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Power Boat Committee - Cruise Flotilla



NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

Recent Happenings

We got to the Tweed River, yes we did get there for the Easter Cruise and what a success it was. There will be an article in the next edition of iNSYnC where you can read about that trip. Here's a couple of pics to wet your appetite!!



Upstream in the Tweed



Which sundowner?



Crocodile or log?

What's happening with Cruises this season?

STOP PRESS

This weekend, last chance to book.

The cruise up the Coomera River to the Riviera Yacht Club is this weekend, 10th-11th May. Join the Cruise Flotilla for lunch ashore on Saturday at the Riviera Yacht Club and help celebrate Mother's Day a day early. All the ladies present will receive something in appreciation. There is time for you to return home on the Sunday for any other family commitments.

Then there is only the Queen's Birthday cruise, Saturday 7th June- Monday 9th left to go this season. We will be cruising up to Canaipa for dinner ashore on the Saturday night then down to Dux on Sunday when we will meet ashore. Don't forget to come ashore, at Dux, in your regal best (or any other attire) that you consider reflects the appropriateness of the occasion being the birthday of Australia's Queen.

What's happening with Cruises next season?

Those of you who like to plan ahead the Cruise calendar for next season will be published shortly. In the meantime here is the proposed calendar:

2014	Aug 9 th -10 th	WEEKEND CRUISE
	Sep 13 th -28 th	SANDY STRAITS EXTENDED CRUISE
	October 4-6 th	LABOUR DAY 3 DAY CRUISE
	November 1 st -2 nd	WEEKEND CRUISE
	November 3 rd -7 th	MELB. CUP MID WEEK CRUISE
	Nov 30 th	CRUISE CHRISTMAS FUNCTION MAIN BEACH
2015	January 24 th -26 th	AUSTRALIA DAY 3 DAY CRUISE
	February 28 th -	WEEKEND CRUISE and
	March 6 th	MID WEEK CRUISE
	April 3 RD -6 TH	EASTER CRUISE
	May 11 th - 17 th	MID WEEK AND WEEKEND CRUISE
	June 6 TH -8 th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY 3 DAY CRUISE

You will notice a few changes from the previous calendars which we hope will be of interest to you.

2013/14 Season Review

The first cruise for the season is the **9th – 10th August** where we will be going to Dux. Please mark your diaries now as we would like to see as many of you as possible to come along as there will be some surprises in store. This will include a review of the previous season and recognition of the participants of the Cruise Flotilla. Presentation of the **Cruise Flotilla "Boat of the Flotilla" perpetual trophy** will be made. This trophy known as the %SYC Olde Cruisers Mug+is for the Boat of the Flotilla. This is presented, annually, to the boat skipper who has made the most significant contribution to the Cruise Flotilla for the season and has embodied all the qualities of the Cruise Flotilla.

Sail Past

The 68th SYC Sail Past and Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday 6th September. We encourage all Cruise Flotilla boats to participate in the Sail Past. Let's have a big showing this year of Cruise Flotilla boats. If you cannot bring your boat (for whatever reason) why not contact another Cruise Flotilla participant and ask if you can join them on their boat?

My Boat, Your Boat

“WATER MUSIC”



Sailing south leaving Dux after the Queen's Birthday Cruise 2011 (Photo by R Kershaw)

A beautiful full moon about to set on top of the mast

“Water Music” is Nick and Susie's yacht and is a Catalina Morgan 440 built in 2005 in Florida, USA. She is Number 5 of a series of 58, and she is 1 of only 3 in Australia. Catalina Yachts manufacture a range of yachts from 24 to 50 feet in length. The Catalina Morgan 440 was designed by Gerry Douglas and was intended for mature sailors (old farts). The specification included a wing keel with an intended draft of 1.50 metres, this was corrected after fabrication to 1.68 m and now we have loaded her up she draws around 1.75m. Later CM 440's have a 1.50 draught due to a lighter lay up in the manufacturing process or less ballast.

Some specs:

This boat was used by Catalina as a demonstrator in California until 2008 when she was sold and recommissioned for the owners who had her fitted out for cruising. She was then sailed to Mexico and across the Pacific to Australia, imported and we bought her January 2011.

Length Overall	14.00
Length of waterline	12.37
Beam	4.27
Draft	1.78
Height of mast a.w.l.	19.00
Motor	Yanmar 75 HP
Fuel tank	379 litres
Starboard water tank	400 litres
Bow water tank	190 litres
Holding tank	208 litres

“Water Music” has a roller furling genoa and an in boom fully battened furling mainsail which is very powerful, in ideal conditions of 15-18 knots of wind on the beam she cruises comfortably at 8-9 knots. The turbo charged 75 HP motor can push us along at 7.5 knots but generally we cruise at 5.8 using 3.1 litres per hour giving us a range under power of 700 miles.

The cockpit is spacious and has easy access via the boarding platform and the transom. There is

an electric winch in the cockpit which can be used to raise and lower the sails as well as trimming them to get the best shape. She has wheel steering with an auto pilot. The original 3 blade fixed propeller has been changed for a 3 blade Gori folding prop and she has a bow thruster.

