



**54th
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Cruise
13-20 April 2024**

HANDBOOK



Refuge Bay 2023, Michelle McGrath

CRUISE OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL

CRUISE CAPTAIN

Richard Chapman (Nand V)

CRUISE COMMITTEE

Paul Thackray (Phoebe)

Glen Madsen (Cylix)

David Henry (Sweet Chariot IV)

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John Taylor (Allegro)

Verity Hodgkinson (Alibi)

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COMMITTEE VESSELS

Mischief & Gitana

CRUISE CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Cruise Committee, welcome to the 54th Annual Cruise. Hopefully the weather will provide suitable conditions for both racing and cruising participants.

The cruise starts with an offshore race for those entered, followed by the traditional sausage sizzle for all participants in the cruise. This year's theme is 'African Queen' so please watch that old classic film for ideas.



David & Jill Henry are again kindly hosting the First Timer's Morning Tea for new cruisers onboard Sweet Chariot IV on Sunday morning at 0930 which is a great way for new cruise entrants to meet one another and get an understanding of the comings and goings of the week.

Sunday is the start of the inshore race program and for those cruising and not racing there are lunches organized at The Boathouse Hotel Patonga and Cottage Point Kiosk. The timings are in the program.

The progressive dinner is on Sunday night so organize the catering duties between a few boats and enjoy the evening's debrief. A rafting up schedule is provided in your skipper pack.

This year's lay day on Tuesday, starts with paddle board races. Then a change in format with a Squadron catered carvery lunch at the KMYC. Feel free to arrive at the KMYC grounds anytime after midday, with lunch being served from approximately 1pm. This new format should give cruise participants time to rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

After racing on Wednesday a Canapes Afloat Cookoff 'Drinks & Drift' will be held in Jerusalem Bay commencing at approximately 4.30pm and finishing at around 5.30pm. Show off your cooking skills to the judges and fellow cruisers (details are in this handbook).

This year the cruise news is going digital, and we ask that the winners of the previous day to write 50 to 100 words including photos on the following day's racing.

Rob Ridley has assembled a great team again to assist in the smooth running of the Cruise.

Once again, a big thank-you to Jill Henry for preparing the crossword and to Rob Ridley, Margaret Carney and the team in the Sailing Office for pulling the Cruise together, which makes the Committee's job so much easier.

For those racing, remember that it's a cruise with racing thrown in. Many yachts do not have their normal racing crew on board so please keep this in mind. If you are short of crew, reach out to some of the cruising boats as I am sure someone will be looking to go for a sail.

For those who are new to the Cruise, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Committee or other cruise participants that you may know for clarification on anything at all or just a few tips and tricks on catering and logistics. If you don't know anyone, please let us know, so we can make sure you meet as many people as possible in the first few days.

Let's have a great week and safe cruising.
Richard Chapman, Cruise Captain

CRUISE ENTRIES

	Boat Name	Owner/Skipper	Sail	Make/Model	LOA
1	Akiiki	Ian Cook	9600	Hanse 415	12
2	Alibi	Bruce & Verity Hodgkinson	401	Beneteau First 40	12.58
3	Allegro	John & Jackie Taylor	6321	Cavalier 395	12
4	Arcturus 3	Julie & Terry Clarke	6911	Dufour 40	12.19
5	As You Do	Ross Littlewood	7124	J124	12.4
6	Beautiful Noise	Stuart Paterson	2910	Farr 37	11.28
7	Blackwood	Alastair & Susan Metcalf	7838	Sydney 38	11.58
8	Black Pearl	Anna Ward		Oceanis 40	12.19
9	Can Can	Roman & Trish Tarnawsky	SM4407	Beneteau First 44.7	13.6
10	Cap Norte	Victoria Pollard		Ian Taylor Motor Launch	9.75
11	Cazalla 3	Janice Freemantle		Riviera 505SUV	17.5
12	Cloudbreak	Peter Bennett	6693	Bavaria 44	13.90
13	Coco	Russell & Melissa Taylor	10035	Dehler 35	35
14	Collioure	Peter Goode		Palm Beach	15
15	Escape	Ivo Clarke		Grand Banks	9.75
16	Felixette	Michael Lindsay	6728	Bavaria 31	9.45
17	Flaunt	David & Cathy Brittain	6983	Bavaria Cruiser 33	9.75
18	Forty	Sam Hill	8001	Farr 40	12.19
19	Free Spirit	Stephen Face	A71	Buizen 48	14.8
20	Hell Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	6469	F36 Razer	10.85
21	Into the Mystic	Arthur Psaltis	89	Hanse 43	13.10
22	Irish	Sharon Delaney	6452	Young 41	12.50
23	Joli	Adrian Van Bellen	112	J112e	10.99
24	Just Quietly	Donald Swanson	4103	Elan 37	11.3
25	Katinka	Paul O'Connell	B93	Northshore 310	9.45
26	Kookaburra	Richard Hammond	102	Beneteau First 40.7	12.19
27	L'Amitie	John Biffin	3769	Jeanneau 37.9	11.5
28	Magical	Nigel Pyemont		Sealine	10.06
29	Manhattan	Sam Hill		Azmit	18.29
30	Mercier	James Merrington	131	Beneteau Oceanis 41	12
31	Minnow	Stephen Grundy	7080	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 409	12
32	Moonraker	Christopher & Brittne		Axopar 28	8.53
33	Morag Bheag	John Maclurcan	217	Illingworth & Primrose	10.36
34	Nand V	Rene & Richard Chapman		Fred Fleming Motor Cruiser	15
35	Northern Light	Kym Evans		Resort 35	10.67
36	Ohana	Karyn Gojnich & Michelle McGrath	SW10227	Seawind 1000XL2	10.86
37	One More No More	David Seaton	8035	Beneteau First 35	10.66
38	Origami	Nadia Stone	2692	Dufour 412	12.19
39	Out Of The Blue	John van Ogtrop	698	Maxi 1000	10.20
40	Outfoxed	Jennifer Fox	7169	Hanse 315	9.14
41	Party On	Margaret & Stuart Black		Riviera 36 Flybridge	10.98

42	Phoebe	Jacque & Paul Thackray		Dubois	15
43	Phoenix	Glen Madsen		Resort 35 Flybridge	10.67
44	Private Resort	Philip Edmonds		Resort 35 Flybridge	10.67
45	Rebound	Christian Brook		Motor Cruiser	12.19
46	Rosie	Stephen Thomas		Rose Island 38 Lobster Boat	11.8
47	Sandy III	Alice Killen		Halvorsen Viking 32	9.75
48	Saoirse	Jack Thomas	7049	Dehler 38	11.3
49	Seadrift	Graeme Richardson		Grand Banks 42 Europa	12.80
50	Shearwater	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	6446	Frers 57	17.4
51	Southern Cross	Peter Sheldrick	208	Jutson 45	15
52	Special Effect	John Newman	8378	Farr 36	10.97
53	Sweet Chariot IV	David Henry	6084	Buizen 48	14.6
54	Sweet Chariot J109	Ralph Pickering	6166	J109	10.9
55	Tonic	Robert Pizzie	6842	Bavaria 55 Cruiser	16.76
55	Vibe	Sharron Kennedy	121	Beneteau Oceanis 37	11.48
57	Whistling Kite	Kym Evans	114	Seaquest RP36	11
58	Xena	Amanda Hicks	8349	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 349	10.3

