

Cruise News



51st Annual Squadron Cruise

Tuesday, 13 April 2021

German built, German feed

After such an enjoyable wind enforced lay day lounging around Refuge Bay the fun of the cruise really warmed up with the famous progressive dinner.

This years event, sadly not in Mushroom bay and without a full raft up due to the sustained windy conditions was however, a great success. We picked a relatively sheltered mooring in Refuge and rafted the sad, mast-less Vivace to the similar sized and fully rigged Akiiki, with enough room for the 17 partygoers.

Because our raft up group consisted of 5 German built boats, we naturally chose a German theme. Beginning aboard Akiiki with a "Käse-Igel" "Obatzter" und "schweinlasagne mit salat" und several wonderful rieslings from di Mosel and the odd Becks. Although we chose to save most of the Bex for the following morning! Desert aboard Vivace of "Klassischer Bratafel mit Marzipan-Nuss-Füllung und Vanillesauce" was the biggest mouthful of a name (couldn't resist the pun) and more merriment.

How do you explain the unique circumstances of having a progressive dinner with 5 German built boats. In 2018, Tom Moulton and Glen Madsen had an unusual discussion about the naming of modern (relativity modern) European boats.

Although many of the French built boats have Gallic inspired names, rarely, they decided, did the German built boats have Germanic names of any form at all! And yet Akiiki translates to Freund A simple translation of the Italian word "Vivace" for instance, means Lively in English. But the translation direct from Italian to German is "Lebhaft". Thanks Google.

I have never heard of a boat called Lebhaft and Marine Traffic agrees, there is no such vessel. I even tried Lébhaft. Nothing. As for Sauerkraut, Lederhosen or Goer-ing as Tom and Glen suggested, good luck in your search! Some other translations are Freitag Geboren (aka Kofi), Freunde (Akiiki), Freiheit (Saoirse as in Ronan or Freedom). Sorry Felixette. Composite names don't translate to any language very well.

Then there is the matter of the German boat builders using a French brand of rig. Must be a story in that somewhere. The early Hanse 430e boats had a Sparcraft rig and Vivace's boom was one of the last ones to break. Having the mainsheet baled to the boom halfway along was always going to result in great stress. -We now have a sleeved boom, but then discovered a tiny, less than 10mm crack in each of the lower spreaders about 2 weeks before the cruise. We held hopes of repairing in time for last Saturday's race but it was never going to be and we're scheduled to re step the mast next Monday. Oh well. We feel we're cruising on a comfortable Halvorsen rather than a Hanse!

Just to close, Terry, crewing on Kofi made the comment this morning that the new style of shiny black sail looks a bit like a bin liner as it's being hoisted!

As for todays racing. Such changeable conditions show how much fun, but also how challenging sailing can be in these waters.

Auf Wiedersehen

Tony & Nikki Shannon, Vivace.



Today's Racing

12:30 Inshore Race 3



Today's Cruising

Lunch Cottage Point Kiosk



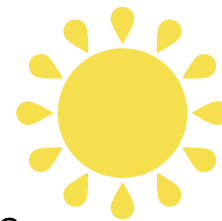
Tonight's Mooring

Smith's Creek



Tonight's Social

Raft up



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Min 10

Sunny

Winds: West to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots becoming light early in the morning then becoming northerly 10 to 15 knots in the afternoon.

Seas: Below 0.5 metres.

TIDES - Cottage Point



9:06 1.44m



15:05 0.32m

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SCUTTLEBUTT



Happy Birthday

Richard Lawson
& Jackie Taylor

Music Emoji Quiz

Guess the band or solo artist across the decades. Answers later in the week.

