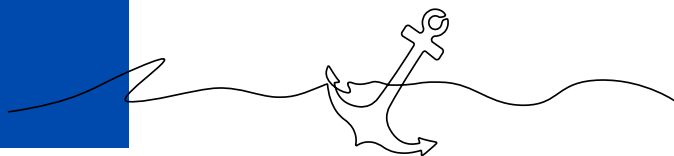




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THE CYC NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

Welcome to the June edition of the CYC Newsletter! My apologies in advance, as it will be a relatively short edition this month, largely due to the fact I am now a new dad. It seems time is short with a newborn... Who would have thought?! However, I will endeavour to have a more full edition ready for next month.

This month we have some great content, including an update from the SheSails committee, which is hosting one great event after another.

Enjoy being on the water, I hope to see you out there again soon-ish.

Warm regards,

Kyall.



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.au

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Reminder: Tackers & Green Fleet to continue in term 3!

Tackers on Friday afternoon 4pm-6pm for 7-12 year olds.

Green Fleet on Saturdays 10am-12noon for 13-17 year olds .

Please use these links to register:

Tackers 1: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cairnsyc/events/175292/>

Tackers 2: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cairnsyc/events/175294/>

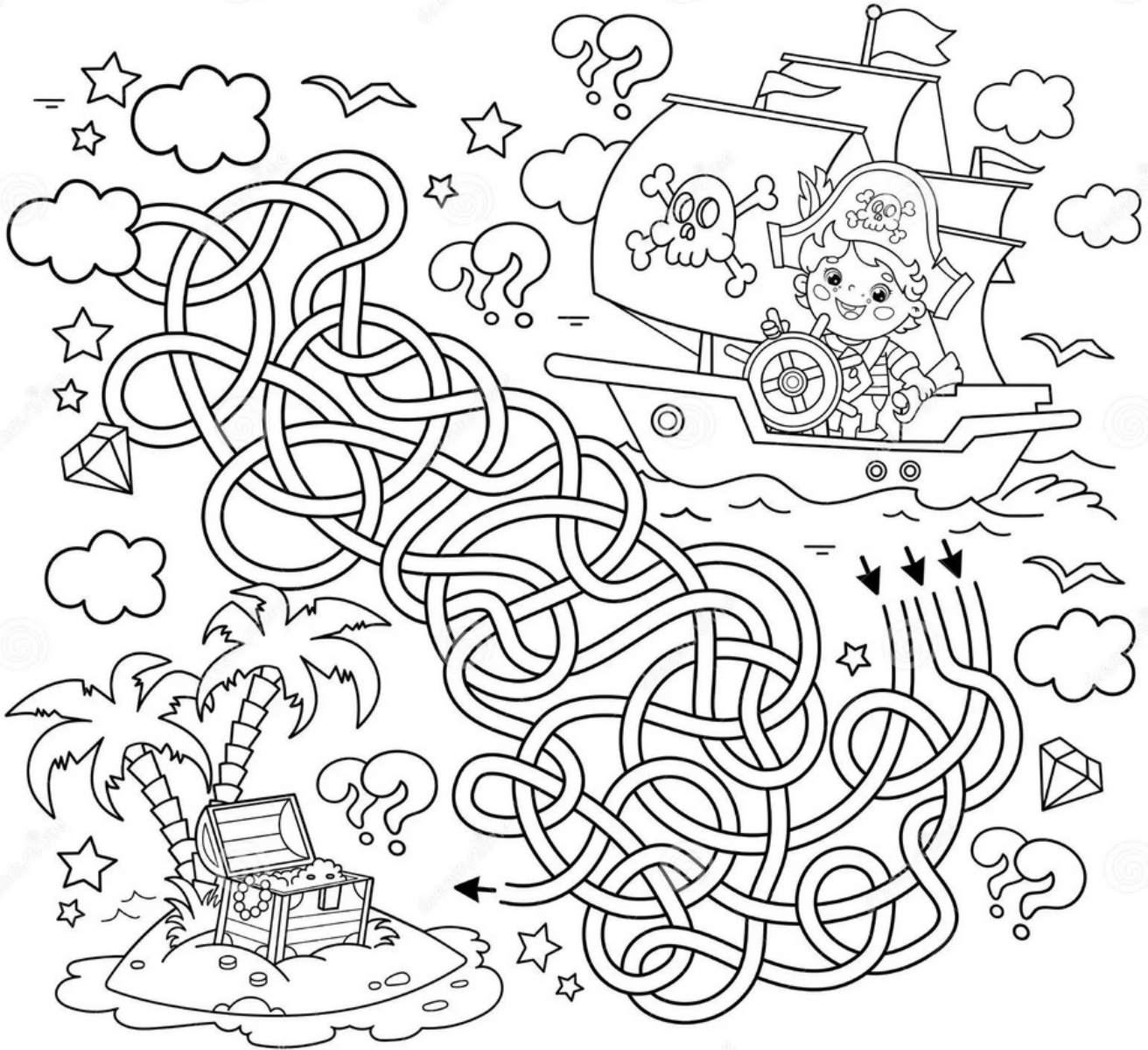
Green Fleet <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cairnsyc/events/175297/>