PROGRAM & GENERAL INFORMATION

Date	Time	Activity	Location/Anchorage
Wednesday 10 April	1800	Skippers' Cruise & weather Briefing (compulsory)	Carabella Room
	1900	Welcome Dinner	Neutral Bay Verandah
Saturday 13 April	1030	Passage Race - Offshore Race 1	Port Jackson to Broken Bay
	1530	'African Queen Movie' theme Sausage Sizzle on the beach (provided by the Cruise Committee). BYO drinks & glasses.	Hallets Beach
Sunday 14 April	0930	Welcome to new Cruise Participants	Onboard 'Sweet Chariot IV'
	1230	Inshore Race 1	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	Progressive Dinner	Smiths Creek
Monday 15 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch - Cottage Point Kiosk	Cottage Point
	1230	Inshore Race 2	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1700		Yeomans Bay
Tuesday 16 April		Lay Day	Yeomans Bay
	1000	Stand-up paddle board competition	On the sand flats
	1230	Lunch at KMYC, carvery & vegetarian option BYO drinks, glasses, plates & cutlery	KMYC
	1230	Inshore Race 3	Broken Bay/Pittwater

Wednesday 17 April	1700	'Drink & Drift' Canapé Cookoff afloat	Jerusalem Bay
Thursday 18 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch – Boathouse Hotel (weather permitting)	Patonga
	1230	Inshore Race 4 – Alternate Helm	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	Raft-up	Refuge Bay
Friday 19 April	1230	Inshore Race 5	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1800	RMYC - Casual Dinner, Garden Forecourt	Berthing at RMYC/RPAYC
Saturday 20 April	1030	Passage Race - Offshore Race 2	Broken Bay to Port Jackson
Friday 26 April	1830	Cruise presentation dinner	Carabella Room

TENDER SERVICE

An RSYS tender will be available to assist transporting cruise participants from **boat to shore events only**. The Committee is relying on some yachts bringing their own tenders. It would be appreciated if yachts with tenders could assist with ferrying other crews.

- The tender can be contacted on VHF 72.
- RSYS Tender service will be available from when Gitana arrives at an overnight anchorage until 1900 hours.
- Life jackets are mandatory BYO (as per RMS regulations.)
- No rubbish is to be left onboard tenders.

After contacting the tender:

- Please give the coxswain an idea as to your location e.g. North end of the bay next to 'Mischief'.
- After sunset, flash a light from the bow of your boat to guide the tender driver in your direction but please do not shine it directly at the driver.
- On leaving your boat, please take the time to remember where it is. This will save unnecessary delays for others on the return trip.

Lay Day at KMYC - Participants are requested to use their own tenders. In addition to the Squadron RIB, Mischief will offer limited transfers to and from KMYC to assist those who don't have a tender. Scheduled times are as follows;

Departing Yeomans Bay:	1130hrs	1230hrs	1330hrs
Departing KMYC:	1430hrs	1530hrs	

WATER TAXI SERVICE

Palm Beach Water Taxis located at Palm Beach: 0415 408 831, VHF 68

- Available 24/7 (prior booking recommended after hours).
- This service is based at Mackerel Beach and services the whole of Pittwater and the Hawkesbury area.
- Ideal for last minute change of plans or if you have a celebrity guest.

24-hour Pink Water Taxi Services, located at Church Point: 0428 238 190, VHF 68

COMMUNICATIONS, RACE RESULTS & NEWS

At 0930 hrs each day, the Race Committee will broadcast, via VHF channel 72, the weather forecast, any race instructions including the course to be sailed and any other useful information that may affect the day's activities. At the conclusion of these announcements a representative of the Cruising group will broadcast the daily schedule.

The Cruise News will be published at 12pm each day on the Squadron website under Sailing/Cruising/Annual Cruise <https://www.rsys.com.au/group/pages/54th-annual-cruise> and emailed to skippers.

To ensure new and exciting content each day, the Cruise officials need your help! We would particularly like:

- Daily photos of you and your crew, action photos from the racing or photos of everyone having a good time.
- A daily report of your racing, exploring and cruise events.
- Any results of any inter-crew or cruise competitions (e.g. cuisine, card games).

In addition, we ask the Division winners of the previous day, to write 50 to 100 words including photos on the following day's racing.

Please send Cruise contributions to media@rsys.com.au. Every effort will be made to include those contributions in the following day's Cruise News release.

FIRST TIMER'S MORNING TEA



New Cruise Participants' Morning Tea

Whether first time for you or first time for your boat (new boat to the Cruise old or new), please row over to Sweet Chariot IV for coffee, croissants and cake at 0930 on Sunday 14 April early enough for those taking part in the first inshore race.

Come and meet other first timers or perhaps reinforce friendships made the night before at Sausage Sizzle. We'd love to hear your sailing story. Sailors always have interesting tales to tell.

Just bring yourselves and a mug.

CROSSWORD

The Committee thanks Jill Henry from Sweet Chariot IV for producing the Cruise Crossword. It will be distributed at the Hallets Beach BBQ.

It is based on boat names. Please give your completed crossword to one of the Cruise committee by Friday 19 April. The winner will be announced at the Cruise Presentation Dinner on Friday 26 April.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



All Cruise participants are invited to join the photographic competition - a chance to show off your photographic skills on and off the water.

There are two categories:

"Afloat" a subject which includes boat(s) under sail or power (racing or cruising)

"Other" any subject on shore, at anchor etc.

Please send your entry to sailing@rsys.com.au (subject Photo Competition.)

The overall cruise winning shots will be judged by the Cruise Committee and announced on the presentation dinner night, Friday 26 April. A collection of the best shots for the week will also be put in a drop box link.

Prizes: RSYS \$100 food & beverage voucher for the winner of each category. Wine for the runner up.

DRINK & DRIFT - CANAPÉ COOKOFF



After racing Wednesday a 'Drink & Drift' Canapes Afloat Cookoff, will be held in Jerusalem Bay commencing at approximately 4.30pm and finishing at around 5.30pm. Show off your cooking skills to both the judges and your fellow cruisers in this unique event. One prize will be awarded by the judges and the other by the popular vote of your fellow cruisers.

Nand V will be the Judges boat and will anchor in a central position in Jerusalem Bay.

- Competing vessels should load their entries onto their tenders and head to the back of Nand V to present their canapes to the judges. Canapes need not be super fancy or complex - it's all about participation. However, items should be as far as possible freshly made on board.
- The judges will take entrant details, photograph the dish and give the entrant a prominent entry number to display to the voting tenders.
- It will then be up to the entrant to 'promote their dish' by visiting as many other tenders or RSYS boats and offer them their canapes. Display your entrant number and tell recipients to vote for you.

Recipients can vote online here. Choose the QR code or link.



