

Cruise Report

BMS 5 Day Logan River Cruise

28th September to 2nd October 2023

The cruise commenced at Dux on Thursday 28th September in quite dramatic conditions as a ferocious mid-afternoon thunderstorm came through with some boats already anchored and others just arriving. There was a total whiteout for about 20 minutes with winds estimated at around 50 knots and fortunately all were safe and sound although it was reported later that some club (and non-club) boats dragged anchor and wisely repositioned once the storm had eased. With thunderstorm activity still about, the BBQ dinner ashore was cancelled and members spent a relatively quiet night aboard.

The next morning in pleasant conditions, the six boats headed off towards the mouth of the Logan River timed to arrive at high water with another boat joining in along the way. The cruise then continued upriver to Skinner's Park where we all enjoyed a BBQ lunch ashore.

After a very peaceful night with a bright full moon, the cruise waited until the tide started to ebb before heading down river to anchor off Lagoon Island for the night. Sundowners were held on three host boats selected by random draw with guests from the remaining boats joining in for another pleasant evening.

On Sunday morning again waiting for the top of the tide, we up anchored and headed back for Dux where anchoring was interesting with several boats already in the anchorage and quite strong NNW~NNE wind blowing but we all managed to settle in before heading ashore for a the end-of-cruise BBQ dinner and prize draws courtesy of our sponsors BMS and Precision Marine. The dinner finished a little earlier than usual as some people heading back to their boats in time to watch the Broncos come so very close!

Monday being a public holiday some boats stayed on whilst others had to head home. Those that stayed stretched their legs and walked along to Tippler's Tavern for lunch and as expected it was very busy with the holiday crowd. Later that day, one boat headed home with others staying on another night or two.