

# Cruise News



51st Annual Squadron Cruise

Friday, 16 April 2021

## The Heat was on in the Galley

It would appear that a number of boats spent the lay day very busily in the galley preparing for round one of the Galley Gourmet competition. This year we maintained not only the high standard of cuisine but i think i can speak for all the participating boats & most certainly for my fellow judge Mandy Biffin & myself when i say we all had alot of fun.(and alot to eat!)

From luxury cruisers to race boats without fridges, everyone demonstrated that with a bit of creativity both in menu & execution and in spite of the what was generally agreed to be the universal problem of a dodgy oven, wonderful food can be produced on any boat.

The judges always enjoy a bit of theming in this competition & of particular note in this round was a beautifully presented entree by Cheb which had a seafood, bacon or vegetarian option distinguished by homemade S, V & B flags on toothpicks.

Also worthy of mention were some beautiful desserts, something not many of us create on board from scratch. An Apple crumble made without an oven on Blackwood was a treat and Lisa's use of the winch handle to crush her biscuits for her Key Lime pie base had us all giggling aboard Special Effect

A special thank you to Paul in the Squadron tender for ferrying us from boat to boat & patiently waiting as we indulged. A job that had it's reward in the end.

*Sue Swanson, Just Quietly*



Today's Racing

**12:30 Inshore Race 5**



Today's Cruising

**The Basin picnic/BBQ**



Tonight's Mooring

**Berthing**

**RMYC / RPAYC**



Tonight's Social

**RMYC casual dinner**



**22**  
Min 14

Shower or two, clearing

Winds: West to southwesterly 10 to 15 knots turning south to southeasterly in the late morning.

Seas: Below 0.5 metres.

TIDES - Cottage Point



**10:58 1.19m**



**16:30 0.55m**

## News Contributions

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# NEWS

## Reflections from Rapunzel... ... And today with Div 3

Every time we motor into Smiths Creek memories of the April 2015 evening coming flashing back for both of us, as it was a 'dark evening' for our beloved Rapunzel. The evening started out in great spirits (gin) in a 'stern to shore raft up' along with Allegro, Coco, As You Do .... with Rapunzel on the far left hand end of the group.

It had been a great day of racing and it was time for us to fully relax and enjoy the evening. Sandy and I retired a little earlier than the others, however shortly after reaching a state of full relaxation we were awoken to a serve crunching to outside of the hull and wind whistling in the rigging. Once we were on deck we found everyone was out of the cot and wondering what had happened. Fortunately JT immediately fired up Allegro and went hard ahead, against the shore line, which had the effect of straightening the raft and giving Rapunzel some room to move. We quickly cast off and headed to midstream to then search for the obvious leak the rocky outcrop would have created.

Thanking our lucky stars there was no penetration of the hull!!

It turned out that an unexpected serve squall had come through with great force from the South end of the creek, which had moved the raft (together with a couple of other rafts including the Blue's Point Raft) quite significantly to the right ..... then without warning the breeze changed direction 180 degrees and with greater force moved the raft to the left (south). Rapunzel was then forced against a submerged rock which was not obvious at high tide when we first joined the raft!! This was one of many lessons we have learnt whilst participating on Squadie Cruises. It was also fortunate that Ned and his staff at the RSYS boatshed were able to repair the damage without any other problems occurring. Although there was some damage to other yachts nothing was too serious and we were all able to get on with the challengers at hand.

And to the present day ..... Thursday racing got underway on time in a very light westerly breeze and a good ebb tide which took us all toward the Lion Is mark where Div 3 was starting to bunch with Div 2 boats. This situation continued all the way to the Barrenjoey mark as the weak sea breeze tried to take hold.

On the passage back to Flint Steel mark five of us were line abreast for a long time, as we each sort to gain some advantage on the battle against the tide ..... lots of frustration !!

However Out of the Blue and Rapunzel gained a jump by sailing very deep toward the Patonga shore, perhaps we dodged some tide?? As we approached the Flint Steel 'finish' Rob decide we needed to travel further to Challenger Head ..... and so it passed the blue boat tried to engage us in a dog fight but common sense finally prevailed and we decided to bail and sail our own race. What a good decision (thanks to Dave Seaton from Takana) that was as we went on to gain fastest time.

