

Cruise Report
BMS 8 Day Brisbane City Cruise
15th to 22nd August 2023

Twelve boats attended this cruise, including two new cruising members, which is good to see. The weather was very kind to us, especially for Moreton Bay.

This cruise started with a get together and BBQ at the RQYS Canaipa facility. The sea conditions were excellent for the 5 hour run to the Powerhouse anchorage (New Farm), followed by a very pleasant lunch at Mary Mae's restaurant. Anchoring room was a little tight so some boats moved upstream to the Indooroopilly section of the river. Next was an enjoyable woodfired lunch BBQ at the Sir John Chandler Park, next to the Indooroopilly Golf Course. One of the benefits of cruising in company is assistance when something goes wrong. The anchor winch mechanically failed on a boat necessitating the anchor being raised by hand. This was a considerable task, even with four people. Unfortunately, one boat had a generator failure requiring them to head home the next morning.

The following day's anchorage was at the Botanical Gardens, in the Brisbane City reach. The conditions were good and the ferries not too bad as the speed limit is 6 knots. Most jumped on ferries and spent a pleasant afternoon at Southbank. The winchless boat took a berth at Dockside Marina, then headed home the following day.

The next anchorage was Bulimba Point, opposite Breakfast Creek. Another pleasant lunch was enjoyed at the Breakfast Creek Hotel, famous for its great steaks. One boat left us here to head to Mooloolaba. Then on to the Myora anchorage. A few had lunch at The Little Ships Club while most stayed on their boats. The sundowner happy hour ended up a lot longer than an hour with a random draw for host boats, then guests, with 8 people on each boat. Obviously a good time was had judging by giggling and laughter that went on well after dark!

The final stop was DUX anchorage with the usual get together, BBQ, BMS Club cash random members draw and Precision Marine wine random boat draw, all appreciated by the members and lucky winners. The following morning saw most heading for home fairly early.