Contact for more info: **admin@cairnsyachtclub.com.au**





Treasure Mapping



Fun Facts!

- **What makes the ocean blue?** The ocean is blue because water absorbs colours in the red part of the light spectrum. Like a filter, this leaves behind colours in the blue part of the light spectrum for us to see. The ocean may also take on green, red, or other hues as light bounces off of floating sediments and particles in the water.
- **Oceans are pretty deep!** The deepest known area of the Earth's oceans is known as the Mariana Trench. It's deepest point measures 11km. That's a long dive down!



SheSails has had some great events over the last month. We had lots of fun with our 1st water event on Saturday 27th May, dinghy sailing on Pacers. We had both experienced and new sailors tacking around the marina and well beyond. We want to send a massive thankyou to our lead dinghy sailing instructor, Hannah and her two wonderful junior instructors, Carly and Mimi, who volunteered their time. An awesome time was had by all!

SheSails 2nd land event was on Thursday the 1st of June and covered boat rigging and terminology. We had a quick spin around James's trimaran to check out the rigging, thanks James. We then headed to the boat shed and provisioned up with wine then started our activity. We built small sailing boats with as many details as we could muster. We had more experienced sailors than novices so we had workable model yachts which could tack, some had spinnaker poles, flaked mains and an awesome bow sprit. We had a quick demo with the new fleet and even had Karlyn calling 'Starboard' to assert her right of way!

We had our 2nd water event on the 15th of June Thursday with a twilight sail on yachts. We genuinely thank our CYC boat owners who have offered their boats for the twilight sail. After our sail we headed to the boat shed for a drink or two. Due to Ironman road closures we needed to change to Thursday night event and we hope to do dinghy sailing again soon as we had great fun last time.

Our 3rd land event is on 6 July at the Boat Shed with a 5.45pm (for 6pm start) to 7.45pm. This will be hosted by Anne and Hannah as the rest of us are away. We will be covering sailing navigations rules, practising knots and a social drink. We will have experienced sailors sharing their knowledge and tips along with a practical activity to practise the theory. We'll have the ropes for practicing knots as well. Register your attendance at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/cairnsyc/events/191246/> or use QR code below.

In the future we will endeavour to have SheSails Land Events on the 1st Thursday of the month followed by SheSails Water events later in the month. Please keep an eye out on [CYC Facebook page](#) for updates and we will send email updates to the registered SheSails list. If you would like to be added to our SheSails mailing list then please email **cairnsSheSails@gmail.com** list or [Cairns SheSails private Facebook group](#) for SheSails members.

