

Cruise News



51st Annual Squadron Cruise

Monday, 12 April 2021

Sketching in Cruise mode

Very disappointed that the race was called off yesterday due to the strong winds - however a safe and sensible decision. Most of the fleet retreated to calmer conditions in Refuge Bay where we enjoyed a leisurely lunch on Nautelee. This will be Squadron Cruise No. 8 for Chris and me on 'Windflyt' - and we've enjoyed every one. Of course the preparation for a week on the water is no light task as we all know; but we're always well rewarded with great company, lovely dinners and catching up with old friends. One highlight we look forward to is the progressive dinner and this year we shared it with 'Sweet Chariot', 'Vibe', and new friends on 'Badu'. It's always great fun hopping from one boat to another enjoying the different culinary skills and a glass (or two) of wine. If the weather is a little rough during the week rather than race, Chris reads or takes out the sketchpad or kayaks around the bay - it's not always about racing! On the other hand 'Windflyt' is up for it all!

As a footnote: When passing by Cottage Rock do stop off and have a fresh water shower aka 'the Fountain of Youth'. See you under the waterfall.

Doug & Chris Sturrock, Windflyt



-  Today's Racing
12:30 Inshore Race 2
-  Today's Cruising
To be advised
-  Tonight's Mooring
KMYC/Looking Glass Bay
-  Tonight's Social
17:00 KMYC Paella



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Min 10

Sunny.

Winds: Southwesterly 10 to 15 knots tending southerly during the day. Winds locally reaching 20 knots in the morning and afternoon.

Seas: Below 0.5 metres.

TIDES - Cottage Point



8:30 1.52m



14:37 0.26m

News Contributions

The Cruise News needs you, your stories, photographs, editorials and scuttlebutt.

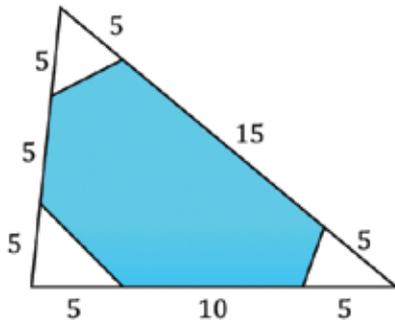
Please send them to:

- rsyscruise@gmail.com
- or radio us to collect them from you on a USB stick.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Maths Challenge! Thanks to Gecko. Try these, answers later in the week.

1. What is the area of the shaded shape?



2. $x^2 = 17x + y$

$y^2 = x + 17y$

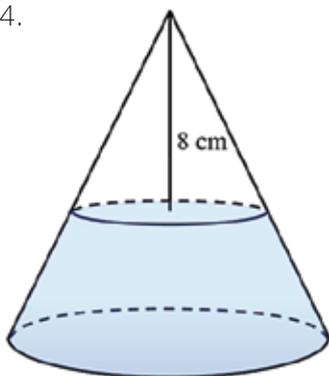
$x \neq y$

$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + 1} = ?$

3. What is the exact solution for x?

$4^x + 6^x = 9^x$

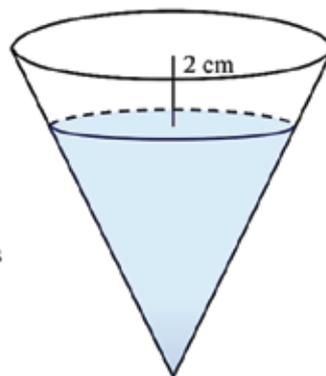
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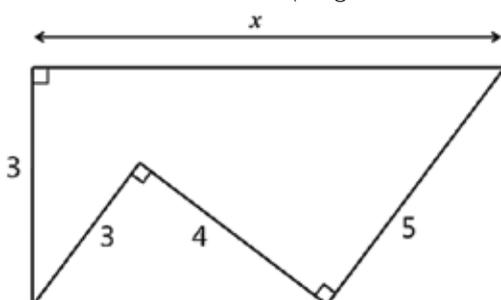
When a conical bottle rests on its flat base, the water in the bottle is 8 cm from its vertex.

When the same conical bottle is turned upside down, the water level is 2 cm from its base.

What is the height of the bottle?



5. What is the value of x? (diagram not to scale)



Thanks to Jill Henry, *Sweet Chariot*, for the Cruise Crossword this year! And for the Coast-ers Retreat history articles.

Do get your completed crosswords in to WIN a prize! Submit them to one of the cruise committee or Mischief. The winner will be announced at the presentation dinner.

Competitions

Photographic
Show off your photography skills to win a \$100 RSYS food voucher! Two categories, "Afloat": a subject which includes boats under sail or power. "Other": any subject on shore or at anchor. One entry per person per category per day. Submit photos to Mischief by 6pm daily.

