



## Presidents Message

January 2010

Welcome all to a new year and a new decade, I hope your Christmas break was relaxing and all of you and your families made it through the festive season well and with a positive outlook ahead.

We finished off last decade with something relatively new for many of us, hopefully the sign of an adventurous and exciting new decade to come, a club meet at Lake Wivenhoe. Seven boats including a guest made the trek west and we treated to calm but glorious conditions for our sail down the reservoir. The fresh water was a welcome change, not only to the taste buds but the mechanical equipment so often subjected to the corrosive ways of salt. For those who were unable to attend, take plenty of repellent for the resident swarms of mosquitoes at the next Wivenhoe sail programmed for 2010.

The Australia Day weekend to Blakesleys was well attended including Infinity, known better as the TSCQ Mother Ship. The still conditions were testing on Saturday and the return on Sunday. I took Masmerised to Tangalooma for some snorkeling and sand boarding and returned on Tuesday.

Finally, the TSCQ Regatta (Moreton Bay Sailing Classic) is on again for the 43rd time this February 21 and 22. We have enjoyed great success with our Regatta over the years attracting around 40-50 boats in several categories including Multihulls. The success is due in part to the magnificent trophies up for grabs and facilities that await the fleet at Scarborough Marina; hot showers, hot meals and very cold beverages make for a memorable Saturday night. Lindsay has sent out various emails requesting assistance in organizing the event so please lend a hand if you or someone you know is available.

And don't forget to get your entry in.

Stay safe on the water.

Steven Lock  
'Masmerised'

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## Wivenhoe Dam Experience – Steve Lambert

### Saturday

A quick phone call during the week from the club Pres. informed me how good the sailing would be for the coming weekend at Wivenhoe Dam. An added bonus was that he was taking a few kayaks with him so I decided to dust off my own kayak and join them for a paddle. As I no longer owned a trailer-sailer the kayak was looking like a good alternative.

I arrived a bit early on Saturday morning and while the sailors were sorting themselves out with 'ranger Smith' and rigging up their craft I slipped "Kobblers" and myself into water to wash off the dust (kayak) and morning's perspiration (self). After a few tentative minutes of paddling out from the boat ramp and onto the lake proper I warmed to the effort and plowed into the head-wind, ever hopeful with my sail up wishing that once I turned more east and then south I'd get a favourable wind to take me down to the 'Platypus Cliffs'. Rule #1 when paddling in rivers and the like; the wind is always on the nose or at the other end, so I ended up throwing caution to the wind and giving myself a good workout and slogged my way down to the cliffs for a swim and a cool down. Luckily the sail back was what I'd hoped for and the wind didn't mysteriously turn around nose on again. End result; half the time and a quarter of the effort on the return leg.

After some much needed sustenance and a cooling swim I went for a reconnaissance sail on "Masmerised" .....mmmmmmmm!! suddenly I missed "Jenny Kay" (sold some months earlier). The wind noticeably had picked up later in the day making for some fun for those on the water. "Evergreen" & "Farrside" seemed to be getting well acquainted with the northern shore and main river channel, others were content to tack back and forth nearer the campground.

Some erected tents on shore while others slept on-board, but all enjoyed some well cooked barbies and refreshments to shake off the weekly grind.

### Sunday

More boats were arriving as we finished breakfast and decided on crews and tactics. The fleet had swollen somewhat from the previous day. "Evergreen" & "Masmerised" set out for a sail up the western arm so I paddled along beside them and enjoyed the still morning until it was time to head back and get serious about sailing.

By now we had eight boats ready to rumble, the start was put back half an hour to allow everyone to get underway and out to the nominated starting 'weather pontoon'. By now I was aboard "Evergreen" and learning about a 'follow the leader' start. Marty lined everyone up and when he was happy gave the start signal. Several boats got a good break away from the others and became clear leaders in the very light conditions. "UFO", "Masmerised" and "Evergreen" tussled all the way across to the 1<sup>st</sup> mark with "Farrside", "Kokomo", "Waimana" & "OJ" not too far behind. Marty stuck with the eastern shoreline and followed up into the old river channel (33 metres deep) whilst the rest of the fleet made more a 'bee-line' for the finish. For a while we were only feet from shore but in plenty of depth until a small wind-shift had us tacking along the northern shore into some really fickle wind-shifts which had us tacking with monotonous regularity. The field was neck-a-neck again until we got a late surge and raced towards the finish line at over 5 knots, the others were quickly completing their race as well. That last ten minutes more than made up for the few hours of almost drifting along.

