



## ALGAL BLOOMS IN THE BAY

**Ever noticed strange scum on the water or a bad smell near the shoreline?**

It's often caused by an algal bloom. Livingstone Shire Council has a helpful fact sheet that explains what these blooms are. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## SAILING PHOTOS & VIDEOS WANTED

Do you have sailing photos or video footage (new or old) that you'd like showcased? Please bring them to the Sailing Office on a USB drive or external hard drive.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We're looking for volunteers to help man a stall and hand out flyers at the Festival of the Wind on 29th March. If you're able to help, please get in touch with the Sailing Office.

## TERM 1 - ADULT COACHING PROGRAM

**Already completed Start Sailing 1 or 2?**

Keep building your skills with coached on-water training at Keppel Bay Sailing Club.

When: Sunday mornings, 9-11am  
(each school term)

Where: Keppel Bay Sailing Club  
Capacity: 8 participants per session

Pricing: Choose to book weekly, or pay for the whole term in advance at a discounted rate.

- Term Fee (9 sessions): \$250

- Weekly Fee: \$35 per session

CLICK [HERE](#) TO BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Limited spots available — secure your place today!

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# What's On

## THIS WEEK IN SAILING AT KBSC

### FLEET TRAINING

Tuesday 27th (3:30pm-6pm): Laser Squad & Sliver Fleet @ Clubhouse

Wednesday 28th (3:30pm-6pm): 29er Squad @ Clubhouse

Wednesday 28th (3:30pm-6pm): RS Feva Fleet & RS Feva Squad @ Clubhouse

Thursday 29th (3:30pm-6pm): Laser Fleet @ Causeway Lake

Thursday 29th (3:30pm-6pm): Green Fleet 2 @ Clubhouse

Friday 30th (3:30pm-6pm): Extra Laser Squad @ Clubhouse

Sunday 1st (8:30am-11am): Green Fleet 1 & Tackers 1, 2 & 3 @ Causeway

Sunday 1st (9am-11am): Adult Coaching Program @ Clubhouse

Monday 2nd (3:30pm-6pm): 29er Squad & Sabot/O'Skiff Squad @ Clubhouse

**Term 1 fleet registrations have been sent, please ensure sailors are booked in prior to Term 1 commencing.**

### FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Clubhouse Volunteer 6-7pm: **Crone Family**

Spinnaker Volunteer 6-7pm: **Conrad Byrt & Fraser Platts**

### SUNDAY RACING - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RACES 3 & 4

The road closure will be in place, please remember to close the gate behind you. Café will be OPEN from 6am - 2pm, the bar will remain open until 4pm.

**Briefing at 12:15, with racing starting from 1:15pm.**

**Club Officer of the Day:** Paul Effeney

**PRO:** Carole Gifford

**Start Boat (Muriel D):** Paul Effeney, Carole Gifford

**Rescue Boat 1 (Georgie B):** Glen Crone, Tiffany Swadling

**Rescue Boat 2 (Carole G):** Fran Grueger, Bluey Harris

**Rescue Boat 3 (Barbara R):** Diane Gallais, Camille Harrison

**Shore Party:** Amy Fee, Ros Franceschin

### PLAY ON VOUCHERS

KBSC proudly accepts Play On Vouchers for all courses and training programs.

Get in contact with Sophie at [sophie.baynton@kbsc.com.au](mailto:sophie.baynton@kbsc.com.au) if you wish to use a Play On Voucher

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# Open Skiff Nationals

The 2026 Open Skiff Nationals were hosted by Manly Yacht Club in Sydney, where our sailors produced some fantastic results despite incredibly challenging and constantly shifting conditions. The breeze seemed to come from almost every direction except west, with mid-race shifts ranging from barely noticeable to a dramatic 25 knots, and gusts climbing even higher. Add in very choppy seas and close to 80 boats racing simultaneously, and it made for a truly demanding championship.

Both the Gold and Silver fleets sailed the same course, with a slightly shorter track for the Silver fleet. Gold fleet sailors faced the additional challenge of crossing through or sailing around the entire Silver fleet in every race—an excellent test of boat handling, situational awareness, and confidence in heavy traffic. Our sailors rose to the occasion, significantly sharpening their skills in crowded race situations.

## Outstanding Results

Nora Leon Hernandez – Gold Fleet: 8th Overall | 2nd Female – an outstanding performance, congratulations!

Owen Harris – Gold Fleet: 26th Overall | 11th U13

Finn Carton – Gold Fleet: 36th Overall | 18th U13

Hans Beyer – Silver Fleet: 27th Overall Silver | 22nd U13

Karl Beyer – Silver Fleet: 32nd Overall







# Australia Day Fun Day

On Australia Day, we had eight boats on the water for our Aus Day Fun Day. The fleet completed six match races in glamour sailing conditions, with steady winds of 10–12 knots throughout the day.

Team Double Pluggers claimed the overall win and took home the prize with a combined score of 94 points. The sailors who competed on the teams were

Nate, Brody, Emily, Tommy, Ian, Helen, and Rachel.

