



The Anchorage Advocate



Autumn 2026 Edition

Commodore's Report

Hello All,

Welcome to Autumn everyone. That's another hot, wet summer under our belts. We start the year with some amazing news – We have been successful in obtaining a significant grant from the Community Gambling Fund, to complete our refurbishment of the toilet block. This was our fourth attempt at the grant, and thanks to our collective determination and persistence, we are now well positioned to commence works. Our Vice Commodore Craig McPhillips has been the driver behind our latest bid and the preparation and planning for construction – fantastic work, mate. This will involve a closure of the club for possibly up to four weeks from the 18th of May so please plan your visits to the Club around that.

There's plenty happening on the social front with Easter, ANZAC Day and the Club 60th Anniversary celebrations coming in July – date yet to be confirmed. Please keep your eye on our Facebook page for details. Maximum participation in the Club working bees is encouraged in support of those events and the refurbishment of the toilet block. Our website has also been refurbished and the new format is now live. We welcome your feedback regarding it's content and usability. Thanks again to Craig for leading that project as well.

2026 will be a transformational year for the Club and position us to continue the operation of the Club well into the future. Our little slice of paradise will be undergoing significant change, setting the conditions for it's enjoyment for generations to come.

Stay safe on the water and see you at the Club!

Steve.



Super Working Bee



Members, we need your help! **Saturday March 21st**. Give us a day, give us a few hours, please just give us a hand...

This year will see the biggest investment, and greatest generational infrastructure project undertaken at the Club in decades. For us to renovate our amenities block, there is a significant amount of prep work to complete. Of course, there will also be plenty of the usual maintenance and cleaning tasks to be done, so if you're not up to lugging Besser blocks or pavers, there's still heaps of value you can add on the day.

This is something special, folks. We'd like you all to be a part of it.

Thank you.

Vice Commodore's Report

Hi All,

As you may have all heard, we have been successful in a Grant Application that allows us to proceed with a long overdue renovation of our toilet block. The new toilet block will consider additional features that we hope makes your stay at the Club a little more comfortable. These include:

- Fresh interior fit out (tiles, screens and fixtures)
- New fly over roof to provide better ventilation
- Modification to entrances- entry will be from the western (day shed) side
- 24 hour hot showers
- Night lighting – downlights that will provide ambient lighting for access through the night
- Rainwater collection – addition of a new tank to collect rainwater for use through the toilets and showers



To facilitate this renovation, the Club will be closed to all members for camping/cabins from 18th May – 12th June. We hope to shorten this period with our builder, and will update you of progress. YES, you are welcome to pop by and say hello, but please understand that under legislation, the club will have restricted access.

Easter is fast approaching and we now have details of the Easter event on our Facebook page. There are a number of people camping, so come along and join in the weekend festivities. Our Fishing Captain also has another Fishing Competition planned to keep anglers busy.

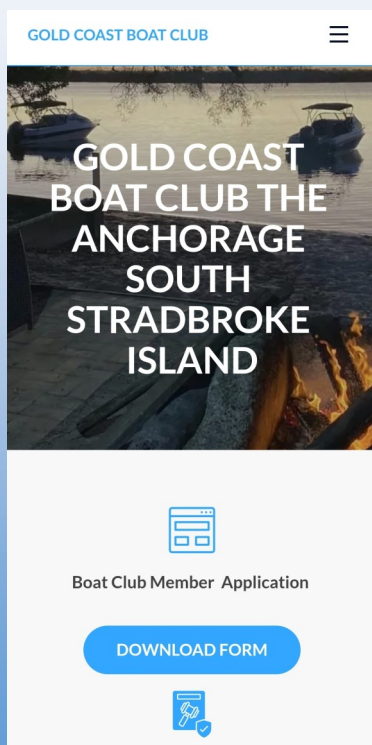
ANZAC Day comes just a few weeks later, and this year, we are working with Scott and Bec at Tipplers to return some of the support they've shown us. The Fels' will run their service as normal. Following the service, we will then head up to Tipplers to run a Two Up event. This is for a bit of community engagement on the day, and to also support Tipplers and get them involved. Tipplers have also booked Chev Wilson to play some tunes on the day. Those who attended the Christmas Party 2 years ago will remember Chev at the Club. It is sure to be a great day, and we encourage all members to get along and participate.

