

KEPPEL BAY SAILING CLUB



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THE CLUB

The Keppel Bay Sailing Club in Yeppoon, Central Queensland, is committed to the promotion and development of the sport of sailing and as a result, is honored to host state, national and international regattas on a regular basis.

The Club has proven its ability to run major regattas by successfully hosting many significant sailing events such as:

- 2000 World and National Catamaran Championships (70 boats)
- 2007 F18 Worlds (80 boats)
- 2007 Arrow Nationals (30 boats)
- 2008/09 Hobie Nationals (60 boats, spread across 3 fleets)
- 2011/12 Cherub Nationals (20 boats)
- 2014 Moth Nationals (40 boats)
- 2014/15 Impulse Nationals (33 boats)
- 2016 ILCA State Titles (65 boats)
- 2017/18 National Sharpie Championships (25 boats)
- 2019 Youth Sail QLD (152 Boats)
- 2019/20 Arrow and Cobra National Championships (36 Boats)
- 2020 Youth Sail QLD (160 Boats)
- 2021 Youth Sail QLD (193 Boats)
- 2022 Youth Sail QLD (212 Boats)
- 2023 Zhik Youth Sail QLD (213 Boats)
- 2024 Arrow State Titles (12 Arrows, combined with KBSC MayDay Regatta 25 Boats total)
- 2024 QLD Sharpie State Titles (7 Sharpies, combined with KBSC MayDay Regatta 25 Boats total)
- 2024 Zhik Youth Sail QLD (260 Boats)
- 2024/25 Australian Sharpie National Championships (30 boats)
- 2025 Queensland ILCA State Titles (anticipating 100 boats)

Additionally, KBSC has hosted Youth Sail QLD annually since 2006 which sees over 200 boats and over 250 youth sailors from all over Australia join in a week of high-performance coaching and racing. Due to the size of YSQ we run 4 different courses, within our race area, all supervised by the KBSC Race official team. In conjunction with the 4 courses being held in front of the clubhouse, KBSC also runs 2 course areas at an alternative venue, the Causeway Lake for Green Fleet at the same time.

The Keppel Bay Sailing Club Race Official team has assisted with numerous other State and National Regattas across the Country, particularly within Queensland. Our Race Official Team assisted with hosting the A-Class worlds at Hervey Bay Sailing Club in 2018, the fleet size was 70 boats.



ORGANISATION PERSONNEL

The Keppel Bay Sailing Club's Race Management Team is well trained, highly qualified and very experienced. Currently we have fifteen (15) volunteers qualified in Race Management across National, State and Club Level.

- Conrad Byrt (Sailing Manager) - Conrad has experience in both managing and competing in major regattas.
- Sophie Baynton (Sailing Administrator) – Sophie has experience in organising and assisting Conrad in managing regattas.
- Paul Effeney (Local PRO), Carole Gifford (Local PRO) and Daryl Skinner (Local PRO): Our local PRO's have had over 30 years' experience in running regattas, from local regattas to world events. The Keppel Bay Sailing Club Race Official team has assisted with numerous other State and National Regattas across the Country, particularly held in Queensland.
 - Paul Effeney will be 2IC for the International PRO
 - Carole Gifford and Daryl Skinner CRO or lead mark laying
- Mal Cochrane (KBSC General Manager) – Mal has over 20 years' experience in major sporting organisations, organizing and running of major events.
- Sandra Byrt (KBSC Commodore) – Sandra has been serving on the KBSC Board of Directors for 11 years and 3 years as KBSC Commodore.
- Wayne Newton (KBSC Vice Commodore) – Wayne has been apart of the KBSC Sailing Committee for approximately 6 years and was recently elected the Vice Commodore role for 2024/25.

Australia in particular Queensland has a surplus of race officials, jurors and volunteers.



