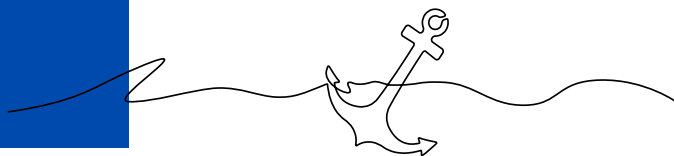




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THE CYC NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

Welcome to the October edition of the CYC Newsletter!

We have a full edition this month, with some really great articles, both from our regular contributors, as well as some first-timers. Adam Beattie shares with us his experiences at the A-Class Worlds in France, and our Rear Commodore, Rob Lattimore, details the latest Ellis Beach OTB race, as well as his experiences Twiddling in the marina!

As we approach the end of the year, please keep an eye out in your email for notice of our upcoming AGM. It is important we have as many members attend as possible, to discuss the year that was, our plans for 2024 and to elect the executive committee for the next season. What's even better is members receive a free drink from the bar for attending!



As always, thank you to all of this month's contributors, and if you would like to contribute, please send anything you'd like to share to: secretary@cairnsyachtclub.com

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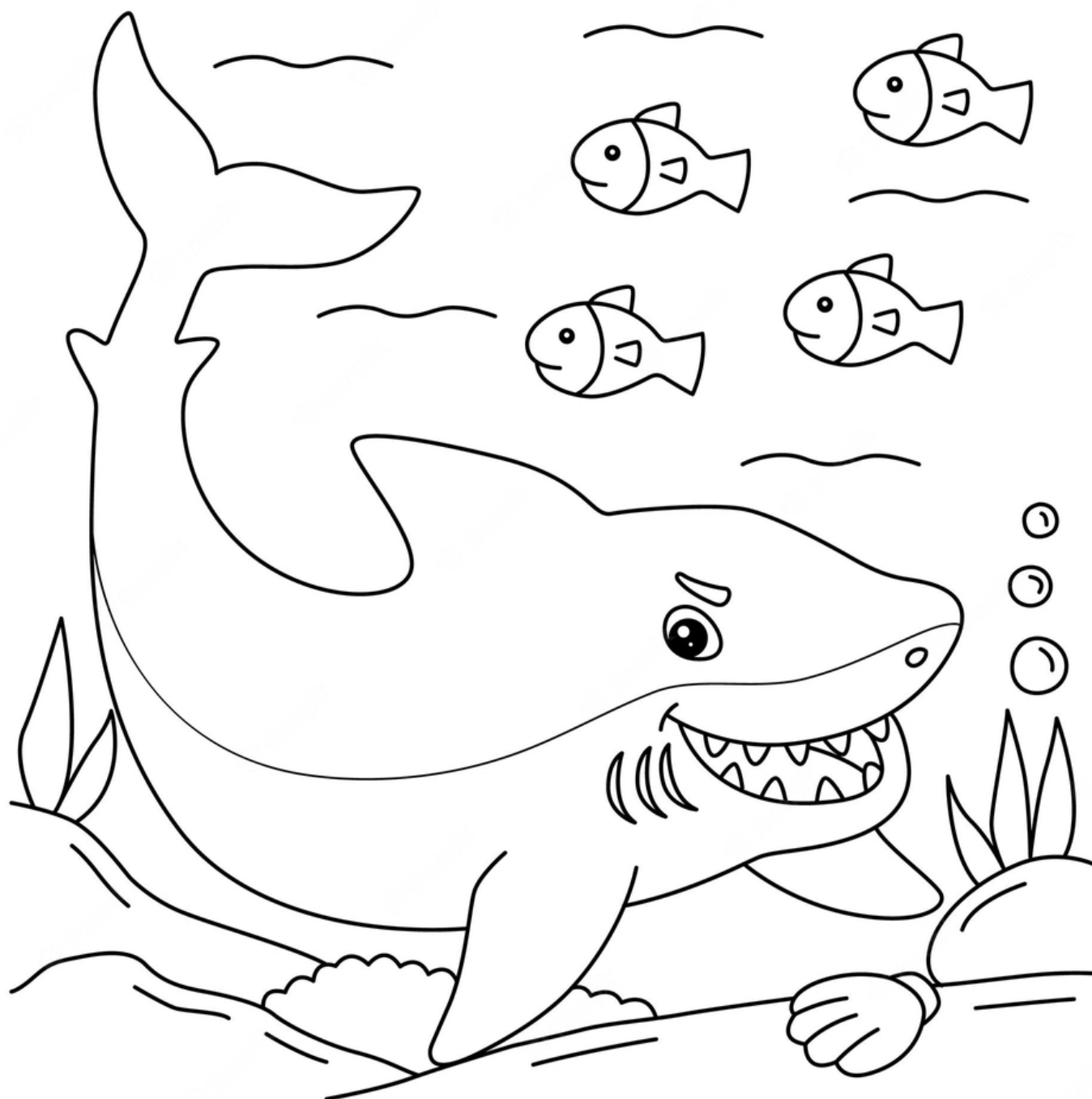
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Fun Facts!