A beautiful day it turned out to be for a wonderful sail ..... thanks Div 3 for a very interesting race.

*Richard & Sandy, Rapunzel*

Cruise  
Presentation  
Dinner

Friday 23 April

6:30pm for 7:00pm

RSYS Carabella Room

A two course alternative menu includes entree, main, tea, coffee and cholcoates.

\$65 per person

Buy your own beverages on the night from the main bar.

Presentation  
Bookings

**Bookings are now open:**

[www.rsys.com.au/event/annual-cruise-presentation/](http://www.rsys.com.au/event/annual-cruise-presentation/)

# SCUTTLEBUTT



**Happy 40th  
Birthday  
Shane!**

From your Dad  
and us all

**“We picked up a trophy” !**

A slower than usual Joli braved the chilli waters & seals to inspect for a suspected hitchhiker.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our wonderful Cruise News contributors, photos and articles and scuttlebutt.

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The Gecko Math Professor

And the seals

And anyone else who submitted “anonymous” content :-)

Inshore	Thursday 15 April - Race 4			
	Elapsed minutes	Nav Est	Points Actual	Points Net
About Time	169	130	39	25
Akiiki	130	132	2	2
Allegro	181	155	26	25
As You Do	183	154	29	25
Coco	159	135	24	24
Erica	169	0	169	25
Gecko	148	128	20	20
Ishtar	170	140	30	25
Joli	187	151	36	25
Just Quietly	177	138	39	25
Kofi		0	0	0
Maratea		0	0	0
Margaret Rintoul	129	0	129	25
Minnow	154	145	9	9
Ohana	142	148	6	6
One More No Mo	177	143	34	25
Out of Sight	128	118	10	10
Out of the Blue	126	123	3	3
Phoebe	149	119	30	25
Rapunzel	124	126	2	2
Saoirse	151	125	26	25
Solveig II	173	152	21	21
Southern Cross	177	138	39	25
Star Ferry	148	110	38	25
Tonic	166	130	36	25
Viva	163	140	23	23
Windflyt	147	120	27	25

(Zero Nav Est didn't participate)