LOCAL CLUBS

Keppel Bay Sailing Club will be working with other organisations to assist with hosting the 2032 Olympics. KBSC plans to work alongside the following clubs:

- Capricorn Cruising Yacht Club (CCYC) – Supplying rescue boats and marks & volunteers. CCYC will also provide space to store RIB's during the championships.
- Port Curtis Sailing Club – Supplying rescue boats and marks & volunteers.
- Other Clubs and Associations from across Queensland – Support with rescue boats, volunteers and resources.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Keppel Bay Sailing Club is situated within Keppel Bay. The Local Creek to the south of the club provides tidal influence across the bay. On an outgoing tide the current flows southerly, and on an incoming tide the current flows from the north. Within the racecourse there is minimal tidal influence across the course.

During a king tide the tidal range span, from 0.1m at low tide to 5m at high tide. The tidal range for a neap tide ranges from approximately 3.4m at high tide to approximately 2.1m at low tide.

Based on the Tropic of Capricorn, the sub-tropical climate provides consistent, stable weather with an average annual minimum temperature for winter is 5.1C degree and for summer the minimum is 21.1C degree. The maximum average temperature for summer is 27C degree and the winter maximum average temperature is 18.4C degree's according to Bureau of Meteorology statistics. The below data is the averaged weather conditions for Yeppoon in 2024.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mean Max Temperature (°C)	28.4	27.6	24.9	23.3	20.4	18.7	18.2	18.4	21.9	23.9	25.6	26.3
Mean Min Temperature (°C)	21.3	22.4	21.5	13.0	9.7	5.5	5.1	10.0	12.5	14.8	19.6	19.6

The below data is the mean 9am and 3pm wind speed for Yeppoon in 2024. Due to warmer weather the seabreezes tend to build in the summer months (Nov-Feb) as they tend to be either Northly or South Easterly breezes. Winter months (Jun-Aug) tend to be either Westerly or Easterly breezes.

2024 Mean wind speed (km/h)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mean 9am Wind Speed (km/h)	17	16	19	15	16	11	13	12	16	17	17	16
Mean 3pm Wind Speed (km/h)	22	21	22	17	17	10	14	16	21	25	25	23

See the Appendix 1 - Wind Roses for more information.



There are Drumlines located along the coast and in front of the clubhouse, which sailors will need to sail past to reach the race area.



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CATERING

KBSC operates 4 licensed venues:

- The Clubhouse is located right on Yeppoon's Main Beach so patrons can enjoy fantastic views of Keppel Bay and the islands, while they relax in modern, air-conditioned facilities. All sailing activities take place at the Clubhouse. It has toilets, hot showers and many function rooms that can be used for events, briefings and meetings. It also boasts a restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining areas. The Clubhouse is open every day from 11am, serving meals from Monday – Sunday!
 - Just off the sailor's area there is a Café and Bar, known as the Sail Inn Café & Bar, which will have light snacks and drinks available to purchase also.
- The Spinnaker is blessed with a perfect location on the Yeppoon esplanade overlooking the Keppel Bay. Right across the road from the beach, it features inside dining in the bistro, outside dining on the foredeck, kid's playground, big screen TV, nightly specials, Keno and an extensive gaming lounge. This is Yeppoon's "club for everyone"!

Our highly qualified chefs are experienced in catering to large groups and for any social events during your regatta we have numerous options available for catering and locations.

Sailors will be given competitor cards which will provide them a 10% discount at all KBSC owned venues, to purchase meals and drinks with.

The esplanade has a range of local businesses within walking distance to the event. There are local Fish and Chip shops, cafes, ice creameries, grocery shops and local restaurants all within walking distance of the Keppel Bay Sailing Club. See Appendix 2 – Distances from KBSC for more information.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC

Spectators can watch sailing from anywhere along the main beach foreshore. Spectators will have full access to the rigging lawns. There are plenty of vantage points along the coast to which sailing can be viewed from. We would be more than happy to advertise to sponsors and spectators.

Specific locations include watching from the Keppel Bay Sailing Clubhouse (Sail Inn Cafe & Bar and the Mainsail Bistro & Bar) and the Lagoon (located next to the rigging lawn).

The Keppel Bay Sailing Club offers a sailing location in relatively sheltered waters, as the area is protected by the picturesque Keppel Islands. The racing area is unlimited, within a short sail from the beach and in full view of the Clubhouse.