<https://form.jotform.com/240780622428052>

The Cruise Committee emphasizes, it is a 'Drink & Drift' event incorporating the 'Canapé Cook Off'. We encourage as many people as possible to join in and have a canapé or two as they drift and catch up on the day's events.

COURSEMASTER NAVIGATOR COMPETITION RULES

1. Each competitor is to estimate their elapsed time to complete the day's course. You advise the committee vessel of this estimate when logging on. This will need to be done prior to the first warning signal each day. *Only one estimate will be accepted each day.*
2. **The time is to be in minutes** i.e. if you believe it will take 2 hours and 10 minutes to finish please inform the Start boat that your time for the day was 130 minutes (no seconds).
3. You will not be permitted to amend your estimated time unless advised by the Race Committee e.g. following a postponement of the race due to insufficient breeze
4. This estimated time will be compared to your finish time in nearest whole minutes and a variation for the day recorded i.e. if your elapsed time is 2 hours 18 minutes and 15 seconds advise the Start boat 138 minutes. If your estimate for the day was 130 minutes your variation for the day will be 8 minutes.
5. Should your elapsed time be something like 2 hours 32 minutes and 30 seconds, the 30 seconds will be rounded down. Any seconds above and including 31 will be rounded up to the next minute.
6. The above procedure will be carried out for **all Inshore races**. The lowest variance at the end of the Cruise will be the winner and receive the COURSEMASTER prize.
Where the boat with the lowest variance was awarded the prize in the previous year, the prize will be allocated to the boat with the 2nd lowest variance. Winner of the **offshore series** will receive a gift.
7. On any one day the maximum variance scored against a competitor will be 25 minutes. If you do not log in the 25 minutes will be added to your accumulated variance so that it increases your accumulated error.
8. A progressive scoring table will be circulated during the cruise.

*Radio in your estimated
elapsed time for the race
each day to be eligible to
win an ICOM VHF
Handheld Radio
kindly donated by*

COURSEMASTER



PROVISIONS

Royal Motor Yacht Club, Broken Bay

- Diesel/premium unleaded fuel
- Water
- Party ice
- Beverages
- Shower facilities
- Pump out facility
- Berthing, arranged through the RSYS Sailing Office



Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, Newport

- Water, ice
- Beverages

Careel Bay Marina - phone 9918 2331

- Unleaded fuel and diesel
- Gas, water, ice
- Great coffee / snacks
- Open 8am to 4pm, 7 days

Akuna Bay d'Albora Marina - phone 9486 3000

- Loading & unloading of passengers from fuel wharf
- Diesel/premium unleaded fuel
- Gas, water, ice

- Shower facilities
- Pump out facility
- Shed Bar & Restaurant - phone 1800 32 52 672
 - Basic food supplies
 - Cold drinks / snacks
 - Take away Wednesday to Friday 9-3pm, Sat & Sun 8.30 to 3pm

Cottage Point

The public wharf adjacent to the Cottage Point Inn is open 24 hrs. Be aware that it is a fixed wharf. Oysters are exposed at low tide.

Cottage Point Kiosk – phone 9456 3024

<https://cottagepointkiosk.com.au/>

- Bottled water, party ice
- Beverages, including alcohol.
- Groceries, fruit & vegetables (limited)
- Rubbish removal - \$15 per medium bag.
- Tenders are welcome to stay on our dock whilst they are having a meal or picking up takeaway items.



OPEN 7 DAYS • BREAKFAST & LUNCH • 8am – 4pm

Kuring-gai Motor Yacht Club

Our friends at KMYC have agreed to our recent request for access to their pontoon area so that we may carry out crew exchanges, purchase fuel, water and ice. We may also use the shower facility, drop off a small amount of rubbish and use their pump out facility. There is no KMYC non-member car parking.

It is very important that we respect this opportunity and use their facilities sparingly, so please;

- use the allocated area in the central section of the pontoon.
- do not stand on the wharf longer than 20 minutes.
- Keep rubbish drop off to a minimum.

KMYC members are asked to display their burgee.

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RSYS CRUISE 2024 – HOLDING TANK EXPECTATIONS

NSW Government regulations indicate boats must not discharge raw sewage into NSW waterways. For recreational vessels, your options for sewage storage are:

- an onboard toilet with a holding tank
- a small portable toilet with a holding tank
- onshore toilets.

Given the large number of us participating last year, it was of great concern to many members that some boats did clearly either not have a holding tank or were not using them if they did. We must not pollute and if we don't have holding tanks, we are polluting some of the most beautiful waterways in Australia.

As members of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, it is incumbent on us to lead the way in keeping our cruising grounds as clean as possible.

We recognise that there may be some boats that don't have a holding tank and the short period of time between now and the Cruise would make fitting one a pretty difficult task. We ask that those boats who don't have a holding tank be considerate of other members of the Cruise as to where they use their onboard toilets. Ideally using the onshore facilities available to us at KMYC would be the best alternative.

For those with holding tanks, there are pump out facilities available at Kuring-gai Motor Yacht Club (KMYC) and Royal Motor Yacht Club (RMYC) which are free of charge to RSYS members as part of our arrangements with those clubs for the week of the Cruise.

SQUADRON CRUISE – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

What happens in case of an accident or other emergency?

If the incident is serious such as potential loss of life or serious injury, significant deterioration in the weather, vessel disabled or difficulty retrieving a MOB then calling emergency services directly is advised. Call 000 if the incident is serious or, for a major incident which is not life threatening, call Marine Rescue on VHF channel 16.

For less serious incidents such as minor injuries, or minor damage requiring assistance, **Contact the Race Officer** and advise who you are, where you are, a brief description of your vessel and the nature of the emergency. The Race Officer will coordinate any required shore-based actions such as calling 000, marine rescue or an ambulance. **Race Officer: 0418 645 032 or VHF 72**

Wait for the Race Officer to respond The Race Officer will contact you and advise you of the action taken by him and the action required of you. This may include asking you to contact emergency services directly. Please keep in mind that the Race Officer has responsibility for all the boats racing in the fleet. It is unlikely that the Committee Vessel will be in a position to render assistance directly. However, the Race Officer may be able to help coordinate assistance.

If all attempts listed above fail to attract attention to your emergency situation then other methods such as flares should be considered.

Useful Contacts

- Emergency: 000
- Marine Rescue Cottage Point: 9456 3055
- Marine Rescue Broken Bay: 9999 3554
- Marine Rescue Sydney: 9450 2468
- Sydney Water Police: 9320 7499
- Broken Bay Water Police: 9979 4044 or 0412 162 093

VHF MARINE RADIO → →

EMERGENCY VHF RADIO CH 16
Mischief VHF CH 72

AMBULANCE PICK UP POINTS

- TAYLORS POINT WHARF**
Lot 7132 Taylors Pt Road
CLAREVILLE, 2107
Cross Street - Hudson Parade
- CAREEL BAY WHARF**
4 George Street, AVALON BEACH, 2107
Cross Street - Therry Street
- PALM BEACH FERRY WHARF**
1151 Barrenjoey Road, PALM BEACH, 2108
Cross Street - Palm Beach Road
- THE ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB**
16 Mitala Street, NEWPORT, 2106
Cross Street - Prince Alfred Parade
- CHURCH POINT WHARF**
1860 Pittwater Road, CHURCH POINT, 2105
Cross Street - McCarrs Creek Road
- PATONGA BEACH WHARF**
6/8 Patonga Dr, PATONGA, 2256
Cross Street - Bay Street
- BROOKLYN WHARF**
7 Dangar Road, BROOKLYN, 2083
Cross Street - Karoola Street

Akiiki	9600	Hanse 415	Ian Cook	40ft
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Those four friends and their wives and husbands are still going strong six years down the track. Akiiki seems to be out and about on Tuesday twilights even more than Friday twilights this season. Must fix that. Plus a few beautiful Sail Away weekends as organised by our own Rowan Mitchell.