- There are over 500 species of Sharks. 143 of these are under threat, listed by IUCN from vulnerable to critically endangered.
- THEY CAN VARY DRAMATICALLY IN SIZE! From the smallest dwarf lantern shark (which is about the size of a human hand), to the largest which can be up to 12 metres long - the whale shark.
- Sharks live in most ocean habitats. They can be found in beautiful, tropical coral reefs, to the deep sea, and even under the Arctic sea ice.



ShesSails had their water event on Saturday afternoon when it was blowing like hell! Needless to say it was wet and windy with boats heeling over and good practice with reefing sails. We had four vessels on the water and we send a massive thanks to our skippers Bill, Shane and Adrian for sharing your vessels and time! Once again the SheSails group interest out stripped the availability of boats so we had to turn people away and apologies for those who missed out on places. If anyone else has a vessel and they would like to be involved with the SheSails program please let us know as we normally have more people interested than we can provide places for. Our land event on 5th of October was well attended with thanks to Anne Delmas who lead the session on 'who has right of way'. Thanks Anne!

We invite our women sailors to join us for our 6th SheSails Water Event at 1pm on Saturday 21 October at the CYC Boat Shed for dinghy sailing. Please RSVP - as 'first registered then first on board' as we have limited boats and places. We will have experienced dinghy sailors helping our novices, so if you're experienced please come along. Dinghy sailing can be very wet so be prepared to get wet/fall in. We'll finish with a social drink about 3pm at the CYC Boat shed.

Please note there will be a charge of \$10 for CYC members & \$25 for non-CYC members for the event to cover sail passes and insurance. Please RSVP to the event so we know how many to expect and can prepare boats and helpers. If you register, then don't attend there is no refund as it will be considered a donation. If the event is cancelled by CYC then refunds will be issued. <https://www.cairnsyachtclub.com/events/209553/>



We will endeavour to have SheSails Land Events on the 1st Thursday of the month followed by SheSails Water events about 3rd week of the month. Keep an eye out for updates on CYC Facebook page or Cairns SheSails private FB group.

CYC SheSails Objective - Encouraging and building capacity and skills for women of all ages to enjoy sailing through organised activities.

CYC SheSails Values - Respect, Empowerment, Community, Safety, Accountability.

Thanks for your support and energy in helping us make this a success.

Warm regards,

CYC SheSails Sub Committee

Tracy Benson, Anne Delmas, James Wighton, Frances Westley & Hannah Dunlea



A Class Worlds

By Adam Beattie



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The 2023 A Class World Championships were held in Toulon France from the 9 – 15th of September. After a long flight and walking around Nice with the airport trolley loaded with our sails and trying to navigate to the train station, I finally made it. I had a few days to put a new boat together and tune it before the big show. The forecast for the week was light to little breeze with maybe some wind to finish. Day one was exactly to forecast; no breeze. We were eventually sent out and started a race which was abounded shortly after the top mark. Day two saw some wind of around 8 to 12 knots foiling conditions. The Dutch man, Misha Heemskerk, put on a master class of light upwind foiling to win all three races by some margin, I was happy with 7 5 6 to start the regatta.