BOAT STORAGE

KBSC is fitted with CCTV cameras internally and externally for the safety and protection of its members.

The club would enlist the assistance of trained security guards doing patrols per evening to ensure the security of all equipment, boats and sails on site.

KBSC would also ensure all storage areas are well lit throughout the evening.

We have utilised this system in the past during Youth Sail QLD and have never recorded any adverse events to date.

REPAIR FACILITY & SPARES

As Yeppoon is quite regional, we don't have a comprehensive chandlery close by. KBSC will be getting onsite pop-up chandlery shops for the duration of the event to ensure adequate spares are available for purchase.

Our closest chandlery is Road Tech Marine in Rockhampton (50 min drive), they do stock some rope and Ronstan fittings. Keppel Bay Marina also have a small selection but mainly gear for yachts.

Central Queensland Sailmakers owned by KBSC sailing member Andrew Fee, will be able to assist all things sail repairs, sail tape, ropes. CQ Sailmakers is only a short drive 10-minute drive from the KBSC clubhouse.

MEASUREMENT AREA

Recently re-opened after \$25 million redevelopment of the clubhouse.

The boat shed was recently used for measuring at the Sharpie Nationals (see the images to the right), with ample space.

The Commodores Function room would be available for measurements during the event.



TOILETS & SHOWERS

- Recently re-opened after \$25 million redevelopment of the clubhouse.
- Brand new state of the art bathrooms with toilets and showering facilities.
- 4 showers located in each of the Men and Womens bathrooms.
- Lagoon at the back end of the carpark also have public showering facilities.
- 2 outdoor showers located on site at the clubhouse.
- Portaloo's and Portable showers will be hired to ensure there are sufficient toilets and showers for sailors on site.

RESOURCES & EQUIPMENT

KBSC has the ability to cater to large numbers as has been demonstrated in past with events held at the Yeppoon site.

- Sufficient water course equipment to cater for up to four courses.
- A fleet of 9 power boats for use as safety, course laying and start boats with the ability to source additional power boats if required.

LOCAL RELATIONS

Keppel Bay Sailing Club has a great relationship with the Local Council, Livingstone Shire Council and Australian Sailing. These organisations are more than happy to assist and promote the event to the community.

We also have the support and assistance of the following people:

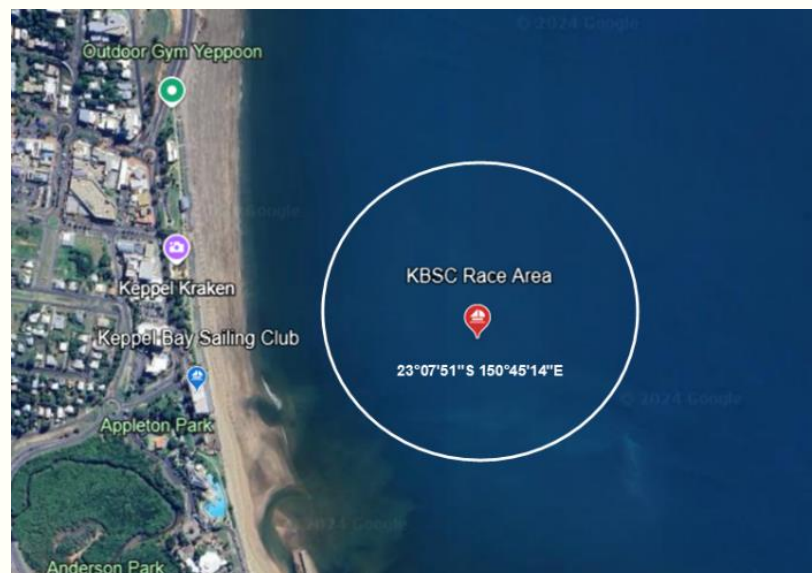
- Experienced management team lead by Mal Cochrane with over 20 years' experience in major sporting organisations, organising and running of major events. Combined with our full time Sailing Manager, Conrad Byrt who has experience in both managing and competing in major regattas.
- KBSC has a number of highly skilled volunteers including national race officers, judges and safety support officials.
- Livingstone Shire Council
- Capricorn Enterprise Tourism Body
- The Board of Directors and Sailing Committee of KBSC
- Australian Sailing



RACING AREA

KBSC is an off the beach club, sailors will be launching in the surf. Due to the race area being situated within the Keppel Bay, the race area location varies based on the tides.