Dare I mention poor Lindsay whose arms grew by six inches from three hours of battling his wind-surfer around the course in the light conditions. I'm sure he was fairly dehydrated and exhausted from his efforts but had a great time all the same.

My apologies for not remembering the names of the other two boats who joined us; one from Toowoomba and the newly acquired Timpanny, who acquitted themselves very well for 'newbies'.

Thanks go to Ken and his crew from Waimana for looking after me on Saturday evening and to Marty for having me aboard for a lesson in cunning and 'secret' sailor business.





## WIVENHOE WEEKEND - Russell "FARRSIDE"

The Wivenhoe dam weekend was the last club sail for the year and proved popular judging by the number of boats and camp sites on the Saturday night. The predicted wind, though forecast as zero, freshened to a lively club race with eight boats one beach catamaran and one windsurfer competing. The fresh water was a change from the salt and post race dragging of crew behind the boats was popular. This event appears to now be a permanent fixture in our annual calendar.

To all clubbies, "May the winds stay within your comfort zone, be safe, and see you on the water in 2010."

## VICTORIA POINT RACE



## BLAKESLY'S WEEKEND

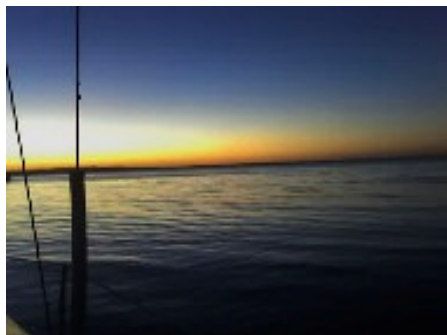
Kokomo's start was delayed by rigging problems- well done Steve Lambert!!!



The fleet sailed over to Blakesly's



Night fell at Blakesly's .....



.....whilst others enjoyed Horseshoe Bay



### Regatta Report

The plans for the Regatta are well in place with now numerous, last minute items to complete. To most, it will be pretty much the same as previous years, last years problems seem to have MBBC now trained and accepting of our requirements.

One change is we will not have Race Numbers displayed on the boats. Time, resources and the fact that I've not had a problem identifying boats in past years mean it is just an added task we really don't need. Numbers will still be allocated & used just none displayed.

Meal wise we were looking to go up the road somewhere after they were wanting it booked in as a function and fully paid for 1 week prior, but we now have the choice of either a BBQ Buffet on the deck or ordering from the Menu A-La-Cart.

The mugs have been ordered, we are just waiting to see if there are sufficient entries to justify Class mugs for both Timpenny 670's & Corsair/Farrier F24s.

I already have many helpers offering but could still use help with:

Presentation Setup – this is the hardest as most will be either sailing or packing up so non-sailing partners would be handy here.

Presentation Pack-up – I know many do pitch in at the end but it would be comforting to know there will be helping hands.

Any new helpers please advise at [regatta@tscq.org.au](mailto:regatta@tscq.org.au)

Now we just cross our fingers for the weather Gods to be good to us again!

Thanks

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### Calendar – January 2010

31/01 Combined race (1) – Manly

### Calendar – February 2010

20/02 TSCQ Regatta Manly-  
Scarborough  
21/02 TSCQ Regatta Scarborough-  
Manly  
23/02 Meeting 16' Skiff Club

### Calendar – March 2010

7/03 Club Race Raby Bay  
13/03 TSCQ Regatta (fallback) Manly-  
Scarborough  
14/03 TSCQ Regatta (fallback)  
Scarborough-Manly  
21/03 Combined Race (2) Manly  
23/03 Meeting 16' Skiff Club