



Cruise News

56th Annual Cruise

Monday 13 April 2026

New Friendships Found Onboard *Nand V*



photo by Rene Chapman

A glorious, sunlit morning set the tone as the crew of *Nand V*, Richard and Rene Chapman, along with Cruise Captain Doug and Chris Sturrock, welcomed newcomers to the Cruise.

Guests were treated to a delightful spread, while skilled hands kept the coffee flowing and conversations bubbled just as easily.

For those joining for the first time, the warmth and camaraderie were unmistakable, making it easy to feel part of the group from the very start.

Phoebe Prevails in a Brisk Inshore Battle

by Paul Thackray



photo by Rene Chapman

The first day of inshore racing was blowing a cold 20 knot westerly from early in the morning so Refuge Bay was providing what its name suggested for the majority of the fleet. The breeze was gusting in and out all day so the stage was set for some solid racing for everybody on what proved to be a challenging day for boats and bodies.

Onboard *Phoebe* we had 4 of our regular crew Jacquie, Claudia and Paul Thackray and Michael (Cocko) Coxon plus 4 new cruise participants being Rob and Suzy Weir from *Will* and John Ryder and his visiting NYYC friend Dan from *Feng*.

Unusually for us, we decided to sort out the setup on boat before the start which certainly helped us sail the boat without too much drama in pretty solid conditions.

Division 2 had 8 starters and we all started on port jibe and headed for the Lion Island mark cracking 9 knots.

As You Do sailed by club treasurer Ross Littlewood led at the first mark and held the lead at the Stokes Point Mark by a good 5 lengths. Phoebe chased him up to West Head and we stayed low and waited for the right hand shift so we could cross *As You Do* before the Flint & Steel mark and we were able to hold to the finish at Challenger Head. The *Just Quietly* team caught up on the beat and finished second on line honours with *As You Do* crossing the line in third.

The big breeze helped the heavier boats with *Phoebe* also winning on PHS which is a thrill for all of us on board who batted light breezes for the past few cruises and look like we might be facing light weather for the rest of the week, *Akiiki* was 2nd and *As You Do* was 3rd on PHS. Cocko kept looking behind us for his brother and sister on *Cheb* but we didn't see them all day.




The View from Ohana










photo by Karyn Gojnich

It is not often our Cat gets to lead the fleet. Chasing us and ultimate winner of Division 3, *Minnow*.

Results Sunday 12 April

Division 1 Start: 12:35											
1	6446	Shearwater	Frers 57	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	RSYS	14:12:49	01:37:49	1.1413	01:51:39	1	1.1593
2	208	Southern Cross	Jutson 45	Peter Sheldrick	RSYS	14:23:09	01:48:09	1.0725	01:56:00	2	1.0896
3	G107	Justified	J Boats J/111	Tomas Simpson	CYCA	14:30:46	01:55:46	1.0650	02:03:17	3	1.0710
4	401	Alibi	Beneteau First 40	Bruce Hodgkinson	RSYS	14:33:37	01:58:37	1.0481	02:04:19	4	1.0518
5	SM407	Bushranger	Beneteau First 40.7	Stuart McLean	RSYS	14:36:35	02:01:35	1.0307	02:05:19	5	1.0249
6	7367	Jackie Clare	Beneteau First 36.7	Geoff Davidson	RSYS	14:40:56	02:05:56	1.0215	02:08:38	6	1.0115
7	116	Whistling Kite	Seaquest RP36	Kym Evans	CYCA	14:36:46	02:01:46	1.0650	02:09:41	7	1.0550
8	6469	HellRazer	F36 Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	RSYS	14:39:46	02:04:46	1.0785	02:14:33	8	1.0685
DNC	 SM4407	Can Can	Beneteau First 44.7	Roman Tamawsky	RSYS	-	-	-	-	10	1.0208

Division 2 Start: 12:40											
1	5151	Phoebe	Dubois 49	Paul Thackray	RSYS	14:24:47	01:44:47	0.9867	01:43:23	1	1.0014
2	9600	Akiiki	Hanse 415	Ian Cook	RSYS	14:37:48	01:57:48	0.9088	01:47:03	2	0.9146
3	7124	As You Do	J Boats J/124	Ross Littlewood	RSYS	14:29:10	01:49:10	0.9876	01:47:48	3	0.9918
4	RQ31	Cheb	Bavaria 42	Lyndall Patterson	RPAYC	14:33:59	01:53:59	0.9475	01:48:00	4	0.9512
5	TBA	Schon	Hanse 418	Alice Coutts	RSYS	14:34:58	01:54:58	0.9500	01:49:13	5	0.9436
6	7049	Tashtego	Dehler 38	Jack Thomas	RSYS	14:35:10	01:55:10	0.9490	01:49:18	6	0.9424
7	4103	Just Quietly	Elan 37	Donald Swanson	RSYS	14:29:08	01:49:08	1.0264	01:52:01	7	1.0164
8	10035	Coco	Dehler 35	Russell Taylor	RSYS	14:54:38	02:14:38	0.9738	02:11:06	8	0.9638
DNC	 6321	Allegro	Cavalier 395	John Taylor	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13	1.0169
DNC	 6166	Sweet Jay	J Boats J/109	Ralph Pickering	GFS	-	-	-	-	13	0.9666
DNC	 88880	Vivace	Hanse 430e	Anthony Shannon	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13	0.9800
DNC	 8484	Windflyt	Townson 36	Douglas Sturrock	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13	0.9506

Division 3 Start: 12:45											
1	7080	Minnow	Jeanneau SO 409	Stephen Grundy	RSYS	14:05:56	01:20:56	0.8735	01:10:42	1	0.8882
2	SW10227	Ohana	Seawind 1000XL2	Michelle McGrath & Karyn Gojnich	RSYS	14:27:22	01:42:22	0.7028	01:11:56	2	0.7054
3	2910	Beautiful Noise	Farr 37	stuart paterson	RSYS	14:14:07	01:29:07	0.8678	01:17:20	3	0.8708
4	353	Margaret Rintoul	Phillip Rhodes Classic Yawl	Bruce Gould	RSYS	14:19:54	01:34:54	0.8792	01:23:26	4	0.8704
5	6967	Out of Sight	Hanse 385	Eric Duggin	RANSA	14:28:50	01:43:50	0.8921	01:32:38	5	0.8821
DNC	 2275	Frigga	Swanson 39	Angus Holden	-	-	-	-	-	8	0.8500
DNC	 C 8818	Joss	Jeanneau 41DS	John Richard Martin	RSYS	-	-	-	-	-	0.8443
DNC	 3458	Rapunzel	Peterson 33	Richard & Sandy Lawson	RSYS	-	-	-	-	8	0.8759



Tonight's Mooring

Yeomans Bay



Tomorrow's Activities

Stand-up paddle board competition

Lunch at KMYC



Tomorrow's Racing

Lay Day



Tomorrow's Mooring

Yeomans Bay

Forecast for Tuesday



13°C 23 °C

Sunny - West to southwesterly below 10 knots becoming east to northeasterly in the middle of the day then becoming north to northwesterly in the late evening.

Seas below 0.5m



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