Thanks to Jane Coutts, *Badu*

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Beautiful sunset from Victoria, *Cap Norte*

NavEst Race 2

Inshore	Monday 12 April - Race 2			
	Elapsed minutes	Nav Est	Points Actual	Points Net
About Time	141	140	1	1
Akiiki	128	150	22	22
Allegro	146	132	14	14
As You Do	150	124	26	25
Coco	138	135	3	3
Erica		0	0	0
Gecko	145	138	7	7
Ishtar	135	115	20	20
Joli	150	145	5	5
Just Quietly	152	74	78	25
Kofi	129	158	29	25
Maratea	132	143	11	11
Margaret Rintoul	127	110	17	17
Minnow	155	156	1	1
Ohana	136	150	14	14
One More No More	151	143	8	8
Out of Sight	128	105	23	23
Out of the Blue	130	128	2	2
Phoebe	138	160	22	22
Rapunzel	129	90	39	25
Saoirse	146	80	66	25
Solveig II	150	75	75	25
Southern Cross	144	125	19	19
Star Ferry	138	128	10	10
Tonic	148	140	8	8
Viva	147	140	7	7
Windflyt	138	120	18	18

(Zero Nav Est didn't participate)

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.

RESULTS

Inshore Race 2

Race 2, the first race of the inshore series, course 1 was set by our RO Rob. The breeze was a gentle south-westerly with a strong ebbing tide helping everyone across the line for a sail towards Lion Island. There was some consideration about a shortened course with a bit of a lull around the start area, a possible location to shorten, however a nice little southerly picked up to save the end of the race with the regular finish set off Challenger Head.

There was chatter from the front of the fleet that the finish vessel was having a laugh – or an extra challenge? – with them... “it kept moving!”

Place	Sail No.	Name	Skipper	Club	Finish	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected	Points
Division 1 - Start: 12:35									
1	7124	As You Do	Ross Littlewood	RSYS	15:04:38	02:29:38	0.9704	02:25:13	1
2	6321	Allegro	John Taylor	RSYS	15:00:46	02:25:46	1.0032	02:26:14	2
3	208	Southern Cross	Peter Sheldrick	RSYS	14:59:08	02:24:08	1.0363	02:29:21	3
4	YC477	Ishtar	Edward Earl	RSYS	14:50:15	02:15:15	1.1099	02:30:07	4
5	8035	One More No More	Ian Guanaria	CYCA	15:06:05	02:31:05	1.0117	02:32:51	5
6	38038	Solveig II	David / Stuart McLean	RSYS	15:04:36	02:29:36	1.0243	02:33:14	6
7	112	Joli	Adrian van Bellen	RSYS	15:04:50	02:29:50	1.0249	02:33:33	7
8	4103	Just Quietly	Donald Swanson	RSYS	15:06:31	02:31:31	1.0212	02:34:44	8
9	567	About Time	Julian Farren-Price	CYCA	14:55:40	02:20:40	1.11	02:36:09	9
DNS	237	Erica	Peter Williams	CYCA	-	-	-	-	11
Division 2 - Start: 12:40									
1	1008	Star Ferry	John Conroy	RSYS	14:57:55	02:17:55	0.9411	02:09:48	1
2	8484	Windflyt	Douglas Sturrock	RSYS	14:57:35	02:17:35	0.945	02:10:01	2
3	5151	Phoebe	Paul Thackray	RSYS	14:58:23	02:18:23	0.9402	02:10:06	3
4	129	Viva	Ken Hudson	CYCA	15:06:56	02:26:56	0.8999	02:12:13	4
5	10035	Coco	Russell Taylor	RSYS	14:57:52	02:17:52	0.9626	02:12:43	5
6	6842	Tonic	Robert Pizzie	RSYS	15:07:57	02:27:57	0.9162	02:15:33	6
7	7049	Saoirse	Jack Thomas & Patrick Houlihan	RSYS	15:05:31	02:25:31	0.9407	02:16:53	7
8	RQ71	Gecko	Stephen Face	RSYS	15:05:19	02:25:19	0.955	02:18:47	8
9	7080	Minnow	Stephen Grundy	RSYS	15:15:11	02:35:11	0.925	02:23:32	9
Division 3 - Start: 12:45									
1	SW1022	Ohana	Michelle McGrath	RSYS	15:00:43	02:15:43	0.75	01:41:48	1
2	C 23587	Kofi	Joe Atkinson	RSYS	14:54:00	02:09:00	0.8358	01:47:49	-
3	353	Margaret Rintoul	Bruce Gould	RSYS	14:52:26	02:07:26	0.8673	01:50:31	2
4	3458	Rapunzel	Richard & Sandy Lawson	RSYS	14:53:40	02:08:40	0.8616	01:50:52	3
5	6967	Out of Sight	Eric Duggin	RSYS	14:53:21	02:08:21	0.8663	01:51:11	4
6	9600	Akiiki	Ian Cook	RSYS	14:52:37	02:07:37	0.8776	01:52:00	5.5
=	236	Maratea	Alex Burt	RSYS	14:56:46	02:11:46	0.85	01:52:00	5.5
8	698	Out of the Blue	John van Ogtrop & Stephen Grenville & Kars Meyboom	RSYS	14:55:01	02:10:01	0.8756	01:53:51	7