- The approximate latitude and longitude for the raced area is: 23°07'51"S 150°45'14"E
- The latitude and longitude for the Clubhouse is: 23°07'59"S 150°44'59"E



RACE ORGANISATION BOATS

KBSC has a fleet of 9 vessels that can be utilised for this event & we will outsource other suitable vessels to suite certain roles.

Below is a list of our usual vessels in addition to some vessels we regularly borrow from local clubs and organisations.

- Race Signal Vessel – Muriel D 6m Hydrofied with a 115hp engine - (looking to replace before the event with a larger vessel)
- Starting Mark Boat – Carole G 4.6m Airib with a 50HP
- Marks & Gate – Grammar Red – 6.5m Hard side with a 100HP
- Finish Mark Boat – Diedre P – 6m Hard side pontoon with twin 70hp
- Additional finish boat check – Fergie B 3.8m Airib with a 30hp
- Safety Boat – YSHS RIB – 6m Stefan RIB with a 100hp
- IJ boat – Barbara R II 5m Southern Pacific with a 60hp
- IJ boat 2 – PCSC RIB 5.9m with 70hp
- IJ boat 3 – Georgie B 5.9m Airib with 90hp
- Media Boat – Rodney's Boat 5m fibreglass fishing boat half cabin
- 4x smaller tiller steer RIB's can be utilised if necessary

Other vessels required for safety and jury will be sourced from local clubs across the state. We annually source over 20 extra RIB's for Youth Sail Queensland each year to cater for 200 plus boats.



PARKING

Free timed car parking is available in carparks nearby, please check times to avoid parking tickets. There is also a free multi-story town centre carpark (circled in the map to the right) off Barry Street, a short 600m walk from the Club.



INSURANCE

KBSC has a third party and public liability insurance policy.

Keppel Bay Sailing Club will have temporary regatta membership available to purchase for \$10pp. This will only be applicable to sailors that aren't a financial member of an Australian Sailing Club.

The team at the regatta office will be able to assist sailors with onsite during registration.

Coaches will be required to have their own personal insurance for the event. KBSC are open to help assist coaches in obtaining insurances if they are needing assistance obtaining.



MEDIA

KBSC has a great relationship with the local media (CQ Today newspaper, Win News, 7 News, ABC Capricornia, Southern Cross Austereo (SCA)) for Central Queensland. These media channels are often used for our major regattas, including coverage of Youth Sail QLD annually.

KBSC have a great relationship with Down Under Sail, having recently had them up showcasing the 81st Australian Sharpie National Championships. Down Under Sail work with volunteer-based clubs and associations to market and grow events, creating more awareness and stimulating grassroots participation to create an exciting future for the sport.

Australian Sailing provides coverage for sailing events, including results, and updates on sailing and would more than be happy to assist with coverage of the event.

MEDIA FACILITIES

KBSC will have a dedicated room for media personal to work onsite. There will be media boats available for media to take on water footage of competitors racing. Along with ample space on the rigging lawn and in the boat shed for pre- and post-race interviews.



LEGAL RESTRICTIONS

Visitors not holding Australian citizenship will require a visa for travel to Australia. There are different visas classes, depending on travel purpose and length of visit. Specific visas will cater for athletes, individuals and support staff involved with the 2023 Olympics.

To facilitate entry to Australia to take part in the planned sporting events, it is important to apply for the visa most appropriate for the proposed activities. Applying for a visa that is not appropriate could result in a refusal of the visa application, or the visa holder being denied entry to Australia at the border.

Many visas can be applied for online, and the Electronic Travel Authority can be applied for through travel agents and airlines. Visas applicable to personnel travelling to Australia for the 2023 Olympics, are highlighted as follows:

Amateur level: For the purposes of this advice, athletes, coaches, judges, officials and support people are considered to be participating in an amateur sporting event if they:

- Do not derive any payment for participating in the event, including prize money, and
- Do not have a profession closely related to the sport.