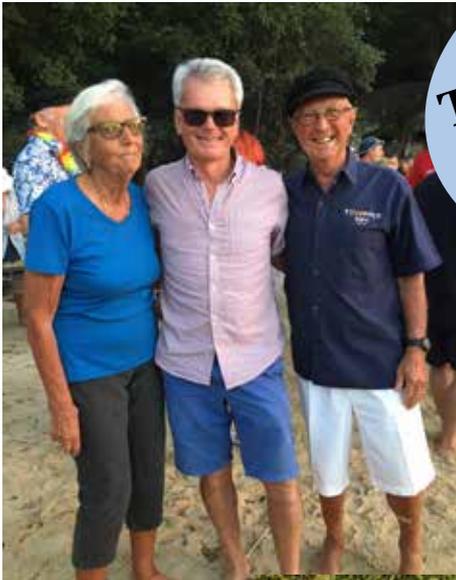
Nav-est
Radio in your estimated elapsed time for the race each day. Win a VHF handheld radio kindly donated by Coursemaster!

Cruise Crossword
Test your cryptic powers and boat knowledge.

PHOTOS

GILLIGAN'S BEACH FUN

Thanks Rene
great
photos!



HISTORY

Coaster's Retreat: Some History

From the earliest records of the colony the bay was known as Coasters Retreat and the lagoon was known as The Basin. The Basin is a naturally enclosed lagoon with a very narrow mouth, which at times allowed the entrance of vessels. The water used to be deeper but it has silted up and the entrance has been closed with a net since 1972. The bay, Coaster's Retreat, is so named because coastal trading ships used to wait here to sit out storms and to gather in convoys to sail to Sydney, the cargoes having been trimmed for the voyage down the coast. The first recorded convoy left the shelter of Coasters Retreat on 3 March 1803. It was made up of four vessels, the James, the Edwin, the Union and the Argument.

In the very early nineteenth century to enable settlers and coasters to grow vegetables and crops on a small scale, the small colonial populations living at the Basin began the construction of an elaborate series of terraces cut into the hillside on the northern slope of the hill west of the Basin flat.

It is not possible to document when the terraces were constructed but it is a reasonable guess that it was as a result of the great floods of 1806 and 1809. Those floods would have put the Basin flat metres under water and during that period there were a number of convoys which used the Retreat. With nothing much to do while the crews were waiting for the weather to allow them to leave for Sydney, it was natural that the levelling of the large residential terrace should have been a focus for their energies.

At a height of about 30 metres above the level of the flat and only about 15 metres in from the flat itself, the residential terrace commences. Its width varies but averages about 10 metres and is still almost perfectly level. This main level stretches along the hillside for more than 80 metres. The length and width of the main terrace is such that there was room for several sets of houses of the style and construction in common use in the early days of the colony which would have been built from the many varieties of timber in the area.

To the early residents of what was a pirate and bushranger hideaway the terraces were essential to survival. The Basin flat was useless for cultivation as it was virtually a sand dune with a scrappy overlay of poor soil. On the other hand the soil on the lower hillside is excellent as it is semi-rain forest and deep in leaf mould and rich black loam. Without the terraces any cultivation of the soil would have led to the tilled area being washed away in the periodic heavy rains common to the Hawkesbury coast. An engineered drainage system— open but with sandstone-faced sides and base—was built to ensure that the living area and the terraces were not damaged."

In the ANMM collection's album ' Photographs of boating on Pittwater including steam yacht 'ENA', circa 1890, the image below appears to show the terraces of gardens.

Jill Henry, Sweet Chariot



SPORT & RECREATION

Bird Bingo !!

Can you spot these commonly occurring Cowan waterways birds?
And venture for a hike into the bush to see 85 more locals.



Pied Cormorant



Welcome Swallow

Any others?!



White-bellied Sea-Eagle



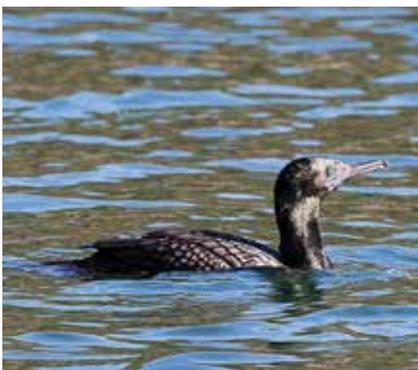
Little Pied Cormorant



Crested Tern



Laughing Kookaburra



Little Black Cormorant



Masked Lapwing



White-faced Heron



Great Cormorant



Australian Pelican

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