



56th  
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Cruise  
11-18 April 2026

# HANDBOOK



*Halletts Beach - photo by Susan Metcalf*

## **CRUISE OFFICIALS AND PERSONNEL**

### **CRUISE CAPTAIN**

Doug Sturrock (Windflyt)

### **CRUISE COMMITTEE**

Paul Thackray (Phoebe)  
Glen Madsen (Relaxation)  
John Taylor (Allegro)  
Verity Hodgkinson (Alibi)  
Graeme Richardson (Seadrift)  
Richard Chapman (Nand V)

### **RACE OFFICER**

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### **RACE COMMITTEE**

Consists of the Race Officer and Cruise Committee

### **CRUISE NEWS**

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### **COMMITTEE VESSELS**

Mischief & Gitana

## CRUISE CAPTAIN'S WELCOME

### Cruise Captain's Welcome

On behalf of the Cruise Committee, welcome to the 56th RSYS Annual Cruise. Be prepared for an action filled week with something for everyone. Hopefully the weather conditions will be favourable for both racing and cruising as we explore the beautiful Hawkesbury and Pittwater waterways.

The Cruise begins for some with an Offshore Race, followed by the traditional sausage sizzle for ALL Cruise participants at Hallets Beach from 1600 onwards. This year's theme is **Barefoot Black-Tie Shindig** (think board shorts & black-tie / kaftans & tiaras). Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. BYO drinks and glasses. Please be aware that NO dogs permitted on Hallets Beach (National Park).

There is a Welcome Morning Tea for 'new' skippers and their first mate, planned onboard the Chapman's 'Nand V' Sunday morning - a great way for new participants to meet one another and get an understanding of the comings and goings of the week.

Sunday is also the start of the Inshore race program. That evening we anchor at Smiths Creek for the Progressive Dinner - always a great success - so start organizing catering duties between a few boats or take up the rafting-up suggestions provided in your boat pack.

Racing continues Monday. A Cruise group lunch has been organised at 'Shed' Restaurant Akuna Bay. Settle in for a casual raft up that evening at Yeomans Bay, ready for our Tuesday lay day which starts with Stand-up paddle board races at 1000. The Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club is the venue for the Squadron-catered carvery lunch served from approximately 1pm. Feel free to arrive at the KMYC grounds any time after 1130. Please BYO drinks, glasses, plates and cutlery.

Inshore racing continues Wednesday while a Cruising group lunch is planned at 'The Boathouse' Patonga (weather permitting). Casual raft up at Jerusalem Bay that evening. Thursday's Inshore Race is followed by the traditional Canapé Cook-off later in the day. Plan to impress judges Sue Swanson and Mandy Biffin as well as fellow cruisers with your tasty morsels. (See Handbook for details).

Friday 17th concludes the Inshore racing program with suggested raft up in Refuge Bay, proximity to next day's start line for those racing back to Sydney. Others may choose to linger longer elsewhere.

Graeme Richardson 'Seadrift' is coordinating social activities, and you will be hearing from him during the Cruise. Sharron Kennedy has prepared a new formatted crossword which will be distributed at the beginning of the week – please hand completed entries to me 'Windflyt' or Rob Ridley 'Mischief' by the end of the week.

The Cruise News is digital, and we ask winners of each race to provide 50 to 100 words and photos on the next day's racing. Send these and your Photo Competition entries to [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au)

Rob Ridley has again assembled a great team to assist in the smooth running of the Cruise. Our thanks also go to 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 it's a cruise with racing thrown in. Many yachts don't 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'm sure someone will be looking to go for a sail.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Cruise Presentation Dinner on Friday 1 May. Let's have a great week ... and safe cruising!

Doug Sturrock, Cruise Captain

## CRUISE ENTRIES

	Boat Name	Sail	Owner/Skipper	Make/Model	LOA
1	Akiiki	9600	Ian Cook	Hanse 415	40'
2	Alibi	401	Verity & Bruce Hodgkinson	Beneteau First 40	12
3	Allegro	6321	John & Jackie Taylor	Cavalier 395	12
4	Andiamo		Jay Anderson	Alaskan 48 Cruiser	48'
5	Antibes		Louisa Geddes	Motor Vessel	36'
6	As You Do	7124	Ross Littlewood	J/124	12
7	Avalon		William Manning	Hatteras 53 MY	53'
8	Beautiful Noise	2910	Stuart Paterson	Farr 37	37'
9	Blackwood	7838	Susan & Alastair Metcalf	Sydney 38	38'
10	Bushranger	SM047	Stuart McLean	Beneteau First 40.7	40'
11	Can Can	SM4407	Roman Tarnawsky	Beneteau First 44.7	44'
12	Cap Norte		Victoria Pollard	Motor Cruiser	10
13	Cheb	RQ31	Lyndall Patterson	Bavaria 42 Cruiser	42'
14	Cloudbreak	6693	Prudence Bennett	Bavaria 44	44'
15	Coco	10035	Russell & Melissa Taylor	Dehler 35	35'
16	Felixette	6728	Michael Lindsay	Bavaria 31	31'
17	Feng		John Ryder	Sunreef 70	70'
18	Frigga	2275	Angus Holden	Swanson 39	39'
19	HellRazer	6469	Ian MacDiarmid	F36 Razer	36'
20	Helmsman		David Pixley	Hewson 45	45'
21	Into the Mystic	89	Arthur Psaltis	Hanse 43	43'
22	Irish	6452	Sharon Delaney	Young 41	41'
23	Jackie Clare	7367	Geoff Davidson	Beneteau 36.7	36'
24	Joss	8818	Richard & Leslie Martin	Jeanneau 41DS	41'
25	Justified	G107	Tomas Simpson	J/111	36'
26	Just Quietly	4103	Donald Swanson	Elan 37	37'
27	L'Amitie	6933	John Biffin	Jeanneau 379	38'
28	Maluka III		Scott Wright	Bracken Pilothouse	40'
29	Margaret Rintoul	353	Bruce Gould	Philip Rhodes Yawl	45'
30	Mercier	131	James Merrington	Beneteau Oceanis 41	41'
31	Nand V		Richard Chapman	Motor Cruiser	49'
32	Ohana	SW10227	K Gojnich & M McGrath	Seawind 1000	33'
33	One More No More	8035	David Seaton	Beneteau First 35	35'
34	Outfoxed	7169	Jennifer Fox	Hanse 315	31'
35	Out of Sight	6967	Eric Duggin	Hanse 385	38'
36	Party On		Margaret Black	Riviera 36 Flybridge	36'
37	Phoebe	5151	Jacque & Paul Thackray	Dubois	50'
38	Rapunzel	3458	Sandy & Richard Lawson	Petersen 33	33'
39	Relaxation		Glen Madsen	Flybridge Cruiser	38'
40	Sandy III		Alice Killen	Halvorsen Viking	32'
41	Schon		Alice Coutts	Hanse 418	12
42	Seadrift		Graeme Richardson	Grand Banks Europa	42'
43	Shearwater	6446	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	Frers 57	57'
44	Siyanda		Richard Kornman	Halvorsen Viking Cruiser	32'
45	Southern Cross	208	Peter Sheldrick	Jutson 45	45'
46	Sweet Jay	6166	Ralph Pickering	J/109	36'