The Visitor visa (subclass 600, subclass 651 or subclass 601) (Tourist) is appropriate for the following individuals for a stay of 3 months or less:

- Athletes, coaches, judges, support staff and officials engaging in amateur sporting events without payment and where their profession is not related to the sport, and/or Spectators/family.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-onshore>

Professional or activities for remuneration: The Temporary Activity visa (subclass 408) Invited Participant stream - stay of 3 months or less:

- Athletes competing in a paid/professional sporting event, including competing for prize money
- Coaches, support persons, judges, and officials whose profession is closely related to the activity/sport - whether they are paid or unpaid for the Australian sporting events.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-othersocial-and-cultural-activity#>

About Sporting Activities stream – stay for a part or full sporting season: Sportspeople must apply for this visa stream if they have a contract or agreement to play, coach or judge for an Australian sporting club/organisation.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/sporting-activities>

The Short Stay Specialist visa (subclass 400)

- Sportspeople and their support staff competing in professional sporting events where the stay period is between 3 and 6 months
- Journalists or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover a sporting event(s), where the production is not intended for Australian audiences
- Persons otherwise working at the event, for example, project managers or site supervisors.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-400>

For more information on visa and immigration requirements please visit the Department of Home Affairs website.

Overseas marine licences for visitors: When you visit Queensland from another country, you may be able to use your overseas marine licence if it is a current recognised overseas licence. If your recognised overseas marine licence is not in English, you will need a translation from an accredited National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters translator and must keep this with your licence. If your overseas marine licence is not recognised, you will need to contact an approved BoatSafe training provider to assess recognition of prior learning and then apply for your marine licence.



ACCOMMODATION

Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast are a holiday accommodation hub boasting:

- over 30 motels/hotels with approximately 3000 rooms available in Yeppoon
- Approximately 6000 rooms available in Rockhampton

In addition to this we have:

- 2 BIG 4Holiday Villages
- Air B&B's
- Farm stays
- Backpackers
- 11 caravan parks

For a full list of accommodation providers visit <https://kbsc.com.au/accommodation/>



TRANSPORTATION

Boasting an unparalleled sailing experience with a strong sailing culture, favourable conditions, stunning landscapes and coastal scenery.

Athletes will have the chance to enjoy the pristine coastline, ideal sub-tropical climate, as well as getting to experience all the amazing wrap around opportunities Queensland has to offer.

Brisbane is a city connected to the world; operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Located just 20 minutes from the CBD, Brisbane Airport (BNE) has two major terminals accommodating 23 airlines flying to 74 domestic and international destinations. It is a suburb in its own right and the third-largest airport in Australia by passenger numbers.

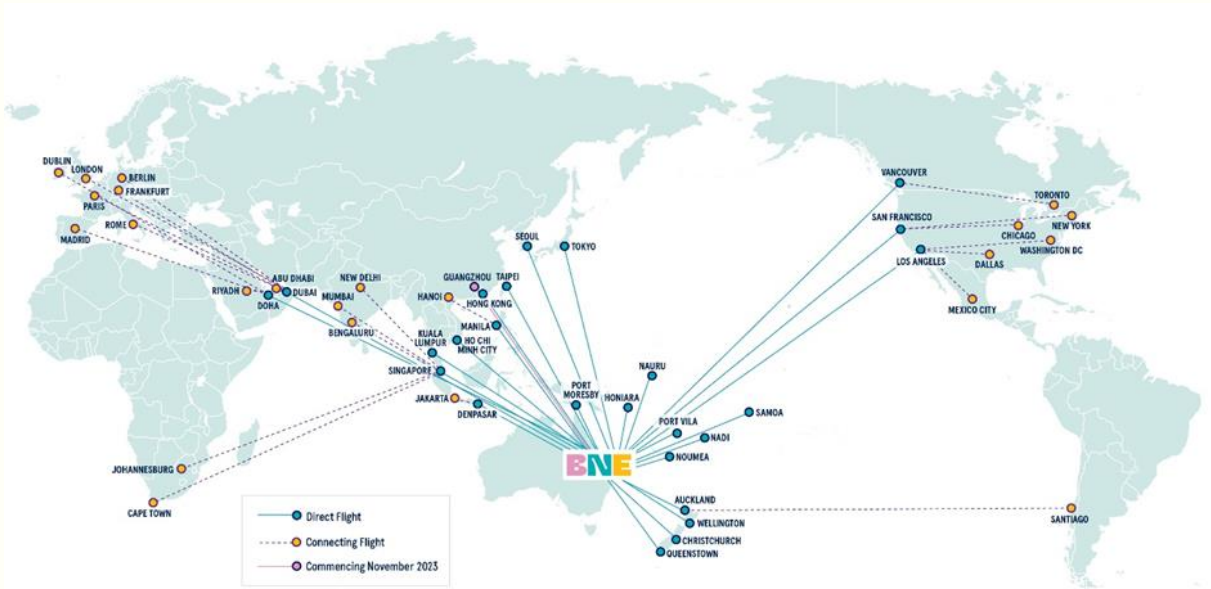
Ease of access is guaranteed with Brisbane Airport featuring the most efficient runway system and the greatest aviation capacity of any capacity city airport in Australia.