## Competitions

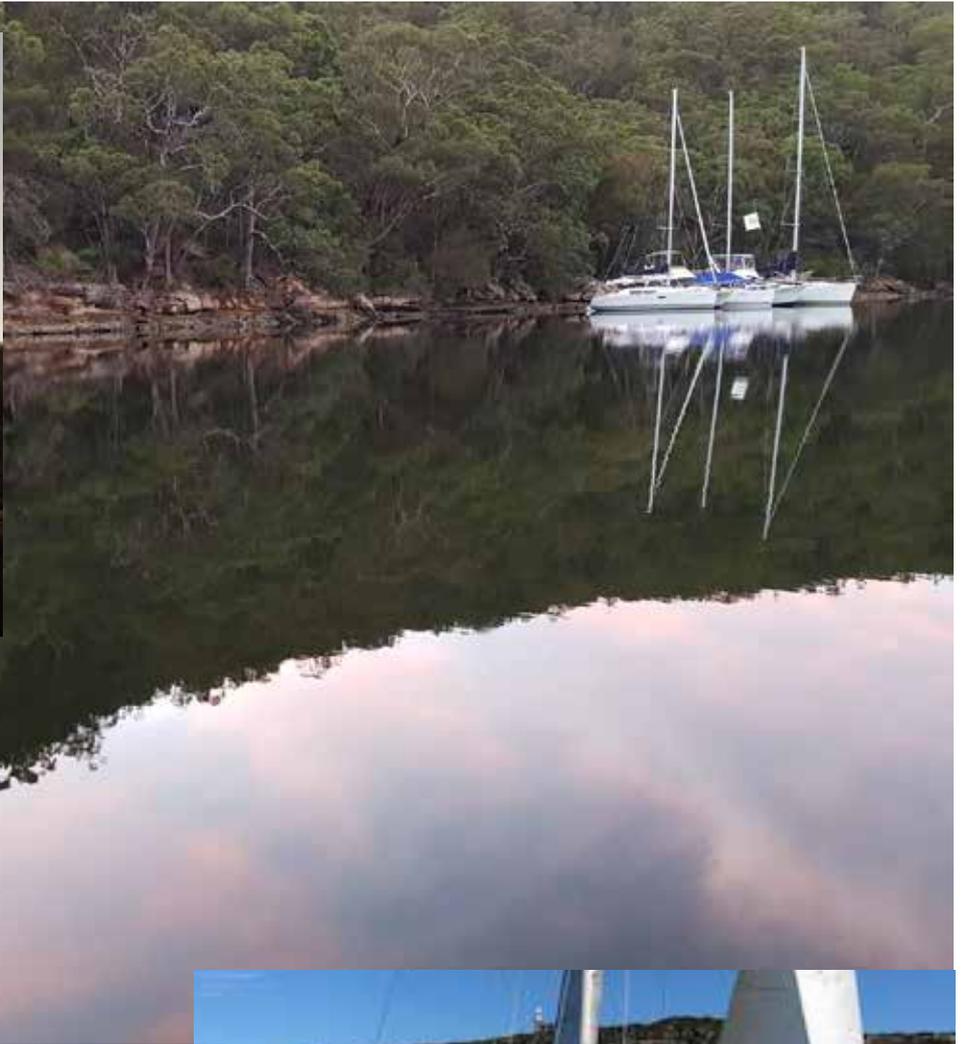
**Photographic**  
Show off your photography skills to win a \$100 RSYS food voucher! Two categories, "Afloat": a subject which includes boats under sail or power. "Other": any subject on shore or at anchor. One entry per person per category per day. Submit photos to Mischief by 6pm daily.

**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.

# PHOTOS

**Smith's Creek Morning**



**Rapunzel steams past Akiiki as Rowan Mitchell looks on in awe**



**Gourmet Galley Challenge, Cheb & Willo**



**Smith's Creek Sydney Sandstone**

# RESULTS

## Inshore Race 4

Alternate Helm day today, a course 3 was set, with the forecast set for a light north-westerly in the afternoon. It looked very light at the Flint & Steel mark for the return, however a nice exactly 180° easterly came in to bring everyone home to Challenger Head... nice and close to tonight's Refuge mooring.

Excellent work from the alternate skippers, most of you equalling or bettering your regular skippers, well done!