47	Tashtego	7049	John Thomas	Dehler	37'
48	Vibe	121	Sharron Kennedy	Beneteau Oceanis 37	37'
49	Vivace	88880	Tony Shannon	Hanse 430E	43'
50	Whistling Kite	116	Kym Evans	Reichel Pugh Sequest 36	36'
51	Will		Robert Weir	Halvorsen	34'
52	Willo		Michael Coxon	Fleming 55 power boat	60'
53	Windflyt	8484	Doug Sturrock	Townson	36'

## PROGRAM & GENERAL INFORMATION

Date	Time	Activity	Location / Anchorage
<b>Tuesday 7 April</b>	1800	Compulsory Weather Briefing	Carabella Room
	1900	Welcome Dinner	Careening Cove Anchorage
<b>Saturday 11 April</b>	1030	Offshore Race 1 – Passage Race	Port Jackson - Broken Bay
	1530	Sausage Sizzle on the beach (provided by the Cruise Committee) BYO drinks & glasses. Theme 'Barefoot Black-Tie Shindig'	Hallets Beach
<b>Sunday 12 April</b>	0930	Welcome to 'new' Cruise participants	Onboard 'Nand V'
	1230	Inshore Race 1	Broken Bay / Pittwater
	1630	Progressive Dinner	Smiths Creek
<b>Monday 13 April</b>	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	'Shed' Akuna Bay (pre-payment required)
	1230	Inshore Race 2	Broken Bay / Pittwater
	1630	Casual Raft up	Yeomans Bay
<b>Tuesday 14 April</b>		Lay Day	Yeomans Bay
	1000	Stand-up paddle board competition	On the sand flats
	1230	Lunch @ KMYC, carvery & vego options. BYO drinks, glasses, plates & cutlery	KMYC
<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	Boathouse Patonga (weather dependant)
	1230	Inshore Race 3	Broken Bay / Pittwater
	1700	Casual Raft up	Jerusalem Bay
<b>Thursday 16 April</b>	1230	Inshore Race 4 – Alternate Helm	Broken Bay / Pittwater
	1630	'Drift & Drink' Canape Cookoff Afloat	Refuge Bay
<b>Friday 17 April</b>	1230	Inshore Race 5	Broken Bay / Pittwater
	1630	Casual raft-up	Refuge Bay
<b>Saturday 18 April</b>	1030	Offshore Race 2 – Passage Race	Broken Bay - Port Jackson
<b>Friday 1 May</b>	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 1830 hours each day.
- 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 *may* offer limited transfers to and from KMYC to assist those who don't have a tender (weather permitting). Scheduled times are as follows;

Departing Yeomans Bay:	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/web/pages/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 race.**

Please send Cruise contributions to [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au).

## WhatsApp

An Annual Cruise specific WhatsApp group exists for event information. If you would like to be added, please scan the QR code below.



## FIRST TIMER'S MORNING TEA



As a welcome to new cruisers, you and your 'first mate' are warmly invited to morning tea aboard *NAND V* on Sunday 12 April from 9.30am to 10.30am.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow participants, get an overview of how the week will unfold, and ask any questions you may have. *NAND V* will be moored in Refuge Bay, where Richard and Rene Chapman, along with Cruise Captain Doug Sturrock and Chris Sturrock, will be there to greet you.

Whether it's your first time cruising or your boat's first outing, we encourage you to row over and join us, early enough for those taking part in the first inshore race.

Come along to meet other first-timers, reconnect with friends from the Sausage Sizzle, and share your sailing stories. There's always a good tale to be told.

Just bring yourselves and a mug.

## CROSSWORD

The Committee thanks Sharron Kennedy (Vibe) for producing the Cruise Crossword. It will be distributed during the Cruise.

