



# Cruise News

56th Annual Cruise

Wednesday 15 April 2026

## A Feast to Remember on the Squadron Cruise



Photo by Danni McLean

Chef Sean Collet and Sous Chef Feliche Siy ably assisted by Sally Hobbs and Harriet Wyatt served a delicious lunch to the fleet.

# Perfect Weather, Perfect Setting, Perfect Company

by Chris Sturrock



photo by Graeme Kennedy

150 Members and guests enjoyed a lovely Alfresco lunch at the KMYC enjoying the spectacular setting and perfect weather. The lawn area was filled with long lunch tables and fluttering code flags overhead - quite a setting.

Sean and his team served a smorgasbord of salads, roasted leg ham, roast beef and lasagna and ice cream for desert. A wonderful day where people renewed old acquaintances and made new friends; definitely a highlight of the week.



photos by Rene Chapman

## Paddles, Sunshine and Squadron Spirit

photos by Anne richardson



The lay day began in perfect fashion, with glassy flat water and a brilliant blue sky setting the scene for a morning of fun on the water. Before the long lunch festivities began, around 20 enthusiastic participants gathered for a lively paddleboard competition.

Organised by Paul Thackray, the event brought plenty of laughs, friendly rivalry, and just the right amount of competition. Crews of all ages took to their boards, testing their balance and skill while others cheered from the sidelines.

It was a relaxed and cheerful start to the day, capturing the true spirit of the cruise; good company, great weather, and plenty of shared moments on the water before the celebrations continued ashore.



## Annual Cruise Presentation Dinner



Photo by Rene Chapman

Re-live the 2026 Cruise with the fleet, at the presentation dinner. Perpetual trophies will be awarded including the Brian Northam Trophy - a skipper who emulates the Spirit of the Cruise.

**Date:** Friday 1 May

**Time:** 6.30pm for 7pm

**Venue:** Carabella Dining Room

**Cost:** \$100 includes two courses (entree & main) and Squadron wines.

**[Book here](#)**

*Non-members: please ask your RSYS member/friend to book for you.*



**Tonight's Mooring**

Jerusalem Bay



**Tomorrow's Activity**

'Drink & Drift' Canape Cookoff Afloat



**Tomorrow's Racing**

Inshore Race 4 - Alternate Helm



**Tomorrow's Mooring**

Refuge Bay Creek

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**Forecast for Thursday**



14°C 26 °C

Sunny

West to northwesterly below 10 knots becoming north to northeasterly in the middle of the day then becoming west to northwesterly in the evening.

Seas below 0.5m

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## Brian Northam Trophy



2025 recipients David & Jill Henry

After Brian experienced the New York Yacht Club Cruise in 1962, he wanted to encourage family involvement in ‘cruising in company’ offshore, racing each day and sharing the evening together. His dream was fulfilled when the Squadron included the Cruise in its annual sailing calendar. Brian Northam CBE, was the first Cruise Captain and a member of the Squadron for 54 years.

Jan Northam donated the trophy to the Squadron in 2010. It is a half model of the Half Ton class, mounted on a Huon Pine board. It represents Brian’s boat Humdinger an affordable vessel, well suited for this event. It was a family boat for many happy years of competitive and recreational sailing.

Made by Keith Lambert, the Huon Pine board measures 850cm x 540cm.

It is awarded to a skipper who emulates the Spirit of the Cruise.