

## Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

The 62 Annual Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race will kick off on Friday 2 April, 2010.

The 308 nautical mile race will begin in Shorncliffe, Moreton Bay and finishes in the Gladstone Harbour on Saturday 3 April or Sunday 4 April, depending on weather conditions.

Over 50 monohull yachts line up each year for the internationally recognised event, including many of the Sydney to Hobart contenders and plenty of famous Australian yachts.

Spinnaker Park provides a great vantage point to view the yachts crossing the finish line.

The race is conducted by the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club. For more information, head to: [www.qcyc.com.au](http://www.qcyc.com.au).

A record was set in 2004 by the Grant Wharington skippered 30 metre super maxi Skandia Wild Thing, crossing the finish line at 20 hours, 24 minutes and 50 seconds.

***Yacht to Watch:** The 2009 winner Black Jack has entered this year's race to defend her title. The 19 metre super fast sloop will again try to take out the Courier Mail Cup. Spirit of the Maid has also been named as a top contender for the title.*



## New Schedule of Rates for Marina Users

Marina users must be aware that a new pricing schedule will come into effect on 1 April 2010.

The schedule of rates includes marina and smallcraft charges, mono-hull and multi-hull berth charges, commercial vessel berth and swing mooring charges.

The schedule of rates can be obtained by visiting the GPC website [www.gpcl.com.au](http://www.gpcl.com.au) and clicking on the Gladstone Marina link. Alternatively, a copy of the schedule of rates can be obtained from the Marina office.

## GPC Family Fun Night

Kung Fu Panda and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are just some of the colourful characters who will entertain the crowd at GPC's Family Fun Night on Thursday, 1 April 2010.

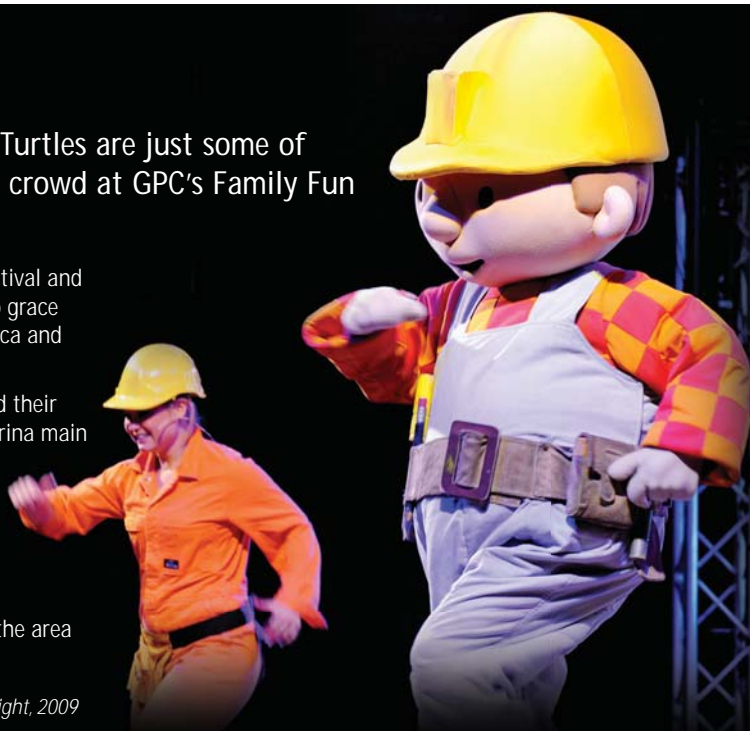
The Family Fun Night is part of the annual Gladstone Harbour Festival and is a great night of family entertainment. Other exciting guests to grace the stage include the characters from Madagascar: Escape to Africa and GPC's very own Curtis the Turtle.

The Family Fun Night is a festival favourite for young children and their families. The entertainment will commence at 6:30pm at the Marina main stage, located at the southern entrance of the Marina.

The Gladstone Harbour Festival is held at the Marina Parklands from Sunday, 28 March to Sunday, 4 April. The annual event attracts over 70,000 people and is a jam packed week of entertainment.

Marina users need to be aware that traffic will increase through the area during this time.

*RIGHT: Bob the Builder and his helper entertain the crowd, GPC Family Fun Night, 2009*



## Why don't you ...

Take a walk through GPC's beautiful Spinnaker Park, located parallel to the Gladstone Marina.

With 2.5 kilometres of walking tracks, the park features a beached cove for swimming, barbeque and picnic shelters, public amenities and native wetlands and ponds.

## Rob Recommends ...

This month our Marina Superintendent Rob Mitchell recommends ...

For those wondering what to do on those windy weekends when boating is less than desirable I recommend a visit to Awoonga Dam. The dam is at its highest levels since the dam wall was raised in 2002, the vast expanse of water that has resulted is truly an impressive sight to behold.