It will, not only be based on some participating boats but nautical items too. Please give your completed crossword to Doug or Chris Sturrock on Windflyt by Friday 17 April. The winner will be announced at the Cruise Presentation Dinner on Friday 1 May.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



*Alibi & a rainbow by James Merrington*

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](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au) with the subject line **'Photo Competition'**.

The overall cruise winning shots will be judged by the Cruise Committee and announced on the presentation dinner night, Friday 1 May. A collection of the best shots for the week will also be placed in a drop box link.

## DRINK & DRIFT - CANAPÉ COOKOFF



After racing on Thursday a 'Drink & Drift' Canapes Afloat Cookoff, will be held in Refuge 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 at 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 Refuge Bay.

- Competing vessels should load their entries onto their tenders and head to the stern 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.
- Voters choose carefully as you can only pick one winner.

Send your vote to [sailing@rsys.com.au](mailto:sailing@rsys.com.au)

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 you
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6. r variation for the day will be 8 minutes.
7. 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.
8. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest variance.***
9. The winner of a combination of the **offshore races** will also receive a gift.
10. 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.
11. A progressive scoring table will be circulated during the cruise.

*Radio in your estimated  
elapsed time for each  
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

### 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

Open 8am to 4pm. **CLOSED Tuesday 14 April.**

- 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.



### **Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club (KMYC)**

Our friends at KMYC have agreed to our recent request for access to their pontoon area so that we may carry out crew exchanges, and purchase \*fuel, water and ice. We may also use their shower facility. There is no provision for parking. KMYC members are asked to display their burgee.

It is very important that we respect this opportunity and use their facilities sparingly, so please note the following regarding KMYC pontoon usage:

- **Northern end** (approx. 2 boat lengths) is reserved for waste pump-out and refuelling.
- **Southern end, inner and outside** is reserved for KMYC Members working on their boats.
- **Middle section:** Short-term (max 20 minutes) pick-up/drop-off only; skippers must wait their turn and be ready before berthing.
- **Rubbish:** Must be placed in the correct bins behind the waterfront office.
- **Water use:** Charged at \$22 per key turn (200 litres), managed by KMYC staff.

**Fuel Rationing** - \*whilst KMYC has both diesel fuel and petrol; to assist their members they are limiting the purchase of all fuel by non-members to 100 litres.

## **RSYS CRUISE 2026 – 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.

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?

**Helping those in danger** “A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.”

### What does this mean in practice:

You are obligated to assist if you become aware of someone in danger (competitor or not).

This applies regardless of your race position – safety always comes first.

### It includes situations like:

- Man overboard (MOB)
- Capsize or serious injury
- Disabled vessel in unsafe conditions.

If an incident is serious (e.g. risk to life, serious injury, significant weather deterioration, vessel disabled, or difficulty recovering a man overboard), competitors are strongly advised to contact emergency services immediately:

**Call Marine Rescue on VHF Channel 16** for urgent marine assistance

**Dial 000** for life-threatening emergencies

It is important that those directly involved make the call, as emergency services may require real-time updates and direct communication with the vessel in distress.

For less serious incidents (e.g. minor injury or minor damage requiring assistance) - Contact the Race Officer and provide:

- Vessel name and sail number
- Your position
- Nature of the incident
- Assistance required

The Race Officer will respond and advise on the appropriate course of action. This may include coordinating assistance or directing you to contact emergency services.

Please note that the Race Officer is responsible for all vessels in the fleet and it is unlikely that the Committee Vessel will be able to render direct assistance. However, they may assist in coordinating support where possible.

If you are unable to raise assistance by the above means, you should use distress signals, including flares, to attract attention.

## Useful Contacts

Emergency:	Phone: 000	
Marine Rescue Cottage Point:	Phone: 9456 3055	or VHF 16
Marine Rescue Broken Bay:	Phone: 9999 3554	or VHF 16
Marine Rescue Sydney:	Phone: 9450 2468	or VHF 16
Sydney Water Police:	Phone: 1800 658 784	
Broken Bay Water Police:	Phone: 9979 4044	or Boat Mobile: 0412 162 093

# VHF MARINE RADIO

## AMBULANCE PICK UP POINTS

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



<b>Akiiki</b>	9600	Hanse 415	Ian Cook, Rowan Mitchell, Julie Ford	40ft
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Akiiki is jointly owned by four families who are members of the Squadron. She sails regularly in the Tuesday and Friday twilight races and takes part in the regular Sailaway weekends.

Akiiki has participated in every Annual Cruise since 2000, and we are looking forward to this year's event.

Crew: Rowan Mitchell, Ian Cook, Prue Cook, Steve Ingate, Julie Ford, John Walker, Mary Walker

<b>Alibi</b>	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.

This will be Alibi's fourth RSYs cruise. We will be joined by our enthusiastic crew members in green.

Frosty will be occupying his usual stateroom and leading the story telling each night. We are looking forward to beach parties, raft ups and sundowners as well as some good racing.

<b>Allegro</b>	6321	Cavalier 395	John Taylor	39.5ft
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Allegro is embarking on her 22<sup>nd</sup> Squaddie cruise (that's about 120 sausage sandwiches consumed for Commodore Russell's statistics), and this year as in the past we look forward to catching up with all our fellow yachties with similar addictions at the welcome BBQ on Hallets Beach.

Amongst our well-seasoned crew, we have Captain Bligh's great great granddaughter sailing with us who celebrates her birthday on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. Come over for an autograph and a sea biscuit. We are set to cast her adrift in the long boat should she try and inflict any food or drink rationing on the crew.