Down below, the main saloon, dining and galley area is central separating two double cabins with en-suites. There is a gimbaled 3 burner gas stove with oven, a fridge and a freezer. In the workshop there is a full sized washer/dryer, a water maker which can make 40 litres an hour, which is just enough for 1 load of washing.

The solar panels total 520 watts and can produce approx 150 amps per day. There is a 110 amp alternator on the engine and if all the toys and fridge and freezers are running we sometimes have to run the diesel generator which is housed in the aft garage, this feeds a 100 amp inverter charger. The house batteries total 840 amps with separate batteries for the engine and generator.

We have a full suite of electronics for navigation and communication. The AIS transceiver is a great tool and the marine SSB radio doubles as my ham radio and is connected to a modem so we can send and receive emails and weather maps while we are out of internet range. When we are near civilisation the wi-fi network with an external 3G antenna keeps the TV, laptops and Ipad all talking.

All in all, δWater Musicö is a large volumed, comfortable and well fitted out cruising yacht with all the toys for big boys and girls!



At anchor in 20 metres of clear water at Hata Lawi in the Louisiades, PNG



Sailing NE towards New Guinea 2013 (Photo by Dean Davis on an Iphone 5)

If you would like to let your fellow cruisers know some of the details and history of your boat, just send a photo and some details to the editor (email: bobandjoank@optusnet.com.au) and we would be pleased to feature your boat in future editions.

Who's Who and What's What with Cruisers

Are you one of the migratory flock??

If you are heading off on an extended cruise (not a P & O or QE2 type) and would like to meet up with other fellow cruisers, don't forget to register your details with SYC. Check out the SYC web-site for more details. Click on Powerboats, Cruising, and then, Events, for information.

If some of you are planning on a northern migration this winter why not register and let others know your itinerary.

What's Reached the Editor's Ears?

The SYC new website is now up and running and there is also a new format for the weekly eNews. As part of this re-development we are investigating the feasibility and practicality of an on-line Cruise registration system. More details will be provided as they come to hand.

Vice Commodore's Report.

Its coming up to nearly 2 years as Vice Commodore (P) and with the job it opens up so many different sides of the club. These sides are all the committees and meetings that go to make the club what it is and being an ex navy man and a love of ships and the sea I call these meetings the %Engine Room of the Club+.

One area I am going to enjoy is the memorabilia room, so many members have donated artefacts, books, photos, stories from the past and if you have anything of interest to add to the presentation in the memorabilia room let me know. A lot of items e.g..old trophies and photos, books etc we won't have a lot of space but we are going to have an archive storage area so we can change items from time to time. One area the Flotilla can assist is photos of each vessels registered with the club to allow us to interchange, we have a lot of the old loggers and picnic boats on a cruise but some new photos would be great. A photo of your boat send to me I will keep them in a data base to down load for display. We have all the Broadsheet and iNSYNc magazines from way-way back and plan to have them on a Data base for you to browse, e.g. Your's truly back in May 1992 photo at the helm of Backlash in the Burleigh Bash.

Bob and Joan I would like to thank you guys for the work you have put into the Flotilla, and your flotilla committee throughout the season and look forward to working with the incoming new members.

%Fair winds, clear skies and a safe anchorage.

Phil Short.
Vice Commodore (P)

Cruise Photos

As you would have noticed by now SYC has a new website. We are working towards having all the Cruise photos on a gallery on the website where you will be able to download any photos which may be of particular interest to yourselves.

Who's for Lunch?

The %mens+ lunch+is held on the last Friday of the month and they meet at SYC Main Beach at 12 noon. Everyone is invited; there is no need to book, just turn up and meet other %cruisers+.

The next lunch is 30th May and then 27th June.

The %adies+monthly lunch is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month. If you would like to join them, give Helen of %Nyleta+fame a call on 5539 1879.

Articles for future editions of our newsletter: Should you have any articles or information you would like to share with your fellow cruisers please get in contact with a committee member; we would like your input and your fellow cruisers would appreciate hearing the detail.

Cruise Flotilla Committee

The Cruise Flotilla has an exciting programme of events planned for next season. We are wanting to expand the Committee with an additional one or two members. Why not put your hand up and make a contribution. It can be a very rewarding experience and with the additional members the duties can be evenly distributed.

Bob Montgomery is joining the committee, and we welcome back Bob who has previously been on the committee. However we still require the additional members.

Wanted

Not dead or alive, but very much alive. Have you ever wished to be a journalist? Or do you have the flair for creative writing and publishing? Would you like to assist the Cruising Flotilla with the publication of Newsletters and other material? Just give Bob a call (0431 968 108).

In accordance with contemporary practices, the Cruising Flotilla committee is an equal opportunity group and therefore ladies are encouraged to give Bob a call.

PS. This may be the last Newsletter by this editor as Bob is standing aside from the committee at the end of the season. After four years on the committee it is now time for someone else to contribute.

Sponsorship



O'Keefe Financial Planning Pty Ltd is a sponsor of the Cruise Flotilla. Tony O'Keefe is a SYC member and has offices in Southport (Ph 5574 3636). If you are in need of financial planning services, please support our sponsor and give Tony a call for a no obligation chat.

Your Committee

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Your name, please
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**New member
New member**