

# International A Class Catamaran World Championships 2018



Hervey Bay, Queensland



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# Letters of Support:

## From the Mayor

It is with extreme pleasure that I extend a personal welcome to the International A Class Catamaran Association to consider Hervey Bay for the November 2018 International A Class Catamaran World Titles when they are next due to be hosted in Australia.

I have met with members of the Bid Committee, and am impressed with their professionalism, dedication and attention to detail. I have no doubt that their endeavours will meet with your approval.

Our natural wonders include World Heritage Listed Fraser Island, the Great Barrier Reef whose southernmost tip lies in our waters, the whale watching capital of Australia right here in our Bay and the finest sand beaches in Australia.

Hervey Bay, known as the whale watching capital of Australia, is a modern progressive city with a friendly relaxed atmosphere. The esplanade is lined with alfresco cafés, hotels, boutiques, holiday units and resorts. A shared pathway runs along its 14 kilometre length offering access to the Bay's white sandy beach and calm waters and magnificent views across to Fraser Island.

The Fraser Coast is an unforgettable tourist destination. As a united community the Fraser Coast has a proud history of hosting major events in our region and we are delighted to put forward this submission to the members of the Australian International A Class Catamaran Association to consider Hervey Bay for this significant sailing event in 2018.

In view of the above, I urge your Committee to endorse the application by The Hervey Bay Sailing Club. I can assure you that the Fraser Coast Regional Council and the residents of the region stand ready to welcome you with open arms.

With very best wishes.

**Gerard O'Connell**

Mayor, Fraser Coast Regional Council

## Hervey Bay Sailing Club

Hervey Bay Sailing Club (HBSC) would be proud to host the 2018 World Championships for A Cat Catamarans.

Established in 1968, this family based club has had a strong catamaran fleet since inception, and would be honoured to host a World Championship for the world's premium catamaran class on its 50th anniversary. HBSC has conducted many regional, State and National regattas including 3 National Championships for A-Cats in the past 15 years, and many similar championships for other cat and dinghy classes. Since 1981 HBSC has held the annual 70km Bay to Bay passage race for trailable yachts, with fleets of up to 220 boats racing from Tin can Bay to Hervey Bay over 2 days.

The Clubhouse overlooks a beautiful north facing sandy beach with the adjacent waters protected from the prevailing south-easterly breezes by World Heritage listed Fraser Island. With the virtual absence of commercial and domestic marine traffic, the waters of Hervey Bay are an ideal location for racing off the beach catamarans.

The Club members warmly welcome all competitive sailors and their families. An abundance of holiday accommodation from basic to luxury within walking distance of the Clubhouse makes Hervey Bay a perfect location for an A-Cat World Championship, and stunning memories are sure to be made on the beautiful Fraser Coast.

**Peter York**, President, Hervey Bay Sailing Club

## Chamber Of Commerce

I would like to express the Chamber's full support for the bid being made by Fraser Coast Regional Council ('The Council') on behalf of this region for the International A Class Catamaran Titles in 2018.

The Council together with the total regional community looks to deliver on a wide range of strategies and projects aimed at strengthening the regional economy, including welcoming tourism and event of this nature. Securing this event will further extend the ability of this region to host and support events of this nature, utilising the natural attributes of this area.

This bid, if successful, will fit comfortably in a November timeslot and add to an already impressive array of 'event tourism' events within this region. The Chamber Committee is comprised of representatives across a range of industries and is prepared to collaborate with the local planning and support of this event to ensure it is a success.

Yours sincerely,

**Tim Powers**, President, Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce

# About the Fraser Coast

The Hervey Bay Foreshore provides the ideal backdrop and base for events. The Fraser Coast region encompasses an area of over 7,000 square kilometres in South East Queensland. The twin cities of Maryborough and Hervey Bay service our nearly 100,000 residents, while the rural communities of Tiaro, and Woocoo provide a 'tree change' lifestyle. The city of Hervey Bay is located 34kms to the north of the city of Maryborough.

The Fraser Coast is a premier nature destination boasting some of the most incredible experiences on earth. It is the gateway to World Heritage listed Fraser Island and the Great Barrier Reef. There is a wealth of coastal paradises, recreational pursuits, adventure activities and historic explorations that will keep visiting sailors busy for weeks.