Another welcome addition will be our daughter Laura, son in law Andrew and granddaughter Freya who will also be celebrating her (first) birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Where else would you want to celebrate your first Birthday?

Please come over for a morning coffee or a sip of wine later in the day, and please excuse my noisy

two stroke ducky outboard, I have electric outboard envy.

<b>Andiamo</b>		Alaska 48 Flybridge	Jay Anderson	48ft
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An elegant, solidly built, gentlemen's cruiser built 2006 and recently refurbished.

Crew: Jay Anderson and John Hancox

<b>Antibes</b>		Alaska 48 Flybridge	Jay Anderson	48ft
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The Antibes is a 37-foot motor vessel designed by Clem Masters.

She was built under survey in Queensland in 1987 and was originally used as a commercial fishing charter vessel.

Louisa and Andrew purchased the boat in Tasmania in 2005 and carried out a major refit, including removing the flybridge, before bringing her back to Sydney. She is powered by a four-cylinder turbocharged Yanmar engine.

<b>As You Do</b>	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, We make use of the accommodation 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 Tuesday Twilight at RSYS. Participation has been disrupted this season but plan to return to normal operations for the 26/27 season.

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 and Committee, Sailing Office and Race Committee for their support and assistance.

Beautiful Noise	2910	Farr 37	Stuart Paterson	37ft
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This will be our 4th RSYS cruise on Beautiful Noise and we look forward to it.

Beautiful Noise is a Farr 37 built in Australia around 1995 by Robertson Yachts and since 2023 the yacht has raced in various RSYS twilight series and will also enter the inshore races during the cruise.

Crew: Stuart Paterson, Phil Ipsen, Andrew Deck

<b>Blackwood</b>	7838	Sydney 38	Alastair and Susan Metcalf	11.58
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We are looking forward to cruising in company again. The Cruise is always a highlight of the RSYS year.

Blackwood is a Sydney 38, set up for twilight racing on Friday and Tuesday evenings. She is a lot of fun to sail while still being comfortable enough for overnighting. We'll have the 'happy hour' flag flying at the end of the day so come on over. We would love to welcome you on board.

<b>Bushranger</b>	SM047	Beneteau First 40.7	Stuart McLean	40ft
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Bushranger is a 2004 Beneteau First 40.7 who has spent most of her life in Pittwater, with a stint in Melbourne before we were lucky enough to purchase her in late 2025.

Having both grown up around boats and sailing on the yachts of family and friends, we're thrilled to now have our first boat together. Over the past few months, we've been focused on learning the ins and outs of sailing her and have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the RSYS Friday and Sunday

Twilights, as well as the monthly GFS Down Harbour races.

It's been wonderful to have some of our old crew back together again, and equally special to welcome new friends aboard. Sharing the experience of racing and learning together has made the journey into yacht ownership even more rewarding.

After many cruises on family yachts over the years, we're especially excited to participate in our first cruise on our own boat as new members of the club. We're looking forward to getting to know more members on and off the water and to many great adventures ahead with Bushranger.

Crew: Stuart McLean, Brett Pelham, Robert & Irma Birchall and Collin Dubravetz amongst others.

<b>Can Can</b>	SM4407	Beneteau First 44.7	Roman and Trish Tarnawsky	44ft
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This will be our 6th 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.

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<b>Cap Norte</b>		Motor Cruiser	Tori & Ian Pollard	9.8
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The Pollard family have now been the custodians of Cap Norte for almost 10 years.

During this time she has travelled between Pittwater and Port Hacking for weekends away and extended cruising with the Squadron and on our own. We have been whale watching and overnighing the length and breadth of Sydney harbour.

Our new favourite overnight spot is Blackwattle Bay, thanks to a Cruising Division weekend.

As she is now 43 years young and all wood we continue to lovingly maintain her.

<b>Cheb</b>	RQ31	Bavaria 42	Lyndall Patterson	12.80
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CHEB is a 2005 Bavaria 42 Cruiser. I have owned her since 2018 and have done two major cruises. The first in 2022 a circumnavigation of Tasmania and the second to the Whitsundays group in 2024.

"Cheb" was my mothers nickname and the boat has been fondly named in her memory.

I look forward to sharing this years cruise with family and friends.

Best wishes to all competitors. I look forward to spending time with old friends and making new ones.

Crew: Rick Coxon , Rick Longbottom  
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<b>Cloudbreak</b>		Bavaria 44	Pru & Peter Bennett	44ft
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Cloudbreak is a Bavaria 44 purchased by Pru and Peter Bennett in October 2023. She is kept at RPAYC. In February/March this year Pru and Peter completed a circumnavigation of Tasmania in Cloudbreak.

Here is Cloudbreak sailing past Southwest Cape, Tasmania

<b>Coco</b>	10035	Dehler 35	Russell & Melissa Taylor	35ft
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Coco is a Dehler 35, built in Germany in 2010 at the original Dehler factory—before the Hanse Group acquisition following the GFC. We’ve owned her since new, and she comes from an era when Dehler’s renowned build quality still stood apart, even as it faced growing competition from mass-produced brands.

We’re looking forward to our 19th Squadron Cruise, and our 14th aboard Coco. It’s a date that’s permanently inked into our diaries each year—a highlight we wouldn’t

miss. Unfortunately, Melissa can’t join us this time, but I’ll be joined by a fantastic mix of friends, family, and regular crew, whether sailing with us day-to-day or across other boats in the fleet.

