

'Escape from Lockdown' mini-cruise

6-8 June 2020

Last long weekend eight Squadron boats took advantage of the COVID-19 rules relaxation and enjoyed the calm waters, delightful early winter weather and Club camaraderie in upper Middle Harbour.



Our procession went through the Spit Bridge on Saturday afternoon heading for Bantry Bay. Bantry being overcrowded, most of us adopted Plan B and headed for the Roseville Bridge, where we found the anchorage off Echo Point almost empty. Rain came Saturday night but not before we gathered, with social distancing, for yarns and sundowners on the beach. Despite the forecast Sunday dawned with clear blue skies and we took a long walk up the fire trail through the Garigal National Park, which stimulated appetites for a picnic, and a little barbequing, on the lawns of Echo Point Reserve.

For a change of scene, and in view of the expected southerly change, those boats that had not already returned to the main harbour relocated to the south arm of Sugarloaf Bay for Sunday night. Monday presented another clear sunny day with a fresh southerly breeze to enjoy a good beat to windward for the sail back to Kirribilli.

Boats that attended were: Allegro (J & J Taylor), Magnificat (J & R Hancox), Matang (R & F Hardy), Mercier (J & G Merrington), Rapunzel (R & S Lawson), Sweet Chariot (D & J Henry), Twilight (S Thorpe), Windflyt (D & C Sturrock).

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