Alibi	401	Beneteau First 40	Verity & Bruce Hodgkinson	41ft
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We purchased Alibi in 2022. She quickly became a catalyst for getting together with family and friends, racing on beautiful Sydney harbour and an easy way to spend money. Last year was our first Squadron cruise and we very excited to be back again for 2024.



Allegro	6321	Cavalier 395	John Taylor	39.5ft
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In musical terms ALLEGRO means fast and lively so when we bought Allegro in 2002 Jackie and I decided to keep the name given to her by her first owner, Bruce Moore from Melbourne.

Design : Cavalier 395
 Designer: Laurie Davidson NZ Naval Architect
 Built : Cavalier Yachts Sydney
 Launched : 1993

From what we can ascertain there have been about 25 Cav 395s built, the last being 2005 when international competitors began to dominate the Australian boat building market.

RSYS have 3 Cav 395s on their register - Allegro, Trilogy (Eve Sheppard) and Epsilon (Richard Brown - purchased from our friend Annie McComb from Tasmania).

All three yachts have cruised extensively in Australian waters.

Of late Allegro has been involved in regular club racing but has done little cruising. Is it time to throw off the bowlines and sail away for another adventure?

As a member of the RSYS cruise committee I am occasionally asked "why don't we cruise to a different destination..... why always Broken Bay? "

My answer - It's one of the safest and best cruising destinations in the world, it's on our door step which makes Crew transfers more accessible and it's just perfect for the format of the cruise.

This year we look forward to welcoming first timers to the cruise, catching up with the "old timers" and hopefully you will find time to join us for a drink aboard Allegro.



Arcturus 3	6911	Dufour 40 Performance	Julie & Terry Clarke	40ft
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Our boat is named after the fourth brightest star in the sky. It is very easy to find in the sky above the northern hemisphere and has thus been one of the most frequently used stars for celestial navigation. She is a Dufour 40 Performance originally imported into Australia by Peter Davenport, a RSYS member and former Cruise Captain.

Julie and Terry Clarke purchased the boat in 2023 and have raced her in Division Two in the RSYS Spring and Summer series, Friday Twilights and Ladies Tuesday Twilights.

We return to the RSYS Cruise after an interim of eleven years during which they have spent Australian winters cruising on our Jeanneau 49 Deck Saloon around the Mediterranean.



AS YOU DO	7124	J124	Ross LITTLEWOOD	40ft
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AS YOU DO is a 2007 J/124 imported from the USA in 2010 and moored in Mosman Bay. The J/124 was designed for shorthanded sailing by one or two crew. The boat is fitted with a Leisurefurl mainsail system, a self-tacking Hoyt Boom for the jib, and electric winches which makes shorthanded sailing possible in most conditions. The boat has basic accommodation sufficient for an event like the Squadron Cruise, with enough refrigeration to keep the champagne cold and we make use of the facilities available through our membership at KMYC. The boat also spends time on the Pittwater based at RMYC Newport and some coastal cruising to Newcastle and Port Stephens.

AS YOU DO joins the Friday night Twilights and the Sunday series at SASC, Sunday Twilights and occasional Thursday Twilight at RSYS. On board is owner and skipper Ross

Littlewood, Alexandra Curtin on the electric buttons and Kylie Nomchong.

We wish all competitors fair winds and happy days and look forward to catching up with old and new friends alike during the cruise, and thank the Cruise Captain, Sailing Office and Race Committee for their support and assistance.

Beautiful Noise	2910	Farr37	Stuart Paterson	37ft
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Beautiful Noise is a Farr37 (11.4 meters) monohull yacht built in Australia around 1995 by Robertson Yachts.

The boat started life as a charter yacht based in the Whitsundays and ended up in Sydney probably around 10 years ago and has mainly been set up and used for cruising.

The boat was bought by me (Stuart Paterson) in April 2023 with the objective of being involved in both RSYS club racing and general cruising.

We have entered some twilight races in Div 2 (Thurs and Sundays) this year and have done OK considering the age of the sails and not hugely experienced but enthusiastic crew. On the RSYS cruise to Pittwater, our crew will be Peter Dowling, Heather Yan (periodically), myself and a few other day trippers.



Black Pearl	n/a	beneteau oceanis 40	Mary Nunan / Anna Ward	40ft
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Black Pearl is a cruising yacht new to the Squadron Cruise. Mary Nunan is a co owner and is sharing the vessel with friends, Paul Bradley & Anna Ward. We look forward to meet you all and enjoying the friendly activities.

Blackwood	7838	Sydney 38	Alastair and Susan Metcalf	38ft
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We are delighted to again be joining the Squadron Cruise and looking forward to many happy hours with fellow cruisers.

As a Sydney 38 Blackwood is a fun, fast boat set up for easy sailing and (not too spartan) cruising. She has worked harder this season, appearing in both the Tuesday and Friday Twilight series. With a mostly beginner crew supported by some experienced hands, Tuesday Twilights have seen Blackwood teaching the crew a thing or two! Fridays have seen Blackwood reveling in some good-spirited tight

racing while still able to be handled by a minimum crew. And we continue to enjoy cruising the harbour with friends, on weekends.

We'll be hoisting our 'happy hour' flag - anytime you see it flying, we'd love you to come on by and raise a glass to sailing adventures. Everyone welcome!

Can Can	SM4407	Beneteau First 44.7	Roman and Trish Tarnawsky	44ft
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This will be our 4th cruise on the current Can Can, a Beneteau First 44.7 designed by Bruce Farr. She occasionally competes on Saturdays and Friday twilights. With comfort down below, and a large cockpit, she is well suited to the Cruise.

We are looking forward to catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and the social racing with friends and crew that the Cruise is renowned for.

Cap Norte		Ian Taylor Cruiser	Tori and Ian Pollard	32ft
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Tori and Ian intend to enjoy the beautiful Hawkesbury River and surrounds for a couple of weeks which includes the cruise program. We look forward to catching up with everyone and enjoying good food and wine. Let the weather be fine and the winds fair.



CAZALLA 3	Mothership to: Alibi	Riviera 505SUV	Jan and Richard Freemantle	55ft
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First trip to Pittwater in the recently acquired third iteration of Cazalla. Joining us are Nigel and Bronwyn Moreton both Squadron members. We will be crewing on a couple of boats .. but apparently our main purpose is to provide unlimited refrigerator space! Please feel free to drop in for a cold one.