I’m eagerly anticipating some spirited racing, relaxed raft-up conversations, and of course, the ever-enjoyable Cruise Cuisine. It’ll also be great to meet the many new faces joining this year and, no doubt, see plenty of everyone throughout the week.

Many thanks to the Cruise Committee and the Cruise Captain for the many hours of planning and thought that go into the week—particularly the careful consideration of overnight anchorages and, of course, the ever-entertaining cruise crossword.

<b>Felixette</b>	6728	Bavaria 31	Michael Lindsay	9.76
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We purchased Felixette in 2008 so that we could participate in the cruise in comfort compared to our Pacific 27. Originally, we had our three children with us but now it will just be Jane and me.

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, the 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.

<b>Feng</b>		Sunreef 70	John Ryder	70ft
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Crew: Heidi Ryder, Ellen Pesch, Dan Pesch

<b>Frigga</b>	2275	Swanson 39	Angus Holden	39ft
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Frigga is a 39ft timber sloop, built in Dee Why in 1965 by Australia's renowned Swanson Bros. She was one of the last they built before the fibre-glass revolution ended Sydney's days as a timber boat-building power house.

She was an unwitting beneficiary of the Covid lockdown period, during which she was equipped with modern instrumentation and painstakingly restored to an As New condition.

I am just the 3<sup>rd</sup> custodian in over 60 years. I don't believe she's done any racing of consequence. She's built for comfort, not speed. But she has cruised many dozens of times throughout Oceanian/Pacific waters. And enjoys hosting an itinerant rabble of crew members that are rarely the same twice.

<b>HellRazer</b>	6469	F36 Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	10.85
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Hell Razer is an early design IMS, designed by Brett Bakewell-white in NZ.

In May 2008 I became the third owner, and this will be our 16th RSYS Cruise. We are looking forward to the sharing the beauty of Broken Bay with our fellow participants.

Crew: Ian MacDiarmid, Sue Coulson, Sylvia Liang, plus others from time to time.

<b>Helmsman</b>		Hewson 45	David Pixley	45f
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Designed and built in Auckland by Gary Hewson as a cutter for cruising ~ 1978, then promptly entered the NZ North Island Race. I understand she went well down the west coast with a strong following wind.

Arrived in Qld a few years later and understand a much younger, current member, crewed on her in a Brisbane-Gladstone yacht race out of ROYS. Sold into NSW and sailed by one owner for about 19 years, back to an owner in Qld for 18 years, then sold to the current owner.

Crew: Sally & Robert Pixley

<b>Into the Mystic</b>	89	Hanse 43	Arthur Psaltis	43ft
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Into the Mystic has attended 15 Squadron Cruises and, on occasion, been a divisional winner and New York Yacht club trophy recipient.

This year she will be acting as a mother ship to Whistling Kite (Kym Evans) and Frigga (Angas Holden).

We welcome Nicola Wakefield Evans as a new part-owner in the boat and look forward to enjoying many sea miles together and good times with both families.

<b>Irish</b>	6452	Young 41	Sharon Delaney	41ft
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IRISH returns for the 2026 Cruise. She is a Jensen 41' Jim Young designed timber sloop launched in 1991.

She was purchased by the late Michael Delaney in 1999, and in the past three years has undergone considerable refurbishment under current owner Sharon Delaney.

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 three double cabins and a spacious and light filled galley and dining area.

The covered cockpit is also roomy and workable and a popular gathering place for after cruising sundowners.

Joining Sharon on Irish for this year's cruise are keen sailors, Ann and Patrick

Ibbotson. We are all looking forward to great cruise.

<b>Jackie Clare</b>	7367	Beneteau 36.7	Geoff & Debbie Davidson	10.8
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Jackie Clare was designed by Bruce Farr and built by Beneteau in France in 2002. We purchased her in 2004. Since then Jackie has been our race boat and holiday home for 22 years. Over the years she has been a great cruiser racer and continues to be so in the Tuesday and Friday Twilights series.

For 20 years Jackie Clare raced the Squadron's Inshore Division 1 with some success particularly in light wind and flat water.

Her name is a combination of the owner's mother's Christine names. This will be our 18th Squaddy Cruise and we look forward to meeting up with our friends old and new and having some great racing.

Good Sailing

Geoff and Debbie Davidson

Crew: Louisa Geddes

<b>Joss</b>	8818	Jeanneau 41DS	Richard & Leslie Martin	41ft
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Joss is a 2014 Jeanneau 41DS fitted out for cruising.

So, a ridiculous amount of kit (dive tank, various coffee makers, an extra anchor) that would horrify a racer. But she is a life saver for us.

Leslie and I both still work and I have endless business trips. We grab time for Harbour jaunts, and 3-5 day trips up or down the coast. With a Code 0, she is a fast passage boat and safe in big winds and seas despite our (my) endless blunders.

We are lucky to have the Squadron to look after her, Norths to make sails, and Shane & Jenny Beashel to do the canvas.

<b>Justified</b>	G107	J/111	Tomas Simpson & Andrew Lygo	36ft
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Justified is a J/111 – a boat that earns her name every time the breeze fills in. Fast, responsive, and at her best when pushed, she's as suited to a sunset passage as she is to a start-line tussle.

Owned in partnership by Tomas Simpson and Andrew Lygo, Justified has been part of the family for a couple of years now – and family is very much the wo. Between Tomas's three sons and Andrew's two, she's very much a boys' boat. Five young crew means plenty of enthusiasm, varying degrees of willingness to follow orders, and never a shortage of hands for the kite.