PHOTOS



Lovely to see Southern Cross back out



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Finish

HISTORY

Coaster's Retreat: Some History

Excursionists

The 1860's marked the regular commencement of 'excursionists' making visits to Pittwater with The Basin (then also called 'Blind Cove') at times included. The mouth into the inner Basin being a lot wider and deeper than it is today, large steamers could get in and out safely.

ANNIVERSARY DAY - STEAM EXCURSION TO BROKEN BAY 1862

The splendid powerful steamship KEMBLA will, by special desire, make an EXCURSION to BROKEN BAY, PITTWATER, and the LOWER HAWKESBURY. Excursion Return Ticket, 5s. Advertising (1862, January 18). Empire (Sydney, NSW : 1850 - 1875), p. 1. Retrieved from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article60508518>



The Kembla

Of interest to we RSYS members, Frederick James Jackson of Darling Point bought 50 acres at The Basin in 1881. Mr Jackson was a founding member of both Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and RPAYC.

A holiday house that the Jackson's named 'Beechwood' was built at The Basin and finished in 1882. This house was used by Mr Jackson's sailing friends and fellow members of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and the RPAYC.

His most famous yacht was 'Violet' although he had others, among these being Mischief, Gitana, Valeria and Ione.

Lucinda

On Saturday 28 March 1891, Lucinda, the Queensland government yacht, anchored at the Basin. In March 1891, the first National Australian Convention was convened in Sydney NSW to consider a draft constitution for the Commonwealth of Australia. The Queensland Premier, Sir Samuel Griffith, had taken Lucinda to Sydney and, on being elected chairman of the Constitutional Committee, made the yacht available for meetings. Between 27 and 29 March, Griffith, the South Australian politician, Charles Kingston, and Sir Edmund Barton from New South Wales finalised the draft constitution whilst anchored at The Basin and one can assume whilst doing a little cruising on the Hawkesbury as well!