Cloudbreak	Mothership to: Whistling Kite	Bavaria 44	Peter & Pru Bennett	44ft
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Peter and Pru Bennett have attended the last 2 cruises on their Bavaria 41 Jo-Ann but will be attending this year in a Bavaria 44 named Cloudbreak. Cloudbreak was sailed out of Middle harbour by the original owners from 2004 - 2018 until sold and moved to a permanent berth in the Coral Sea Marina at Airlie Beach in 2019. Peter and Pru purchased Cloudbreak in October last year having 1st taken a look at her on the Hamilton island race week's lay day in August. Cloudbreak is now back in Sydney and Peter and Pru plan is to spend 2024 getting her setup for

extended trips up and down the south coast of Australia in 2025 - 2026. Cloudbreak will be used as a mothership in this year's cruise and Peter and Pru will be racing on Whistling Kite.

Coco	10035	Dehler 35	Russell & Melissa Taylor	35ft
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Coco is a Dehler 35 built in Germany in 2010 and imported to Australia by Windcraft. Dehler was acquired by Hanse Group during the GFC in May 2009 when Dehler build quality could not compete with more mass produced brands from France.

We are looking forward to our 16th Squadron Cruise and 12th aboard Coco. This year we are joined by a number of friends and family plus regular crew members from the Tuesday Twilight, Wednesday afternoon and Friday Twilight.

We fondly anticipate some great racing, raft up conversation and Cruise Cuisine. Please come and join us for a quiet Gin and Tonic and reflect on the day's events.

Collioure	Mothership to: Allegro	Palm Beach 45	Peter Goode	45ft
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Collioure is named after a town in south-eastern France, where we have been visiting regularly since 2005. After Sydney, it is our favourite place on earth. Collioure was christened in November, 2022.

This is the second year that Collioure has had the privilege of being invited to be Allegro's mother ship. An invitation that my wife, Jenny and I, are always very pleased to accept.



Escape	Mothership to: Anyone	Grand Banks 32	Ivo Clarke & Tony Carr	32ft
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Purchased ESCAPE a Grand Banks 32 approximately 2years ago with a good mate Tony Carr. It's a bit of a restoration job but love working on her..Tony not so much but I'm very happy spending his \$\$\$.



Felixette	6728	Bavaria 31	Michael Lindsay	31ft
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We purchased Felixette in 2008 so that we could participate in the cruise in comfort compared to our old Pacific 27. Originally we had our three children with us but now it will just be Jane and I.

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". We try to sail on Friday nights, weather and other activities permitting and we are looking forward to a relaxing week catching up with friends and enjoying the serenity of Pittwater.

As always, the Squadron Cruise is marked in the calendar as a "Must" week in our busy schedule.

Michael Lindsay and Jane Daly

Flaunt	6983	Bavaria Cruiser 33	David Brittain	33ft
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We purchased the boat in 2021 and spend our time cruising around Sydney Harbour and Pittwater.

Forty	8001	8001	Sam Hill and Michael Obrien	40ft
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Forty is back again with a New partnership of Kerrie Fife Michael Obrien , Sam and Nicky Hill. Forty has raced from Hamilton Island to Hoabart and now limited to Sydney Harbour and the RSYS Cruise. Back again is Murry Spence twith the partners and the Hill Kids Olivia Georgie and John and we hope to have a few more guests during the week. To sail on her you need an open mind good sense of humour and need to leave any baggage at the dock.

As a crew we aim to be "best on ground" participant on during and after racing each day! Cant wait to meet you all.

Free Spirit	A71	Buizen 48	Stephen Face	48ft
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Free Spirit is a Buizen 48 (hull number 28). She was launched in 2006. She has a few names including Free Spirit II and an official Australian Shipping name of Free Spirit of Melbourne. We dropped the reference to Melbourne from her transom. Her name was given by her prior owner, who prior to our Free Spirit had also owned another Buizen 48. It also had the name Free Spirit. This older Free Spirit is currently located in Pittwater (and is currently for sale). This can sometimes make things a bit confusing. Our Free Spirit has circumnavigated the globe with her prior owner and now resides at Mosman Bay Marina. She is an awesome boat, equipped with



nearly everything you could possibly want on a long-distance cruising boat. Some say the best equipped Buizen 48 ever made.

We have spent the last few years getting to know her better and upgrade various equipment and systems. With this work undertaken, in July she will be cruised north to Hamilton Island, where she will participate in the race week events. On board for both the trip north and this year's RSYS cruise will be Stephen Face and John Barrell. Narelle will also join for parts of both the trip and the cruise.

HellRazer	6469	F36 Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	35.5ft
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Broken Bay with our fellow participants.

Hell Razer is a modified "Foundation 36" from Perth built by Milner Boats in 2004 for ocean racing. Under the first owners she raced to Hobart twice and the second owners Coffs harbour twice. In May, 2008 I became the third owner and this will be our 14th RSYS Cruise. In 2018, David Baines, Phil Edmonds, Bob Thomas, John van Ogtrop and I sailed her to the Whitsundays to race at Airlie Beach, Hamilton Island and then further north to Magnetic island. This year will be our 14th Cruise and we are looking forward to the sharing the beauty of

Into the Mystic	89	Hanse 43	Arthur Psaltis	43ft
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everyone on the water and the beach this year.
Fair winds

Into the Mystic Is back for another week of rest and relaxation A Hanse 43 which is a beautiful solid cruising, and sometimes racing sloop, out of the Judel/Vrolijk stable in Germany. She is our home away from home and we have spent many holidays on board this wonderful vessel. This year we are tuning her up for a passage to the Barrier Reef. Our crew has grown a little older and wiser now and will be ably assisted by our daughters Georgie and Hattie who have taken complete control of helming and tactics and I have been promoted to foredeck. Sal sees this as an enhancement following several successful races with the girls sailing the boat which was first trialled at the Squadron Cruise in 2019. Looking forward to catching up with

Irish	6452	Young 41	Sharon Delaney	41ft
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IRISH is back for the 2024 Cruise. She is a Jensen 41' Jim Young designed timber sloop launched in 1991. She was purchased by the late Michael Delaney in 1999, who with family and friends cruised and raced Irish from the squadron, until she relocated to the calmer waters of the Cowan.

Now in the hands of Michael's wife Sharon, Irish has undergone significant refurbishment. From Modern Boating some years ago: "Visually (Irish) is traditional and purposeful, the gunwale following a sweeping sheer until kicking into the coaming, while the low profile pilot house stops just short of the mast to leave a nice flat foredeck. There are 3 double cabins, two aft for guests

and the owners' quarters forward.

Great for entertaining the Delaneys have been known to have many people around the airy raised dining table, complete with views, for lunch and/or dinner. The covered cockpit is also roomy and workable and a popular gathering place for after cruising sundowners. This year, Irish may even host early morning yoga sessions for enthusiasts willing to get out of bed early.

Sharon Delaney

JOLI	112	J BOATS - J112E	Adrian van Bellen	36ft
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With the twilight racing about to finish, we are looking forward to spending a fun week of sailing with our fellow Squadron members in and around Broken Bay.

