



Cruise News

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Annual Cruise

Day 4

Tuesday 22nd April 2008

Waratah Bay Raft up



2007 Cruise

NOUN: Slang. A person with a high degree of knowledge or skill in a particular field: ace, adept, authority, dab hand, expert, master, past master, professional, proficient, wizard.

INFORMAL : whiz. Chiefly British : dab2. See ABILITY.

ADJECTIVE: Slang. Having or demonstrating a high degree of knowledge or skill: adept, crack, expert, master, masterful, masterly, professional, proficient, skilled, skillful. See ABILITY.

Crackerjack Fellowship: Dennis Galvin, Noela Davis Chris & Jan Harper, Captain David Ward Gordon Ingate

Have a happy cruise.

This is Allegro's fourth Squaddie Cruise. Our hand picked crew this year are our regular Wednesday and Friday night hands on a rotating basis - you will be able to recognize them at a distance by their willingness to come over to your boat and join you for a drink.

BOAT NAME: SENTA

SAIL NO: 683

CLASS: BAVARIA

LENGTH: 34'

Senta is named after the heroine of Wagner's first successful opera, "The Flying Dutchman" and is now doing her fifth Squadron Cruise.

Senta is probably one of the most "used" boats on Sydney Harbour. She entered the Ladies Twilight series this season, with a crew of novice ladies and one male to help out when the wind came up, the Friday Twilights and the Sunday series. She is still the weekend retreat for owners Terry and Julie Clarke on her new mooring in Neutral Bay.

Our crew this year are mainly cruising sailors which promises a relaxed attitude to racing!

REMINDER

Lay Day - Tomorrow,
Wednesday 23 April

For those that have indicated they are attending the Spit Roast at The Basin, Beechwood Cottage has been hired but we only have seating there for around 60. Be early or bring a chair or picnic blanket. The Spit Roast begins at 1400 hours. Tender service will cease at 2100 hours.

BOAT NAME: "The Tavern"

SAIL NUMBER: 6157

CLASS/TYPE: Sydney 38

LENGTH OVERALL: 39 + a bit

All pubs have a fridge!

BOAT NAME: Allegro

SAIL NUMBER: 6321

CLASS/TYPE: Cavalier 395

LENGTH OVERALL: 12 metres

After realizing that an Etchells was not the perfect family cruiser the search began for the family compromise – something fast and lively for JT with a TV, 8.5

... .. and bought Allegro. She is a production Cavalier 395 designed by Laurie Davidson and built by Cavalier Yachts in 1993.

Her first owner was Bruce Small from Sandringham Yacht Club who sailed her extensively around Bass Straight and the East Coast so she has been well set up for comfortable long distance sailing.

We have cruised and raced Allegro very happily for the past 5 seasons. She participates regularly in the Friday night twilights and the RPEYC / RANSA Wednesday races, not to mention the Tuesday Ladies twilights where Jackie and her intrepid female crew hone their competitive skills under the dubious coaching of wine waiter JT.

Yacht Profiles

BOAT NAME: CRACKERJACK

SAIL NUMBER: 8400

CLASS/TYPE: HANSE 400e Epoxy hull version

LENGTH OVERALL: 12.10M

DESIGNER: JUDEL / VROLIJK & CO

(also designed ALINGHI)2

A genuine Cracker, easily sailed by two with a self tacking headsail, roomy and comfortable award winning cruising yacht.

Crackerjack named after her modest owners: The Crackerjack Fellowship

An excerpt from Rogets Thesauras

BOAT NAME: ANOTHER DAY

SAIL NUMBER: 6109

CLASS/TYPE: NORTHSHORE 380 (Cruising)

Last year was our first cruise but this year we can only join on Thursday.

Crew is first mates Eloise (14 – RSYS youth sailor) and Persia (9) who will assist skipper Ross to get the boat around the course with an assortment of other youth sailors.

New sails this year and a clean hull should make for some keen racing against our rivals from last year Senta and Magnificat.

We look forward to clear skies and fair breezes.



