



Cruise News

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Cruise

Day 6

Thursday 24th April 2008

Royal Motor Yacht Club



RMYC Clubhouse

Official Dinner Function
6.30 for 7pm
Top Deck Dining Room



Siena III - Cruise 2007

NAME: WILLYAMA

SAIL NO: 335

CLASS/TYPE: Beneteau 40.7

The new Willyama is a Beneteau 40.7, launched in 1998. Acquired in September 2007, Willyama survived an eventful sail from Melbourne and has been busily participating in the Spring, Summer, Friday and Tuesday Twilight series as well as the Sydney-Coffs race (otherwise known as the Pittwater to Pittwater race).

Tomorrow:

Race 6

Inshore Heat 4

Around marks in Broken Bay/Pittwater

High Water: 1.21m @ 1122 hrs

Low Water: 0.70m @ 1643 hrs

Yacht Profiles

NAME: Siena III

SAIL NO: 99

CLASS/TYPE: Beneteau First 40.7 Distinction
Year Launched 2005

The Kosciusko of Yachting.

After managing to triumph over all evil and hold aloft the New York Yacht Club Trophy in 2007, Siena III is back for another tilt at Cruise glory. A glory unsurpassed amongst the yachting fraternity world wide.

The Sydney to Hobart may be described amongst yachtsmen and promoters world wide as the "Everest of Yachting", one of the worlds toughest sailing adventures, well ladies and gentlemen I am here to tell you that there is some discussion amongst old men in smoky rooms that the RSYS Annual cruise should from this day forth been known as the "Kosciusko of Yachting". This epic annual adventure is the culmination of many minutes of preparation and the glory and feeling of self achievement of completing a cruise is one unsurpassed in the yachting universe. At this stage I realise that some of you must be thinking that I am taking the mickey, well consider this.

Every year we all do our absolute best to prop up the farming industries (in particular sugar cane) by engaging in intensely social activities until the early hours of the morning, I know many of you can verify this because let's face it we have kept you awake for most of it. What may this have to do with scaling a mountain may you ask? Well as a result of the frivolous and socially tiring exertions of the previous evening, climbing out of bed and up the companion way stairs makes some of us feel a tad light headed and in desperate

need of an oxygen bottle, once we have scaled those great heights (4 steps from memory) we don't stop there, although a little lie down is a very tempting proposition. In an vain attempt to take the softness out of our arteries and our now clouded minds, a ritual of a hearty fry up of a 4 day old pork product that once resembled bacon and an egg that could well have remained from last years cruise is just another challenge us salty people of the sea endure (but it doesn't even rate compared to the pain and suffering that we inflict upon ourselves as we try to swallow down that first can). This Herculean effort just doesn't happen once but it goes on day after day after day for seven glorious evening and seven horrendous mornings, by then end we feel that we have achieved something to be proud of and so should you. It is a mountainous effort that is put in by all.

Helping me to scale ever towering heights this year is a two pronged attacked. Going up the hill (i.e. the first half of the week) will be the respectable gentlemen of Siena, our fearless leader Iain "we'll get them in the night" Moray, Stephen "QC-go on I dare you to protest me" Robb, Jonathan "prescriptions" Moore, Kris "I'd prefer to be on a tractor" Henderson and a couple of other rock star appearances. So now that these fine gentlemen have reached the top of Kosciusko someone has to bring the good ship back down. It therefore comes as no surprise to see Siena be brought back down the mountain from previously un-reached heights of respectability and decorum by Andrew "the Chairman" Mathers, Rose "I'd would prefer to be on the red boat- but this will do" Roxburgh, Millie "SClub7" Brown, Kate "where's my hairdryer?" Scardifield, Tom "pants up" Reece and last and certainly not least Al "Hello cruise, remember me- I'm Back!" Chase. So the forecast looks as if all the good work done at the beginning of the week will no doubt be overshadowed by the activities of the "B" team.

It is time again for me to leave you, but let me just say that we either look forward to the rest of the week, or would like to thank you all for another great year (really depends on when this is published), and congratulations on beating the Kosciusko of yachting to all, it was a magnificent effort and we are pleased to have done it with you.

Cheers,

The Chairman.

The new Willyama continues the legacy of being named after the SS Willyama - the first Willyama yacht was one of the life boats from the SS Willyama with a mast added. Adelaide Steamship Company gave their boats Aboriginal names and SS Willyama was named for Broken Hill.

The Cruise crew consists of Trish Stanley, Eric Duggin, Wendy Payne, George Simnos and hopefully, Vicki Matthews. Garry and Anna Connery of Enigma fame will keep the peace for the first half of the cruise then Richard and Reeny Barron will join us for the last 2 races.