On the racecourse, Justified has been keeping herself honest. She took out the CYCA Winter Series, claimed 2nd in ORC at the Sydney Harbour Regatta, and narrowly missed the podium at the

RPAYC Pittwater Regatta – losing 3rd on countback, which is the sailing equivalent of losing on a photo finish. We're choosing to call it character building.

We're looking forward to a different pace on the Annual Cruise – though we make no promises the boys won't turn every leg into a race.

We look forward to sharing anchorages, sundowners and tall tales with fellow cruisers along the way.

<b>Just Quietly</b>	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.

<b>L'Amitie</b>	6933	Jeanneau 379	John & Mandy Biffin	37.9ft
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We have been participating in the cruise for four years, the first time on Sorcerer with John and Chris Gardner.

Then followed four years with Baney and Annie Richardson on Zephyr and then Andaluna.

We have joined the cruise with L'Amitie for the past three years.

Mandy has always enjoyed taking part in the cooking competitions in the past and enjoys helping Sue Swanson judge the canapés in recent times.

<b>Maluka III</b>		Bracken Pilothouse Cruiser	Scott Wright	40ft
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Peter Bracken Flybridge Cruiser, built in 1971 at Kurnell NSW.

Hull is of Oregon pine and Dynel sheathed.

Powered by 2 x Yanmar 160hp Turbo charged engines.

Purchased Yeppoon 2024 and steamed to new home in Berry's Bay, Sydney.

Crew: Scott, Naomi, Lexi and Tori Wright

<b>Margaret Rintoul</b>	353	Philip Rhodes Yawl	Bruce Gould	45ft
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Margaret Rintoul is a Philips Rhodes design. She was launched in 1948.

She competed in the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race in 1949, 1950 and 1951, taking line honours in 1950 and '51.

The 1951 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race comprised a fleet of 14 competitors.

Margaret Rintoul, skippered by AW Edwards won line honours in a new record time of 4 days, 2 hours and 29 minutes, giving both the vessel and skipper back-to-back victories.

She also competed in the Sydney to Hobart in 1989 and the '50th Sydney to Hobart Race' in 1994 skippered by Bruce Gould.

<b>Mercier</b>	131	Beneteau Oceanis 41	James Merrington	41ft
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This will be our 10th cruise on Mercier, and we will be racing on Southern Cross. We have sailed in earlier cruises on Nand IV, Ishtar and Morag Bheag.

Looking forward to another week of sailing and camaraderie.

<b>Minnow</b>	7080	Jeanneau SO 409	Stephen, David & Richard Grundy	12.3
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Minnow was purchased by three brothers in 2020. Since then we have participated in various twilight and Wednesday racing in Sydney Harbour.

Minnow has cruised to the Whitsundays and Magnetic Island in 2022 and 2024.

We have competed in Airlie Beach, Hamilton and Magnetic Island Races

weeks. In 2026 we are planning to head back to the Whitsundays for more racing. As a cruiser / racer the Minnow has taken the 'long' road north via coastal towns of NSW, the maze of Moreton Bay and the Wide Bay Bar and Hervey Bay. The 2024 voyage took in some of the outer GBR with stops at Lady Elliot, Lady Musgrave and Fitzroy Reef.

<b>Nand V</b>	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 refueling if necessary. In the last few years we have cruised to the Whitsundays twice, displayed at two Tasmanian wooden boat festivals and cruised to port Davey and Bathurst Harbour in Feb 2023.

In February 2024 we cruised 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. You're most welcome to come over for a pre-race coffee or an after race debrief.

Crew onboard will be Rene and Richard Chapman, with other crew members appearing during the week.

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

<b>Ohana</b>	SW10227	Seawind 1000XL2	Karyn Gojnich	35ft
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2026 will be Ohana's 6th RSYS cruise.

Ohana was built in 2013 and is looking forward to joining the racing in Division 3.

Sisters Michelle and Karyn will be onboard for the week and we look forward to enough wind for the cat to shine.

Crew: Michelle McGrath, Anthony McGrath, Karyn Gojnich, John Gojnich

<b>One More No More</b>	8035	Beneteau First 35	David and Deborrah Seaton	35ft
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One More No More (OMNM) is a Beneteau First 35 that my wife Deborrah and I have owned for about 3 years.

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

While we mostly race we really enjoy participating in the Annual Cruise.

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. So please if you happen to be passing, come and say g'day.

<b>Outfoxed</b>	7169	Hanse 315	Jennifer & Charles Fox	9.1
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Outfoxed, is a fun little Hanse 315 that we have owned for three years. The Foxes are eagerly anticipating our third year participating in the Annual Cruise.

This year, Outfoxed embarks on a new adventure by entering the inshore racing events for the first time. We have enjoyed sailing the Tuesday and Friday twilights on the harbour and are looking to expand our knowledge and become more familiar with the waterways of the Hawkesbury and Pittwater.

Any advice and crew offers will be greatly accept.

We look forward to again meeting new people and rekindling friendships formed in previous years.

<b>Out of Sight</b>	6967	Hanse 385	Eric Duggin	11.4
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On his 21st Cruise, Eric Duggin is again chartering Out of Sight, a 12-year-old Hanse 385. He will be joined by Warwick Back, Patricia Grolman, Ellen, Roxy and Eva. He has great hopes that someone can cook!

With this plethora of willing crew, he is open to sharing some of his team with others who are short crewed.

Alcoholic bribes are useless, but chocolates will work.

<b>Party On</b>		Riviera 36 Flybridge	Margaret Black	36ft
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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 25 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 friends in Smiths Creek enjoying the water and partying on.