We wrapped up the fun day with a thong-throwing competition as a warm-up for the World Thong Throwing Championships. The winning team, The Squatters Camille, Diane, François, Lauren, and Ollie—threw an impressive combined distance of 26.8 metres.



# Arrow Nationals

Did you know the Arrow Nationals will be hosted by Keppel Bay Sailing Club in two years' time? There are also great opportunities for juniors and youth to compete in this class. The Arafura Cadet is a smaller version of the Arrow, and soon there will also be an option to use an Arafura sail and rig on an Arrow hull. If you're interested or would like more information about the Arrow or Arafura classes, come and chat with local Arrow sailors this Sunday morning before Club Champs. You can also check out the national website for more details.

**[Click Here to check the Website](#)**







# Discover Sailing Day

We hosted our Discover Sailing Day yesterday and it was a fantastic success, with 110 individual sessions run across the day. There was strong interest from participants keen to return and continue sailing, with plenty of positive feedback from both first timers and those looking to get back on the water.

A wide range of activities was on offer, including Hobie sessions, windsurfing, dinghy sailing, RS Feva sailing, and paddleboarding, giving participants the chance to try different disciplines and find what suited them best.

Windsurfing and Hobie sailing proved especially popular, filling up first and booking out early, highlighting just how strong the demand is for these high-energy, hands-on experiences.



## Muriel D Trailer



Keep an eye out for brand new trailer under Muriel D.

Big thanks to local business Mick from Welding Worx for putting this together. The new trailer will be ready to utilise for volunteers this Sunday!





# Term 1 Fleet Training

## MONDAY

### 29ER SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

### O'PEN SKIFF/SABOT SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## TUESDAY

### LASER SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

### SILVER FLEET

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## TERM 1 - FLEET TRAINING

## WEDNESDAY

### 29ER SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

### RS FEVA SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

### RS FEVA FLEET

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## THURSDAY

### LASER FLEET

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CAUSEWAY LAKE

### GREEN FLEET 2

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## AT KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB

## FRIDAY

### LASER SQUAD

TIME: 3:30PM-6PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## SUNDAY

### ADULT COACHING

TIME: 9AM-11AM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

## SUNDAY

### TACKERS 1, 2 & 3

TIME: 8:30AM-11AM

LOCATION: CAUSEWAY LAKE

### GREEN FLEET

TIME: 8:30AM-11AM

LOCATION: CAUSEWAY LAKE





# Volunteer Roster

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are rostered to volunteer, please ensure you arrive at the Clubhouse by 10:30am at the latest, as there are several important tasks to be completed on Sunday mornings. These include driving the tractor, checking fuel in the RIBs, launching the RIBs to greet Muriel D and Georgie B, and assisting with pack-up at the end of the day. **If you are unable to volunteer on your rostered day, please notify the Sailing Department as soon as possible and make every effort to find a replacement.** Many hands make light work, and your support is greatly appreciated. An SMS reminder will be sent during the week of your volunteer duties.

DATE	Start Time	Event	Officer of the Day	START BOAT (MURIEL D)	SAFETY BOAT (GEORGIE B)	SAFETY BOAT (CAROLE G)	SAFETY BOAT (BARBARA R)	SHORE PARTY
			PRO					
Sunday 1st February Clubhouse	1:15pm	Club Championships Race 3 & 4	Paul Effeney	Paul Effeney	Glen Crone	Fran Grueger	Diane Gallais	Amy Fee
				Carole Gifford				
			Carole Gifford	Chris Crone	Tiffany Swadling	Bluey Harris	Camille Harrison	Ros Franceschin
Sunday 8th February Clubhouse	1:15pm	Summer Handicap Races 1,2, & 3	Francois Gallais	Francois Gallais	Jim Cox	Daniel Franceschin	Joe O'Shaughnessy	Paul Harris
				Wayne Newton				
			Sandra Byrt	Sandra Byrt	Yos Hernandez	Bevan Newton	Tiffany Swadling	Nathaniel Harrison
Sunday 15th February Clubhouse	1:15pm	Summer Handicap Races 4,5 & 6	Conrad Byrt	Conrad Byrt	Damian Byrt	Damon Stover	Fraser Platts	Rebecca Tarring
				Blake Newton				
			Blake Newton	Tim Larkin	Stella Kenny	Sarah Lawrence	Craig Brown	Julia Butt-Faulkner
Sunday 22nd February Clubhouse	12pm	Autumn Ocean Race	Sandra Byrt	Carole Gifford	Diane Gallais	Sophie Baynton	Bluey Harris	Joella Curtis
				Sandra Byrt				
			Carole Gifford	Matilda Tarring	Yos Hernandez	Sarah-Jane McNeil	Cathee Ziebell	Tiffany Swadling
Sunday 1st March Clubhouse	1:15pm	Club Championships Race 5 & 6	Paul Effeney	Paul Effeney	Francois Gallais	Fran Grueger	Diane Gallais	Amy Fee
				Carole Gifford				
			Carole Gifford	April Acworth	Daniel Franceschin	Bluey Harris	Joella Curtis	Rebecca Tarring





# Raffle Roster

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unable to sell tickets on your designated night, it is your responsibility to arrange a swap and advise the Sailing Regatta Office by emailing [sophie.baynton@kbsc.com.au](mailto:sophie.baynton@kbsc.com.au)

Please contact Regatta Office if you wish to have your name removed from the roster.

