

## 2012 RSYs Cruise Update

Dear Past/Future Cruise Participant,

The Squadron's Sesquicentenary Cruise will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of April in 2012 and your Committee is hoping to make this an exceptional Cruise by introducing new activities and repeating favourite old ones.

### **Destination**

As this is the Sesquicentenary Cruise, the Commodore is inviting members from other clubs around the world such as New York, Royal Thames, Royal New Zealand, Royal Vancouver and Royal Hong Kong Yacht Clubs as well as extending invitations to local Sydney clubs.

With the possible advent of overseas visitors on our Cruise, the Committee felt that cruising in and around Broken Bay would showcase our wonderful sailing environment best. Also, those who come and hire yachts will be unlikely to have Category 4 safety which will make sailing to venues such as Lake Macquarie impossible.

### **Itinerary**

We have planned the itinerary to spend the maximum time at our favourite anchorages in Cowan Creek such as Pinta, America, Smiths, Halletts/Refuge and Mushroom Bays. We will be venturing only into Pittwater for the Lay Day at the Basin and the Official Dinner at RMYC.

The Progressive Dinner will again be held on the Sunday night at Mushroom Bay which will facilitate crew transfer from Akuna Bay. We have moved the Creative Cruise Cuisine Competition to the Monday night at Smiths Creek as we felt that cooking for a 'normal' crew size would make the creative aspect of the cooking easier to manage than cooking for a large crowd.

The Lay Day returns to the usual Wednesday (we moved it to Tuesday on the last Cruise) and will again be sporting Surf 'n' Turf lunch with seats for all. Lasers will be provided for the junior enthusiasts and radio controlled yachts will entertain the older set, with a cricket game following lunch.

The Official Dinner will be run on Friday (not the usual Thursday) as we felt this would make crew transfers before the race back to Sydney easier from Newport rather than trying to get into Palm Beach wharf.

### **Other Points to Note**

For those of you who have not been on the Cruise for several years, we have altered the courses to eliminate the rounding of Lion Island which can be quite frightening for the inexperienced when the seas are high. We feel this is much safer and appealing for young families.

Some of you may have noticed that we have extended the Cruise for an additional evening. We felt it would be nice for those with any food left to finish the Cruise with one last raft up in Bantry Bay after the race back to Sydney. This gives you the opportunity to wind down and share a few yarns and drinks in a relaxed environment before returning to the club on Sunday for the cleaning and packing up routine.

And lastly, thank you to all those who took the time to respond to our survey. Your answers and suggestions were a great help in planning the 2012 Cruise.

The Notice of Race will be available from the RSYs web site in early December so I encourage you all to start planning for another fun Cruise in 2012.

Trish Stanley  
Cruise Captain