<b>Phoebe</b>	5151	Dubois	Paul & Jacquie Thackray	49ft
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'Phoebe' is design number 132 drawn in 1983 by the late Ed Dubois after he had designed a series of successful IOR boats for a variety of Australian owners. She was designed as a 'Fast Cruising Sloop' and was an early part of his departure from IOR and the transition to designing superyachts. Phoebe is cold moulded construction of 4 skins of King Billy Pine on Queensland Maple frames and then sheathed in fibreglass. She was built by the late Ian Perdriau in an old chook shed in Terry Hills in Sydney and completed in 1987.

We have owned the boat since 2007 and have enjoyed fabulous times with our family and friends on the Harbour and on Pittwater and Cowan Creek.

This year will be our 18th consecutive Squadron Cruise, and we look forward to catching up with old and new friends during the week.

<b>Rapunzel</b>	3458	Petersen 33	Richard & Sandy Lawson	10
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"Rapunzel has been a regular attendee to the Annual Cruise since we purchased her in the Olympic year 2000. We now compete as an inshore attendee and fully enjoy all the social offerings.

Rapunzel was designed during the IOR period and built in 1983. Doug Petersen always designed very attractive yachts and our little boat is no different.

She now mainly competes in twilight racing including Tuesday's Ladies Twilight and Thursday Twilights series. This series is relatively new to the Squadron but being well supported by a dedicated group who enjoy the empty harbour, the feedback from fellow competitors and the great commeradie in the CCA after each race.

Please make yourself known to us and we can reflect on many years of Cruising together.

<b>Relaxation</b>		Flybridge Cruiser	Glen Madsen	38ft
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Darya McCann and I have chartered "Relaxation" a 38-foot Flybridge cruiser from Skipper a Clipper. I have been attending the cruise with family and friends for the last 30 years.

The cruise is one of the best ways to meet and socialise with fellow members of RSYS. I am a member of the cruise committee and looking forward to this year's cruise. Chris and Sarah Smith are joining me for the first few days and then I will have my daughter Kirsty and two grandsons on board.

Crew: Darya McCann, Chris Smith, Sarah Smith, Kirst Gray, Jack & Harry Gray.

<b>Sandy III</b>		Halvorsen Viking 32	Alice Killen	32ft
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Sandy III was Halvorsen & Sons Job Number 1225 - a 32' Viking, built for a private owner (Mr H Bowden) and completed on 16 June 1965.

Little is known about Sandy III 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 Sandy III in September 2021. Over the next two years, Sandy III had a complete professional refit, modernization & repairs at Cottage Point Boatshed. Alice's crew include Ian Short and Anne Muller.

<b>Schon</b>		Hanse 418	Jane Coutts	41ft
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Schön, German for "beautiful" is a 41 ft cruising yacht built by Hanse Yachts in the Hanseatic port city of Greifswald on the Baltic coast of Germany.

With self-tacking jib and in-mast furling main and based at Bayview she is well set up for cruising around Pittwater and Cowan Creek, although occasionally ventures further afield, down to Sydney Harbour and biennially migrates to the Whitsundays.

This will be her second outing on the squadron cruise and her first chance to race.

Crew: Jane Coutts, Graham Coutts, Rob Landis, Wendy Payne

<b>Seadrift</b>		Grand Banks 42 Europa	Graeme & Anne Richardson	42ft
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Seadrift is an early model Grand Banks 42, built by American Marine in Singapore around 1980. Around 2018, she underwent a significant internal refit, including new John Deere engines, as well as updated plumbing and electrical systems.

She has proven to be an excellent cruising boat in enclosed waters; however, as our first vessel without a mast, we are still getting used to her motion offshore.

This will be Seadrift's third Squadron Cruise.

<b>Shearwater</b>	6446	Frers 57	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	17.4
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Shearwater was commissioned by our family in 2016 and was built and launched by McConaghy Boats Australia in May 2018. All parts of her 57 ft are exceptional carbon works by McConaghy Boats. She includes a 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 the Whitsundays and now, many RSYs Annual Cruises. She is quick when the breeze is on and very comfortable on an anchor or mooring.

<b>Siyanda</b>		Vicki & Richard Kornman	Halvorsen Viking	13.41
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Siyanda is a 32ft Halvorsen Viking Special built in Ryde in 1966. Her construction is Oregon planking on Queensland maple frames, with Burmese teak topsides. She is powered by twin 150hp Volvo Penta diesels.

Launched in 1966, she was built for the Vincent family and named "Amco" after their renown jeans brand. She started her cruising life on the Lane Cove River but subsequently spent some years in WA. She was renamed Siyanda by her previous owners on her return to Sydney. We acquired her 6 years

ago and have been gradually restoring and upgrading her.

We are long-time dinghy sailors, and still regularly race our ILCAs on Saturdays at Lane Cove. We were introduced to the Squadron aboard Susan & Alastair Metcalf's Sydney 38 "Blackwood". Our children learnt to sail in the Sunday Squadron Youth program, and more recently we have been crewing on J70 *Anemology* in the Tuesday Twilights.

We are thoroughly enjoying our first powered cruising boat, and the flexibility to enjoy Sydney Harbour & Broken Bay. We are looking forward to our fourth Squadron Cruise.

<b>Southern Cross</b>	208	Justin 45	Peter Sheldrick	15
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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. third family 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".

<b>Sweet Jay</b>	6166	J/109	Ralph & Jen Pickering	36ft
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Sweet Jay 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 Jay for 13 years and have great joy sailing with RSYS, GFS and CYCA.

