



NEW SICYC CLUB HUB OPENING AT HOPE ISLAND MARINA!

An Open Invitation to All Vice Commodores to Celebrate Our Brand-New Meeting Place

Ahoy, Shaggers!

We are thrilled to announce a major milestone for our Gold Coast social network. SICYC is officially dropping anchor at the popular Hope Island Marina, establishing a fantastic new meeting place with a true club atmosphere. Located right on the marina front at the iconic 'The Yankees' location, this new hub is set to become the ultimate waterfront go-to for local camaraderie, storytelling, and sundowners.

**GRAND OPENING Sunday,
25 October, 3:00 pm. for drinks!
BOOKINGS PH: 07 5615 0014
OR BOOK ON LINE!**

The Hope Island Marina itself is already home to a large number of our crew, with approximately 130 SICYC members living in the Hope Island area alone! Because our club is famously exclusively non-exclusive, we are extending a warm, open invitation to all Gold Coast members, partners, and friends to come along. We also anticipate a fantastic contingent of existing members migrating up from the southern regions to help us celebrate this milestone in true SICYC style.

Flash Your Blue or Your Card for Perks! To help welcome you to our new home, members will enjoy a fantastic discounted food and drink package on the day. To unlock these exclusive perks, remember



to either wear our customary 'Blue' SICYC shirt or present your current membership card at the venue. Let's get a massive sea of blue filling up the marina front! Rhythmic Flamenco & Waterfront Vibes

To match the lively atmosphere of our new home, we have lined up some incredible entertainment. Acclaimed rhythmic flamenco guitarist Joe Phillips will be performing live! Joe is set to delight the crowd with an expansive repertoire that spans everything from Latin American rhythms and Blues to smooth Ballads, Jazz, Country, classic Rock-n-Roll, and timeless hits. While we love a good party,

Shaggers always rally for a great cause. Most importantly, the afternoon will feature vital fundraising for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). Please dig deep, bring along some cash for the donation buckets, and help us continue our proud tradition of supporting life-saving research and awareness. Come share a drink, catch up with old friends, make a few new ones, and help us kick off our brand-new marina front hub with a bang. We look forward to seeing you all at 'The Yankees'... Scan QR code to see video.

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**



THE YANKEE'S
RESTAURANT & BAR
HOPE ISLAND

Enjoy 'The Yankees' Club Atmosphere, Food Drinks and Entertainment



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the 2026 Rendezvous now behind us, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to another outstanding SICYC gathering. Our Vice President and Rendezvous Coordinator, Paul Dwyer, once again delivered an exceptionally well organised event, and the feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. My gratitude also goes to our dedicated volunteers who step in wherever needed. This event simply could not continue without the time, energy, and goodwill of those who support us each year.

I also wish to draw attention to an issue of great importance. The Federal Government is proposing to withdraw funding for PCFA Nurses from 1 July 2027. It never ceases to amaze how bureaucratic decisions can so deeply affect people's lives and wellbeing. PCFA has asked members to write to their Federal representatives and the Health Minister to help overturn this decision. For those who are not confident in drafting letters, PCFA has prepared a template that can be downloaded and sent. If you would like to support this effort, please take a moment to access the letter via the link provided in this edition.

For our Gold Coast members, we are pleased to announce the upcoming launch of a new Sundowner Club, SICYC Hope Island, meeting Sunday afternoons from 3pm at The Yankees Restaurant & Bar. This venue will also become an official SICYC Member Club, offering 15% off food and drinks to members who present their card (excluding happy hour drink specials). The venue is open daily and welcomes members as a social meeting place. More details can be found later in this edition.

regards
Danny Davidson
M. 0434 330 419

YET AGAIN, ANOTHER FABULOUS RENDEZVOUS

Although numbers were slightly down this year, SICYC Rendezvous 2026 was another huge success, raising an incredible \$38,108 after expenses, donated to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia!

The four-day event kicked off on Thursday at Cape Gloucester Resort, with members catching up with old friends, welcoming new faces and enjoying the hospitality of the Cape Gloucester Resort.

Friday saw the ever-popular Yoga session on the grass at Cape Gloucester followed by the masses of blue shirts descending on Shag Islet for our traditional Island Party, complete with BBQ, kite flying, limbo, hula hoops and dancing. A big thank you to everyone who helped transport equipment, cook the sausages and make our traditional Shag Islet Cake.