There are wood fired barbecues (one of the few places left that the smell of an open fire can be enjoyed) situated throughout various parkland areas available for public access.

Awoonga Dam is only 30 minutes travel by car South of Gladstone and offers an enjoyable day out for all away from the wind onboard.

## Port Tours Recommence

Gain a unique insight into the Port of Gladstone with GAPDL's Industry Tours.

The free weekly tours recommence in March and will run every Tuesday from 10am to 11:30am for visitors and residents of the Gladstone region.

The tours provide an in-depth view of the facilities and daily operations of RG Tanna Coal Terminal as well as taking in the Gladstone

Marina, Spinnaker Park, Auckland Point and Barney Point Coal Terminals.

Visitors also learn about the history of the Port of Gladstone, including the beginnings of port trade and activities in Auckland Creek and Auckland Point.

*To join a tour, please contact GAPDL by phoning (07) 4972 9000 or visit the Gladstone Visitor Information Centre located at the Marina.*

*ABOVE: GPC's Benita Paterson gives a helping hand.*



## Marina Client Toilet Refurbishment

The Marina's client amenities will receive a major facelift in April, 2010.

Commencing after the Easter period this year we will be starting a major refurbishment of both the female and male toilets. Works will include the complete replacement of all floor tiles with seamless flooring, floor to ceiling tiles, replacement of all toilet cubicles, vanity basins and surrounds.

The refurbishment is expected to take approximately eight weeks, during this time temporary toilet blocks will be installed between the roadway and the existing amenities.

## TALES FROM THE SEA

We'd love to hear about the adventures you, our Marina users, undertake throughout your travels. Email your stories and photos to Rob Mitchell at [mitchellr@gpcl.com.au](mailto:mitchellr@gpcl.com.au) as we'd love to share them with other visitors to the Marina.



# E&F Row Major Refurbishment

E&F Row berths will undergo a major refurbishment in April 2010.

The refurbishment will replace some 36 individual pontoon sections, complete replacement of all timber whaler boards, fender strips, all mooring cleats, pontoon through bolts and an upgrade of all electrical wiring.

During this project all vessels in this area will be required to move for an estimated period of eight weeks.

Works are scheduled to begin in the last half of the month of April.

We thank our customers moored on these berths for their cooperation and patience during this period of inconvenience.

## GPC's FREE Sunday Sessions at the Marina

Sunday Sessions at the Marina from 12pm – 3pm  
Near the playground area adjacent to the Marina's main stage

A free monthly entertainment program provided by the Gladstone Ports Corporation, offering community members and visitors an opportunity to sample live performances in the beautiful surrounds of Gladstone's favourite recreational parklands – the Marina. Bring along a picnic lunch, sit back and relax and enjoy an afternoon of music and great atmosphere.

**April 18**

### Sundance Duo

A local duo with a variety of acoustic tunes, covering current hits and the favourites from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

**May 30**

### Round Midnight

A local sax and trumpet duo, performing a wide range of popular music including blues, soul, jazz, funk and rock.

**June 27**

### Steve Jay

A local musician with an array of tunes to satisfy music lovers of all ages.

**July 25**

### Smiles

A dynamic soloist playing all the hits from the 60's to now. Gets the party started and keeps you smiling.

**August 29**

### The Bushmill Band

A Rocky-based band with a blend of Australian bush ballads, bush dancing, Irish music and rock and roll, featuring rhythm and bass guitars, fiddle, bodhran, tambourine, lagerphone and drums.

**September 26**

### JAG

A group of local musicians who are sure to jazz up your mood with their funky repertoire covering some of the best jazz tunes ever created.

*Hey Kids!*

... be sure to keep a look out for GPC's mascot Curtis the Turtle at the Sunday Sessions too! Curtis will drop in to say hello and hand out lots of goodies!

For further information please contact GPC's Communications team on 4976 1625 or visit our website – [www.gpcl.com.au](http://www.gpcl.com.au). Just click on What's on at the Marina Parklands, found under Quick Links on the homepage.



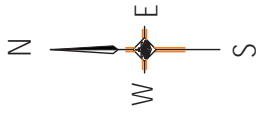
## Marina Directory

- Gladstone Marina Service Providers.
- Complete Angler - Bait and tackle supplies, marine charts and ice.
- Central Queensland Petroleum – fuel and lubrication needs.
- Gladstone Marine Centre – Chandlery, dry boat storage, slipping cradle.
- Gladstone MIPEC Slipway – travel lift, slipway and chandlery.
- Ensign Ship Brokers – vessel sales new and used.



**Gladstone Marine Centre**  
Nautical miles ahead

# Gladstone Marina Map



**Gladstone Marina**

*Growth, Prosperity, Community.*

We value your feedback and input to improving this newsletter. Please contact the Gladstone Marina Office with your suggestions or comments.

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