Ralph and Jen have been racing a J24 and then Sweet Jay for 25+ years. Ralph has been crew and navigator on 3 Hobart's, 1 Gold Coast and skipper on Sweet Jay 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, 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 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.

In December 2025, Ralph sailed on Ratu Henny, a Hylas54, from Lombok to Saumlaki to Darwin.

<b>Tashtego</b>	7049	Dehler 38	Jack Thomas	11.3
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Tashtego is named after a fictional character in Melville's classic novel "Moby Dick".

Tashtego, a Native American harpooner on Ahab's doomed whaler the Pequod, was from the island of Martha's Vineyard where I grew up and still spend summers.

Tashtego rarely missed his mark but tragically went down with his ship in a whirlpool.

Crew: Jack Thomas and Anne Nesbitt

<b>Vibe</b>	121	Beneteau Oceanis 37	Sharron & Graeme Kennedy	37ft
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'THE VIBE'

2026 sees us gearing up for our 26th consecutive Squaddie Cruise, all of which we have been privileged to race on Bill & Noela Gilberts Southern Cross, and for the 2026 Cruise we will again be crewing with Noela on Southern Cross.

Vibe is a 2009 Beneteau Oceanis 37 which we bought new at Easter 2009.

She was brought into Australia for the Perth Boat Show where she remained

unsold for 6 months as the local sailors were wanting the larger 40ft + boats to head out to Rotto (Rottneest Island). The paperwork was signed for Vibe to then spend five days on the back of a truck across the Nullarbor. With the rig back in and the red dust and the odd eucalypt branch cleaned up, she was delivered just in time for her 1st Cruise way back in 2009.

The last 17 Squaddie Cruises we have done on Vibe with our first 8 Cruises done on our previous Beneteau, a 1987 First 325 'Laetare' bought from RSYS and GFS member Warren Welsch.

It's hard to believe that she is now 17 years old and is still a very comfortable boat to spend a holiday on, whether that be a week on The Squaddie Cruise or a couple of weeks rafted up at 'Blues Point' (Smith Creek) over the Christmas/New Year break.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water.

<b>Vivace</b>	88880	Hanse 430e	Tony & Nikki Shannon	43ft
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Nikki and I are looking forward again to a wonderful cruise with the Squadron. It will be our 8th aboard our comfortable Hanse 430, Vivace.

We are expecting, as always to enjoy splendid company and fun days, including the company of some grandkids for a short time. We can't wait to catch up with all the great friends we have made through our time in the Squadron.

Our special thanks go to the Cruise Committee and Race Officers, as well as

the Sailing Office and all others involved for continuing to make this the most enjoyable event on the Squadron calendar.

<b>Whistling Kite</b>	116	Seaquest RP36	Kym Evans	36ft
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Whistling Kite is a 2007 Reichel Pugh Seaquest 36 and is one of 5 known RP Seaquest 36's brought into Australia in the late 2000's. 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 actively campaigned throughout the year at RSYS and the CYCA, including in the RSYS Tuesday Womens Twilight, Friday Twilight and the Main Series, the Sydney Harbour Womens Keelboat Series, the CYCA Friday Night Race Series, the CYCA Summer Short Offshore Series and the CYCA Winter Series.

We look forward to participating in the 2026 RSYS Cruise with many of our crew across the different racing series and catching up with many of our friends.

Crew: Kym Evans, Nicola Wakefield Evans, Kimberley Cole, Lucia Cade, Peter Bennett, Pru Bennett, Snez Tobin

<b>Will</b>		Halvorsen	Robert Weir	34ft
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<b>Willo</b>		Fleming 55	Michael & Cathy Coxom	18.5
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Willo is a Fleming 55, hull number 210 by Fleming Yachts, Taiwan. We purchased her in 2021 from Mal and Mandy Edward who launched her as 'Phoebe' in 2010 and have moored her in Pittwater where she remains today.

In 2022 circumnavigation of Tasmania, we have explored the NSW coast including Jervis Bay, Port Stephens the Clarence River and numerous ports along the way. In 2024 we spent 4

months cruising as far north as Magnetic Island off Townsville. We visited many of the islands and ports along the Queensland coast including the Whitsundays Group.

We are currently preparing Willo for our next ocean adventure where we plan to cruise her to Fiji, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. We plan to depart Southport early June. Hopefully recent world developments with diesel availability and cost are resolved quickly or we may need to delay our plans for a year.

<b>Wyndflyt</b>	8484	Townsen	Doug & Chris Sturrock	36ft
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Windflyt is an 11 metre (36ft) cruising sloop, designed by the renowned New Zealand yacht designer, boat builder and model maker Des Townson MNZN. Windflyt is Hull #45 and Des later remarked that #45 was one of the sweetest designs he ever created - only two boats were built to this specification.



Townson yachts are well known in NZ as comfortable coastal cruisers. In 2000 she caught the eye of owner Doug Sturrock who sailed her from Auckland with 3 mates in 81/2 days. She was built in 1981 from triple skin Kauri with dynal sheathing and weighs 6 1/2 tons. Recently a new deck and cockpit fit-out were installed using recycled Burmese teak - a mammoth job undertaken by Doug, 'but one worth doing; she's a joy to sail' he says.

Windflyt has participated in many Squadron cruises and is a

regular entry in harbour races. This very pretty boat gets lots of compliments - not only for her good looks but also her performance - she has proven to be a competitive racer as well, especially in light winds. Hence the name!