

Cruise News

49th Annual Squadron Cruise

Sunday, 22 April 2018

Happy at Hallets



Today finished off with the traditional Hallets Beach BBQ. It was pleasing to see some actual beach, it was low tide! Thanks to Arthur Psaltis, “Into the Mystic”, the Cruise Captain, for running the results announcements; the cheers from the beach could be heard way out on the bay, so it is safe to say everyone is enjoying their first day on the 49th Annual Squadron Cruise!

Here’s looking forward to the first inshore race and a pub lunch at Patonga.



Happy “As You Do” crew and friends at Hallets



Today's Racing

12:30 Inshore Race 1



Today's Cruising

12:30 Patonga Pub



Tonight's Mooring

Smiths Creek



Tonight's Social

16:30 Welcome to the Cruise raft-up



23
Min 18

Partly cloudy. 10% chance of rain.

South to southeasterly about 10 knots becoming east to southeasterly in the middle of the day. Seas below 0.5 metres.

Tides - Cottage Point

🌊↓ 07:59 0.47m

🌊↑ 14:05 1.32m

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SCUTTLEBUTT



Clockwise from top:
BBQ on Hallets Beach;
Sunset on Day 1; Morag
Bheag & Out of the Blue;
About Time.



Competitions

Nav-est

Radio in your estimated elapsed time for the race each day. Win a VHF hand-held radio!

Cruise Crossword

Test your cryptic powers and boat knowledge. Hand in your answers to John Hancox at the RMYC bistro dinner for a chance to win!

SUP Relay

10:00 Monday, BYO stand-up paddle boards. Interested parties talk to Paul Thackray, Pheobe.

Galley Gourmet

The Galley Gourmet Challenge testing you with canapés, entrée, main and dessert. Monday & Wednesday.

SCUTTLEBUTT

25 Year Anniversary of the massacre of Wangi Wangi

WARNING - Do not read this if you are easily offended or John Waring

Imagine if the RSYS Cruise had an open bar on the first night, had a spinnaker division or went to far flung exotic locations like Lake Macquarie. Well actually, 25 years ago all those things used to happen until six 20 year olds decided to sail in the 1993 cruise to Lake Macquarie under the leadership of cruise captain John Waring.

At some stage in between the planning and the execution a few things went astray.

In the summer of 1993, Razzmatazz, a Farr 1106 was commandeered by a bunch of young sailors on uni holidays with zero offshore experience to take on the Cruise to Lake Macquarie via Pittwater. Team planning extended to provisioning of slabs of VB cans, schnapps, lavosh bread, cheese, peanut butter and a positive attitude.

After the cruise briefing the team settled in with a bottle of peppermint schnapps in Athol Bay overnight only to find the next morning a solid southerly for the race to Pittwater. With strong competition from the likes of Bruce Dickson on Norske, Bill Wood on Kookaburra, Gordon Ingate on Nina and even stronger hangovers we set off only to watch Geoff Lee try an park Styx on Bangalley Head as we went past at warp speed for good result in race one.

The evening's social was at RPAYC, and as was the custom, an open bar saw the Razzmatazz team consolidate the on water performance with a 26 jug rum and coke effort, dock trolley racing and general mischief. Suffice to say we'd announced ourselves as serious on water and off water performers and killed off any prospect of a low profile for the team over the week to come.

Fortunately we left the dock the next morning before the RPAYC club manager could find us (I hope they found their trolleys off the end of B arm) and set off on Race 2 to Lake Macquarie that had seen the southerly build overnight to a solid 25 knots and with a sea gate off Terrigal we were concerned about getting our spindly IOR rig to the Lake in one piece and whether Lucas – on antibiotics and steroids - would make it.

So, with a VB heart starter and adrenaline running full gas, imagine our surprise when the sea gate loomed out of the mist and even more surprise when Bill Wood, who had missed the gate, was seen heading back south - full main and number 2 - into the teeth of the southerly trying get through the gate. But about 3 or 4 Chinese Gybes later we got to the Lake as the only boat to finish with a chute up.

Unfortunately bridge opening times at Swansea meant that our rendezvous at Cruise base – Wangi Wangi Workers Club was delayed - but any concerns were allayed by the excellent mooring set up that meant that a) the bar was a neat 30 seconds walk away and b) there was a bistro so our the risks created by our lack of provisioning and risk of scurvy was alleviated.

The next week on the Lake was idyllic for us and commercially successful for the bar manager at "The Workers" with whom we became on very good terms. We certainly appreciated the mentoring from Bruce Dickson and his delivery of "Black Beer" for breakfast and Malco's counsel that it's a "pig out and a piss up". Unfortunately our antics had attracted the ire of Cruise Captain Waring who suggested we might like "to take a break for a few days", with which we decamped to Belmont 16

foot skiff club for a day or two for even cheaper schooners.

