Wendy Tuck, Hamish Bush, Charlie Ryan-Kane, Madeline Lyons, Marin Rosandic, Casper White, Ambi Middleton, Andrew Hooper-Nguyen, Kian Hooper-Nguyen
Divisions Entered:



Ocean Crusaders J-Bird is a converted TP52.

After three years in the shed being worked on by owners Annika and Thommo, she came out looking very different, featuring a nice interior and becoming Australia's only all electric, powered by renewables, racing yacht. The yacht promotes their charity Ocean Crusaders who clean Australia's waterways.

Pacman



Yacht

Make: Young
Model: Y11
Sail number: 110
Year: 1986
Yacht Club:
LOA: 11



Crew

Skipper: Peter Elkington
Crew: Scott Cavanough
Divisions Entered: PHS
PHS Two Handed, IRC
IRC Two Handed

Recherche



Yacht

Make: Beneteau
Model: Oceanis 45
Sail number: RQ4500
Year: 2013
Yacht Club: RQYS
LOA: 14

Crew

Skipper: Robert Watson
Crew: Bryce Tuffley, John
Bashford, Peter Kortlucke,
Ralph Joyce, Timothy
Watson
Divisions Entered: PHS



Recherche is a comfortable Beneteau Oceanis 45 racer-cruiser owned by John Bashford, Bryce Jones, and Robert Watson since 2020. Hailing from Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron we have participated in many WAGS races, The Kingfisher series, French Yacht Challenges and recently Southport to Julian Rocks. This will be her first Brisbane to Gladstone. With a completely new sail wardrobe we hope to give some of the sleeker boats a run for their money. We have a multigenerational crew and are looking forward to an exciting race.

Restless



Yacht

Make: Cape
Model: 35
Sail number: PC100
Year: 1993
Yacht Club:
LOA: 10.68

Crew

Skipper: John Ibell
Crew: Bruce Janson, Dave Taylor, Matt Ibell, Peter Ross, Kerry Millard
Divisions Entered:



She has been a previous overall winner of the B2G, and achieved a multitude of podium finishes up the east coast of Australia. Restless holds the race record for the Yeppoon to Mackay yacht race.

Since their arch nemesis, Wistari has retired, Skipper Johnathan Ibell is looking forward to another tussle from Tony Craner's new yacht, which is sailing under the PCSC flag. PCSC will have their own team this year with Celeste, Balancing Act and Restless combining for PCSC.

Rushour



Yacht

Make: Drew
Model: 15
Sail number: 8
Year: 2017
Yacht Club: MYCQ
LOA: 15

Crew

Skipper: Drew Carruthers
Crew: Becky Moloney, Tom Caruthers, Liam Harding, Tony Richardson
Divisions Entered: PHS, OMR

Ryujin



Yacht

Make: Sayer
Model: 12
Sail number: 1570
Year: 2007
Yacht Club: RMYS
LOA: 11.9



Crew

Skipper: Alex Toomey
Crew: Andrew Hibbert, Greg Patten, Jared Lewis, Benjamin Sinton
Divisions Entered: PHS
AMS

Solace



Yacht

Make: Beneteau
Model: First 44.7
Sail number: F2668
Year: 2005
Yacht Club: RQYC
LOA: 13

Crew

Skipper: Paul Pincus
Crew: David Pincus,
Stephen Pincus, Rebecca
Tweedy, Simon Pincus, Bill
Donnelly
Divisions Entered: IRC



The boat was built for the American market and spent 10 years in the British Virgin Isles in a sailing school. It was then sailed to Western Australia and raced there for three years.

I am doing the race with my four siblings (and one friend). There are five in my family, four boys and a girl and we have never done this together. We range in age from 57 to 63 years.