SHIPPING

The Port of Brisbane is located 600kms from the host venue. As a major international shipping port, the majority of global shipping lines servicing the port regularly. Transport times range from 15 days from parts of Asia to 60 days from Europe and the United States of America.

Gladstone / Yeppoon Logistics

- Port of Gladstone serviced by a few major shipping lines (Not all).
- ANL, Hapag-Lloyd, service gladstone with the following shipping times:
- Shipping times to Port of Gladstone from:
 - Singapore: 20-30 days
 - Malaysia: 35-38 days
 - Barcelona: 70-80 days
- Port of Gladstone to Keppel Bay Marina:
 - Distance via road: 160km
 - Expect to pay \$3-5 / km for Container movements via road.



The following table provide guidance on the ease of shipping to Brisbane:

AS x OSW BID - Equipment Transport - Shipping Times		
Origin	Destination	Approx. Journey time
ASIA		
Singapore/ Malaysia	Port of Brisbane, AUS	8 - 15 Days
Shanghai, CHN	Port of Brisbane, AUS	28 Days
Hong Kong, HKG	Port of Brisbane, AUS	12 Days
AFRICA		
Egypt (Suez Canal)	Port of Brisbane, AUS	45 Days
EUROPE		
Barcelona, ESP	Port of Brisbane, AUS	60 Days
Rotterdam, NLD	Port of Brisbane, AUS	50 Days
North America		
Los Angeles, USA	Port of Brisbane, AUS	30 Days
Miami, USA	Port of Brisbane, AUS	60 Days
Vancouver, CA	Port of Brisbane, AUS	45 Days
South America		
Valparaiso, CHL	Port of Brisbane, AUS	40 Days

WHERE IS YEPPON?

Set on the Southern Great Barrier Reef, the Capricorn Coast and Rockhampton region is an enticing mix of laidback country hospitality, modern city lifestyle and stunning coastal bays. The region is located just an hour's flight north of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

The Capricorn Coast is an undiscovered paradise. Townships along the Capricorn Coast are surrounded by beautiful stretches of coastline where warm waters lap the sands of secluded beaches. Stretching 95km from Stanage Bay to the mouth of the Fitzroy River, the coast is speckled with small townships, beautiful beaches, fantastic fishing and much more.

Yeppoon is the holiday accommodation hub, service centre and cultural hothouse for the Capricorn Coast region. Meander down Yeppoon's main street or stroll the esplanade while capitalising on the opportunity to browse beach-chic boutiques and surf stores, or kick back with a coffee or a meal at one of a host of coastal cool cafes.

AIR: The Rockhampton Airport (approximately 40 mins by car from Yeppoon) is exceptionally well serviced with multiple flights to and from Brisbane daily direct flights from Sydney and Townsville connections on to other ports around Australia. Airlines that fly into Rockhampton include QantasLink and Virgin Airlines.