Friday evening's Masquerade Party was a colourful affair, with fabulous costumes, amazing masks and successful auctions led by our auctioneer, Dean Isles, and his partner.

Saturday morning began with the PCFA Breakfast, featuring guest speaker Louise Jackson, RN, from the Mackay Hospital. With more than 20 years of nursing experience, Louise shared her passion for improving outcomes for men through education, advocacy and survivorship care. A respected national presenter, she is dedicated to advancing prostate cancer nursing and promoting men's health. Attendance was close to 100 SICYC members.

The rest of the day was busy with merchandise sales, new memberships, the Nautical Schoolies photo shoot and entertainment from young band Category 5.

The major auction prizes included a Portland Roads Sailing the Whitsundays charter aboard SV Lawless, valued at \$13,260, won by Trudi Webb bidding \$8500, and a Gold Coast City Marina voucher valued at \$5,000, won by Kellie Ottaway with a bid of \$3,600. Hamilton Island 5 night stay donated by our Gold Coast members Anita and Greg Voilet was won by Graham Halize bidding \$3000.

In total, 15 auction items were generously donated by our sponsors.

The Nauti-Cal schoolie's theme leant itself to some very innovative fancy-dress costumes seen over the evening. Sunday began with Yoga, followed by the drawing of 13 raffle prizes.

The first prize, a \$5,000 Charter Yachts Australia package, went to Graham Haire from Rathmines, NSW.

The Farewell Pirates Party and Walk the Plank shenanigans provided a fitting finale to four wonderful days raising \$2136.

With attendance estimated at around 300 people, the Rendezvous once again demonstrated the generosity, friendship and spirit of our SICYC members.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors and members who made this event possible. Together, we raised \$38,108 after expenses for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia PCFA— an achievement we can all be proud of.

Well done, fellow Shaggers!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



SV LAWLESS PRIZE
Valued at \$13,260



VOUCHER
valued at \$5,000,

HAMILTON ISLAND ACCOMMODATION PRIZE



Major Auction Winners

This year's big auction prize was the magnificent Portland Roads Sailing the Whitsundays Charter Yacht experience, valued at over \$13,260. The winning bid of \$8,500 went to Trudi Webb, securing an unforgettable adventure aboard the spectacular SV Lawless! Trudi shared in the excitement with her crew, Leanne Hartley, Ethan Squires and Lachlan Webb, who were all involved in the winning bid.

Their plan? To enjoy this incredible experience together next year, making it a very special part of SICYC Rendezvous 2027! What a fantastic way to celebrate friendship, sailing and the spirit of the Shaggers.

But there is much more to this story than a winning bid. Trudi and her crew are dedicated members of our SICYC family, generously giving their time and energy as volunteers year after year. Their enthusiasm, hard work and willingness to help make a tremendous difference to the success of our Rendezvous.

SICYC extends a huge thank you to Trudi, Leanne, Ethan and Lachlan for their outstanding support, generosity and unselfish contribution to our club.

It's people like these who make the SICYC Rendezvous such a special event each year.



Congratulations to our winning crew — may your adventure aboard SV Lawless be one to remember!



SICYC RAFFLE WINNERS 2026

Congratulations to all our lucky winners!

CHARTER YACHTS AUSTRALIA BAREFOOT CHARTER

**Valued at \$5,000 • Winner: Graham Haire,
Rathmines NSW**

SICYC President, Danny Davidson presents Graham with his Fabulous \$5000 voucher.
Treasurer Juliana Harvison looks on.

2. The Whitsunday Terraces Accommodation Package, Airlie Beach — Valued at \$1,000 — Paul Dwyer, Airlie Beach
3. Ocean Rafting for 2 adults including lunch — Valued at \$498 — Dionna Neill
4. Tommy Bahama Live the Island Life — Valued at \$200 — Julie Brown, Gold Coast
5. David Smith Australia Men's \$200 Gift Voucher — Brendan Fraley, Garbutt
6. Whisper Cruises: 2 guests × 2 One-Hour Turtle Spotting Cruises — Valued at \$280 — Danny Carter
7. Eastwood Dining & Bar Voucher — Valued at \$150 — Abby Loxton
8. Sorrento's Dining Voucher — \$100 — Nolene Bellotti
9. Tommy Bahama Live the Island Life — Valued at \$200 — Mike Samarin
10. KC'S Steak Bar and Grill Vouchers — \$200 — Micah Purdy
11. Color Me Crazy Voucher — \$100 — Rick Hobson
12. Quadrant Marine Vouchers — \$150 — Glen Slater
13. Anchor Bar Meal Voucher — \$200 — Graham Mackie

Thank you to all our supporters, donors and everyone who took part in the 2026 SICYC Raffle

Ahoy, Shaggers!