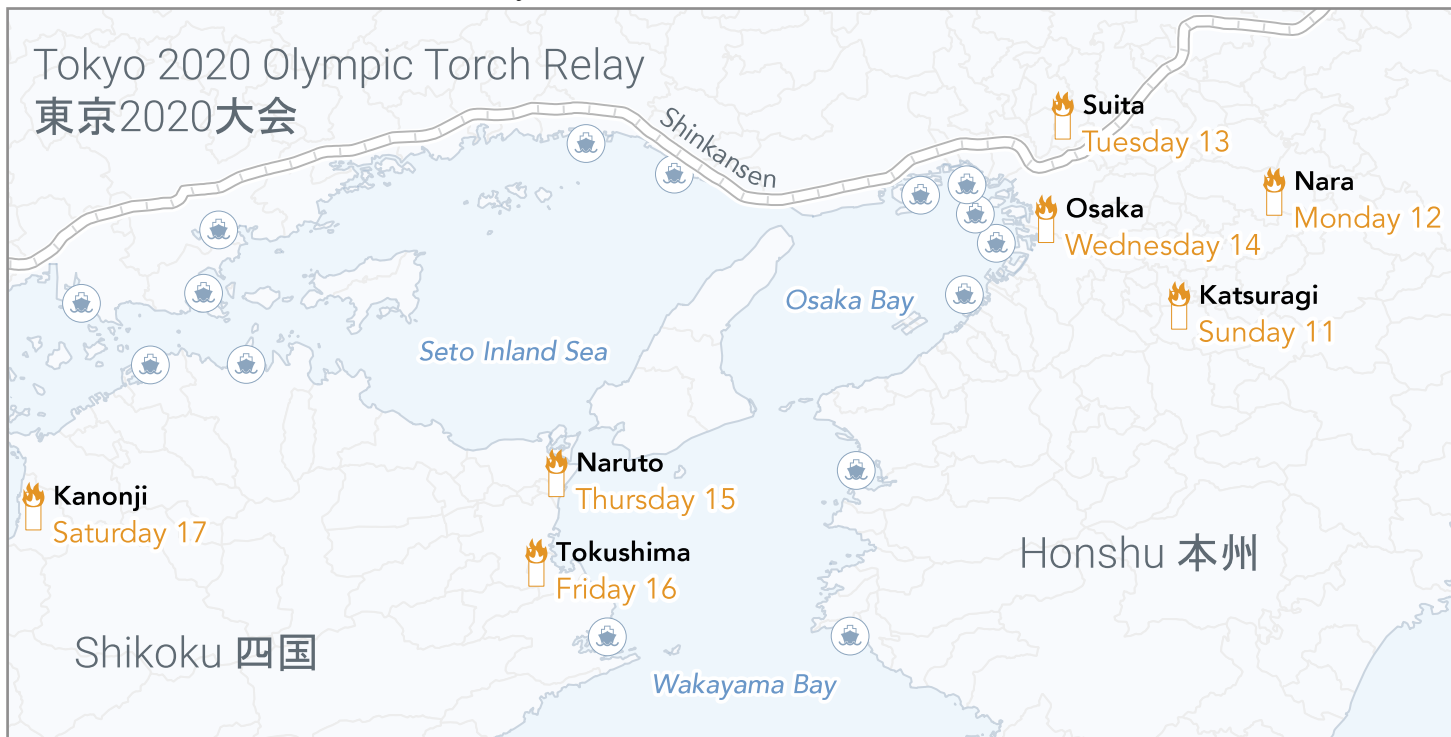


Although technically designated as only a paddle yacht and lighthouse tender, it was reported that "the Lucinda is in reality one of the most magnificently upholstered and effectively equipped steamers afloat." The forward saloon was fitted with sofas that could be converted to sleep 20 passengers, while the aft saloon was designed for social events. The specification notes that "an oval shaped deck opening in centre, with stained glass skylight, afforded light and ventilation" and that the "aft part of the deckhouse was fitted up as a ladies' ante-room, with side panels of Japanese tapestry." There was also a smoking room in the forward deckhouse. She was equipped with electric light and her accommodation was well fitted out. She had a female figurehead to boot which can just be seen in the photo.

SPORT & RECREATION

Where's the Olympic Torch this week?

The planned relay takes in the Nara area famous for its park with friendly (or hungry) deer, then onto Osaka, Japan's second largest city with a metropolitan population of 19 million and an important regional port. Across Osaka Bay to the island of Shikoku and the town of Naruto, which if you ever find yourself cruising nearby, are the impressive whirlpools formed by a tidal channel in Naruto Strait between Tokushima and Awaji Island.



History of the Trophies

Erica J Trophy

During the 1960s, Erica J (an eight metre class yacht owned and skippered by the late Allan C Williams) raced in RSYS Division 1. Other yachts such as Saskia, Norske, Alyth and Theme are just a few of the competitive fleet that raced in this division and provided some of the best and fairest racing sailing on Sydney Harbour at that time.

The Donor of this trophy, Jean C Williams, sailed on board Erica J and was one of the few women in the RSYS at the time, actively involved in sailing. Over the ensuing years, Erica J raced in Tasmania and again on Sydney Harbour until 2011, when she was sold. She is now lying in Europe (after a rebuild) and is a regular in the European eight metre class racing sailing circuit. This fine spirit of racing sailing competition seen in the 1960s at the RSYS lives on. This trophy has been donated to celebrate that spirit of competition and to promote the same values today in competition as existed in the RSYS during the 1960s.

Thus, the Erica J Trophy is awarded annually to a boat or individual that exhibits the spirit of wholehearted competition and participation.

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

Made by Keith Lambert, the Huon Pine board measures 850cm x 540cm.

It is awarded to a skipper who emulates the spirit of the cruise.

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