



Cruise News

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Cruise

Day 3

Monday 21st April 2008

Pinta Bay Raft Up



Cruise 2004 - Pinta Bay Raft up

Tomorrow:

Race 4 (CREW RACE)

Inshore Heat 2 (Non Pointscore)

Around marks Broken Bay / Pittwater.

High Water: 1.35m @ 0920

Low Water: 0.56m @ 1458

Yacht Profiles

BOAT NAME: RAFIKI

SAIL NUMBER: 6092

CLASS/TYPE: RAFIKI 37

LENGTH OVERALL: 36' 9"

Rafiki is a 30 year old American double ended cutter which currently weighs around 14 tons. She was sailed across the Pacific by previous owners and bought by me in 2000. We have since sailed her up and down the East coast (about 5 times) between Tasmania and Cooktown including 30 days circumnavigating Bass Strait. Perhaps the best trip was when my friends came up to help sail her South from the Gold Coast to Sydney and ended up living for 5 days on the hard stand at Gold Coast City Marina followed by a trip to Mooloolaba (the wind was still from the South). My crews have learned not to book the return airfares but surprisingly still remain friends.

BOAT NAME: SOUNDTRACK

SAIL NUMBER: 5273

CLASS/TYPE: J35

LENGTH OVERALL: 35ft

BOAT NAME: SAVANNAH MOON

SAIL NUMBER: 5822

CLASS/TYPE: X43

LENGTH OVERALL: 12.93m

Savannah Moon is a new X43 commissioned by John Morrison, now living in the infamous sailing nation of Switzerland. It will be sailed by John, Bill Brydon, Col Brown and Tim Dalla with our children (no wives aboard), with the sole intention of beating our friend Julian Farren-Price in at least one race.

To accommodate our ambitious dream we urge you to give Julian an horrendous handicap deserving of such a competitive racing yacht and take into account our two bathrooms, copious wine and food and a low waterline due to children's chattels.

We look forward to a great cruise.

BOAT NAME: CAVATINA

SAIL NUMBER: 2387

CLASS/TYPE: Cavalier 26 / ¼ ton

LENGTH OVERALL: 26ft

Cavatina was born in 1972 and has a tendency to move into hyperdrive at the pop of a cork!

This will be her third Squadron Cruise with her regular party crew aboard. This year she will be particularly slippery due to just having completed a minor uplift with an application of stealth paint to her vital parts!

Cavatina and all her crew wish everyone a great fun cruise for 2008.

BOAT NAME: CAMPEADOR

SAIL NUMBER: 5758

CLASS/TYPE: Jeanneau Sunfast 36

LENGTH OVERALL: 36' 7"

Campeador has sailed in most cruises over the last 8 or 9 years. We should have a new set of sails this year.

BOAT NAME: TICKET OF LEAVE

SAIL NUMBER: A147

CLASS/TYPE: Beneteau 40.7 First

LENGTH OVERALL: 11.92m

Ticket of Leave was built for the Commodore of the Mornington Yacht Club in 2000. She raced in Port Philip Bay for several reasons before being purchased by Ken Down of Mooloolaba. The present owner Max Prentice purchased her in 2007 and has competed in CYCA and RSYs offshore races during in 2007-08.

She was named Ticket of Leave by Commodore Wood's wife who is a descendant of a convict in Melbourne during the early 1800's. The convict was pardoned and given his "Ticket of Leave" for his services to real estate in the colony.

BOAT NAME: GANNET

SAIL NUMBER: 1628

CLASS/TYPE: Hood /Halvorsen

LENGTH OVERALL: 25'

Gannet is a Hood/Halvorsen 25 designed by Warwick hood and built by the Halvorsen brothers up at Pittwater in 1980.

I have had Gannet since 1984. This is my 11th Cruise, 10 with Gannet and one on Brett Churcher's Peterson 30 called Seventy Seven in 2005 to Lake Macquarie.

I am a regular competitor in the Squadron's Division 4, Winter Series and Twilight Series.

My crew will be Peter Pangas who is a regular on the cruise. Also I will have my brother Tom (Marama) and this year my wife Angela and Brett Churcher will join us on Anzac Day.