The third day was a difficult day, the wind was all over the place with no foiling one leg and foiling the next. I was unhappy with my results 9 5 8 as I had three great starts and first upwind to round all three races in the top three and struggled to foil in the light winds with the waves. Day four saw the race committee move the course up in the bay which gave up flatter water and we got some good wind 12 -13 knots. I ended the day with a 4 & 5. A much better day, I was able to make gains (and lose some) but had good speed all the around the track.

Day five was shaping up to be a good day with the wind coming from the direction we practised in the week before, 15 – 18 knots but big swell. I finished third in the first race then the weather gods decide to turn off the wind. We started the next race in 12 knots and slowly dropping. I was in a battle for 4th, 5th coming down the last downwind and wind shut down 200m from the finish. Six boats that came down with the last of the days wind then passed me, as I had to make one last gybe to the finish line. The last day saw big wind, 18+ knots and big swell. At one stage I didn't think we were going to sail, I had nothing to lose or gain so I was happy either way. They sent us out with the intention of sailing one race. The main goal was not break anything. The first upwind saw everyone trying to keep their boats in the water, except Darren Bundock, who was very fast out off the start going on to win the race. I was battling the whole race for third, but was happy to keep it up right and finish 5th, and 6th overall. All in all, I was happy with the regatta, the committee did a fantastic job. Now after some time off I will start to get ready for the Australian Championships and try and defend my title, which is going to difficult. The 2022 world champion will be making the trip down under from the USA to compete.



Ellis Beach Update

By Rob Lattimore



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It had been a long gap between sails at Ellis with extreme weather knocking out our one scheduled sailing days during peak wedding season. There was no issues with the weather last weekend though, crystal clear blue skies and a light, variable south easterly descended on Ellis.

With a small fleet in attendance, Chris & Vanessa set out to lay a windward return course with a bottom gate and two windward marks, one for the three open skiffs and one set a bit further to windward for the cats. With start line positioned just downwind from the gate, the hooter was out and start sequences were under way.

Two races of three laps were knocked out before lunch. Marjorie & James put on a fantastic lunch of burgers with all the trimmings. Chris & Vanessa hit the water again shifting our course a bit further offshore hoping for a more even race course as the offshore side was heavily favoured in the two morning races. The wind had become even more variable in the afternoon in both pressure and direction. Add in a small amount of adverse current and even getting over the start line was difficult. After everything from bobbing up and down to being fully powered up, two on the wire, we eventually finished the race. The decision was made it was too late in the day to get another race in, so back to shore for the pack up.

Everyone pitched in for the pack up before chilling out with a cool beverage for a debrief before heading home. Another fantastic race day at Ellis in the books. Already looking forward to the next one on November the 12th. See you all then!



Cairns Twiddlers

By Rob Lattimore



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After a brief chat at tackers between a few of us dads, we decided some R.C. yachts would be a great way to fill the time while the kids were out learning to sail the optis. Toby & Ayla got on to it first getting 2x DF65's, followed by me a week later. Jokingly we decided it would be called Cairns Twiddlers, well that stuck of course, so now it is officially the *Cairns Twiddlers*. We now have some pool noodle markers and use a one min audible countdown sequence to start our races. Last session out we had some great racing and passed the controllers around giving a few people the experience of R.C. sailing.

For those unfamiliar with the boats, you have all the usual basic setup tweaks, cunningham, outhaul, sheeting angle, backstay tension etc. but once on the water you have 2 controls: rudder and sheets. The main and jib are pulled on/released together. The DF65's sail really well for a mass produced R.C. yacht and at \$300.00 for a full kit, they represent great value. The DF65's are one of the main classes for R.C. sail racing around the world and have proven very popular. There are three other rig sizes than the one it comes with making them sailable in everything from a couple of knots up to 30 odd knots of breeze, although the boats only come with one rig.

