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**Carissa & Rob Bridge sailing 'She Waits For No Man' in the 2012 Jason Brewer Memorial at Brisbane Sailing Squadron**

**March 2012**

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## Quite a Fleet for Jason's Race

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at Brisbane Sailing Squadron, fifteen 125's took to the water to compete in the Jason Brewer Memorial Race. At the request of



Doug Brewer, who has been passionately involved with promoting the class for a long time, many of these boats were sailed by a junior sailor from the club, along with an experienced crew-member. Also, some stalwarts of the class made an appearance for the day, and a couple of 16ft skiff sailors even made a cameo appearance as skippers for the race.

The weather definitely made it challenging with 20 knots winds! Many of the junior sailors had never had the opportunity to sail a 125 before so there were a few nerves before the race. However, once on the water the junior sailors found out just how

much fun and how much of a challenge a 125 can be, especially in a blow. There was some stiff competition - with all of the junior sailors used to racing one another it was on for young & old. First place on scratch went to 'Shake n Bake' skippered by young 29er sailor Lachie Robba who made a cameo appearance with his brother Tim. Second place on scratch went to Chris & Bronwyn Anderson in 'Animated Paradox'. Third place was notably taken out by a junior sailor (who also won third place on handicap) Fraser Smith, who sailed with John Anderson in 'Accelerando'. The top handicap placings were all taken out by junior sailors, which is a big achievement and a great testament to their skills & the training provided by the BSS Squids Program. First on handicap was 'Apollo', which was skippered by Lily Geck & crewed by her father Steve. Lily is a junior sailor who is relatively new to 125 sailing but is already showing some huge potential. Only a matter of seconds behind Lily was 'She Waits for No Man' skippered by young sailor Carissa Bridge & crewed by her father Rob. Fraser, who also won third place on scratch, gave the two girls a run for their money and managed to win third place on handicap. A notable mention goes to the boys who came fourth on handicap in the club 125 'Red Sail'. These two boys are both former sabot sailors who have only been sailing 125's for approximately half a season. Very well sailed boys!

Overall a great day was had by all, and there were many smiles to be seen on the faces of the junior sailors back on shore after the race. Hopefully we will be able to do this again to give more junior sailors the opportunity to sail a 125. For full results please see the 'Results' tab on the BSS website



(<http://www.bss.yachting.org.au/>). On behalf of the 125 Association I would like to thank everyone who donated their boats for the race, and everyone who made the effort to get fifteen boats on the water! Great sailing everyone!

## **Gearing up for the State Championships**

This year the 2012 Queensland 125 Championships will be held (as always) at Maryborough Sailing Club in Hervey Bay over the Easter long weekend. Every year the club runs a fantastic event that keeps the sailors coming back – no-one ever wants to even suggest having the States anywhere else! It is a fantastic venue with great sailing conditions and everyone always has a really good time.

Every year the 125 Association runs two divisions at the State Championships. B Fleet is known as the Family Division and is, in my opinion, the most important division at the Championships. B Fleet is an opportunity for people who are new to the class or less experienced to compete in the championships. Boats in B Fleet can sail with three crew members if they wish, swap crews/skippers throughout the championship, and they do not have to use a spinnaker (but can try it out if they wish) and the handicaps are worked out accordingly. This is a great opportunity for new crews to sail their boat in a large regatta. Also, because the B Fleet boats are on the same course as the A Fleet boats, this gives them an opportunity to observe how the more experienced crews are sailing their boats. All of the crews competing in A Fleet are always willing to help the B Fleet boats, both on and off the water. In

previous years the competitors in B Fleet have all had a fabulous time and learnt a lot, and no doubt it will be the same this year.

For more information on the State Championships please visit <http://www.125assoc.com/> See you all in Hervey Bay!

## **Club Happenings**

Dean Steinback is now sailing regularly out of Darling Point Sailing Squadron in his 125 'Limited Edition'. It is great to see the yellow boat back on the water!

Recently at Brisbane Sailing Squadron, Doug Brewer & John Anderson have split up to give some young sailors a chance to race 125's. Over the past couple of weeks both Doug & John have crewed for junior sailor Nicole Carter who is already showing a great deal of potential in 125's. Nicole seems to be enjoying sailing the boats & it's great to have new talent coming into the class! Also, Doug has sailed with the grandson of BSS Starter Noel Manahan in a couple of BSS races. This young man has not done a great deal of sailing but is very enthusiastic and keen to learn and is rapidly improving, so much so that he & Doug won the Betty Bliss Trophy for yardstick racing on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 at BSS!

There is also some interest in 125s from people coming out of the BSS Learn to Sail course. Hopefully the club 125 'Red Sail' will be able to be utilised to harness this interest & give some new people a chance to become involved with 125 sailing.

After the overwhelming success of Jason's race and the enthusiasm shown by the junior sailors at BSS, the Queensland Association is planning to organise another day where Sabot sailors are given the opportunity to crew or skipper a race in a 125. We will keep you posted on when this is to occur.

## **Classifieds**

Looking for a versatile sailing dinghy to give you years of family fun from teaching the kids to sail to watching them leave you behind?

Log on to our web site <http://125assoc.com> and browse the advertisements.

Also, if you have a boat that you are no longer using, please consider passing it on to the next group of keen young sailors coming into the class.

There are always boats changing hands, recently 3161 'Imagine' has been purchased by Steve Geck to be sailed by his daughter Lily and her friend Xanthe Walker. Also, Scott Walker has purchased 'Pizzicato' to be sailed by Xanthe's brother Elijah, who previously sailed the club 125 'Red Sail'. The parents of a Lourdes Hill College student have also recently purchased 'Peer Pressure'. It's great to see these boats out on the water and being enjoyed by the next group of 125 sailors!

Grant Steinback (President of the QLD 125 Association) is always willing to answer any questions about boats that are for sale, boat set-up, rigging etc – please feel free to email him: [gnsteinback@gmail.com](mailto:gnsteinback@gmail.com) for any information about the class.

The events run by the Queensland 125 Association throughout the year (including State Championships & South-East Queensland Championships) are open to all 125 sailors, regardless of their level of experience. If you are new to the class, please feel free to come to any event you wish – you will be made to feel welcome & there will be plenty of people available to give you a helping hand.

The next edition of the QLD 125er will be released after the States, and will have a write-up on the Championships.

Fair winds & following seas!

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