ROAD: Major Highways link the region with all parts of Queensland and Southern states. Yeppoon is 40 Km from Rockhampton. These include:-

- Pacific Coast Touring Route
- Bruce Highway
- Leichardt Highway
- Australia's Country Way
- Capricorn Highway.

RAIL: Queensland rail's Travel train operates services daily to Rockhampton from Brisbane. Services are also available to Cairns. The High-Speed Tilt train services run four times a week between Brisbane and Cairns.

COACH/BUS: Greyhound Australia and Premier Motor service operate from the Central bus terminal in Rockhampton with multiple services connecting with Brisbane and Cairns daily. Young's Buses operate to and from Yeppoon.

Keppel Bay Sailing Club has a bus that we can organise a private bus shuttle at a reasonable cost.

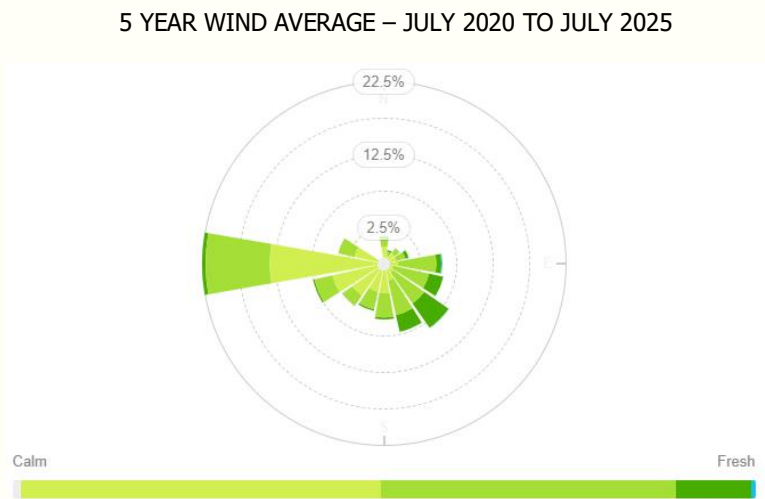
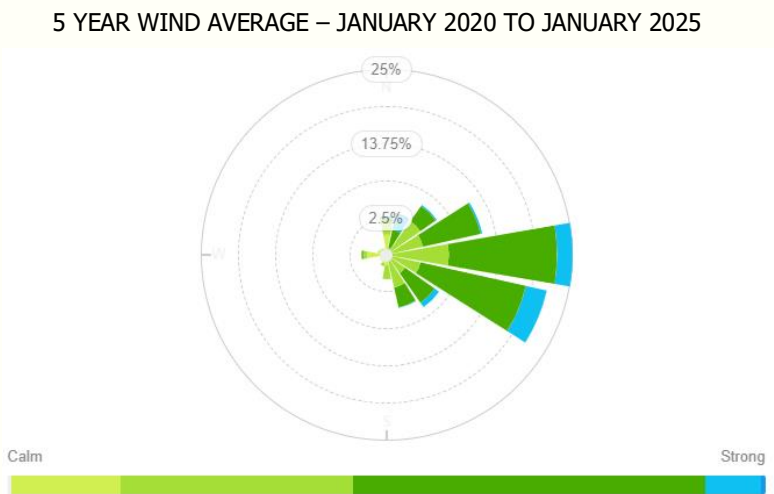
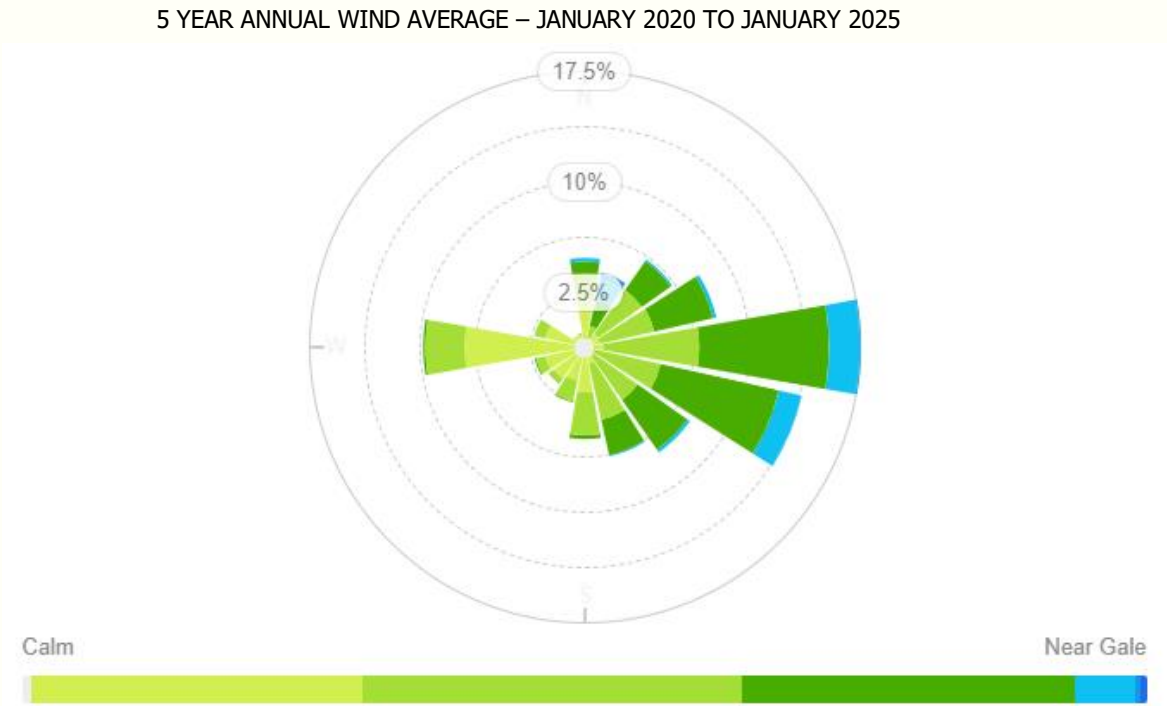
Yeppoon, looking North