It's a busy 2-3 months ahead. We understand there will be some disruptions, but we are also very excited to push with continual improvements for our future. Our Club survives but also thrives on engagement and interacting with other members. Please mark the above events in your calendars, and pop by and say hi. If you are keen to get involved in the committee, please reach out to find more. Whilst our AGM is still some time away, we would like to see some fresh faces getting involved next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Easter.

Cheers,

Craig.



Our updated website is back live, check it out: [click here](#)

GOLD COAST BOAT CLUB

EASTER

Good Friday - 3rd April

- games through the afternoon (free)
- sunset drinks by the fire

Easter Sat - 4th April

- traditional easter feast - 1.00pm
- roast pork, chicken, prawns & ham
- yummy salads and treats

\$25.00 ADULT

\$10.00 KIDS (13 AND OVER)

Easter Sunday - 5th April

- easter egg hunt (free)

- RSVP by 20th MARCH
- BYO drinks, cutlery, plates
- Members Guests welcome



RSVP & payment essential if attending the Saturday Feast

Please email:

gcbctreasurer@yahoo.com.au

BSB: 638070

Account : 9074120
name as reference





GOLD COAST BOAT CLUB

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Saturday APRIL 25th

9.00AM

ON THE BEACH

800 METERS SOUTH OF TIPPLERS

800 METERS NORTH OF COURAN COVE

NEAR THE AUSSIE FLAG ON THE SAND BAR

Service by John Fels GOLD COAST BOAT CLUB



Latitude 27 °52.1406'S.....Longitude 153 °23.8366"E

Rear Commodore's Report

Hi Club and Happy Autumn!

I hope you've all had a great Summer, enjoying the outdoor lifestyle we all share and love.

Well, it was certainly hot over the summer period, followed by hot again! The Club remained well used with lots of members and guests loving our little island escape. With plenty of camping, fishing, BBQs, swimming, crabbing and much more. There's nothing like sitting on a chair up to your belly in water enjoying a cold beverage watching the day go by.

As always, we have Working Bees coming up throughout the year so keep an eye out on our Facebook page and event calendar for these dates. The next week Working Bee is a SUPER WORKING BEE scheduled for Sat the 21st of March, kicking off at 8am, finishing off at around 3ish with a sausage sizzle around lunch time. (If you can't make the full day, no worries, we will take whatever hours you can afford). If you can make it to the Club to attend, we are truly thankful. We need as many hands as possible as we have a lot to get through in preparation for our upcoming amenities block renovation. Come and have a laugh with like-minded people whilst we tidy up our piece of paradise.

As always, please remember when you are visiting the Club, to continue to follow the rules so we can keep the Club safe and fun for everyone.

Well, we hope you and your family have a great Autumn, and we look forward to seeing you all on the water.

Jason.



Secretary's Report

Hi All,

Happy New Year everyone! A very exciting year ahead with the GCBC 60th Anniversary ('save the dates' will follow soon) and the renovation of the ablutions block. All volunteers for up & coming working bees will be appreciated, and for those that can't make these events and are at The Anchorage, please use your initiative to clean up the grounds or facilities to keep it tidy for all who arrive.

Reminder that life jackets are required for bar crossings, anyone on open boats under 4.8m at night, or if boating alone. Kids 1-11 must wear them for any sized open boat, and night boating must be worn between sunset / sunrise.

Cheers,
Jenny.