Place	Sail No.	Name	Skipper	Club	Finish	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected Points	Next HC	
Division 1 - Start: 12:35										
<b>Alternate Skipper Day (in red)</b>										
1	38038	Solveig II	David / Stuart McLean	RSYS	15:27:51	02:52:51	1.0078	02:54:12	1	1.0230
2	8035	One More No More	<b>Robert Speedy</b>	CYCA	15:32:09	02:57:09	1.0058	02:58:11	2	1.0152
3	4103	Just Quietly	Donald Swanson	RSYS	15:31:51	02:56:51	1.0180	03:00:02	3	1.0255
4	7124	As You Do	Ross Littlewood	RSYS	15:37:30	03:02:30	0.9873	03:00:11	4	0.9944
5	6321	Allegro	<b>Jackie Taylor</b>	RSYS	15:35:32	03:00:32	1.0150	03:03:14	5	1.0178
6	237	Erica	Peter Williams	CYCA	15:23:44	02:48:44	1.0946	03:04:42	6	1.0887
7	208	Southern Cross	<b>Graeme Kennedy/Lachlan Gilbert</b>	RSYS	15:31:53	02:56:53	1.0501	03:05:45	7	1.0462
8	567	About Time	<b>Ian McDiamond</b>	CYCA	15:23:38	02:48:38	1.1054	03:06:24	8	1.0983
9	YC477	Ishtar	Edward Earl	RSYS	15:25:02	02:50:02	1.1090	03:08:35	9	1.1040
10	112	Joli	Adrian van Bellen	RSYS	15:42:08	03:07:08	1.0081	03:08:39	10	1.0031
Division 2 - Start: 12:40										
1	RQ71	Gecko	<b>Doug Steel</b>	RSYS	15:07:45	02:27:45	0.9412	02:19:03	1	0.9473
2	7080	Minnow	Stephen Grundy	RSYS	15:14:03	02:34:03	0.9062	02:19:36	2	0.9101
3	5151	Phoebe	<b>Richard Coxon</b>	RSYS	15:08:46	02:28:46	0.9430	02:20:17	3	0.9462
4	7049	Saoirse	Jack Thomas & Patrick Houlihan	RSYS	15:10:37	02:30:37	0.9361	02:21:00	4	0.9387
5	8484	Windflyt	Douglas Sturrock	RSYS	15:06:56	02:26:56	0.9666	02:22:02	5	0.9690
6	1008	Star Ferry	<b>Tori Pollard</b>	RSYS	15:08:05	02:28:05	0.9674	02:23:15	6	0.9690
7	129	Viva	Ken Hudson	CYCA	15:22:32	02:42:32	0.8962	02:25:40	7	0.8868
8	6842	Tonic	Robert Pizzie	RSYS	15:25:49	02:45:49	0.9068	02:30:22	8	0.8993
9	10035	Coco	<b>Ivo Clark</b>	RSYS	15:18:45	02:38:45	0.9584	02:32:09	9	0.9534
Division 3 - Start: 12:45										
1	3458	Rapunzel	Richard & Sandy Lawson	RSYS	14:48:56	02:03:56	0.8594	01:46:31	1	0.8688
2	698	Out of the Blue	<b>Stephen Granville</b>	RSYS	14:50:58	02:05:58	0.8760	01:50:21	2	0.8799
3	6967	Out of Sight	<b>Trish Stanley</b>	RSYS	14:53:03	02:08:03	0.8619	01:50:22	3	0.8646
4	353	Margaret Rintoul	Bruce Gould	RSYS	14:54:24	02:09:24	0.8651	01:51:57	4	0.8603
5	9600	Akiiki	<b>Julie Ford</b>	RSYS	14:54:52	02:09:52	0.8738	01:53:28	5	0.8688
6	SW10227	Ohana	Michelle McGrath	RSYS	15:07:25	02:22:25	0.8081	01:55:05	6	0.7969
DNS	236	Maratea	Alex Burt	RSYS	-	-	-	-	8	0.8441

# HISTORY

## Coaster's Retreat: Some History

Memories: Nancy Henry recalls her six month stay at the Basin in 1913

"...We left early in the morning and we rounded North Head and a terrific gale came up when we were down off Long Reef. And he [her father] had to take the sails off the boat. She was a fore rig so we had a mizzen mast, as well as the main mast and if you don't keep some way on the boat, you'll be overtaken by the following sea. It was blowing a southerly gale and we were afraid that the sea should break into the cockpit. So we had to leave the jib on and that's how we got down as far as Barrenjoey. Just as we got there a whale, a whale, crossed our bow. Well that was actually dreadful! It was about three times as long as the boat and that's the only time I ever saw my father afraid and he'd been sailing all his life. It was blowing so hard he couldn't run at Barrenjoey, because the southerly comes down there like a funnel, he had to keep on going. He went past Barrenjoey as far as Refuge Bay, where we had shelter, but we would've had a very bad time. The yacht club rang the lighthouse keeper, Charles Smith, to see whether we had gone past though. And he said he had seen a boat go through, but at that stage we were still well down towards Long Reef. He said "Look, I fear for their safety". The gale was absolutely dreadful and we were all down in the cabin. There were five children (eventually it was increased to nine children in our family). Anyhow, we tied everything up at Refuge Bay and then we sailed back to the Basin. We had two tents ashore and the yacht moored off the beach. We needed that for all the accommodation. And that's where we camped for six months. Everyone went to school from there. At that time Currawong Beach, as it is called now, was called Little Mackerel. Doctor Styles had a house there and he and his wife lived there for years. We used to walk round on the track from the Basin to, what is called now, Currawong, and catch the Agar there up to Newport school. She'd go all round Pittwater picking up the children. We really enjoyed school in those days. I think there was only Goddard's boat shed at Palm Beach and the Post Office store on the corner, opposite where the hotel is now, Slate's Post Office Store. That's where we used to get our provisions, but we couldn't buy meat, we had to take a lot of food on the yacht going down and she was pretty well packed up. When we were down at the Basin, my grandfather was an importer and a providore and he had his business down near Darling Harbour. He arranged with the owners of the little steamer called The Eringhai. She used to bring down vegetables and fruit, once a week and that's how we got vegetables, cause you couldn't buy them. She'd toot her horn, she'd come in about 4 o'clock and go to the stone wharf down at the Basin, and drop all our things there, my father drove in the dinghy to pick our things up. We were well looked after, from that point of view, so we didn't go without essential food." Nancy Henry, oral history, 1986.