We returned to the cruise in time for the return to Careel Bay and another tremendous offshore performance ahead of the BBQ at the Careel Boatshed. Our major problem by then was that we had completely run out of beer and having sufficiently annoyed everyone, no one and I mean no one, was prepared to help us out. So we walked to Avalon Shops (that's a long way!), where we bought a case of VB and a couple of "A-dult" magazines and a copy of Australian Sailing for the final leg Sydney. As we passed Polar Bear all we could hear was the clink of empty rum bottles.

The final act was of course the Prize Giving. Back in the day when the club allowed smoking in the clubhouse, had a breathalyser, the honour bar was in place and the only thing RSA meant was Republic of South Africa - life was good and so was the cruise prize giving! So we arrived at dinner - funnily enough no one, and I mean no wanted to sit with or near us. But we collected a few trophies, despite the best efforts of the cruise captain and handicapper (thanks John) and finished with cigars in the bar with the only other crew who had had managed to go with us drink for drink

over the week - a bunch of WWII POWs, Des Kearney and the Mary Franklin team.

Thanks to Gray-hee- mee Labrooy and the Lumb family for mistakenly thinking that we'd be good custodians of their boat. To John Waring, Arthur Psaltis and the Cruise Committee - we have had enough shame to have a few years away but now we are back with an advanced party to prove that with the right lack of preparation and a positive attitude and about 20 slabs of VB you really can change things at the club.

Have great cruise! ***By Code Flag X (Dave, Mike, Josh and Lucas in absentia)***

SPORT & RECREATION

Day One Offshore, Everyone Finished with Smiles

Today's forecast was for up to 20 knots; and we're not sure where it was - did anyone see any of it? Our honorary weather forecaster to the rockstars, Roger Badham, called the situation today much more closely, 8-12 knots, which did manage to peak it's head out at the very end of the day, most of day averaging 6 knots.

Race officer, Rob Ridley, started the race off Blue Fin Point, near Manly given the lighter winds, a good decision getting everyone over the line in good time, the last boat with 10 minutes to spare. And in enough time to get moored and settled for the Beach BBQ at Halletts.



Overall (PHS) Start Time: 11:25 hrs

Sail	Name	Skipper	Club	Finished	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected
1	3458 Rapunzel	Richard Lawson	RSYS	15:02:17	03:37:17	0.8400	03:02:31
2	698 Out of the Blue	J van Ogtrop/ S Grenville /K Meyboom	RSYS	15:02:25	03:37:25	0.8492	03:04:38
3	217 Morag Bheag	John Maclurcan	RSYS	15:02:01	03:37:01	0.8591	03:06:26
4	353 Margaret Rintoul	Bruce Gould	RSYS	15:09:15	03:44:15	0.8573	03:12:15
5	129 Viva	Ken Hudson	RSYS	14:57:26	03:32:26	0.9079	03:12:52
6	8035 One More No More	Ian Guanaria	CYCA	14:36:29	03:11:29	1.0305	03:17:19
7	A10 Tula	Ivan Resnekov	RSYS	14:55:23	03:30:23	0.9403	03:17:49
8	89 Into the Mystic	Arthur Psaltis	RSYS	14:49:32	03:24:32	0.9700	03:18:24
9	6321 Allegro	John Taylor	RSYS	14:43:14	03:18:14	1.0057	03:19:22
10	5151 Phoebe	Paul Thackray	RSYS	15:06:36	03:41:36	0.9107	03:21:49
11	7124 As You Do	Ross Littlewood	RSYS/SASC	14:54:27	03:29:27	0.9669	03:22:31
12	MH4 Toy Box 2	Ian Box	MHYC	14:22:20	02:57:20	1.1550	03:24:49
13	77 Anitra V	Philip Brown	SASC/RSYS	15:43:12	04:18:12	0.8150	03:30:26
14	6469 Hell Razer	Ian MacDiarmid	RSYS	14:50:15	03:25:15	1.0444	03:34:22
15	7700 About Time	Julian Farren-Price	RSYS/CYCA	14:15:29	02:50:29	1.3833	03:55:50
16	6277 Limelight	Alan Husband	RSYS	15:15:54	03:50:54	1.0347	03:58:55

Sport Around the Country

He's still got it: Shane Watson goes berserk in match-winning IPL ton.

Stosur rues unforced errors in shock Fed Cup loss.

Ichi Ban is the first local entry for Airlie Beach Race week, and the one to beat.

Matildas hearbreak as Australia misses out on women's Asian Cup glory.

Melbourne City into A-League final four, beating Brisbane Roar 2-0.

Crows crack the Swans at the SCG for vital win.

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