

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Sydney, Australia

51st Annual Cruise Invitation

& Notice of Cruise

10 - 17 April 2021



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51st Annual Cruise Overview

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's (RSYS) Annual Cruise Committee cordially invites cruising yachts, racing yachts and motorboats to participate in the 51st Annual Cruise to the Broken Bay area which includes Pittwater, Cowan Creek and Coal & Candle Creek.

The Cruise is designed to bring families and friends together, to enjoy the best pristine cruising grounds of any location on Australia's east coast. What could be better than being anchored in one of the dozens of secluded bays in company with other yachts, sharing this wonderful location?

The 2021 Annual Cruise will be held the week after Easter, 10 - 17 April. Gather your family and friends together and borrow, charter or bring your own boat to enjoy a great week on board and ashore. Many lifelong friendships have been forged on Squadron Cruises.

For competitive participants, there is also a program of up to seven races, comprising five inshore races and two passage races (Sydney to Broken Bay and return, approx. 18nm). Yachts can enter one or any number of races that suit their crewing arrangements. Crew positions are usually available on racing boats.

The social program provides the opportunity to assemble in a different location almost every evening. There is something for everyone: an evening BBQ on the beach, progressive dinner on board, Galley Gourmet Challenges (cooking competitions), Paella Night at Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club (KMYC), casual dinner at the Royal Motor Yacht Club (RMYC) and much more.

The Squadron provides support in the form of *MV Mischief* which doubles as the race committee boat and base for the management of all activities. The Squadron also provides a RIB with driver for limited tender service to scheduled events. This ensures that everyone can get the maximum benefit out of their participation and have a stress-free holiday.

So, if you are (or aspire to become) a keen Cruiser and would like to enjoy a fabulous holiday, please join us to experience the wonder of the Broken Bay area and to enjoy cruising with like-minded people.

John Taylor
Cruise Captain
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

2021 CRUISE - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Activity	Location/Anchorage
Wednesday 7 April	1800	Compulsory Skippers' Briefing	Careening Cove Anchorage
	1900	Welcome Dinner in the Carabella Room	Carabella Room
Saturday 10 April	1030	Passage Race - Offshore Race 1	Port Jackson to Broken Bay
	1530	Sausage Sizzle on the beach (provided & hosted by the Cruise Committee). BYO drinks.	Hallets Beach
Sunday 11 April	1230	Inshore Race 1	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	Progressive Dinner	Mushroom Bay
Monday 12 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	Own Arrangement
	1230	Inshore Race 2	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1700	KMYC Paella night. BYO drinks.	Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club /Looking Glass Bay
Tuesday 13 April	1230	Inshore Race 3	Broken Bay/Pittwater
			Smiths Creek
Wednesday 14 April		Lay Day	Smiths Creek
	1000	Stand-up paddle board competition	Host - SV Phoebe
	1600	Galley Gourmet Challenge (entree, main and desert) *	
Thursday 15 April	1200	Cruising Group Lunch	TBC
	1230	Inshore Race 4 – Alternate Helm	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	1530	Drinks on Waterfall beach Galley Gourmet Challenge (canapes) *	Refuge Bay
Friday 16 April	1230	Inshore Race 5	Broken Bay/Pittwater
	PM	RMYC - Casual Dinner, Garden Forecourt	Berthing at RMYC/RPAYC
Saturday 17 April	1030	Passage Race - Offshore Race 2	Broken Bay to Port Jackson
Friday 23 April	1830	Cruise presentation dinner	Carabella Room

* [See Annual Cruise homepage](#) for details.



INVITATION TO THE CRUISE INCLUDING NOTICE OF RACE

FOR CRUISING AND RACING BOATS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by:

- All racing is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 - 2024 (RRS) of World Sailing as amended,
- The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Australian Sailing (AS) as amended,
- The Notice of Race,
- The Sailing Instructions as amended,
- In the event of conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.2 All non-racing participants agree to be bound by the following rules:

- The requirements of the Boating (Safety Equipment) Regulations of NSW, and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea,
- The Notice of Race,
- The Sailing Instructions as amended.

2. ADVERTISING

This event will be subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 A racing entry may be of non-foiling mono or multi hull construction.

3.2 For the ocean/passage events all racing participants shall have a minimum crew number of three, two of which will be over the age of 18 years.

3.4 For all inshore racing participants shall have a minimum crew number of two.

3.5 Entries will only be accepted from members of a recognized yacht club.

3.6 At least one member of the crew shall hold a radio operators certificate.

3.7 Yachts entering inshore races shall submit, with its entry a current valid Australian Sailing (AS) special regulations compliance form, Category 7 or higher (unless already held by the RSYS sailing office).

3.8 Yachts entering the offshore/passage race shall submit with its entry, a current valid AS special regulations compliance form, Category 4 or higher (unless already held by the RSYS sailing office).

3.9 Yachts entering in the offshore/passage race must have a serviceable engine capable of sustaining a speed of 5 knots in smooth water and sufficient fuel for 10 hours motoring at 5 knots.

