



**56th
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
CRUISE
11 - 18 April 2026**



Halletts by Gaila Merrington

Presentation Program

CRUISE COMMITTEE

Doug Sturrock (Captain) - Windflyt

Richard Chapman - Nand V

Paul Thackray - Phoebe

Verity Hodgkinson - Alibi

John Taylor - Allegro

Glen Madsen - Relaxation

Graeme Richardson - Seadrift

DRINK & DRIFT - CANAPÉ COOKOFF



Once again, judges Sue Swanson and Mandy Biffin were delighted to sample the Canapés Afloat in Refuge Bay. A sincere thank you to everyone who took part in this year's competition, as well as those who cast their votes for the People's Choice Award.

People's Choice

Maluka III

Tori & Lexi

Crostini with Truffled Pecorino Butter & Anchovies

Judges' Choice

Ohana

Karyn Gojnich

Beef, Fig & Pistachio Pastries with Caramelised Onion dip

CRUISE CROSSWORD

A sincere thank you to Sharron Kennedy for once again creating the crossword this year. It's clear a great deal of time and effort went into its production, and it is very much appreciated. There are two winners.

Minnow Stephen Grundy

Maluka III Scott Wright

COURSEMASTER "NAV-EST" COMPETITION

Phoebe Paul Thackray 1st place offshore race

As You Do Ross Littlewood 1st Place inshore
ICOM VHF handheld radio
kindly donated by "Coursemaster"

PHOTO COMPETITION

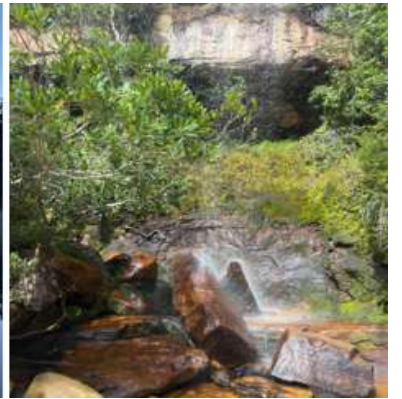
'Afloat' Nicholas Ibbotson *Justified & HellRazer off Newport*

'Other' Chris Sturrock *Misty Morning Mushroom Bay*

'Afloat' a subject which includes boat(s) under sail or power.



'Other' any subject on shore, at anchor etc.



RACE RESULTS

DIVISION 3		
Rapunzel	Sandy & Richard Lawson	2nd race 2
Minnow	Stephen Grundy	1st race 1 3rd race 2
Beautiful Noise	Stuart Paterson	3rd race 1 & 5 1st race 2

Margaret Rintoul	Bruce Gould	1st race 3 2nd race 4 1st race 1 Offshore
Ohana	Michelle McGrath & Karyn Gojnich	2nd race 1 & 3 1st race 4 1st Inshore pointscore Bob Tinning Trophy

DIVISION 2

Phoebe	Paul & Jacque Thackray	1st race 1
As You Do	Ross Littlewood	3rd race 1
Allegro	John Taylor	1st race 2 3rd race 4 2nd race 1 offshore
Coco	Russell Taylor	3rd race 2 2nd race 4
Tashtego	Jack Thomas	3rd race 3
Just Quietly	Donald Swanson	1st race 3 & 4 2nd Inshore pointscore
Akiiki	Ian Cook	2nd race 1, 2 & 3 Erica J Trophy <i>Leader in the largest division after race 3</i>

**1st Inshore pointscore
Windsong Trophy**

DIVISION 1

Justified	Tomas Simpson	3rd race 1
Whistling Kite	Kym Evans	3rd race 2
Shearwater	Guido Belgiorno-Nettis	1st race 1 2nd race 2 offshore
Hell Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	3rd race 3 & 4 1st race 2 offshore

Alan Payne Memorial Trophy

The boat with the lowest aggregate corrected time in 2 Offshore races.

Southern Cross	Peter Sheldrick	2nd race 1 & 4
Jackie Clare	Geoff Davidson	1st race 2, 3 & 4 3rd race 1 offshore 3rd race 2 offshore 1st Offshore pointscore 1st Inshore pointscore

New York Yacht Club Trophy

SPIRIT OF THE CRUISE' AWARD

James Merrington

William Brian Northam Trophy

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, made by Keith Lambert.

It represents Brian's boat, Humdinger an affordable vessel, well suited for this event. It was a family boat for many years of competitive and recreational sailing.

The trophy is awarded to a skipper who emulates the 'Spirit of the Cruise'.