REMINDER

39th Annual
Squadron Cruise
Prizegiving
Presentation Dinner

Saturday 10th May

for a Buffet Dinner in the
Carabella Room
at 7.30pm

Adults \$46.00
Under 12's \$22.00

Dress: Smart Casual
Purchase own
beverages

Make bookings with
Club Reception on
9955 7171



The History of Royal Motor Yacht Club, Broken Bay

Since its inception back in the 1920's, the Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay has undergone many changes. With the passage of time, there has been the inevitable transition from a small, "folksy", semi-rural establishment for a tight-knit group of dedicated "boaties" to the large, modern facility catering for a diverse community of cruising, sailing, racing, fishing and social members that is Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay today.

Despite the changes that have occurred in our membership, Office Bearers, buildings, marina, services and facilities over the years the spirit of kinship and camaraderie, that has always been evident at Royal Motor Yacht Club Broken Bay, is as strong as ever.

Yacht Profiles

BOAT NAME: ASTRID
SAIL NUMBER: 6658
CLASS/TYPE: Hanse 411
LENGTH OVERALL: 12.3m

Astrid is now berthed at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club's marina. Fred and Kate departed Cremorne last year and are now happily living in an apartment on Newcastle's fascinating working Harbour.2

Not wanting to miss the cruise Fred and his 'usual suspects' (Warren Welch RSYS and Graeme Bishop LMYC) sailed Astrid down the coast to the Squadron to compete. Grandson Nick Elderton will also be on board for part of the cruise.

Fred and crew are all looking forward to great sailing days, and convivial raft-ups.

BOAT NAME: FIDELIS
SAIL NUMBER: 45
CLASS/TYPE: Classic
LENGTH OVERALL: 61'

Fidelis is a classic yacht whose original designs go back to the 1930's. She was built in Auckland NZ and launched in early 1964.

Fidelis has won most of the major offshore race and regatta events on the East Coast of Australia and around NZ and the Pacific. She achieved line honours in the 1966 Hobart and again in the Veteran Division in the 50th Hobart in 1994. Fidelis has competed in 7 Sydney to Hobarts over 40 years most recently in 2006.

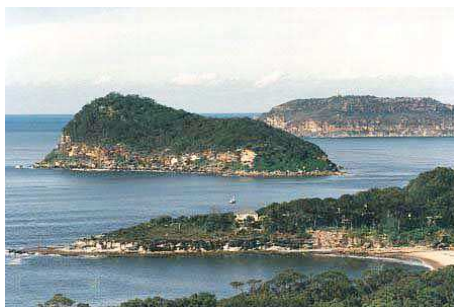
Fidelis was extensively refitted in the mid 1980's and again in 2005 with some major works to the decks, the keel and the interiors. She still has the original sloop rig from the early Hobart in 1966.

Fidelis has covered close to 200,000 miles of



Penguins in the Pittwater

Residing on Lion Island (located directly north of the entrance to Pittwater in Broken Bay and formally known as Mt Elliot Island) is a colony of Little Penguins. These penguins form one of the last penguin colonies on coastal islands in Australia. As Lion Island is isolated from the mainland, no predatory feral animals were able to access the island and its penguin colony. As the island is protected as an animal sanctuary, permission must be obtained from National Parks if you wish to land on the island. At some stage, a small number of goats were released onto Lion Island but whether they survived is unknown. The Little Penguins are frequently seen and more frequently heard when on Pittwater.



Lion Island

Fidelis cont....

offshore racing and cruising and this year will head for Queensland for the Hamilton Island regatta in August, across to Lord Howe for the annual classic yacht BBQ and then onto the Bay of Islands at the end of the year to race in Auckland with the classic fleet in early 2009.

The crew includes some of the stars of the RSYS youth sailing program..

Nigel A Stoke.

BOAT NAME: LOOSE GOOSE
SAIL NUMBER: 6352
CLASS/TYPE: Jeanneau Sunfast 37
LENGTH OVERALL: 11.40 metres

Used mostly for Wednesday racing (although missed this summer to a grounding then the owner's commitment to the World Laser Championship) .

This will be its second Cruise – won Div2 last year.

A very comfortable cruiser/racer with a shower screen in the head.

Results - Race 5

Inshore—Heat 2

Spinnaker Division

1. Just Quietly
2. Revolution Edake
3. Soundtrack

Non Spinnaker Division 1

1. Ishtar
2. Southern Cross
3. The Tavern

Non Spinnaker Division 2

1. Nemo
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.

Senta needs one crew for Friday and Saturday. Contact Julie Clarke

Lost and Found

Lost—At the Spit Roast—One pair of navy ladies wet weather trousers, size small. If found, please return to Julie Clarke of Senta.

Today's Funnies

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