Annual General Meeting - Thursday November 12, 2026 at 5pm.

Location:

**Fortuna Room, Fortuna Building, Salacia Waters,
6 Marina Promenade, Paradise Point, Gold Coast 4216**

Annual General Meeting

<https://sicyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SICYC-Annual-General-Meeting-Agenda-Nov-2026.docx>

Agenda: Nomination:

<https://sicyc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/SICYC-Management-Committee-Nomination-Form-AGM-2026-1.docx>

SICYC Rendezvous 2026...an event to remember

What a fabulous night of mystery, glamour and creativity at the SICYC Rendezvous 2026 Masquerade Party!



BEST DRESSED WINNERS – DI ROGERS & KEVIN HORNE
Congratulations to our best-dressed winners, virgin Shaggers Di Rogers and Kevin Horne!

This adventurous couple

sailed their magnificent 51-foot monohull, Wild Spirit, all the way from France and are now happily settled in Elizabeth Bay, Sydney.

Di and Kevin certainly embraced the spirit of Rendezvous, participating in all the fancy-dress events and putting plenty of thought and effort into their outfits. Their enthusiasm and creativity made them worthy winners!

BEST MASK

– MAHESHA GOLEBY

A special congratulations to Mahesha Goleby, one of our dedicated Rendezvous co-

ordinators, who took home the prize for Best Mask!

A wonderful effort from everyone who joined in the fun and helped make the Masquerade Party such a memorable occasion.

At SICYC, it's not just about sailing — it's about friendship, fun, dressing up and making



memories with fellow Shaggers!

Well done to all our winners and everyone who made the night such a success!



MEET OUR BEST-DRESSED PIRATES!

Ahoy, me hearties! ..Meet the Best Dressed Pirate and Pirate Queen at this year's SICYC Rendezvous 2026 Pirates Party!

Club President, Danny Davidson presents the honour to Deb and Flipper who made a fine pirate couple, impressing everyone with their fantastic outfits and taking home the prizes!

Congratulations, Deb and Flipper! You certainly looked the part and added plenty of pirate spirit to the celebrations!

Well done, ye fine pair of scallywags!



OCEAN RAFTING WINNER,

Dionna Neil holds her prize valued at \$498



From Mooloolaba to Gippsland ... A Shagger's Experience at d'Albora GCCM

Sometimes everything just falls into place!

Grant and Kellie had recently purchased a beautiful Alaska 46 Flybridge in Mooloolaba when they attended the SICYC Rendezvous and Prostate Cancer fundraiser. Kellie successfully bid on a generous \$5,000 lift and hardstand voucher donated by d'Albora Gold Coast City Marina (GCCM), providing the perfect opportunity to prepare their new vessel for the journey south to Victoria's Gippsland Lakes.

The couple wanted their boat in top condition before setting off and were delighted with the support they received from the GCCM team.

"Natalie at reception has just been an absolute rock star. She coordinated all the trades for us," Grant said.

Marine Solutions Australia completed an engine service and replaced the cutlass bearings, while Harbour Force Marine Services carried out the antifouling and cut and polish.

Being unfamiliar with local trades, Grant and Kellie particularly appreciated the coordination and professionalism of everyone involved. "Everyone's coordinated together, and the job has been a lot of work, but no stress to us. We definitely appreciate all the effort that everyone's put in,"



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Grant said.

With preparations nearing completion, the couple planned to cruise south at around nine knots, allowing a week and a half for the journey, weather permitting. If conditions turned unpleasant, they would take shelter at one of d'Albora's NSW marinas and wait for a suitable weather window.

Grant is already planning a return visit to GCCM in a few years, joking that they'll be back for "another bum scrubbing and a little bit of love!"