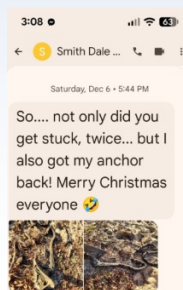
Booking Officer's Report

Hi All,
Regrettably, my lightly veiled criticism concerning the maintenance and boating habits of the Newsletter Editor have come back to bite me. I fully expect that this edition will contain some pictures and grossly exaggerated comment on my ability to navigate the strong north westerly winds which prevailed during the Xmas party gathering. Yes, it's true that I got blown onto Doggy Island and required Adam to tow me off the sandbank (thank you). There is also some likely evidence to show that once I had the boat loaded the wind had pushed us up onto the bank and required a number of generous members to down their beers and assist in extracting the leg of my Mercruiser engine from the sand in which it had become encapsulated.



Like all things in life however, there are lessons to be learned:

- Don't move the boat in windy conditions so that others have less distance to walk, try not to think about your family carrying heavy items back to the vessel dodging logs and sharp objects getting continuously pounded with waves during a high tide. They will get over it and certainly won't be the target of a would-be journalist looking to fill space in a newsletter.
- If you do feel the need to move the boat in these conditions then take someone with you, ideally your wife or partner, they may actually be able to assist but most importantly you need someone to blame if things go wrong.
- Accept the fact that some days are simply not going to go well, the final kick for the day was the text I received from the editor once I arrived home



(Stay tuned for a factual account of the Island's biggest maritime disaster since the Cambus Wallace, in the Editor's report! - ed.)

Super Working Bee 21st March 2026 / Easter holiday weekend

As will no doubt be covered by others, we were the lucky recipients of a significant grant which will enable the Club to proceed with the long-awaited refurbishment of the amenities block, whilst the job will be done by a contracted registered builder, we would like your assistance with the considerable amount of preparation required prior to the build in May.

Committee has decided that for Easter 2026 (only) two cabins (South and West) will be raffled to members that participate in the March working bee, this is how it will work:

- 2 draws, first one drawn has the choice of cabins.
- Prize will be 3 nights' accommodation, in Friday 3rd April out Monday 6th April, any extension is at the member's cost.
- Prize is not transferable, if the winner cannot attend these dates, then additional tickets will be drawn until a winner is found.

Please make sure you sign the attendance register so you don't miss out!

Irrespective of the draw outcome these working bees are a great way to meet other members, I certainly enjoy the day and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

Now for a little housekeeping. A couple of people have requested the club bank details for cabin bookings which I have included below, as a general rule we request that you pay around 1 week prior to your stay, this gives you time to check the weather in case you wish to change plans and minimizes the need for the Treasurer having to provide credits for cancellations.

Heritage Bank

BSB: 638 070

Account #: 009 074 120

Please don't forget to reference your payment with your name and date of stay, and send me a copy of the remittance so I can provide the codes.

All non-members 18 years and over pay \$15 per person per night plus cabin fees if applicable, please provide non-member numbers when booking.

All bookings to include:

Date in / Date out / number of nights. Any questions please feel free to send me an email: gcbcbookingofficer@gmail.com

Thanks All, Kev.

Editor's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well, well, well... What a Summer it has been! The sweet smell of vindication still lingers in the air, after our beloved Booking Officer chose to lead with his chin, and wound up right on his backside!

You may recall his expert boating and maintenance advice last edition, (and just about every edition to be honest) of this newsletter. Well, hasn't he gone and made a proper dill of himself...



The fact that a man who has been boating since the Jumpinpin split, managed to get stuck not once but twice attempting a routine wife extraction, leaves one questioning whether he is still fit to participate in this lifestyle. But, as they say, a picture tells a thousand words. Here's a few... I'll let you be the judge.



Is this where the problems started...?



A sheer waste of community resources...



Well done boys. Thank you for keeping us safe...



You're only making it worse for yourself mate...



A stark reminder of the potential consequences of poor choices, and negligent behaviour.



Thoughts and prayers, Kev...