- 3.10 Yachts shall not set any sails forward of a mast which are not normally carried forward of that mast when working to windward. Any sails set forward of a mast shall be attached to the stay in the centerline of the yacht and only one such sail may be boomed (*sails such as a Gennaker or Code Zero are not permitted*).
- 3.11 Yachts shall not carry anchors protruding beyond the bow while racing.
- 3.12 All participating entries, are required to fly the Squadron Cruise Flag and if racing their division flag continuously from their backstays from first joining until leaving the cruise.
- 3.13 The race committee reserves the right to determine the division to which a boat is allocated.
- 3.14 The determination of racing division shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 & 62).

4. ENTRY

Eligible boats may enter through SailSys using the following link:

<https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/profile>

Closing date for entries – Wednesday 31 March 2021

5. FEES

Include National Park charges. There is no reduction for casual participation.

	RSYS members	Non-members
5.1 Cruising/non-racing boats	\$ 230	\$ 265
Casual Cruising/non-racing boats	\$ 42	\$ 52
Ocean passage & inshore racing (7 races)	\$ 638	\$ 734
Inshore Series only (5 races)	\$ 453	\$ 521
Casual Race Entry	\$ 93	\$ 108
5.2 Other Fees:		
Squadron Cruise Flag	\$ 45	
Racing Division Flag	\$ 45	
Berthing RMYC or RPAYC	\$ 55 - \$90	

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office or from the RSYS website on Thursday 1 April 2021; select this link <https://www.rsys.com.au/event/annual-cruise/>

7. RACING AREA

Racing shall be conducted between Port Jackson and Broken Bay, Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) and Broken Bay (Pittwater/Hawkesbury).

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Racing will consist of both inshore and offshore as described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 Alternative courses will be provided for changes in the program.

9. SCORING

Scoring System

9.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, applies subject to the following amendments;

9.2 Non Starting

A boat scored *did not start* (DNS) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in that race plus one point

9.3 Non Finishing

A boat scored *retired* (RET) or *did not finish* (DNF) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore finishers in the race plus one point

9.4 Disqualification

Boats which are *disqualified* (DSQ) shall be awarded points equal to the number of pointscore entries in the race plus two points

9.5 Abandonment

When a race is abandoned after the start and not re-sailed, boats that started shall be awarded zero points. When a race is abandoned before the start, all boats entered shall be awarded zero points.

10 Pointscores

10.1 The Inshore Series, open to block entries only, will consist of 5 races, boats will drop their worst race. These races will be contested in 3 separate divisions. The Offshore/Passage races (Sydney Harbour to Broken Bay and return) will be contested as 1 division.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will transmit and receive race information on VHF channel 72.

12. CATERING AND PROGRESSIVE DINNER

This is essentially a self-catered Cruise with many boats sharing the catering at the various raft ups. The exception is the Halletts Beach BBQ (Saturday 10th) where the Cruise Committee will provide a Sausage Sizzle (BYO beverages).

On Sunday 11th you may like to participate in the progressive dinner where the Cruise Committee allocates groups of 3 boats to share entree, main course and desert together. Indicate on the entry form if you would like to participate – it's a great way to meet fellow cruise participants.

On Monday 12th paella will be available at the KMYC night (order on the entry form, BYO drinks and plates). BBQ facilities are also available at KMYC.

The committee has booked the RMYC bistro for casual dining at the RMYC on the final evening.

13. CREWING OPPORTUNITIES

You may like to crew on one of the racing boats: Please register your interest by emailing to the sailing office as an interested crew member sailing@rsys.com.au, as often racing boats are short of crew.

14. CHARTER BOATS

Charter boats have limited availability.

Companies offering charter boats include

All Sail info@allsail.com.au.

Skipper A Clipper <https://www.skipperclipper.com.au>

15. NON-RACING ACTIVITIES

All participants will be welcomed at the traditional Halletts beach BBQ. Various optional events include the Galley Gourmet cooking competition, the progressive dinner night, Stand Up Paddle Board racing and the paella night at KMYC. For non-racing participants additional lunch destinations are planned.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Trophies and prizes will be awarded for the following events:

Event	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Inshore series	Windsong Trophy	New York Yacht Club Trophy	Bob Tinning Trophy
Offshore/Passage Races	Allan Payne Memorial Trophy - Combined Division Prize		
Spirit of the Cruise	William Brian Northam Memorial Trophy		
Quintessential Cruiser	Erica J Trophy		
Cruise Medallion	A medallion to record participation will be awarded to all boats		

16.2 For each division there will be one prize awarded for five starters, two prizes for ten starters and three prizes for fifteen or more starters.

17. RESPONSIBILITIES

17.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participate in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

17.2 Each Owner and Skipper shall be responsible for advising all crew and guests of the risks associated with yachting, boating and the sea and to ensure that all prescribed safety equipment is on board and crew and guests are instructed in its use.

17.3 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Each competitor who enters the event declares to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46;
- (b) the Australian Sailing Special Regulations;
- (c) being covered by current Third Party Property Liability insurance and Third Party Personal Liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of the Cruise;
- (d) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes

on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority to the risk warning above;

- (e) the person who enters the boat with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority.

17.4 Disclaimer of Liability

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, sponsors, respective class associations, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, sponsors, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Australian Sailing Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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<https://www.rsys.com.au/cruise/annual-cruise>

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