The couple also expressed their appreciation for GCCM's continued

support of SICYC and its fundraising efforts.

"On behalf of all the Shaggers too, it's a great thing that you guys donate and support. A lot of people really appreciate it. Thank you for putting a little bit back into the community for a good cause," Grant said.

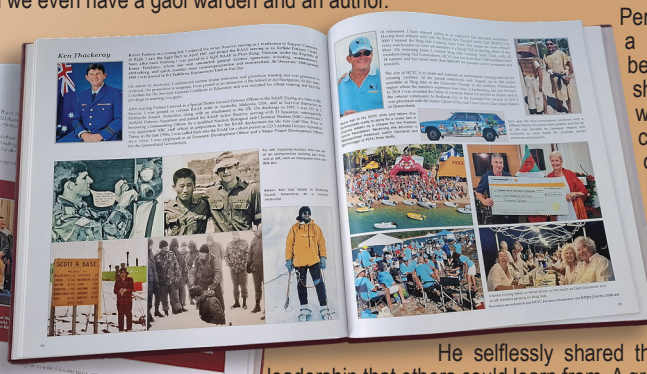
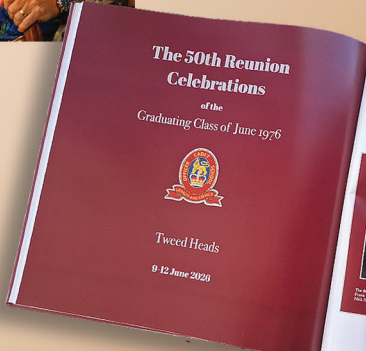
SICYC thanks d'Albora GCCM for its ongoing support of the club and its charitable fundraising. We wish Grant and Kellie fair winds and safe travels on their journey south and look forward to seeing them at a future Shaggers' Rendezvous.

ACOLADES to our Founder, honored in a recent publication by the Portsea Officer Cadet School - Graduating Class of June 1976 Reunion Magazine

A key measure of success in the training and development delivered at Portsea is in the ongoing contribution of our graduates once they leave the service. The post service achievements of our graduates are significant and diverse. There are occupations ranging from senior executives, project management across numerous programs, senior public servants serving a variety of departments including the police, mining engineers, board directors and chairs, business owners in fields such as telecommunications, tourism, wine, finance and technology, and we even have a gaol warden and an author.

Perhaps one graduate deserves a special mention, not only because of his willingness to share his significant experience with classmates during the course, but also because of the unique way that he has founded a charity. Ken Thackeray was the sole RAAF cadet on the course, and he had eight years' experience in airfield defence, including defensive operations in Vietnam.

He selflessly shared that experience and exhibited leadership that others could learn from. A great example of leadership post service came when he had been refused entry in the Royal New Zealand Yacht Club. He founded the ShagIslet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC), where members have reciprocal rights to other yacht clubs.



The SICYC club now has 8000 members from 18 nations and has raised over \$800,000 for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Research.

Well done Ken!

SICYC letter to the Health Minister: PCFA Specialist Nurses

How to use this template

This letter is ready for Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club Inc (SICYC) to send to the Federal Health Minister on club letterhead, signed by the National President.

Members can also adapt it to send in their own name.

- Fill the square brackets with the date, signatory details and, if the club wishes, a short member story.
- Personal stories carry the most weight. A few sentences in the member's own words about a Specialist Nurse is more persuasive than any statistic. Share only what the person is comfortable having on the record.
- Copy in the local Federal Member, and Senators for the state, so the issue is raised in Parliament as well as with the Minister.
- Send by email to the Minister's office via minister.butler@health.gov.au and also to local MPs and Senators using this list: https://www.aph.gov.au/senators_and_members.
- Add your voice online at www.pcfa.org.au/dayofaction.

[Date]

The Hon Mark Butler MP

Minister for Health and Ageing

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Cc: [Name of local Federal Member], Member for [Electorate]

Please keep specialist prostate cancer nurses for Australian men and their families.

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the members of Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club Inc (SICYC), a club whose members raise funds for Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) while enjoying time on the water together. We ask you to reverse the decision to end Commonwealth funding for PCFA's Prostate Cancer Specialist Nursing Service from 30 June 2027.

