

RQYS *In the wind*

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What a difference a week can make!

Last week, was all happiness and sunshine – and this week, well it's all about ropes, ropes and more ropes --- anything to tie down boats, trailers and dinghies!

Just incredible to be facing a cyclonic event, but it is also is a great test of preparedness and resilience in the face of such extreme weather conditions. Our northerly neighbours in TNQ are well experienced in dealing with cyclones, so we have been lucky and able to get some great advice and reassurance from them.

We also want to thank our many sponsors and suppliers who have reached out with messages of support from the Marina Industry Association, Boating Industry Association, Gold Coast City Marine, Club Marine, Network Insurance, Local Police and other Bayside Yacht Clubs.

Whilst Cyclone Alfred is the topic of the week, there have been other newsworthy events which are important to share:

Just over a week ago, the 2025 Finn Queensland State Championships were held in Hervey Bay, and I am very pleased to announce RQ Members Phil Chadwick, Larry Kliest and Commodore John Warlow took out Gold, Silver & Bronze trophies respectively.



Hot on the heels of that success, Commodore John jetted over to NZ with other RQ member Lucas Prescott to compete in the 2025 Finn Nationals held at Waiuku Yacht Club – 21 competitors in total, and Commodore John finished in 4th position overall with Lucas in 7th position. No offence to John's age, but he also came first in the "Grand Master" Division, (ie 60+ age group).

If you have been keeping up with our Daily Tropical Cyclone Alfred Notices, you will have read the Bar & Bistro is closed until Saturday, and provided we are able to re-set the bistro and not be contending

with wet & soggy carpet, we should be able to re-open for lunch service.

Obviously, this has been a disappointing week for many members and function clients who have had to postpone or make alternative arrangements for meetings, a baby shower and even possibly a wedding! Particularly disappointing was the postponement of the Brisbane Women's Keelboat Cup – new date to be announced shortly.

It's International Women's Day on Saturday, 8th March, and a special celebratory breakfast was to be held on Friday, 7th March – information about a rescheduled date for this event will also be advertised in due course.

On Thursday night (last week), our Topic Talk for the month was presented by Mum & Daughter duo Annette Hesselmanns & Sophie Snijders, and it was a full house!!! The Auditorium was filled with enthusiastic members who sat riveted to their seats for the entire presentation. Thanks to Spikey Mikey for the introductions and huge thanks to Annette & Sophie for sharing their story and experience.



Last Sunday, we were impressed with the number of people (adults and children) who turned up to support "Clean Up Australia Day" event – finishing with a large pile of rubbish, including a push bike, car battery and even a crab pot!

Next week, we will aim to resume normality with all our upcoming events – but in the meantime, please note the promotions below for St Patrick's Day on 17th March, Ladies' Sunset Drinks on 21st March, 50 Year Member Luncheon on 14th March.

Take care everyone.

Karen Baldwin

CEO

General News

Tropical Cyclone Updates

Each day, we have been sending detailed updates about our preparations in advance of TC Alfred's imminent arrival.

If you have misplaced those email messages which contain emergency contact information at the Squadron, you can always find them quickly by accessing our new, red button at the top of our homepage rqys.com.au.



Clean Up Australia Day



Wow! Our first ever Clean Up Australia day event was a great success last Sunday. Thank you to all the sailors, liveaboards, members and locals from the community who pitched up prepared to clean our marina and grounds.

We were gobsmacked with the quantity and assortment of rubbish - from carpet to car batteries and even a rusty bike!

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Sailing News



WAGS Report: 5 March 25 'Sit down. Pour a drink. Hang on!'

There aren't too many weeks when we cancel that it is as obvious and as easy as this week. With all of the Government based warnings on the impending weather incident, we, as a responsible sporting group must heed and comply. It's not really rocket science.

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Regattas

POSTPONED [Brisbane Women's Keelboat Cup](#) | 8-9 March

[Moreton Bay Multihull Regatta](#) | 2-6 April

[Etchells Corinthian Cup](#) | 25 April

[Brisbane Race Week](#) | 2-7 May

[Canaipa Cup](#) | 24 - 25 May 2025

[Brisbane to Keppel Tropical Yacht Race](#) | 18 - 22 June 2025

Power and Sail Cruises

POSTPONED [Simple Sundowners](#) | 7 - 9 March 2025 | **Sail Cruising**

[Sundowners at Blakesleys Cruise](#) | 15 - 16 March 2025 | **Power Cruising**

[Easter at Bribie](#) | 18 - 21 April 2025 | **Power Cruising**

[Extended Easter Cruise](#) | 22 - 27 April 2025 | **Power Cruising**

RQYS Bistro

**Due to TC Alfred, RQYS Bistro will remain closed until 1pm, Saturday 8th March 2025
(subject to change)**

Member Events

Click the event image for more details and to register



POSTPONED Int Womens Day | 7 Mar



Member Info Night | 12 Mar



15, 16 & 17 MARCH

St Patrick's Day | 15-17 Mar



Ladies' Sunset Drinks | 21 Mar



Topic Talks | 19 Mar



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Other events coming soon...

- 50 Year Member Luncheon | 14 March
- St Patrick's Day | 17 March
- Brisbane to Keppel Info Night | 19 March
- Past Commodore's Luncheon | 11 April
- GOOD FRIDAY | 18 April | CLOSED
- Kids' Easter Party | 20 April
- ANZAC Day Service | 25 April

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