Just Quietly	4103	Elan 37	Donald & Sue Swanson	37ft
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Just Quietly is an Elan 37 built in Slovenia & we took ownership of her in 2005 after she was shipped over from Europe as a brand new boat. She is a true cruiser/racer & we continue to enjoy twilights on the Harbour & a couple of trips every year up to the Hawkesbury. We have lost count of the exact number of Squaddie cruises we have participated in but it continues to be a highlight of our sailing calendar.

We will be joined by various members of our Tuesday & Friday twilight crews throughout the week & look forward to enjoying the beautiful bays of the Hawkesbury, the camaraderie of shore events & raft ups & in between all of that some competitive racing in hopefully sunshine & fair breezes.



Katinka	B93	Northshore 310	Paul & Ellen O'Connell	31ft
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The name Katinka returns to the cruise in 2024, now emblazoned on a 1997 Northshore 310. Paul & Ellen O'Connell purchased her during lockdown. She regularly races on Wednesday afternoons with the RPEYC and RANSA.

We will be joining and departing the cruise in Pittwater and look forward to participating in the social events and inshore racing. A space has been made at home for the Windsong Trophy so all we need to do is race better than the handicapper predicts, not always an easy task, but here's hoping.

Accompanying Ellen and Paul will be Paul's brother Peter and regular crew members Mick, Howard and Ada. Mick is looking forward to skippering in the alternate helm race.

An African Queen theme on Hallett's beach sounds like fun, do we have to construct our own torpedo, or does Hallett's represent the beginning of the endlessly branching river system depicted in the movie?

Kookaburra	102	Beneteau First 40.7	Richard Hammond	40ft
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Kookaburra was launched in 2000 and is one of the popular and well raced Beneteau 40.7 yachts. Jill and Richard purchased her in 2016 and have competed in Tuesday and Friday Twilight races every season since. In addition we have had many family days aboard and a number of short cruises.

L'Amitie	6933	Jeanneau 369	John & Mandy Biffin	36.89ft
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We have been sailing L'AMITIE mainly on Pittwater and surrounds for the last eleven years as we have the boat moored at RPAYC. We joined the cruise last year for the first time in our boat however we have joined friends on many occasions over the past ten years.

Mandy has enjoyed helping with judging food over many years and now we enjoy rafting up with friends on our boat.

Magical		Sealine 330C	Nigel Pyemont	33ft
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Magical is a Sealine 330C cruiser finished in blue and white, powered by twin 220 HP Volvo stern drives. She is much loved for her comfortable accommodation, hot shower and Nespresso machine. This will be her third Squadron Cruise.

Manhattan	Mothership to: Forty	Azmit 60	Sam Hill	60ft
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To sail a Farr 40, you need to sleep a few bodies and feed them. Multiple guest/sailors will be joining us for the week and we hope for good company with good food and drinks.



Mercier	131	Beneteau Oceanis 41	James Merrington	40ft
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This will be our 8th cruise on Mercier, and we will be racing on Southern Cross. Looking forward to another week of sailing and camaraderie



Minnow	7080	Jeanneau SO409	Stephen Grundy	40ft
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Purchased in 2020 by three brothers, David Richard and Stephen Grundy. This will be our 4th Squadron Cruise. We race Minnow in Sydney Harbour with RSYs and GFS covering both sides of the bridge. Minnow has cruised up and back to the Whitsunday's and raced at Airlie Beach Race week and Hamilton Island Race Week. Heading back north in 2024 for Airlie and Magnetic Island Race week. Looking forward to seeing you on the Cruise.



Morag Bheag	217	Illingworth & Primrose	John Maclurcan	34ft
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"Morag Bheag" celebrates her 55th birthday on May 2nd. She has been on the RSYs Registry under the same ownership (father/son) since launch which might be a record. Racing less these days, she continues to provide enjoyment to the extended Maclurcan family and friends.



Nand V	Mothership to: Just Quietly	Fred Fleming	Richard and Rene Chapman	49.5ft
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Nand V was purchased by the Chapman family in 2010, she was designed by Fred Fleming and launched in Brisbane in 1988. Nand V is made of spotted gum, weighing 30ton, she is powered by a 220hp Fiat Iveco motor which enables us to cruise around 8Kts.

Carrying 3000ltrs of diesel, we can cruise to Hobart and back without refuelling if necessary. In the last few year's we have cruised to the Whitsundays twice , displayed at two Tasmanian wooden boat festivals and cruised to port Davey and Bathurst Harbour last year. We

have just returned from a trip to the Gippsland Lakes where we displayed Nand V at the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally.

We are a mothership to several boats during the cruise, so we usually have a number of boats alongside. Your most welcome to come over for a tour.

Looking forward to catching up with all participants on and off the water

Ohana	SW10227	Seawind 1000XL2	Karyn Gojnich	35ft
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2024 will be Ohana's 4th RSYS cruise. Owner Michelle will be in NZL on a biking holiday and has entrusted the cat to sister Karyn.

Ohana was built in 2013 and is looking forward again to joining the racing in Division 3. We live in hope that there will be enough wind for her to shine.

Also onboard will be Sara Ladd and Jono McCray who are joining the cruise for the first time.

We are looking forward to lobbying the Cruise Captain to

consider allowing the J/70 to join us next year (using a spinnaker) and the cat be retired to a mother ship.

One More No More	8035	Beneteau First 35	David and Deborrah Seaton	35ft
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One More No More (OMNM) is a Beneteau First 35 that Deborrah and I purchased about 12 months ago and this will be our first Squadie Cruise in this boat. However, we have participated in past cruises on Takana in our pervious boat. While OMNM is new to us it is no stranger to the Squadron Curise having been a regular participant under its previous owner.

We regularly race OMNM in division 2 participating in both the Friday twilight series and the Saturday afternoon pointscore at the Squadron.

The Cruise is a "chill" week for us and while we are keen racers, we love the social aspects of meeting new people and catching up with old friends for a glass or two. While we won't be racing OMNM as part of the Cruise racing program we are looking forward to crewing in a few of the races. So please if you happen to be passing, come and say G'day.

Origami	2692	Dufour 412	Nadia Stone & Ian Pascoe	40.523ft
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Origami is a beautiful cruising yacht made in France by Dufour. She was launched in 2019 and we purchased her in 2023 from a family in Wollongong. The 2024 Squadron Cruise will be the first time we have raced her, we have a great group of friends and family as crew. Brittne and Chris Whitelaw and their sons Ollie and Bear will be spending time onboard Origami as well as their motorboat Moonraker. We will also have Sandy and Johnny Lindholm (Blairgowrie & Sandringham Yacht Club) travelling up from Victoria. I am especially pleased that my daughter Isabel and son Alexander will also form part of the crew. Special thanks to Amanda Hicks (Xena) who has welcomed me on her crew for the past two years and inspired the purchase of Origami, I am looking forward to racing on both Origami and Xena during the Cruise.

Thanks to the Cruising Division who have been so welcoming to Ian and I, looking forward to a great week exploring Pittwater and spending time with new and old friends.