DISTANCES TO YEPPON

Brisbane to Yeppoon – 674km
Cairns to Yeppoon – 1,087km
Whitsunday to Yeppoon – 504km
Noosa to Yeppoon – 563km
Sydney to Yeppoon – 1,458km
Melbourne to Yeppoon – 2,039km
Adelaide to Yeppoon – 2,232km
Perth to Yeppoon – 4,514km
Darwin to Yeppoon – 2,977km

APPENDIX 1 – WIND ROSES



APPENDIX 2 –DISTANCES FROM KBSC



Restaurant/Cafe Distances from KBSC

The Rocks— 300m (4 min walk)

The Spinnaker— 61m (1 min walk)

Vue Restaurant— 120m (2 min walk)

The Citrus Club— 250m (4 min walk)

Lure Living— 300m (5 min walk)

The Strand Hotel— 400m (5 min walk)

The Alley— 550m (8 min walk)

Flour— 600m (8 min walk)

Keppel Bakery— 700m (10 min walk)

1770 Gelato— 900m (13 min walk)

Perries IGA— 800m (11 min walk)

The Station— 1.2km (15 min walk)

The Railway— 1.1km (15 min walk)

The Pacific Hotel— 1km (15 min walk)

Happy Sun Restaurant — 600m (10 min walk)

Seagulls Takeaway — 600m (10 min walk)

Thai Takeaway— 600m (10 min walk)

Ofishal Beachclub— 240m (3 min walk)

New Zealand Natural Ice Creamery— 240m (3 min walk)

Motels Distances from KBSC

Surfside Motel— 170m (3 min walk)

Echelon Apartments— 240m (3 min walk)

Salt Apartments— 160m (2 min walk)

Bayview Tower— 550m (8 min walk)

Blue Dolphin Caravan Park— 750m (10 min walk)

Beachside Caravan Park— 1.6km (20 min walk)

Supermarket Distances from KBSC

Peries IGA Yeppoon— 800m (10 min walk)

Coles — 1.3km (20 min walk)

Woolworths — 1.5km (20 min walk)