Cruise 2003 - Fleet at Barrenjoey



Aborigines in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park covers a vast area of over 150000 hectares, has hundreds of species of native plants and is located adjacent to Sydney's Northern Suburbs.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park covers part of the Guringai people's traditional lands. Before the colonisation of Australia in 1788, this nation of Aboriginal people lived from Broken Bay in the north to Sydney Harbour in the south. Two clans of the Guringai occupied the area which is now the national park: the Garrigal people, who lived around West Head, and the Terramerragal, who lived in the Turramurra area.

Within six weeks of the arrival of the British First Fleet in Sydney, Governor Phillip went exploring around Broken Bay. He camped at Resolute Beach, and commented on the friendliness of the Aboriginal people. However, when he returned a year later, all except those too sick with smallpox fled from him. By 1790, over half of the Guringai nation had been wiped out by smallpox. By the 1840s, most of the Aboriginal people had disappeared from Pittwater and their traditional lands had been taken over by white settlers.

Deep in the parkland you will find traces of the Ku-ring-gai people who lived here for thousands of years. There are wonderful drawings of whales and fish and dolphins and spirits etched into the broad expanses of rocks overlooking the forests and the sea.

The National Park Service has made some of these sacred aboriginal sites available to you - enhancing access and understanding with trails, walkways, literature and signs.

Other sacred places are hidden by request of aboriginal elders - although you might find them yourself if you wander off the beaten tracks.

(Courtesy of National Parks & Wildlife Services)



Aboriginal Artwork in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park

Yacht Profiles

BOAT NAME: Arcturus II

SAIL NUMBER: 5429

CLASS/TYPE: Cavalier 395

LENGTH OVERALL: 12m

Arcturus II was launched in 1994 and used by the first owner for cruising the north coast of NSW. We bought her in 1996 because she was ideally suited for the Cruise and club racing. She is very comfortable, relatively heavy compared to modern boats but she is easy to sail, strong and sea-kindly. In light airs she struggles but in heavy airs she is in her element.

Designed by Laurie Davidson in the eighties to replace the popular Cavalier 37, the 395 has more modern foils and more sail area. Arcturus II is slightly different from her sister ships in that she has a shaft drive rather than a leg drive, a feathering prop rather than a folding prop and a light teak more open interior fit out.

In Club racing she is either at the front of Div 2 or the back of Div 1. Last November on a quiet day in Div 1 the race committee boat went home early because we were last around the course & they forgot us. In fact we were too slow according to the handicap computer, which refused to accept our result. With Div 2 resurrected we are back to where we belong, having a great time in company with other boats of a similar performance. Depending on the wind strength Arcturus II is usually up amongst the leaders and has won her fair share of trophies.

Like in previous years, the crew will change almost daily to accommodate work requirements and the focus will be on having fun & comfort with full tanks and a furling headsail rather than being in race mode. This is the 8th Cruise for Arcturus II and about the 15th for her crew since their first Cruise in "Ruffian" a Triton 24 in 1985 and subsequent Cruises in the previous Arcturus, a North Shore 33.

For the benefit of newcomers & crossword aficionados, Arcturus is named after a bright star, which the owner found most useful in celestial navigation forty eight years ago.

BOAT NAME: Kookaburra III

SAIL NUMBER: 102

CLASS/TYPE: Beneteau 40.7

LENGTH OVERALL: 40ft

Results - Race 4

Inshore—Heat 2 (NPS)
CREW RACE

Spinnaker Division

1. Soundtrack
2. Revolution Edake
3. Just Quietly

Non Spinnaker Division 1

1. Ishtar
2. Jackie Clare
3. Savannah Moon

Non Spinnaker Division 2

1. Jillaroo
2. Loose Goose
3. Katinka

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.

Today's Funnies

The long and short of the Pinta Bay raft up.



R.I.P—Dearly beloved partner of star-board foot "Docksider", drowned in Pittwater after falling from "Savannah Moon".

.....and which skipper almost dragged a lobster pot home for dinnersounds like a Crackerjack approach to fishing Makes the trip home a bit slow though!

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