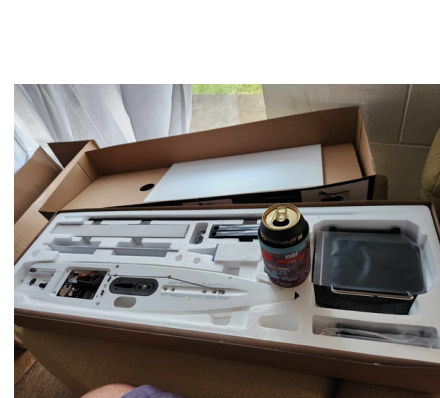
We have received a great deal of interest already in the DF65 racing. People coming up and asking questions, club receiving e-mails and on the social media posts. If anyone is interested in having a look, you will find us racing about in the marina while tackers is on, after 4pm on Friday evenings at the CYC pontoon.

Boats can be purchased here: <https://www.hobbywarehouse.com.au/joyway-dragonforce-65-v6-df65-rc-yacht-rtr-includes-transmitter-receiver.html>

Features: Fully painted, moulded plastic hull. 50 micron Mylar film racing sails with printed flow stripes and logo. Carbonfibre mast and boom tubes. Extruded aluminium keel with zinc alloy ballast bulb. Metal geared rudder servo and fast, powerful sail winch.(V6 winch servo) Display stand.

Specifications: Hull Material: Moulded Plastic with Painted Finish. Rig Height: 915mm. Sail Area (Overall): 2226cm. Sail Area (Jib): 766cm. Sail Area (Main): 1460cm. Length: 650mm. Height: 1338mm. Weight: ~1200g. Radio System: 4 Channel, Tx - J4C05, Rx - J5C01R. Beam: 116.5mm.

If you want to know more about *Cairns Twiddlers*, please check out their Facebook page and give them a follow: <https://www.facebook.com/cairnstwiddlers>





Endeavour Journal

A voyage of discovery - Darwin to Broome

Thursday Aug 25th

Back out in the Indian Ocean again under full sail making a course to avoid the myriad of uncharted rocks and reefs. The fishermen caught a bronze-whaler shark off the stern. It was deemed inedible and mercifully, got off the lure. Apparently we will sail on for today and tonight then turn westward again to find another interesting landfall and possibly another shore party.

In our modern world of diaries, planners, time schedules and itineraries it is a relief that 18th century sail pays no heed to this. One has to go when and where the wind takes you. Plans change each day depending on winds and tides.

Friday Aug 26th

Spent the whole day sailing with almost all sails set. Unfortunately there was little wind. The trade winds seem to have died out now and we are more under the influence of the local land and sea breezes. The land breeze, coming from the land in the early hours of the morning can be particularly cold. Had to put my coat on for the second time.

Now there is almost constant whale activity with whales showing their backs somewhere on the horizon at any time. We came within 30 meters of a whale with calf and the Captain offered a bottle of rum to anyone who could get a photo of a whale breaching with a recognizable part of the ship in the picture at the same time. Shutter snapped and many creative shots were taken. Alas no one could claim the price as all frolicking whales were too far away. Some creative crew even offered a cardboard cut-out of a whale but the skipper quickly spotted the ruse. The sea seems to be full of life. Sea snakes drift by regularly, turtles are seen often and boiling areas of feeding tuna excite the fishermen. Unfortunately we are drifting so slowly that the lures set off the stern don't excite the tuna. A greedy barracuda was caught but thrown back as those with the knowledge deemed it inedible.





Endeavour Journal

A voyage of discovery - Darwin to Broome

Saturday Aug 27th

Dawn broke with land in sight. This time the light from the Cape Leveque was visible some way off and we came within about 5 miles of land. Once again dangerous tides and shallow reefs means we can't get in too close and we turn southward to follow the coast to Broome. Unfortunately, once again the wind has deserted us even with full sail set we are only making 2 to 3 knots. The "iron staysail" (the engines have to be started as we are now back in the land of itineraries and must arrive in Broome tomorrow at 12.