The Fraser Coast's population in 2012 was recorded at 92 458 residents. This includes the areas of Maryborough, Tiaro, Woocoo and Hervey Bay.

The Urangan Harbour provides uninterrupted views, with a spectacular backdrop of Fraser Island and the Great Sandy Straits.

The harbour and slipway is surrounded by clubs, restaurants and cafes and a business precinct supportive of hosting events and providing complimentary entertainment.

The area boasts quality accommodation options, substantial parking space as well as access to mechanical and engineering services and fuel supplies.

The Hervey Bay foreshore provides a venue option stretching 14 kilometres from the

Urangan Harbour to Gatakers Bay at Point Vernon. This choice offers ample space for thousands of spectators to have uninterrupted views of the races. The ocean side of the Esplanade is public parkland - offering uninterrupted views and unrestricted parking for spectators.

The business precincts of Urangan, Torquay, Scarness and Pialba have a proven record of working cooperatively with Council and event organisers to host and stage complimentary entertainment and event programs.

## Accessibility for Sailors

The Fraser Coast is an easy 3 ½ hour drive from Brisbane and is well serviced by air, rail and coach links.

**By Road:** Brisbane - Hervey Bay (289 kms)

**By Air:** Brisbane - Hervey Bay (45mins - Qantas Link) 4 times daily. Sydney - Hervey Bay (1hr 50mins) Virgin Blue, Daily. Qantaslink, weekends. Fraser Coast Airport is located at Hervey Bay.

**By Coach:** Premier and Greyhound Coaches provide north and southbound services daily to Maryborough and Hervey Bay

**By Rail:** Brisbane - Maryborough (Tilt Train 3hr 30m) Twice daily Sunday to Friday





### Once you are with us

Hervey Bay has a range of public transport options including bus, taxi and limousine services. There are also extensive beachside bikeway/walkway paths for easy access to the Hervey Bay Sailing Club site.

Hervey Bay is well supported by several hire car companies with vehicles to suit all budgets as required.

### Car Hire Companies:

There are six major car hire operating in Maryborough and Hervey Bay including Avis, Budget, Hertz, Europcar, Thrifty and Network, Hervey Bay Rent a Car

### Hervey Bay:

- 6 Maxi Cabs (10 passengers or 2 wheelchairs and 4 passengers)
- 1 People Mover (6 passengers)
- 2 Station Wagons (4 passengers)
- 8 Sedans (4 passengers)

All taxi services operate 24/7

A limousine service operates from Hervey Bay (bookings are essential).

### Our climate

The Fraser Coast enjoys an enviable sub-tropical climate, which averages a warm 30 degrees in summer and 22 degrees in the winter.

For more information on how to get here [visitfrasercoast.com/getting-here-and-around](http://visitfrasercoast.com/getting-here-and-around)

### Accommodation

From 5-star luxury resorts, family holiday parks, private villas or cabins, affordable self-contained apartments, quaint B&B's, private holiday houses to backpacker villages and hostels, there is something to suit everyone's needs and budgets on the Fraser Coast. Fraser Coast region offers approximately 12,000 beds and boasts a wide range of accommodation options catering for all tastes and budgets.

For more information on accommodation options: [visitfrasercoast.com/accommodation](http://visitfrasercoast.com/accommodation)

### Dining, Cafés & Hotels

Hervey Bay has a range of quality venues to suit all tastes and needs from award winning restaurants, licenced clubs and a vibrant café scene all located within walking distance of most accommodation centres.

For more information on food and dining options [visitfrasercoast.com/restaurants](http://visitfrasercoast.com/restaurants)





### Things to see & do on the Fraser Coast

**Unique Tourist Attractions:** The Fraser Coast offers visitors a unique and diverse range of attractions, activities and tours. Maryborough, settled in 1847 is one of Queensland's oldest cities, and boasts well preserved heritage buildings including the original portside area. Hervey Bay, the gateway to World Heritage listed Fraser Island, is a major tourist destination and offers visitors an enormous variety of experiences, from self-guided walking or cycling tours along the waterfront cycle paths, to an island flight, cruise or Jetski adventure. Visitors to Hervey Bay will marvel at the diverse range of activities and attractions the city has to offer.