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





2023 ELLIS BEACH REGATTA



Cairns Yacht Club

23-25th JUNE



GENERAL INFO

- Free camping for all entrants.
- Trivia Saturday Night.
- Food & beverages available to purchase all weekend.
- 2x Nacra 350's available for hire.
- 3x Lasers available for hire.
- All off the beach classes welcome.
- Scan QR code below for entry and more information.
- Part of the Nacra Super Series & YA NQ Club Challenge

SCHEDULE

Friday:

Gates open 1000hrs

Invitation Race 1600hrs

Saturday:

Briefing 1030hrs

Racing session 1100-1300hrs

Lunch 1315hrs

Racing session 1430-1630hrs

Dinner 1830hrs

Sunday:

Breakfast 0730hrs

Racing session 1000-1300hrs

Presentation 1430hrs

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“Believe me my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats”

So said Ratty to Mole in Kenneth Grahams, *Wind in the Willows*.

I grew up on a river in Tasmania and messing about in boats was the chief activity in school holidays. We had a particularly beautiful rowing boat that we ventured for miles up and down the river, over flooded paddocks in the winter, always wondering what the next bend would reveal. My first sailing adventure was rigging up an old curtain slung from fencing wire and water pipes as a makeshift square rigger. The confines of the river demonstrated the inadequacy of this rig. My brother and I moved on to a 44 gallon drum square rigger during summer holidays at the beach. This also had severe limitations however the quest to make use of free energy in the wind had begun.

In 2014 I discovered the Cairns Yacht Club and was delighted that they had a shed full of dinghies that I could borrow. No curtains or water pipe required, they just had to be pulled out and rigged. After a few minor repairs, they were ready to sail. How easy was that? I didn't have to buy or build a boat to go sailing.

Sailing the rather battered old Pacers was the first time I had sailed in company with others. We regularly set up small triangular courses and tested our skills against each other. As well as the sailing, there were rules that had to be comprehended. It was quickly apparent that the skipper that shouted the loudest knew the rules best. Of course this was not necessarily so. Rules had to be learned and woven into an amazing matrix of tactics that suddenly made the variables of sailing hugely appealing. I was hooked and the Cairns Yacht Club provided not just the facility and equipment but a diverse connection to like minded people of all ages.

Two years after joining the Club, several J24's became available and, still yearning to know what was around the next bend, even over the horizon, I bought one. I spent a hot March completely gutting & refitting the interior finally repainting the hull in a beautiful blue with a yellow waterline stripe. A somewhat derelict keelboat became G&T.

Now racing against the 'big boys' those few skills learned in the dinghies paid dividends. Furthermore, a keelboat required more crew than a dinghy. This opened up some wonderful associations with crew that, in several instances, went on to buy their own yachts. If they didn't have the resources to buy a boat then the pleasure of having an eager crew willing to turn up and enjoy a breeze in the sails was immensely satisfying.



It became apparent that a Club like ours, although blessed with a stunning location and somewhat abundant resources, was driven by enthusiastic and energetic members that volunteer their time. In doing so many other people get to enjoy the camaraderie, sharing stories true and tall around a BBQ'd sausage. It was apparent that one had to put in to the organisation to get these wonderful benefits out. With my small business background I became Treasurer.

Although not onerous, in becoming the treasurer I became involved with other energetic and at times passionate members that formed the team that runs the Club. For me it was just like running a small business but, unlike a farm or other solo businesses, it was now with the help of others.

Expanding on the pleasure of finding crew, even to augment that process, I became a Yachting Australia keelboat instructor. The gratification of helping unlock the mysteries of sailing, from being a deer in the headlights to a competent crew or helmsperson is just another bonus to being a part of the Cairns Yacht Club.

Coming from 'the bush' where communities come together to help each other out I get great pleasure finding the 'make do' spirit alive and well. It's not flash, just a wooden shed on the Marina, the antithesis of a Yacht Club boasting polished trophies and supercilious gentlemen in braided caps. This is totally absent in the Cairns Yacht Club. May it live on for another 130 years.





**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

| Events | Date | Time |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Tackers & Green Fleet | Every Fri/Sat | 4pm & 10am |
| Ellis Beach Regatta | June23-25th | 10:00am |
| Cape Grafton Race | July 2 | TBC |

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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