



# Cruise News

56th Annual Cruise

Thursday 16 April 2026

## Light Crew for a Light Day

by Sue Swanson



photo by Rene Chapman

With only four crew on board, we headed to the start line for race three in zero wind and with low expectations of even getting a start in.

We decided to have the Chicken and Leek pies as we wafted around hoping the wind might come in and sure enough as the last pie was devoured, in came just enough breeze to get the race underway. (There might even have been a pre start beer!!)

Fully fueled up, our skipper Swanno & tactician Blue got us into a brilliant position for the start and unlike race one when our good start and convincing lead early in the race turned to custard at Great Mackerel, we managed to keep ahead of the fleet with clear air and miraculously managed to sail the entire race with just one gybe, no tacks and no poling out, which given our lack of crew was more than we could have hoped for.

The concentration on sail trimming was intense and to everyone's delight, paid off. So I guess it's beer and pies before the start for the rest of the week now.

## Cruising Fleet Visits Patonga



photo by Annie Richardson

With a gentle 5-knot breeze and warm sunshine setting the scene, the Cruising fleet eased into another memorable day.

Following Monday's splendid gathering at Shed Restaurant in Akuna Bay, today's destination was the ever-inviting Boathouse at Patonga Hotel.

It proved to be the perfect occasion to relax and reconnect, welcoming new faces, strengthening friendships, and sharing plenty of laughter. As always, the stories flowed just as easily as the conversation.



photo by Doug Sturrock

# Results Race 3 Wednesday 15 April 2025

Division 1 Start: 13:50											
1	7367	Jackie Clare	Beneteau First 36.7	Geoff Davidson	RSYS	14:37:35	00:47:35	1.0242	00:48:44	1	1.0414
2	SM407	Bushranger	Beneteau First 40.7	Stuart McLean	RSYS	14:37:50	00:47:50	1.0279	00:49:10	2	1.0421
3	6469	HellRazer	F36 Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	RSYS	14:39:36	00:49:36	1.0578	00:52:28	3	1.0539
4	116	Whistling Kite	Seaquest RP36	Kym Evans	CYCA	14:40:41	00:50:41	1.0512	00:53:17	4	1.0450
5	6446	Shearwater	Frers 57	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	RSYS	14:35:58	00:45:58	1.1593	00:53:18	5	1.1556
6	208	Southern Cross	Jutson 45	Peter Sheldrick	RSYS	14:41:21	00:51:21	1.0822	00:55:34	6	1.0748
7	401	Alibi	Beneteau First 40	Bruce Hodgkinson	RSYS	14:45:13	00:55:13	1.0444	00:57:40	7	1.0365
DNC	SM4407	Can Can	Beneteau First 44.7	Roman Tarnawsky	RSYS	-	-	-	-	10	1.0208
DNC	G107	Justified	J Boats J/111	Tomas Simpson	CYCA	-	-	-	-	10	1.0710

Division 2 Start: 13:55											
1	4103	Just Quietly	Elan 37	Donald Swanson	RSYS	14:42:17	00:47:17	1.0098	00:47:45	1	1.0246
2	9600	Akiiki	Hanse 415	Ian Cook	RSYS	14:49:40	00:54:40	0.9196	00:50:16	2	0.9283
3	7049	Tashtego	Dehler 38	Jack Thomas	RSYS	14:48:29	00:53:29	0.9445	00:50:31	3	0.9525
4	6166	Sweet Jay	J Boats J/109	Ralph Pickering	GFS	14:47:40	00:52:40	0.9709	00:51:08	4	0.9767
5	RQ31	Cheb	Bavaria 42	Lyndall Patterson	RPAYC	14:49:24	00:54:24	0.9534	00:51:52	5	0.9549
6	6321	Allegro	Cavalier 395	John Taylor	RSYS	14:47:21	00:52:21	1.0269	00:53:46	6	1.0194
7	10035	Coco	Dehler 35	Russell Taylor	RSYS	14:50:40	00:55:40	0.9695	00:53:58	7	0.9577
8	7124	As You Do	J Boats J/124	Ross Littlewood	RSYS	14:50:16	00:55:16	0.9850	00:54:26	8	0.9800
9	5151	Phoebe	Dubois 49	Paul Thackray	RSYS	14:55:22	01:00:22	0.9940	01:00:01	9	0.9839
10	TBA	Schon	Hanse 418	Alice Coutts	RSYS	15:02:04	01:07:04	0.9361	01:02:47	10	0.9296
DNC	88880	Vivace	Hanse 430e	Anthony Shannon	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13	0.9716
DNC	8484	Windflyt	Townson 36	Douglas Sturrock	RSYS	-	-	-	-	13	0.9506

Division 3 Start: 14:00											
1	353	Margaret Rintoul	Phillip Rhodes Classic Yawl	Bruce Gould	RSYS	14:42:48	00:42:48	0.8580	00:36:43	1	0.8706
2	SW10227	Ohana	Seawind 1000XL2	Michelle McGrath & Karyn Gojnich	RSYS	14:52:09	00:52:09	0.7054	00:36:47	2	0.7168
3	3458	Rapunzel	Peterson 33	Richard & Sandy Lawson	RSYS	14:43:54	00:43:54	0.8769	00:38:30	3	0.8774
4	2910	Beautiful Noise	Farr 37	stuart paterson	RSYS	14:45:20	00:45:20	0.8805	00:39:55	4	0.8805
5	7080	Minnow	Jeanneau SO 409	Stephen Grundy	RSYS	14:52:42	00:52:42	0.8931	00:47:04	5	0.8881
DNC	2275	Frigga	Swanson 39	Angus Holden	-	-	-	-	-	8	0.8500
DNC	6967	Out of Sight	Hanse 385	Eric Duggin	RANSA	-	-	-	-	8	0.8630



photo by Annie Richardson



**Tonight's Mooring**  
Refuge Bay



**Tomorrow's Racing**  
Inshore Race 5



**Tomorrow's Mooring**  
Casual Raft-up Refuge Bay

**Forecast for Friday**



15°C 27 °C

Sunny morning. 70% chance of showers in the late afternoon and evening. The chance of a thunderstorm in the late afternoon and evening.

West to northwesterly about 10 knots tending southerly 15 to 20 knots in the late afternoon.

Seas below 0.5m



photo by Danni McLean

# Annual Cruise Presentation Dinner

Re-live the 2026 Cruise with the fleet at the presentation dinner.

Perpetual trophies will be awarded for:

Spirit of the Cruise - Brian Northam

Offshore Series - Allan Payne Memorial Trophy

Erica J Trophy - Awarded to the Inshore Division with the largest number of entries leading the pointscore after Inshore Race 3

Division 1 - New York Yacht Club Trophy

Division 2 - Windsong Trophy

Division 3 - Bob Tinning Trophy

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.



2025 Presentation - photo by Rene Chapman