Pittwater - Aerial View



2007 Cruise

Yacht Profiles

BOAT NAME: FELIXETTE
SAIL NUMBER: 6728
CLASS/TYPE: BAVARIA 31
LENGTH OVERALL: 9.76m

Felixette was named from the Latin words "Felix" meaning "happy" and "et" meaning "and". We could not think of the next word for "happy and" so we feminised and frenchified the "et" to "ette". One of the privileges of naming a new boat!!!

A key determinant in buying the Bavaria was that it would be delivered in time for the 2008 Squadron Cruise. We made it with three weeks to spare thanks to Andrew Parkes and his team.2

Felixette replaces our much loved "MG Green" Pacific 27, Kea of fifteen years.

The international crew of Felixette are:

Michael – Australian – St Aloysius College, UNSW - Engineer – Company Secretary & Group Treasurer Tenix Pty Limited – Married Jane after meeting at the polo, reception at the Squadron.

Jane – Irish – University College Cork – Dentist – Crows Nest Dental Centre – keen sailor since school.

Kate – Australian – Loreto Kirribilli – Year 8 – ballet / jazz / modern / contemporary dancer, RSY Division 3

Michelle – Australian – Loreto Kirribilli – Year 5 - ballet / jazz dancer, future RSY youth sailor. Accompanied by Daisy Dog.

James – Korean – Villa Maria Hunters Hill – Year 2 – All Saints Hunters Hill



2005 Cruise

BOAT NAME: JUST QUIETLY
SAIL NUMBER: 4103
CLASS/TYPE: ELAN 37
LENGTH OVERALL: 37ft

I think 'Just Quietly' on her maiden Squadron Cruise in 2007 was the only yacht to enter the spinnaker division with a basic crew of two, owners Donald & Sue Swanson. Fortunately word got out on day one & by day two, David Chapman from Nand IV had taken on the role of chief crew recruitment officer. Sue & Donald were delighted when David rolled up for race 2 with a tender full of youth & enthusiasm! By day 3 with another full crew they were wishing they had brought the big kite with them as opposed to the somewhat smaller & supposedly more manageable(but that's another story!) asymmetric kite. The secret to the successful crew recruitment seemed to be a combination of the added excitement of setting spinnakers, the appeal of not sailing with one's own family & without doubt the seemingly endless supply of Sue's home baked cookies, cakes & slices - always a feature of any regatta or race on 'Just Quietly'. Unfortunately the only day the recruitment drive failed was when we were all scattered through the marina at the Alfred's Yacht club after the official function, It was inevitably also the day the wind reached up to 20 knots. But hey! isn't this what was supposed to happen all week – sailing two up with a kite? Not a problem. With Sue firmly ensconced behind the wheel Donald performed his magnificent one man crew act, proving that much as all that youth & enthusiasm is pretty useful it can all be done by one fit old bugger. The state of said 'fit old bugger's' shoulders & back at the end of race told another story but Sue & Donald had to agree it had been a great & exhilarating race!

For 2008 Sue & Donald have a couple of their regular crew booked in for various days through the cruise but to all those bursting with youth & enthusiasm, dying to escape their own family, eager to help set the odd spinnaker (hopefully the big one at times!) & hungry for some of Sue's homemade slice, you know where to find them!



'Just Quietly' — 2007 Cruise

Results - Race 3

Inshore—Heat 1

Spinnaker Division

1. Gannet
2. Soundtrack
3. Campeador

Non Spinnaker Division 1

1. Norske
2. Ishtar
3. Jackie Clare

Non Spinnaker Division 2

1. Rafiki
2. Jillaroo
3. Loose Goose

Crew

If you need crew or are looking to join a crew please let us know & we will advertise it in this section each day. Likewise, should you be picking up or dropping off crew let us know when, where & how and perhaps a group can be arranged.

John Waring is picking up from Palm Beach public wharf at 10.20 on Tuesday. Contact Gitana.

Today's Funnies

Which boat finished the course with one second to spare to win its division? Look for smiles on the faces of the crew of Gannet!

The Cruise News is only as good as you make it. Please pass on any funny stories to GITANA for inclusion.