*Newport Public School early in the 20th century..  
Perhaps Nancy is one of the children*

## Smith's Creek: Some History

There would be few people who would doubt that the magnificent Hawkesbury River is one of Australia's premier waterways. Its history and beauty have been written about many times over, from the days not long after Governor Philip first explored its length in 1789. There's not much history available on Smiths Creek. The 1828 census lists a certain Thomas Smith aged 30 working in this area as a labourer to a John Farrell. The name appears on an 1894 Lands Department map. Perhaps his name endures...

Apparently towards the head of the bay hidden in scrub is the chimney of a house owned by surgeon Sir Herbert Maitland (1868 - 1923) who was recognised throughout Australia as an authority on surgical techniques.

In 1889 it was suggested that land between Smiths Creek and Cowan Creek become the site of 'PACIFICA', a proposed capital of the new Commonwealth of Australia. Buildings were to have replicated Windsor Castle, the Tower of London and the Houses of Parliament, with a grand entrance across a suspension bridge near Bobbin Head....mamma mia....Thankfully, the plan came to nothing and we were spared Canberra on the Hawkesbury!

*Jill Henry, Sweet Chariot*

# SPORT & RECREATION

## ANSWERS for the various quizzes

### Music Emoji Quiz

- |     |   |                       |
|-----|---|-----------------------|
| 1.  |    | 1. The Monkeys        |
| 2.  |    | 2. Beach Boys         |
| 3.  |    | 3. Cream              |
| 4.  |    | 4. The Doors          |
| 5.  |    | 5. Icehouse           |
| 6.  |    | 6. Seekers            |
| 7.  |    | 7. Silverchair        |
| 8.  |    | 8. The Animals        |
| 9.  |    | 9. Imagine Dragons    |
| 10. |    | 10. Queen             |
| 11. |    | 11. Midnight Oil      |
| 12. |   | 12. Cold Chisel       |
| 13. |  | 13. AC/DC             |
| 14. |  | 14. Men at Work       |
| 15. |  | 15. Rolling Stones    |
| 16. |  | 16. Arcade Fire       |
| 17. |  | 17. Smashing Pumpkins |
| 18. |  | 18. Byrds             |
| 19. |  | 19. Zombies           |
| 20. |  | 20. Blondie           |
| 21. |  | 21. BB King           |
| 22. |  | 22. Traffic           |
| 23. |  | 23. Police            |
| 24. |  | 24. Sting             |
| 25. |  | 25. Neil Young        |
| 26. |  | 26. Mike Oldfield     |
| 27. |  | 27. Elbow             |
| 28. |  | 28. Talking Heads     |
| 29. |  | 29. Golden Earring    |
| 30. |  | 30. The Angels        |

### Maths Quiz

Question 1. 120

Question 2. 17

Question 3.

$$x = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} \approx 1.187$$

Question 4:

$$h = 1 + \sqrt{85} \quad (\text{since } h > 0)$$

Question 5:

$$x = \sqrt{71}$$

## Good odds to WIN on the photo comp!

Not many entries in this year, if you want to try your luck, and skill !! Submit to the email address mentioning it's for the comp & which category.

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