

Sail Paradise - Gold Coast

January 10-15, 2011 ~ Southport Yacht Club



Sail Paradise sponsors come onboard

Sail Paradise - Gold Coast, Southport Yacht Club's 'high summer' series scheduled for next January, has received a boost with two significant sponsors declaring their support for the regatta.

In recognition of the long-term benefits this six-day event promises the region, both Gold Coast City Council and Gold Coast Tourism have signed-up as sponsors. Both organisations were part of the inaugural event last year.

Sail Paradise is seen as the summer fun regatta option for east coast sailors who want to enjoy good competition early in the New Year.

Racing is scheduled for January 10 to 15. The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club's 30th anniversary Pittwater to Coffs Harbour race (January 2), and the Coffs to Paradise race (January 7) will act as feeders from the south.

Sail Paradise is special in many ways: it's a regatta where sailors experience outstanding racing along the magnificent shoreline while their families and friends can enjoy all the exceptional holiday attributes the Gold Coast has to offer - like the famous beaches, the Broadwater and hinterland, plus the numerous world-class theme parks.

'This can become one of the biggest regattas in Australia,' said Peter Harburg, owner of the Reichel-Pugh 65, Black Jack, at the completion of the inaugural Sail Paradise. 'We are out there sailing on a beautiful, clear blue ocean while looking at majestic beaches and stunning scenery through to the hinterland. It's paradise.'

Harburg's sailing master, well-known America's Cup yachtsman and sailmaker, Mark 'Squark' Bradford, endorsed his owner's sentiments: 'Sail Paradise has all the attributes needed to make it a truly great regatta.'

There will be divisions for a wide range of sailboats next January - from catering Grand Prix level offshore to cruising and sportboats, plus multihulls. The RL24 class will be staging its Australian Championship as part of the regatta.

Already organisers are tipping that the fleet will double in size in 2011.

The Notice of Race will be published shortly on the regatta website: www.sailparadise.com.au

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Photo Captions:

Sailing scene: Sail Paradise will be staged by Southport Yacht Club along the surfline of the Gold Coast's magnificent beaches.

Perfect start: Southport Yacht Club's Sail Paradise - Gold Coast promises excellent action on the water and a fun après racing atmosphere.

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