**FRIDAY NIGHT RAFFLES**  
**VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED**

Are you available to assist with Friday Night Raffles??

If so, please get in contact with the sailing department to discuss availability.

As part of doing Raffles, you may be eligible to apply for Financial Assistance.



Click the link [HERE](#) to read our Financial Assistance Policy.

DATE	SPINNAKER	CLUBHOUSE
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Conrad Byrt & Fraser Platts	Crone Family
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Scantlebury Family	Gallais Family
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Fee Family	Tarring Family
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Carton Family	Byrt Family
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Swadling Family	Franceschin Family & Nora Leon Hernandez
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Sophie Baynton & Fran Grueger	Camille Gallais & Lauren Bentley
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Tim Dau & Daryl Skinner	Tim Larkin & Blake Newton
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Crone Family	Gallais Family
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Byrt Family	Conrad Byrt & Fraser Platts
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tarring Family	Scantlebury Family
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Camille Gallais & Lauren Bentley	Fee Family
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Franceschin Family & Nora Leon Hernandez	Carton Family
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Tim Larkin & Blake Newton	Swadling Family
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Gallais Family	Sophie Baynton & Fran Grueger
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Conrad Byrt & Fraser Platts	Tim Dau & Daryl Skinner
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Scantlebury Family	Crone Family
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Fee Family	Tarring Family





# Upcoming Events

## QILCA EVENTS -COMING SOON

**2026 METROPOLITAN  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB  
14TH-15TH MARCH**

**2026 QUEENSLAND STATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
HUMPYBONG YACHT CLUB  
11TH-12TH APRIL**



Australian  
Sailing

## DINGHY INSTRUCTOR AND ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR COURSE

*If you are keen to develop your skills  
and to pass on your love of sailing to  
others, why not become a qualified  
Dinghy Instructor or  
Assistant Dinghy Instructor!!*

**AI COURSE  
INSTRUCTOR COURSE**

**LOCATION**  
KBSC CLUBHOUSE



**DATE**  
21ST-22ND FEBRUARY 2026



**TIME**  
8.30AM TO 4.00PM



**CONTACT SOPHIE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

## SHE SAILS

**SUNSET SAIL - SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO BOOK  
YOUR SPOT!!



**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!**

**Book here**



## SAIL GP - SYDNEY 2026

Keppel Bay Sailing Club invites you to the Sail GP Sydney leg viewing party. This is a must-attend event for all sailing enthusiasts and supporters.

**RACE STARTS: 4:30pm**

**DATE: 28th February 2026**

**LOCATION: The Jib Bar**







# Club Training



Click [HERE](#) to book!

## GREEN FLEET RACE DAY!!

**TIME: 11AM-2PM  
7TH FEBRUARY 2026**

Keppel Bay Sailing Club is excited to host monthly Green Fleet Race Days at Causeway Lake — and you're invited!

**Who Can Join?**

- Green Fleet 1 & Green Fleet 2 Sailors



**This is a fantastic opportunity to:**

- Practice your sailing skills
- Gain race experience in a fun and supportive environment
- Get out on the water with friends

**RSVP TODAY!!**



**TERM 1: 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB - 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**WHEN:** SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9–11AM (EACH SCHOOL TERM)

**WHERE:** KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB

**CAPACITY:** 8 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION  
(NNEED TO HAVE COMPLETED START SAILING 1 OR 2)

**PRICING:** CHOOSE TO BOOK WEEKLY, OR PAY FOR THE WHOLE TERM IN ADVANCE AT A DISCOUNTED RATE.  
**TERM FEE** (9 SESSIONS): \$250 OR **WEEKLY FEE:** \$35 PER SESSION

**Click [HERE](#) to book your spot!**



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## ADULT SOCIAL SAILING

Keppel Bay Sailing Club are offering Adult Social Sailing every Friday morning.

Whether you are a wishing to try sailing or expand your sailing skills, this offer is for you.

Limited availability (only 3 places per week)

Cost: \$35.00

Where: Keppel Bay Sailing Club

Time - 2x Sessions: 9am-10am & 10am-11am  
(Friday's)

Scan the QR Code to book your spot!



Come along and join us for our Tackers program. Scan the QR Code to book or for more information.



## TACKERS TERM PROGRAM



- GAMES -BASED LEARNING
- FUN, SUPPORTIVE AND SAFE
- CERTIFICATE UPON COMPLETION
- NATIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTRUCTORS

**8:30AM-11AM**

**SUN 01 FEB — SUN 29 MAR**

**CAUSEWAY LAKE, YEPPOON**

**KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB**

Check out the program and register your kids at  
<https://kbsc.com.au/project/kids-learn-to-sail/>

**KIDS AGED 7-12YRS**