**Staying Healthy:** For visiting sailors and their families wishing to keep fit there is a range of fitness options available from local gyms, the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre or Golf at the 18 hole Hervey Bay Golf and Country Club.

The highlight for many past visitor and locals alike are the many kilometres of fully sealed walking and bicycle tracks that line the foreshore and encompass breath taking views of Fraser Island as well as many kilometres of safe white sandy beaches.

**Fraser Island:** This world heritage-listed attraction is the largest sand island on earth and not to be missed. Travelling by a relaxing ferry ride from River Heads, Fraser Island has a range of tour and accommodation packages for visiting sailors. From personalised guided tours to camping safaris Fraser Island has something for everybody to experience.

Any visit to Fraser Island is not complete without experiencing Fraser Island from the air or relaxing in the crystal clear waters of Eli Creek or Lake MacKenzie.

**Fishing on the Fraser Coast:** The Fraser Coast is home to the Australian Fishing Championships and is famous for being the meeting place of warm northern and cool southern ocean currents. The protection of Fraser Island from prevailing winds makes the Fraser Coast the ideal sanctuary for fishing and sailing alike.

For more information go to: [www.fraserisland.net](http://www.fraserisland.net)



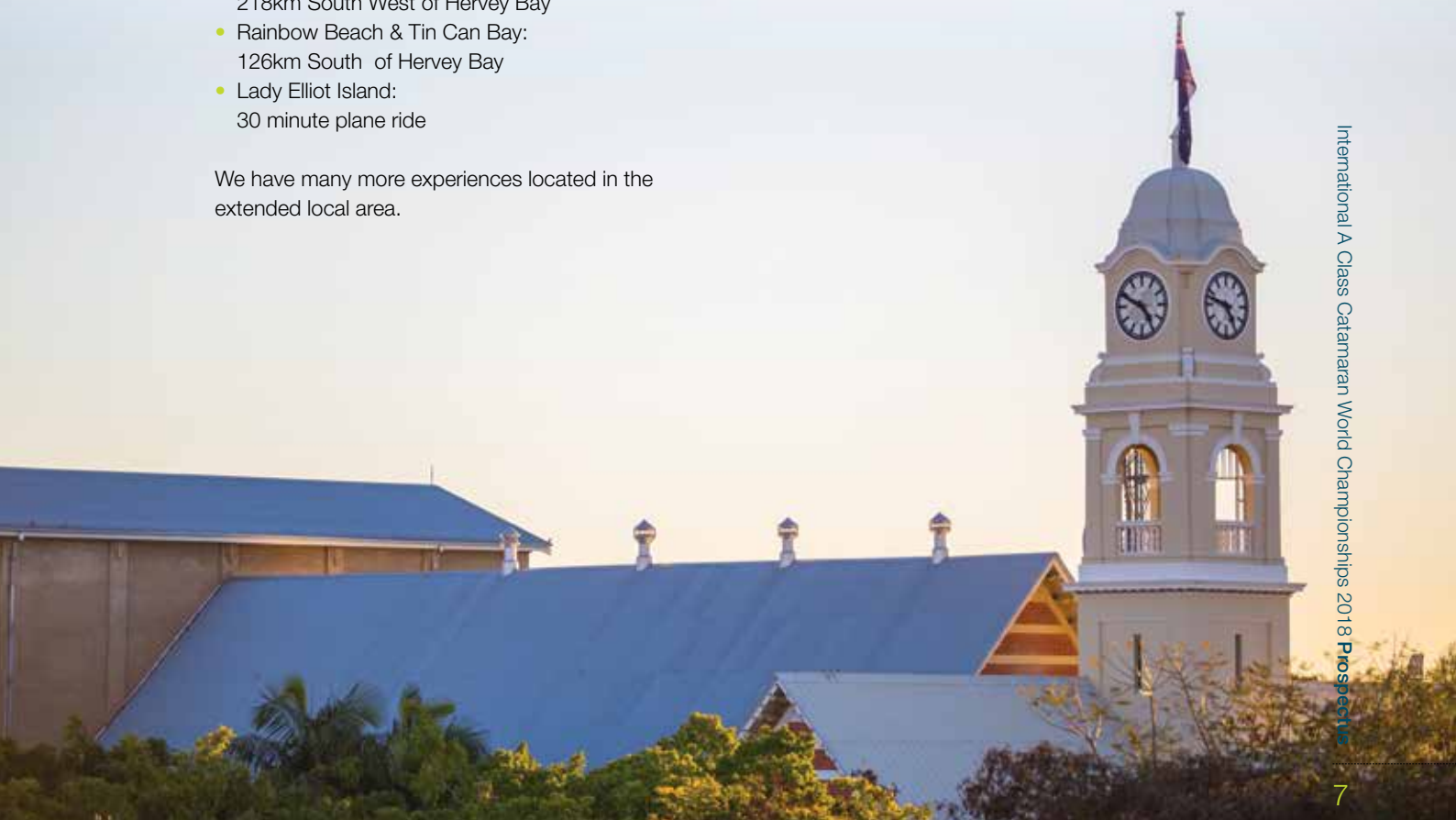


**Things to see & do across the Wide Bay Region**

Located all within an easy drive of Hervey Bay we have a range of diverse and interesting attractions such as:

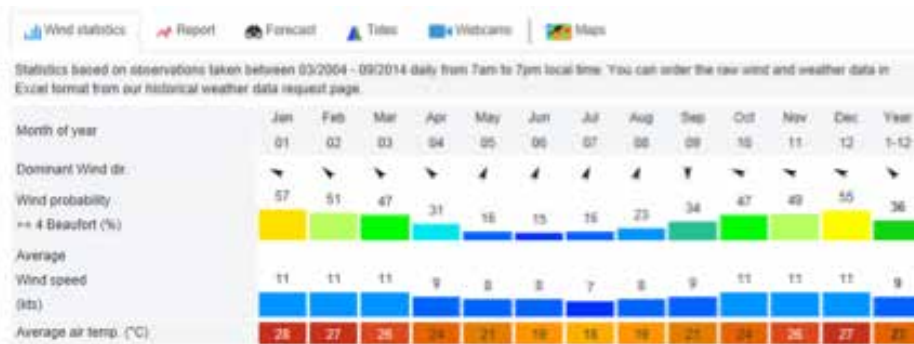
- Maryborough – Portside:  
33.8km south of Hervey Bay
- Bundaberg Rum Distillery and Bond Store:  
120 km North of Hervey Bay
- Gympie – Mary Valley Rattler steam train:  
120 km South of Hervey Bay
- South Burnett Wineries Tour:  
218km South West of Hervey Bay
- Rainbow Beach & Tin Can Bay:  
126km South of Hervey Bay
- Lady Elliot Island:  
30 minute plane ride

We have many more experiences located in the extended local area.

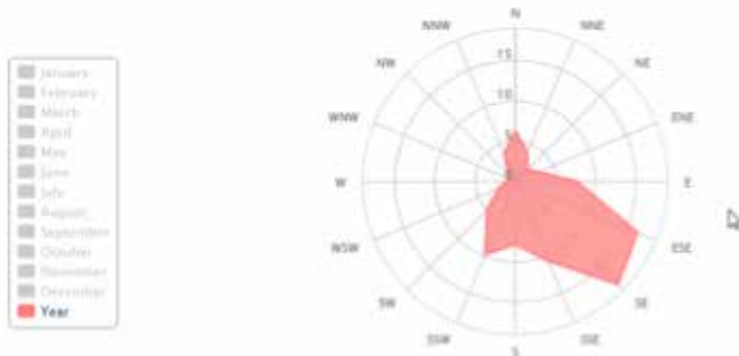




### Hervey Bay Wind & Weather



Wind direction distribution in (°) Year



[http://www.windfinder.com/windstatistics/hervey\\_bay](http://www.windfinder.com/windstatistics/hervey_bay)