Out Of The Blue	698	Maxi 1000	Steve Grenville, Kard Meyboom, John van Ogtrop	34ft
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Out Of The Blue was designed and built by Pele Peterson in Sweden, designer of 2 Swedish Americas cup contenders, she will be 27 years old this year and still going strong.

We purchased her in Hobart and sailing her to Sydney she proved to be a fantastic sea boat.

The annual Squadron cruise is one of our main annual events and we will again be of the party for 2024

Outfoxed	7169	Hanse 315	Jennifer & Charles Fox	30ft
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Sailing under her new name Outfoxed, this is our 2nd Cruise. Having previously crewed on this fun little Hanse 315 my husband Charles and I purchased her 18 months ago then set about learning how to sail her.

We have loved racing in the Tuesday and Friday Twilights this season with some seriously good help onboard.

She is proving to be just as much fun cruising around the Harbour and as a mobile holiday house, so again looking forward to taking her to Pittwater.

Party On		Riviera 36 Flybridge	Margaret Black	36ft
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friends in Smiths Creek enjoying the water and partying on.

Party On is a Riviera twin cabin flybridge cruiser berthed at Akuna Bay and calls Cowan Creek and Pittwater home.

Party On was launched in July 1999 and has been home away from home for our family for the last 23 years. We have done the occasional trip North to Port Stephens and back and forth to Sydney for special events, but being honest, who would want to leave the best waterway in the world?

She has gradually been set up for extended stays. We can often be found back tied to the bank and during holidays, rafted up with

Phoebe		Dubois	Paul & Jacquie Thackray	49ft
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Phoebe was built in 1987 by the late Ian Predriau to a design by Ed Dubois whose brief from the original owner was for a fast-cruising yacht - hopefully we can keep her going fast enough.

She is cold moulded King Billy pine over Queensland maple frames.

Phoenix		Resort 35	Glen Madsen	35ft
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Phoenix is a Resort 35 which has been chartered for the cruise from Hawkesbury River Charters. On board are Glen Madsen & Darya McCann along with Chris and Sarah Smith.

Between us we have been on over 20 cruises. Glen is on the Annual Cruise committee. The Smiths have done extensive cruising throughout Europe owning a 50 foot Dutch motor Cruiser. All four have many years of enjoying the delights of Pittwater and the Hawkesbury environs.

Private Resort	Mothership to: Hell Razer	Resort 35 Flybridge Cruiser	Philip Edmonds	35ft
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Private Resort is a Resort 35 Chartered from Church Point Charter. I understand that she has participated in the Cruise on several previous occasions. She sleeps 4 adults and 2 children. Has 2 refrigerators, 1 shower room and a flybridge. See photo attached. We will also have a dingy and outboard motor.



Rebound		Masters	Christian Brook	40ft
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Rebound has been a regular in recent years and again is looking forward to the RSYS Cruise with Christian and boys looking to enjoy the first few days of this year's cruise.
See everyone at Hallets Beach for the BBQ and then a couple of days racing and the KMYC Lunch.



Rosie		Rose Island Lobster Boat 38	Stephen Thomas	38ft
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This will be Rosie's 4th cruise and Margaux and I look forward to catching up with the friends we have made on our on the previous cruises and meeting new friends.
Rosie was built in Milan in 2008 by Rose island Yachts and is hull number 35. We were fortunate to meet the owner and builder of Rose island yachts (Eng. Rosa) in Genoa following the ICOYC cruise of Chesapeake Bay in September 2023. His 65 foot boat is just an overgrown version of Rosie.
Rosie is just perfect for cruising Sydney Harbour and Broken Bay with friends and family.



Sandy III		Halvorsen Viking 32	Alice Killen	32ft
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Sandy111 was Halvorsen & Sons Job Number 1225 - built for a private owner (Mr H Bowden) and completed on 16 June 1965. Little is known about Sandy111 before previous owner (Robert Vickers) bought her in January 2007. At that time, it had been owned by Kelvin Murray for the previous 5-6 years and was moored at Cottage Point. Kelvin was secretary of the Halvorsen Club. Kelvin had undertaken renovation of the hull and cabin timber, upholstery, internal fittings and paint work over the previous 4 years. Bob

Vickers moved the boat to a mooring at Clareville in early 2007 and continued to have it serviced at Cottage Point Boatshed until about 2011.

The current owner (Alice Killen) bought Sandy111 in September 2021. Over the next two years, Sandy111 has undergone a complete professional refit, modernization & repairs at Cottage Point Boatshed. Alice's crew include Anne Muller and Alice's sons, Andrew & James Robinson and their families.

Saoirse	7049	Dehler 38	Jack Thomas	11.30ft
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Saoirse is a 2014 Dehler 38 that spends her time doing twilights at RSYS and GFS. We also enjoy cruising around the harbour and occasionally venturing further from home.

My wife Anne has become quite the keen sailor doing the LOTS program and loves women's sailing in particular. Looking forward to our 5th Squadron cruise.

Seadrift		Grand Banks 42 Europa	Graeme Richardson	42ft
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Seadrift is a Grand Banks 42 Europa which we purchased around the time of the Cruise last year after saying goodbye to our Hallberg Rassy 46 a few weeks earlier. Seadrift has spent most of her long life on Pittwater, being very well maintained, with engines, plumbing and electrics all replaced only a few years ago. She is a classic Grand Banks built by American Marine in Singapore. We are still getting used to having a

vessel without sails, but so far it is shaping up well, and the entertaining space is being much appreciated.

Shearwater	6446	Frers 57	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	57ft
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Shearwater was commissioned by our family in 2016 and was built and launched by McConaghy Boats in May 2018. She is the combination of all the experience we had in cruising previous boats and perfected by "the boat I always wanted to design" according to German(Mani) Frers!

She has taken us safely to Jervis Bay, Port Stephens and all the way to the Whitsundays. She is quick when the breeze is on and very comfortable on an anchor or mooring.

We took Shearwater to last years Annual Cruise and we look forward to more fun and sailing this April.

Southern Cross	208	Justin 45	Lach Gilbert	45ft
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Southern Cross was designed by Scott Jutson as a fast cruiser, built by Mc Conaghy Boats in Sydney and launched in 1998. She is the third family yacht called Southern Cross. The first was a Farr 37 she came 3rd overall in the 1986 Sydney to Hobart. The 2nd was a Farr40, which was built in Christchurch in 1988. She came 2nd overall in the 1988 Sydney to Hobart. Our brief for designing the present Southern Cross was to be a fast, comfortable cruiser, with the added bonus of the all weather "Shed".