Aug 28th

Arrived in Broome on schedule with the help of the iron staysails. Welcome to the 21st century. Mobile phones started to work and almost everyone not on watch took up the 21st century pose holding their hands to their ears and talking animatedly to the blue sea.

We anchor off Cable Beach which must be spectacular for those that have come to ride on camels and watch the sunset. As the sun dipped below the horizon, a cannon was fired with a deafening boom and a lot of smoke.

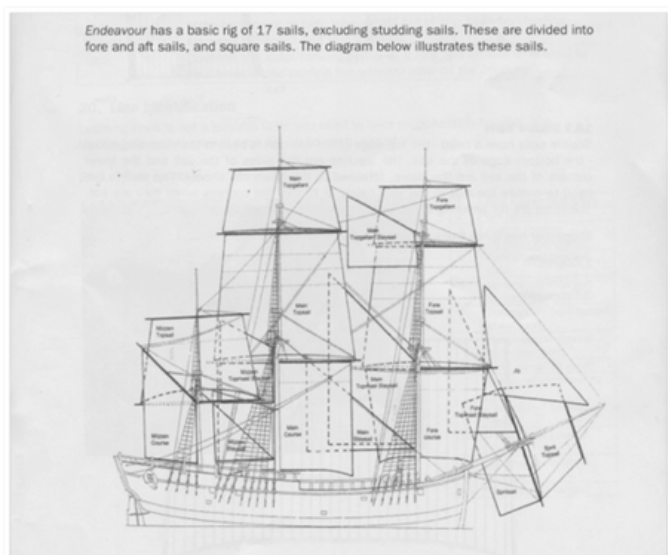
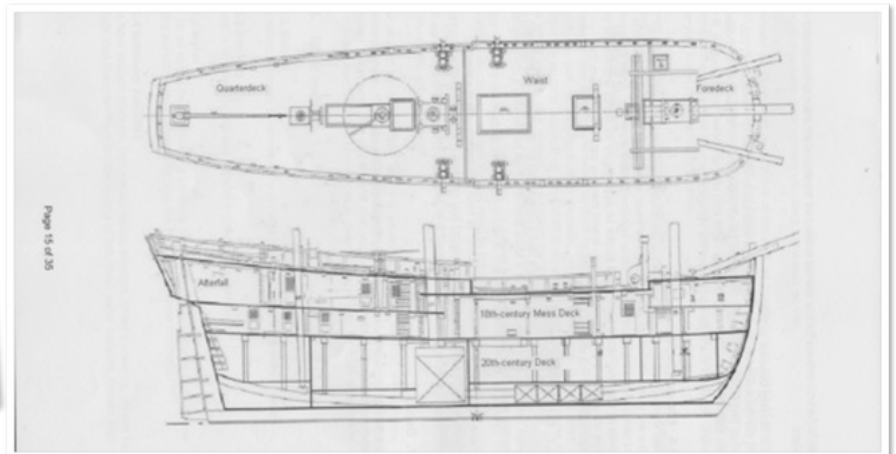
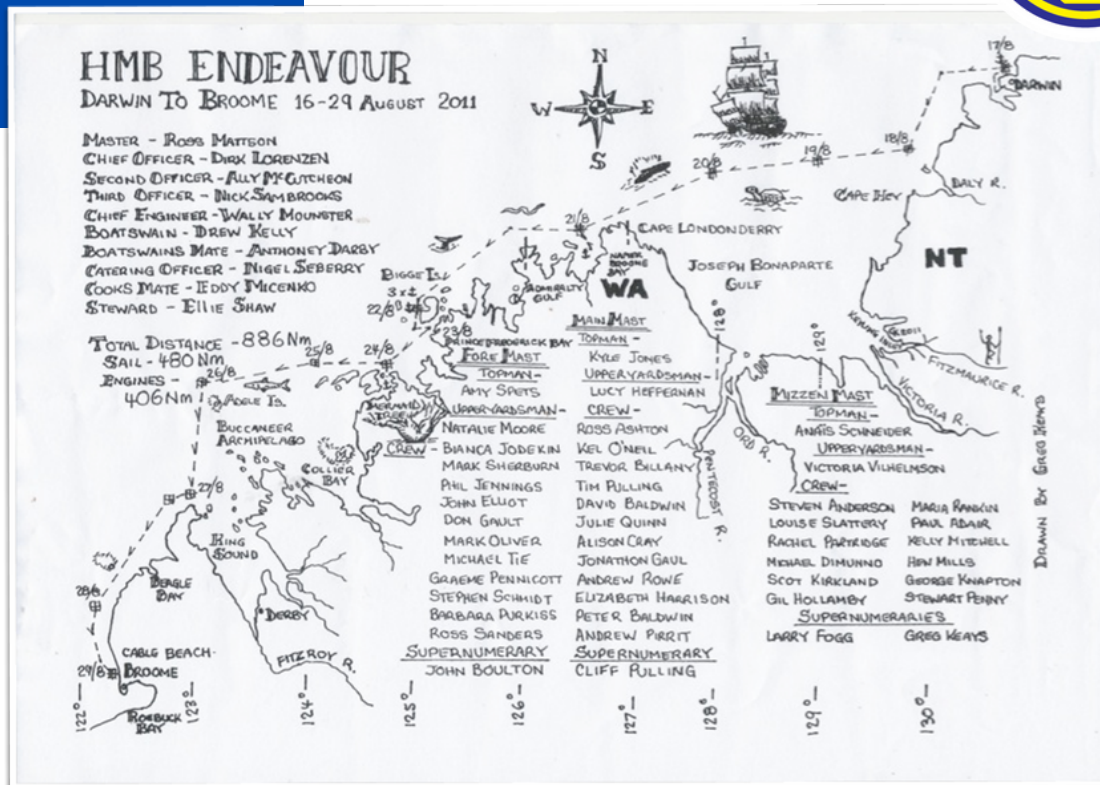
Tonight is the farewell dinner where the officers and permanent crew serve the voyage crew i.e. The paid crew serve the paying crew. The 18th century deck is set up with all tables as they would have been in the 18th century with everyone sitting on the sea chests. This is lot more uncomfortable than the 20th century deck below but much more roomy.