South Passage



Yacht

Make:
Model: Gaff rigged schooner
Sail number: 0
Year: 1993
Yacht Club:
LOA: 30

Crew

Skipper: Robyn Elkington
Crew: Helen Davis, Diane Smith, Richard De-Safere, Liz McMilan, Melissa King, Anthony Hope, Robert Bell, Nigel Waterhouse, Penelope Timmis, Patrick (Paddy) Briscoe, Joanne Kurtzman, Kerry Cotterell, Caroline Attard, Margurite Wood, Beryl Roberts, Joanna Apps, Heather Golding, John Hamilton, Helen Dayman, Dallas Bates, Rebecca Mitchell, Tony O'Dempsey, Darryl Rodgers, Bill Fenelon, David Kershaw, Hugh Crichton, Rosemary Miler, Brian O'Keefe, Chris White



South Passage is a 100 foot (30.5m) gaff-rigged schooner. Based on the designs of the 19th century pilot schooners that operated off the east coast of America, South Passage was launched in 1993.

She is sailed in the traditional way. Everything is done manually – there are no winches or mechanical aids. Sails are raised and lowered by hand and just about every activity requires a number of people working together as a team. Apart from the engine, the only mechanical equipment on board is an electric anchor winch. South Passage was designed specifically for 14-17 year olds to experience “Ad-venture Under Sail”. South Passage is classified as a Class C tall ship, the only sail training ship in Queensland and one of the few sailing in Australia all year round.

Spetsig



Yacht

Make: Skerry Cruiser
Model: 30 Square Metre
Sail number: KA2
Year: 1993
Yacht Club: QCYC
LOA: 12.7

Crew

Skipper: Peter Kerr
Crew: Daniel deBuriatte
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC
IRC TWO HANDED



Last year's first and second placed winners in the Gladstone have teamed up to have a crack at shorthanded, so it's out of the seabirds and into the 30 Square.

Spetsig was built in 1991 by Boatspeed at Gosford, moulded off a yacht that was built in 1932. She then came to Queensland and has been refitted by owner Peter Kerr at Deagon Slipway for shorthanded offshore racing.

Stratacare Racing - Flyaway

Paradise



Yacht

Make: Sydney
Model: GTS43
Sail number: A6
Year: 2011
Yacht Club: RQYS
LOA: 13.1



Crew

Skipper: Jim O'Hare
Crew: Dougal Henderson, Lavid Lambourne, Michael Finney, Richard Finney, Nigel Markey, Ben Markey, Peter Croke, Will Bridge, Gray Pritchett, Joey Pritchett
Divisions Entered: PHS, IRC, ORCi

Tempo



Yacht

Make: Kernan
Model: 44
Sail number: 44
Year: 2012
Yacht Club:
LOA: 13.4

Crew

Skipper: Michael Smith
Crew: Sammuel Price,
Matthew Pearce, Garth
Bickford, Robert Palazzi,
Jensen Penney, Ewa
Lindelof, Troy Grafton,
Mario Marfella, Vito
Feremans, Angus
Ekberg, Stephen Taylor
Divisions Entered: PHS,
IRC



Making waves on the CYCA docks is TEMPO. The pro-am team is quickly stamping its name onto leaderboards on the many racing series that the Club hosts. They are no strangers to Club Marine Oceanpoint Score Series, ACS Blue Water Pointscore, and Monday Night Twilight Series. The crew always aims for the top spots and the Brisbane to Gladstone is no exception. Some of their most notable performances to date are: First place in IRC 1 in the Noakes Sydney Gold Coast Race and 3rd overall. First place in IRC in the OPS Lion Island Race. First place in LGT Crestone Winter Series & currently placed 2nd in the Club Marine Ocean Pointscore.

Top Gun



Yacht

Make: Crowther
Model: C50
Sail number: AUS8880
Year: 1987
Yacht Club:
LOA: 15

Crew

Skipper: Greg Alder
Crew: Joel Turner, Peter
Lahey, Annie Eastgate,
Martin Comer, Max Marion



Top Gun is a 50 foot high performance racing catamaran and is arguably one of Lock Crowther's finest racing designs.

After a stellar racing career spanning 37 years, Top Gun is still one of Australia's fastest ocean racing catamarans.

She has competed in four Brisbane to Gladstone races in which she won line honours twice (1988 & 2017) and finished second in line honours twice (2016 & 2019).

