

Good cadet sailors lose skipper to the Navy

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ABOVE: WINNING SKIPPER (then) LSCDT Joe Langguth - got to hold the trophy before departing Brisbane to undergo basic training at the Recruit School at HMAS *Cerberus*. Pic courtesy his family

AT RIGHT: THE WINNING TEAM MINUS THEIR SKIPPER: L to R...LS Caitlin Wood, 16, SMN Murray Milne, 14, SMN Doug Milne and AB Alison Murphy, 16, with the Commanding Officer of TS *Paluma*, SBLT Colin Edgar ANC. Photo - Graham Davis



There are certainly some good sailors in the ship's company of the Australian Navy Cadet unit TS *Paluma*.

The Training Ship has demonstrated it has what it takes to produce members for the Royal Australian Navy.

But, in doing so, the ship's lost the skipper of its winning crew.

TS *Paluma* is on the shore of Moreton Bay at Shorncliffe, Brisbane.

Formed at Stafford in 1961 the ship currently has 26 cadets and is led by SBLT Colin Edgar and his three uniformed adult officers.

From December 29 to January 5, the ship was invited to take part in the National Corsair Sailing Titles conducted on waters off the Royal Queensland Yacht Club at Manly, Brisbane.

Sailors converged from across Australia for the program of events.

Paluma sent a number of sailors and craft to the regatta to compete in events designed for cadets.

The results for *Paluma* were excellent.

LS Joe Langguth with twin brothers SMN Doug Milne and SMN Murray Milne, won the Corsair Cadet Division.

LS. Caitlin Wood, AB Alison Murphy and SMN James Ralph took out fourth place in the event.

Second was a crew from TS *Norfolk* while third went to a trio from TS *Centaur*.

Paluma's win saw them receive an impressive trophy.

It was not the first time *Paluma* had taken the event.

In 1998/99 members flew to Perth, borrowed a boat and won the trophy.

This year there was a new event...a family team competition.

Again *Paluma* was successful with the "family" shield going to the twins Doug and Murray Milne.

Reserve News caught up with the *Paluma* cadets and their CO last month

Winning skipper LS Joe Langguth was absent...and for good reason.

He had been accepted into the RAN and on January 15 marched through the gates of HMAS *Cerberus* to begin his basic training.

"He wants to be a navy electrician," SBLT Edgar said.

"I am proud of Joe for entering the Navy as I am proud of all those who took part in the Corsair competitions."

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