Special Effect	8378	Farr 36	John Newman & Julie Meadows	36ft
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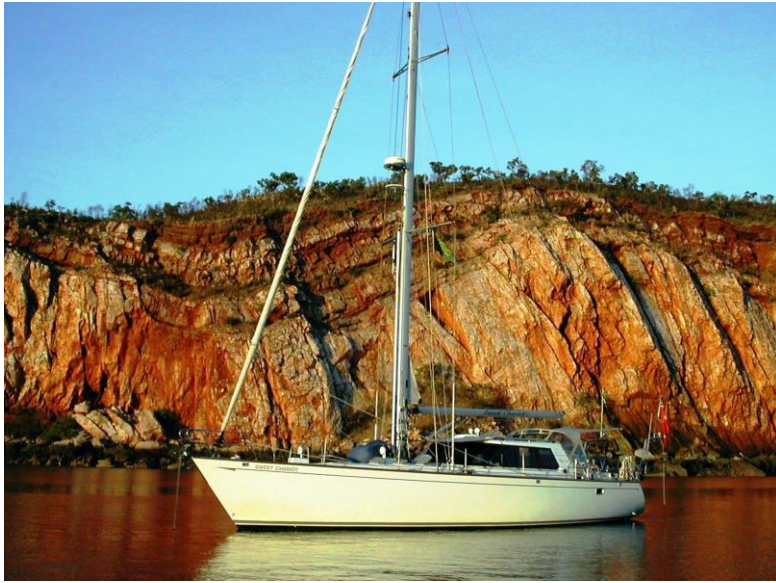


Special Effect is a Farr 36, built by Hi-Tech Yachts in WA and launched in 1990.

We bought her in 2000 in Mooloolaba, in partnership with another family, and set her up as a cruising boat. In the early years that we owned "Special" we participated in a number of Squadron cruises with our (then) young family on board, particularly when they were involved in the Squadron's Youth Sailing programme.

In 2011 we bought out our partners, and since then have regularly sailed her in the Friday twilights as well as spending many happy days and nights aboard in Sydney harbour, and in Pittwater and Cowan Creek. We are looking forward to catching up with old friends, and making new ones, on this cruise.

Sweet Chariot IV	6084	Buizen 48	David and Jill Henry	48ft
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This will be our 8th Squadron Cruise, the first way back in 1974 on Sweet Chariot I, an Endeavour 24 and the next 7 on Sweet Chariot IV. As you can see there has been a succession of Sweet Chariots since that little Endeavour: SC II, a Swanson 32 which we built; SC III, a Bounty 43 and the current Sweet Chariot IV, a Buizen 48. We chose Sweet Chariot to be the name for our boats because of the allusion to freedom in the words of the African-American spiritual, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot". In the 23 years that have slipped by since Sweet Chariot IV was

launched in 2001, we have put around 150,000 n.miles under her keel....including trips to Tasmania, circumnavigation of Australia (2002-3) and of the world (2006-2015), and to Hamilton and Lord Howe Islands. She now needs a little facelift each year - nips and tucks here and there - but remains always classy, a little bit sassy and a dream of a cruising boat. We wish you all a week full of fun and laughter. Drop by anytime!

Sweet Chariot J109	6166	J109	Ralph Pickering	36ft
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Sweet Chariot J109 was the first J109 imported into Australia by Ray and Sandra Entwistle in 2007 and has had a successful racing career. Ralph and Jen have owned Sweet Chariot J109 for 10 years and have great joy sailing with RYS, GFS and CYCA.

Ralph and Jen have been racing a J24 and then the J109 for 20+ years.

Ralph has been crew and navigator on 3 Hobart's, 1 Gold Coast and skipper on Sweet Chariot J109 for one Coffs.

In 2019, Ralph chartered a J122 and put together a crew to compete in the Giraglia Cup in St Tropez. Jen enjoys in-harbor racing and has raced in the Coffs and Newcastle races and completed returns from Lord Howe and Hobart. Ralph and Jen are heavily involved in the restoration of the MY Martindale, a 1932 66 foot, historic, auxiliary ketch rigged motor yacht <https://www.mymartindale.com/history.html>. During the second world war, the HMAS Martindale saw service in New Guinea, Goodenough Island, Kureweena, and Oro Bay

Tonic	6842	Bavaria 55 Cruiser	Robert Pizzie	55ft
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"Tonic" is my second yacht. I upgraded from a Bavaria 43 in 2010 after hearing the news one of my best mates had brain cancer. "Life's too short" I thought! She was displayed at the Sydney International Boat Show in 2010 and shortly after got the news my dear friend's operation had been a success. I'm very pleased to say that he's cancer free and fighting fit almost 15 years on! I bought "Tonic" to go cruising. Here's a summary of her cruising history:

- 5 coastal cruises to Hamilton Island
- 5 more trips to the southern Barrier Reef, Hervey Bay and Lady Musgrave Island
- 2 to Brisbane
- 3 to Lord Howe Island
- 1 trip to Melbourne (and lived on board in Melbourne 2019)

1 to the Coral Sea reefs with Downunder Rallies in 2022

...as well as many extended weekends to Port Stephens, Sydney Harbour, Jervis Bay and Pittwater of course!!!

Racing is more of a social thing for myself and my loyal crew. Whilst always managing a podium trophy during Hamilton Island Race Week and indeed, a third overall in Cruising Division 2 in 2013, the pleasure for me is getting out on the water and setting sail to new and exciting destinations near or far.

For us, she's the perfect boat. Big enough to take extended cruising, comfy enough to happily spend time on board with family and friend, as well as social sailing and corporate regattas.

Over 20,000nm so far and still going!!!

Whistling Kite	116	Seaquest RP36	Kym Evans	36ft
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Sydney Harbour Keelboat series.

Whistling Kite is a 2007 Seaquest RP 36 and is one of 5 known Seaquest RP 36's brought into Australia in the late 2000's. Seaquest was originally a UK based shipbuilder and moved its operations to Dubai in the mid 2000's. Based on the Seaquest SQ36 launched by Seaquest Yachts in 2000, Reichel-Pugh was engaged to enhance the design which led to the Seaquest RP (for Reichel-Pugh) 36.

Whistling Kite was purchased in early 2019 from its original owner based in Melbourne and then sailed up to Sydney. Whistling Kite is a narrow beamed (max 3.3m) 36' yacht that punches beyond its length, but demands utmost respect - if a sail setting is not precisely correct, Whistling Kite spits its dummy and refuses to be fast!

Whistling Kite is actively campaigned in the RSYS Division 1 main series, RSYS Friday & Sunday twilights, RPEYC & RANSA Wednesday races, CYCA Winter Series and Short Offshore Pointscore & Womens

Xena	8349	Jeanneau Sun Odyssey	Amanda Hicks & Alan Fradkin	34ft
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"Ahoy there, mateys! Meet Xena, our trusty steed on the high seas. She's not your average sailing vessel; she's a Sun Odyssey 349, a French beauty crafted for both comfort and performance. Imagine sleek lines slicing through turquoise waters, sunlight glinting off her pearly white hull, and the wind whispering secrets through her crisp sails. That's Xena in her element.

At 34 feet long, she's the perfect size for adventurous spirits seeking both intimacy and exploration. Her deck is spacious enough for sunbathing, stargazing, or hosting epic deck parties, while her interior offers a cozy haven to escape the sun or

gather for laughter-filled evenings. Think plush cushions, ample storage, and natural light flooding through generous hatches.

But Xena's not just a pretty face. This lady can handle herself in any weather. Her twin spade rudders provide responsive steering, and her sails unfurl to capture even the gentlest breeze.