Velocità



Yacht

Make: Farr
Model: 400
Sail number: AUS768
Year: 2013
Yacht Club: MBTBC
LOA: 11.8

Crew

Skipper: Mike Millison
Crew: Alan Rotsey,
Bruce Hume, Cristina
Alonso, David Beattie,
Kim Dowdney, Lawrence
Palmer, Mike Straughton
Divisions Entered: PHS



Velocità was first launched in 2013 and initially sailed in Thailand (as Lero 3) then Sydney (as Borderline).

The Velocità team is beginning to achieve the potential of this fully carbon fibre machine.

This steep learning curve has been guided by the highly successful Swedish team that sails on the Farr 400 'Wetjob'.

Wedgetail



Yacht

Make: Welbourne
Model: 42
Sail number: RQ307
Year: 2006
Yacht Club:
LOA: 12.8

Crew

Skipper: David Rose
Crew: Ben Somerville,
Marek Knappe, Nathan
Bollom, Phillippa
Cavanough, David Vincent,
Adrian Smith, Vaughan
Prentice, Lachlan Prentice,
Garry McCarthy, Nathan
Bollam
Divisions Entered:



Sailing out of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, David and Jo Rose purchased Wedgetail last year and since then she has raced in Sail Paradise and finished 3rd in IRC. She won on Phf and IRC in the Julian Rock race and finished 3rd overall on Phf and IRC in the S2C.

She is looking forward to racing against Black Diamond in the B2G. David and Glen are great mates off the water but major competitors on the water. But David says he has a great crew who are very experienced, mentally tough and never give up.

Wild Thing 100

Yacht

Make: Botin
Model: Maxi
Sail number: AUS 100
Year: 2023
Yacht Club: RQYS
LOA: 30.5

Crew

Skipper: Adrian Seiffert
Crew: Grant Wharington,
Theodore Somssich, Brian
Donovan, Todd Anderson,
David Turton, Greg Torpy,
Alexander Watson, Carl
Crafoord, Rhyce Layton,
Patrick Lambourne, Lisa
Seiffert, Ludde Ingvall,
Richard Gilbert, Paul Wyatt
Divisions Entered: PHS,
IRC



Wild Thing 100 is a Carbon Fibre, Canting Keel, 100ft Maxi, and is owned by Adrian Seiffert and well-known ocean racing identity Grant Wharington. Wild Thing 100 was previously called Stefan Racing an 80ft Botin, however, in 2023 the vessel was extended to 100ft, with 8ft added to the stern and 12 feet added in front of the mast and is

now the newest 100ft Maxi in Australia.

Wild Thing 100 finished 6th in the 2023 Sydney to Hobart, which was an enormous effort as work was being done to the yacht on Christmas Day. Wild Thing 100 has some very experienced and skilled crew with 18 on with around 170 Sydney to Hobart races between them for the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

Yachtshare Ignition

Yacht

Make: Jeanneau
Model: Sunfast 3300
Sail number: RQ330
Year: 2020
Yacht Club: RQYS
LOA: 10.11

Crew

Skipper: Anton Prange
Crew: Samuel Price,
Matthew Pearce, Michael
Smith, Garth Bickford,
Robert Palazzi, Jensen
Penney, Ewa Lindelof, Troy
Grafton, Mario Marfella,
Vito Feremans, Angus
Ekberg, Stephen Taylor
Divisions Entered: PHS
IRC



Yachtshare Ignition was purchased and syndicated in 2021 and has five owners. Anton & Kevin, two of the owners have been campaigning the boat successfully in two-handed events for the last 18 months and have entered the B2G as the next challenge. The Jeanneau 3300 races weekly from RQYS in most local regattas and WAGS and raced at Airlie Beach and Hammo in 2022. The yacht completed the Brisbane to Hamilton Island race in 2022 and the Brisbane to Keppel race in 2023. This is the yacht's second attempt at the Brisbane to Gladstone after retiring in 2022 due to rig issues. The most recent modification and upgrade to Yachtshare Ignition is a new bean bag, an essential tool for two-handed races as an aid to giving the race a really good crack.

Yendys



Yacht

Make: Reichel Pugh

Model: 55

Sail number: 11888

Year:

Yacht Club:

LOA:



Crew

Skipper: Bruce Tardrew

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