A sumptuous roast lamb dinner is served topped of with a spoonful of rum and rousing cheers for all. There was alcohol on board after all. Good thing the whale photograph didn't come off or the night would have been ruined!

August 29th

Last night in the hammock. With nostalgic feelings for this rather comfortable cocoon I pack it up for the last time. We hand back our trusty but unused harnesses (no one fell!) and clean the ship down for one last time. We just have to wait for the tender to come alongside to take us to the beach where a bus will be waiting. (It's Broome, buses are allowed on the beach).





CYC Pacers for SALE



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CYC is selling off some of its excess Pacer dinghies.
\$2,500 or nearest offer, as is/where is
(you will need to transport it yourself).

Please note: horizontal dinghy is an example of what comes with the sale. The dinghies for sale those stacked vertically in image below.

If interested, please contact:
admin@cairnsyachtclub.com





**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Events	Date	Time
Tackers & Green Fleet	Every Fri/Sat	4pm & 10am
Ellis Beach Race	Nov 12th	TBC
CYC AGM	TBC please await email	TBC

**DON'T!
FORGET!**

**ELLIS BEACH IS
BACK!!!**

SAVE THE DATES

FEB 25-26 : Ellis opening weekend
MAR 26 : Club Racing
MAY 7 : Club Racing
JUNE 24-25 : Annual Ellis Beach Regatta
AUG 6 : Club Racing
OCT 15 : Club Racing
NOV 12 : Club Racing
DEC 16-17 : CYC Xmas Party & Club Racing



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Wednesday, 12pm at the
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