If you're having trouble reaching the Booking Officer, we ask for your patience. The last I heard, he was making toasted sandwiches for cigarettes at the Arthur Gorrie Remand Centre.

Does the punishment fit the crime? That's not for me to judge. One thing I do know, is it's the only way he'll learn.

Talk soon,

Dale.

Treasurer's Report

Hi Everyone,

I have taken on the task of planning our 60th anniversary celebrations. I'm looking to put together a small team to assist in making our Diamond Jubilee a memorable occasion. If you are keen to get involved please shoot me a message at gcbctreasurer@yahoo.com.au We need to move pretty quickly so if this sounds like you, then please get in touch ASAP.

Happy boating,
Sharon.



Merchandise Officer's Report

Hi Everyone,

Exciting news! We have some new GCBC merchandise available to order. Special Edition 100% cotton t-shirts in Royal blue. These will provide a comfortable, cost effective way for everyone to both support and represent our Club. Please email gcbcmerchandise@gmail.com to order your shirts, with name, sizes and quantity required.

Payment is to be made at time of ordering to:

Heritage Bank

BSB: 638 070

Account #: 009 074 120

**Please use your name and 'shirt order' as reference*

**Get your orders in by
March 13th for
collection at Easter.**

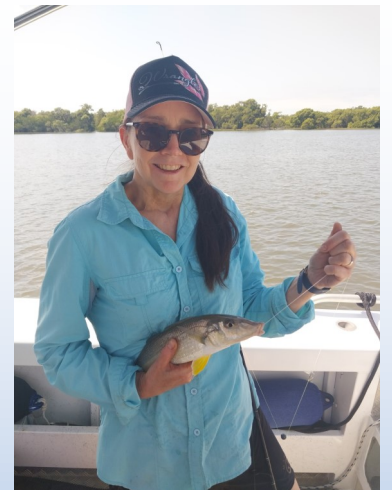


T-shirt sizes and prices:

Men's 2XS—5XL \$26

Ladies 6—24 \$26

Kids 2—14 \$24



Marine incidents



A marine incident, as described below, involving Queensland regulated ships, which includes recreational ships, must be reported to a Shipping Inspector at the earliest opportunity, but within 48 hours of the event. If in doubt as to whether an incident is reportable, [contact us](#) for assistance.

What is a marine incident?

Under the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994* (TOMSA), a marine incident is classified as an event causing or involving:

- the loss of a person from a ship
- the death of, or grievous bodily harm to, a person caused by a ship's operations
- the loss or presumed loss or abandonment of a ship
- a collision with a ship
- the stranding of a ship
- significant damage, or danger of significant damage, to a ship
- significant damage caused by a ship's operations
- danger of significant damage to a structure caused by a ship's operations
- danger to a person caused by a ship's operations.

How do I report a marine incident?

If you are the owner or master of a ship that is involved in a marine incident, you must report the incident to a Shipping Inspector on the approved [F3071 Marine Incident Report form](#). The report must be made within 48 hours of the incident or of you becoming aware of the incident, or at the earliest opportunity, unless you have a reasonable excuse.

Shipping Inspectors are located at:

- Maritime Safety Queensland regional offices
- Queensland Water Police offices
- Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol offices.

Note: The Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994 defines a ship as any boat or vessel used, or intended for, navigation by water or other purposes on water.

Marine Incident Reports can be made to the relevant Maritime Safety Queensland regional office:

- Online (recommended), by:
 1. completing the form electronically (online using the above link)
 2. printing/saving the form locally using the Print Form facility - Example File Name: 'Marine Incident Report – [Incident Date DD/MM/YYYY]'emailing the saved file (as an attachment) to your [local regional office](#).
- printing and completing a hardcopy form
- emailing a scanned copy of the form
- mailing or delivering (in person) the form.

