



BMS Australia Day 2024 Cruise

22nd January- 27th January 2024

Please note this additional detail regarding this cruise.

Tuesday 23rd **Fishing competition** (it shouldn't be called a competition as it's a fun event)

Fishing can commence when all boats have arrived at Oak Island, approx. 0930 hours. This will be announced on Ch 72 vhf. Fishing ceases by 0800 hours on Wednesday 24th. The texted photos of fish caught must be received by 0800 hrs. No late texts will be accepted.

All fish under legal size to be returned to water after photo taken. Fish over legal size and allowable catch can be retained for personal consumption.

A photo of each fish caught must be taken and be texted to Cruise leader. Paddy Mobile: 0447 817 198; if can't get Paddy text Bob 0431 968 108. Photo to be taken to clearly show fish alongside the "official" measure strip. This will be given to you at the Monday night briefing.

All fish must be live to rate a score. *Any fish from your freezer will incur de-merit points. Big brother will be watching!!??*

You can fish with handline or rod/ reel using bait or lures; no nets but can use a landing net to get the fish on board. If using bait make sure you bring it with you.

Fishing can be done from your boat, dingy or the shore in the general vicinity of Oak Island.

Points will be awarded for each fish caught; there is no restriction as to specie or number of fish.

Points will be awarded to: Team with highest score

Team with biggest fish

Individual with highest score

Individual with biggest fish

Each boat to advise the Cruise leader with their type of entry at the Monday briefing.

A team comprises more than 1 fisher e.g. the 2, persons on board a particular boat. (If more than 2 persons on board then you make a second team or individual).

Individuals could be: only the one fisher on that boat, or both persons on a particular boat being fishers. i.e.their scores will not be combined.

Scores size 0-10 cm NIL

10-20 cm 5 points per fish

21-30 cm 10 points per fish

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31-50 cm 20 points per fish

51-75 cm 30 points per fish

Over 75 cm 50 points per fish

Prizes will be presented on Australia Day

Australia Day Activities at Dux

Australia Day activities will be somewhat different this year to previous years. Throwing the thong has been thrown out as it's been deemed too strenuous; similarly as for rolling the pumpkin the ground is now too far down!!!

Everyone come ashore by 1030 hours and be prepared for a fun-filled day. No time for nana naps this day as you'll be kept entertained until the sun is low in the sky. But first you have a little homework to do in preparation for the cruise.

[Each boat is asked to come along prepared with either: an Australiana poem, piece of prose to recite or tell a joke with an Australiana theme.](#)

When coming ashore place your belongings under the main covered area and then assemble on the beach by 1030 hours. What comes next will be revealed on the day.

At about 1200 hours we'll move to the covered area for lunch. Lunch will be provided and will consist of a lamb roast and baked vegetables plus dessert. Unfortunately, we can't cater for anyone whose dietary requirements will preclude this meal; those people are asked to bring your own meal.

Everyone bring your own crockery and cutlery, including dessert plate and spoon, glassware and drinks.

Afternoon activities will commence after the presentation of the fishing comp prizes.