Hervey Bay Ap Long-term Averages													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ann
Mean Max (°C)	30.0	30.0	28.8	26.9	24.1	21.8	21.6	22.6	24.8	26.5	27.9	29.3	26.1
Mean Min (°C)	22.0	22.1	20.5	17.8	14.0	11.8	10.1	10.3	14.3	17.0	19.0	21.0	16.6
Mean Rain (mm)	158.5	156.9	140.0	72.6	100.2	88.1	49.9	55.7	38.4	69.5	66.5	141.9	1118.9
Median Rain (mm)	147.4	105.8	102.4	67.0	81.8	70.2	28.0	28.6	45.8	62.1	68.3	100.9	1000.8
Mean Rain Days	12.0	13.0	16.9	16.1	17.1	16.3	12.5	8.5	8.5	7.9	10.5	11.1	148.1





### The Logistics

Hervey Bay is located 300km north of the Port of Brisbane with an easy drive on major roads. Timely delivery of containers and their important cargo to the Regatta location will be planned and managed by agreement with Richers Transport Maryborough. [www.richers.com.au](http://www.richers.com.au)

### Container Storage

Container storage will be situated within the boundaries of the Torquay Caravan Park situated 100 metres East of the Hervey Bay Sailing Club. There will be direct beach access from this location.

### Rigging & Launching Area

There will be several secure rigging areas located within the precinct. These areas will have direct beach access. The two main areas will be the area around the Hervey Bay Sailing Club and the Western end of the Torquay Caravan Park.

### Site Location



### Hervey Bay Sailing

The protected waters of Hervey Bay are an ideal location for all forms of aquatic activity. Hervey Bay is home to two Sailing Clubs and Yacht Squadron as well as vast array of other aquatic activities from SUP'ing to Surf Lifesaving .

The waters of Hervey Bay have proven to be a safe sailing location for sailor of all skill levels and level of experience.

### Social Activities

No visit to the Hervey Bay will be complete without a truly local seafood experience. Hervey Bay's waters are home to some of the world's best seafood. It will be our pleasure to ensure our visitors have the opportunity to sample some of the world best products while they are visiting. The logistics and costs of this event will need to be established as a part of the planning process.

### Media

To ensure maximum exposure with all events managed and promoted on the Fraser Coast; the Fraser Coast Regional Council and Fraser Coast Opportunities can assist with establishing strategic media partnerships, if required.

Media support can be arranged for prior and during to ensure your event receives significant promotion and coverage.

### Media within the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay Burnett region includes:

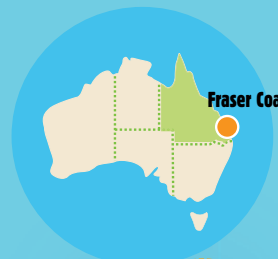
- Television - Channel 7; Southern Cross Austereo News Network; WIN TV.
- Print - Fraser Coast Chronicle; Hervey Bay Observer; Hervey Bay Independent; Maryborough Herald.
- Radio - Sea FM; Mix FM; ABC Radio Wide Bay; Fraser Coast Community Radio; Rhema and Kix FM.

Gladstone

Lady Musgrave Island

# Fraser Coast

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Let us help you to effectively plan your Fraser Coast holiday!

Call or visit one of our accredited Visitor Information Centres:

**Hervey Bay Visitor Information Centre**  
227 Maryborough-Hervey Bay Rd  
1800 811 728

**Maryborough Visitor Information Centre**  
Maryborough City Hall  
388-396 Kent St  
1800 214 789



Explore Fraser Island



## Discovery Trails

Choose from numerous discovery trails designed to take you to the region's most famous attractions as well as unlocking its hidden gems.

For more information [visitfrasercoast.com](http://visitfrasercoast.com)

### Travel Distances

	Brisbane	Maroochydore	Bundaberg	Airlie Beach	Townsville	Cairns
Hervey Bay	291km	204km	122km	875km	1114km	1460km
Maryborough	253km	166km	113km	865km	1104km	1450km

Distances sourced from [http://www.racq.com.au/travel/Maps\\_and\\_Directions/trip\\_planner](http://www.racq.com.au/travel/Maps_and_Directions/trip_planner)

These maps are for general reference only and do not constitute a guarantee of accuracy.



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