This issue is personal for our club. Many of our members are at risk of prostate cancer, are living with it at various stages, or are caring for someone who is. Our members and their families know first-hand what a PCFA Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse means. When a man is looking for answers, the nurse is the person who explains his results and options. When he needs someone to talk to, the nurse is there. When his partner and family are worried, the nurse supports them too. [Optional: add a short story from a member or their family, in their own words, about the difference a PCFA Specialist Nurse has made. For example: "When I was diagnosed in [year], my PCFA Specialist Nurse ..."]

Prostate cancer is a very complex disease. Its treatments and their long-term effects, including incontinence, erectile dysfunction and the effects of hormone therapy, are things many men find very hard to talk about. They need a nurse who knows this disease well, and who they can come back to over many years. That depth of knowledge and that relationship of trust cannot simply be handed to a new, all-cancer model. Men in regional and rural communities, where specialist services are already few and far between, stand to lose the most.

We were also disappointed to learn that the decision was made without consulting the men, families, nurses and health services who rely on this Service. Clubs like ours have helped build it through years of community fundraising. We believe the people it serves deserved to be heard before it was changed.

We call on you to consult men with prostate cancer, their families, PCFA Specialist Nurses, PCFA and host health services before any further action is taken and guarantee that no man currently in the care of a PCFA Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse will lose that support.

Our members respectfully ask that you continue funding PCFA's Prostate Cancer Specialist Nursing Service from 1 July 2027 to 30 June 2032, so that men keep access to dedicated, prostate cancer-specific nursing care.

We support good cancer care for every Australian. Our request is simply that men with prostate cancer, and the families who stand beside them, do not lose a specialist service that works.

We would be grateful for a personal reply setting out what you will do to keep this care in place for men and families in our community.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Danny Davidson

National President

Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club Inc

[Email address] | [Phone number]

On behalf of the members of SICYC Inc

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS WANTED

SICYC is actively seeking enthusiastic members to become Regional Coordinators in their local area.

These gatherings are a fantastic way to Welcome new members, strengthen community spirit, and share a few laughs over good food and company.

If you're keen to help build connections in your region, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Juliana: admin@sicyc.com.au Danny: communications@sicyc.com.au

Explore the NEW merchandise on display 'SALTY'S LOCKER' at Rendezvous 2026



Replacement Member
Shirt \$45.00



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SNEAK PREVIEW TO RENDEZVOUS 2027!

...The Theme...

' ROARING TWENTIES

The Name: '
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Vice Commodore
Burgee \$42.00



Limited Edition

\$45

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MEMORIES

DON'T MISS OUT IN 2027

We're announcing the early sale of merchandise for 2027 due to disappointment of some members not being able to obtain shirts in time for the Rendezvous last year!

PRE-ORDER YOUR SIZES AND QUANTITIES NOW!

SALTY'S LOCKER: <https://sicyc.com.au/saltys-merch-shop/>



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The Power of Our Sponsorships

Our amazing sponsors play a crucial role in supporting our mission. They provide generous discounts and exclusive deals that are rarely found in other yacht clubs. These valuable partnerships are designed to meet the unique needs and lifestyles of our members—active and passionate cruisers who love life on the water. Through our extensive network, we also offer our sponsors exceptional visibility within the vibrant nautical community. It's a win-win for everyone involved! Whether you're a seasoned cruiser or an occasional sailor, SICYC is more than just a yacht club—it's a welcoming home for those who cherish exploring, sharing experiences, and embracing life on the open seas.

Come join us as we grow this dynamic, global community and celebrate the spirit of adventure together!



6 day Charter on SV Lawless Sailing Catamaran, Lagoon 42,4 cabins,4 Ensuites, Generator, SMEG appliances, Ice maker and water maker. Normally Priced at \$13,620. The recipient will be responsible to pay for fuel and Great Barrier Reef Parks Fee.



10% off for "Vice Commodores" up to 5 days



{ \$5,000 Yacht Charter }



• SICYC Members enjoy a 10% discount off marina berth fees for first 7 days, OR... 10% Discount on the daily hardstand rate when staying 7 days or more in our hardstand facility. **Please note:** Only one offer is available per vessel per stay, and guests must notify the marina of their chosen offer at the time of booking. Additionally, all marina berth guests receive a \$0.11 per litre fuel discount as a thank you for choosing to stay with us.



Supporting Blanc sur Blanc and Theme Night



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