



Cruise News

56th Annual Cruise

Friday 17 April 2026

Back-to-Back Wins for Just Quietly

by Sue Swanson



Well, what can we say about backing up in race four with another win except that it was almost a complete copy of race three for Just Quietly. Same amount of breeze from the same direction but came in a little earlier so we managed a slightly longer race.

Being the alternate helm race, Swanno and Blue switched roles but the banter between them remained remarkably similar.

Back-to-Back Wins for Just Quietly (cont)

We also switched headsail trimmer with Ed Earle showing similar levels of focus as his predecessor and for the first time on the Cruise we got one of our favourite young guns Max up on the bow. Although we still managed the entire race without a single tack we did get a pole out and got in a couple of gybes.

Homemade sausage rolls fueled the race for the crew and apart from the rather poor timing of serving sausage rolls just before the downwind gybe, resulting in what looked like a bloodbath of tomato sauce over the deck and cockpit, morale remained high as we led the fleet over the finish line.

Canapes at Sunset

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photo by Susan Metcalf

The 'Squaddie Corner' of Refuge Bay was buzzing last night for what I think can be said was the most successful Canapes Afloat event to date. It was fantastic to see so many participants both 'drink and drifting' and serving up canapes. We had a total of 8 entries, all of which were beautifully presented and very tasty.

Canapes at Sunset (cont)

Creativity among the crews was nothing short of impressive - kettle chip sails, anyone? The titles were just as inventive, with entries like 'Absolutely No Idea' promising a delightful surprise for the taste buds.

It was wonderful to see newcomers to the cruise alongside seasoned veterans, all embracing the spirit of the competition. Our sincere thanks to everyone for joining in and making it such a fun and memorable occasion.

Sue & Mandy (Canape Judges)



photo by Rene Chapman

Results Race 4 Thursday 16 April

Alternate Helm

Division 1 Start: 12:35										
1	7367	Jackie Clare	Beneteau First 36.7	Geoff Davidson	RSYS	14:52:51	02:17:51	1.0414	02:23:33	1
2	208	Southern Cross	Jutson 45	Rene Chapman	RSYS	14:49:39	02:14:39	1.0748	02:24:43	2
3	6469	HellRazer	F36 Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	RSYS	14:52:34	02:17:34	1.0539	02:24:59	3
4	SM407	Bushranger	Beneteau First 40.7	Stuart McLean	RSYS	14:54:38	02:19:38	1.0421	02:25:30	4
5	401	Alibi	Beneteau First 40	Phil Frost	RSYS	14:58:38	02:23:38	1.0365	02:28:52	5
6	6446	Shearwater	Frers 57	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	RSYS	14:57:00	02:22:00	1.1556	02:44:06	6
DNC	SM4407	Can Can	Beneteau First 44.7	Roman Tarnawsky	RSYS	-	-	-	-	10
DNC	G107	Justified	J Boats J/111	Tomas Simpson	CYCA	-	-	-	-	10
DNC	116	Whistling Kite	Seaquest RP36	Kym Evans	CYCA	-	-	-	-	10

Division 2 Start: 12:40										
1	4103	Just Quietly	Elan 37	Richard Chapman	RSYS	14:26:07	01:46:07	1.0246	01:48:43	1
2	10035	Coco	Dehler 35	Russell Taylor	RSYS	14:34:44	01:54:44	0.9577	01:49:52	2
3	6321	Allegro	Cavaller 395	Jackie Taylor	RSYS	14:31:42	01:51:42	1.0194	01:53:52	3
4	7049	Tashtego	Dehler 38	Jack Thomas	RSYS	14:44:17	02:04:17	0.9525	01:58:22	4
5	5151	Phoebe	Dubois 49	Prue Bennett	RSYS	14:41:01	02:01:01	0.9839	01:59:05	5
6	7124	As You Do	J Boats J/124	Alex Curtin	RSYS	14:43:35	02:03:35	0.9800	02:01:06	6
7	RQ31	Cheb	Bavaria 42	Rick Longbottom	RPAYC	14:49:15	02:09:15	0.9549	02:03:25	7
8	6166	Sweet Jay	J Boats J/109	Ralph Pickering	GFS	14:46:46	02:06:46	0.9767	02:03:48	8
9	9600	Akiki	Hanse 415	Julie Ford	RSYS	14:57:32	02:17:32	0.9283	02:07:41	9
DNC	TBA	Schon	Hanse 418	Alice Couitts	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13
DNC	88880	Vivace	Hanse 430e	Anthony Shannon	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13
DNC	8484	Windflyt	Townson 36	Douglas Sturrock	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13