More information can be found here: [Marine incidents \(Maritime Safety Queensland\)](#)

Management Committee 2024-25

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	<i>Scott Ward</i>
<u>Seafari Captain</u>	<i>Robert Petherbridge (supported by Leigh & Dale)</i>
<u>Merchandise Officer</u>	<i>Frieda Smith</i>
<u>Newsletter Editor</u>	<i>Dale Smith</i>
<u>QRBC Delegate</u>	<i>Leigh Townsend</i>
<u>Fishing Captain</u>	<i>Jade Schmidt</i>
<u>Social Committee</u>	<i>Britt Keding</i>
	<i>Nicole McPhillips</i>

Our Life Members

Ray & Shirley Cary, Geoff & Jan Rose, Jim & Kay Davidson, Des & Clare Sandercock, Patrick & Anne Henry, Leslie Moore (Barry Moore—deceased), Adrian Titchmarsh (Denise Titchmarsh- deceased), Barry & Lorraine Sechtig, Marion Von Bibra (Ken Von Bibra- deceased), Alan Rickard, Shirley Brown (Laurie Brown – deceased), Marcia Rooney (John Rooney – deceased), Julie Madin (Ray Madin – deceased), Margaret O’Hanlon (Paul O’Hanlon- deceased), Leigh & Jenny Townsend, David & Margaret Petherbridge, Kevin & Wilma Sones.



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Stay up to date on our Facebook page

What's On - January to June 2026

Date	Details	Location / Contact
January		
Mon 26	Australia Day Celebrations	9.30 am 'The Anchorage' (Vice Commodore / Social Committee)
February		
Sat 7	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	9.30am 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
March		
Sat 21	Super Working Bee	8.00am 'The Anchorage' (Rear Commodore / Anchorage Captain)
	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	1.00 pm 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
April		
Fri 3	Good Friday (PH) GCBC "Easter Fishing Classic" Commences	12 pm 'The Anchorage' (Vice Commodore / Fishing Captain)
Sat 4	Easter Saturday & GCBC Easter Function	12 pm 'The Anchorage' (Vice Commodore / Social Committee)
Sun 5	Easter Sunday – Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt	9am 'The Anchorage' (Social Committee)
Mon 6	Easter Monday (PH) GCBC "Easter Fishing Classic" Concludes	12 pm 'The Anchorage' (Fishing Captain)
Tues 14	Committee meeting- members welcome	6.30 pm 'Teams Online' (Secretary)
Fri 3 to Sun 19	Term 1 School Holidays	N/A
Sat 25	GCBC ANZAC Day Service (PH) GCBC & Tipplers "Two Up"	9am 'The Anchorage' (Commodore) 11am Tipplers Café (Vice Commodore)
May		
Mon 4	Labour Day (PH)	N/A
Tues 5	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	6.30 pm 'Teams Online' (Secretary)
Sun 10	Mother's Day	N/A
Sat 23	60 th Anniversary celebrations →	TBC New date TBC (Likely July 2026)
June		
Sun 7	Working Bee	9.30 am 'The Anchorage' (Rear Commodore / Anchorage Captain)
	Committee Meeting – Members Welcome	12.30pm 'The Anchorage' (Secretary)
Sat 27 to Sun 12 July 2026	Term 2 School Holidays	N/A
Mon 30 Jun	ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE!	COB (Treasurer / Secretary)

New date TBC upon completion of ablutions block

What's On – January to June 2026

Date	Details	Location / Contact
June		
Sun 30	All Renewals Due - please contact us if you haven't received your renewal notice.	

KEY CONTACTS

Cabin & Camp Bookings	Booking Officer	Kevin	gcbcbookingofficer@gmail.com
Anchorage Operations	Rear Commodore		Jason 0458 837 272
	Anchorage Captain		Jadeo 0403 683 828
	Commodore	Steve	vokesy@ozemail.com.au Or 0477 335 134
Function and Events	Social Committee		Refer to Facebook Page / Website
General Enquiries	Secretary	Jenny	goldcoastboatclub@yahoo.com.au 0417 766 475

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 000

*NB dates and times may be subject to change. Please check Facebook page for updates.