

# A Sailing Adventure- Part 2

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Hi again from Airlie Beach, North Queensland, Australia. Sorry for my continued absentee Club President's Reports and again very little about Jaguars.

I did spy an E Type Jaguar in a local panel and paint shop here in the process of being fully restored ( photo attached). I couldn't help but go and chat with the painters who were also preparing a Lamborghini for a full repaint.



My wife Jenny has been keeping me updated with the activities of the Club and I see some great events coming up. Jenny flies to join me for a 3 week holiday in July.

My life is much more focused around sailing for a little longer. The average daily temperature here ranges between 22 and 26 degrees, for those of you enjoying the New Zealand winter. We have just had our first wet day in 6 weeks.

Since our arrival sailing up from Hobart to

Airlie Beach, we have done two 3 day cruising adventures, exploring the Whitsunday Islands. For those of you who have visited the Whitsundays, you will remember what a magical part of the world this is. Especially when you are on your own tour and determine how you spend your time. Sailing, snorkelling and swimming is a great way to spend a few days. If you haven't had the opportunity to come here, add it to your bucket list.



More importantly we have begun racing the yacht in the Wednesday evening twilight races around the buoys. Yacht racing has always been a huge passion and with 53 years experience racing, I get to helm the boat. The 44 footer is a cruising boat so we race in the second division, which is still very seriously contested. We managed a second in our last race as our improved crew work, gradually adapting the boat and tuning is paying off.



I wish you all keep well and enjoy the wonderful BOP Jaguar Driver's Club events our committee have planned for you over the coming months.

*Dennis*