Division 3 Start: 12:45										
1	SW10227	Ohana	Seawind 1000XL2	Michelle McGrath & Karyn Gojnic	RSYS	15:01:18	02:16:18	0.7168	01:37:42	1
2	353	Margaret Rintoul	Phillip Rhodes Classic Yawl	John Maclurcan	RSYS	14:48:32	02:03:32	0.8706	01:47:33	2
3	2910	Beautiful Noise	Farr 37	Tony Potter	RSYS	14:48:02	02:03:02	0.8805	01:48:20	3
4	3458	Rapunzel	Peterson 33	Richard & Sandy Lawson	RSYS	14:50:18	02:05:18	0.8774	01:49:56	4
5	7080	Minnow	Jeanneau SO 409	Richard Grundy	RSYS	14:48:55	02:03:55	0.8881	01:50:03	5
6	2275	Frigga	Swanson 39	Angus Holden	RSYS	14:57:34	02:12:34	0.8500	01:52:40	6
DNC	6967	Out of Sight	Hanse 385	Eric Duggin	RANSA	-	-	-	-	8



Margaret Rintoul by Nicholas Ibbostson



Tonight's Mooring

Refuge Bay



Tomorrow's Activities

Offshore Race 2 to Prot Jackson

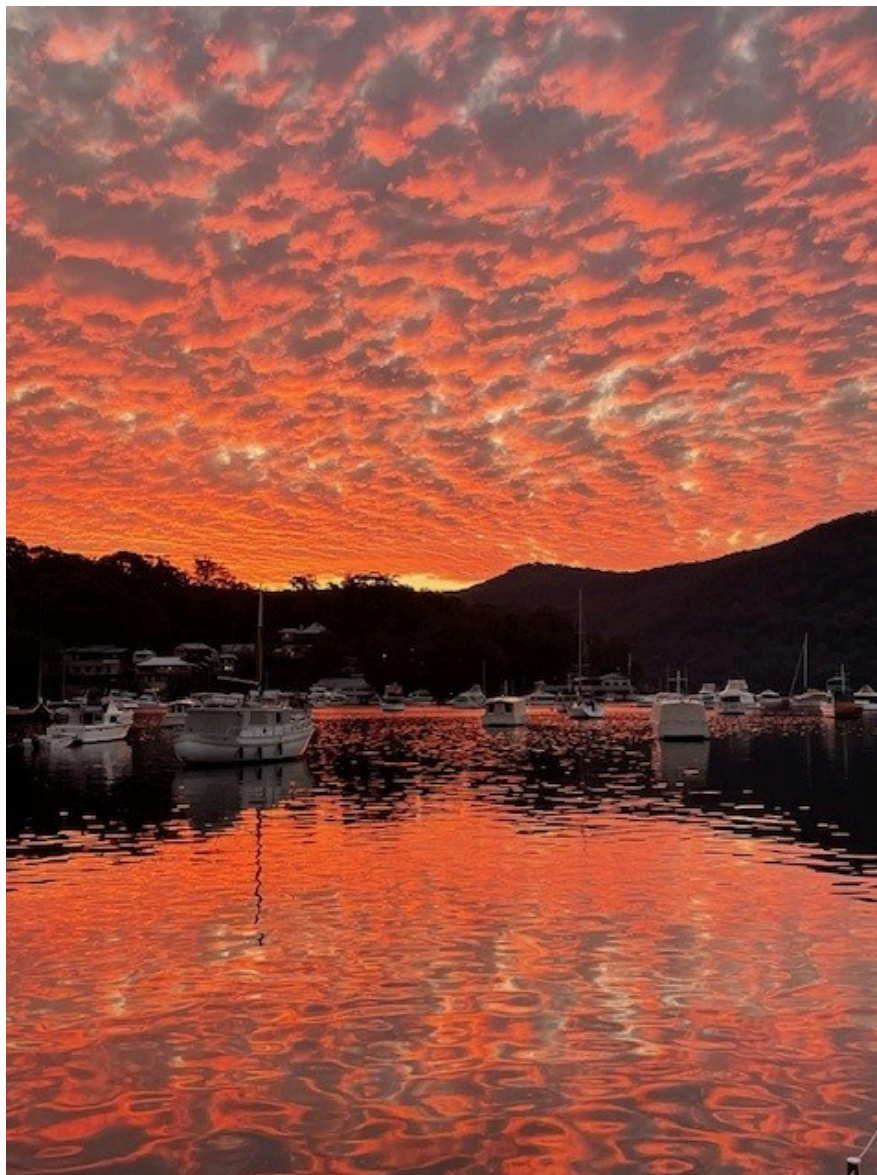
Forecast for Saturday



13°C 20 °C

South to southwesterly 15 to 20 knots becoming west to southwesterly about 10 knots in the late evening.

Seas below 0.5m.



Cottage Point by Sharron Delaney