

REPORT ON CANALPIN CRUISE – AUGUST 25-29, 2025

MONDAY, 25th dawned bright and sunny with light breezes.

19 vessels were due at Dux Anchorage for walk or dinghy to lunch at Tipplers Tavern. 'Outward Bound' did not arrive, leaving 34 cruisers to enjoy lunch. I had an incident at the jetty, requiring VMR to bring a paramedic to attend me and escort me to Pindara Hospital for further treatment. Fortunately, with the aid of Brett James, Rob from Hollywell was able to return me to Dux for dinner.

TUESDAY, 26th another lovely morning as all but 'Aramis' journeyed via Canaipa to RQ's facility at Canaipa Point for a long lunch. As an adjunct to the lunch, Margi introduced a fun questionnaire 'Battle of the Sexes', which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the women, who were the outstanding winners. At the low tide, 'Kozzie' was high and dry. Russell and Fiona joined us on 'Bema' until they were able to re-board their vessel.

WEDNESDAY, 27th dawned bright with the forecast light NW wind, ideal for our intended stay in Horseshoe Bay, Peel Island. A one hour cruise from Canaipa in gentle conditions with plenty of room for our flotilla to anchor. With high water around midday, many took the opportunity to dinghy to the beach. That evening host boats had four guests for Sundowners. A lovely evening.

THURSDAY, 28th and once more a lovely day with consistent light NWesterly as we up-anchored at 0930 for the short haul to Blaksleys Anchorage on North Stradbroke. With high water at 1230 cruisers took the opportunity to dinghy to Canalpin Creek. Unfortunately the water was unclear, but many turtles were seen in the shallows. That evening a different selection of hosts entertained guests for Sundowners. The light winds continued into the evening with comfortable conditions overnight.

FRIDAY, 29th was a continuation of the fine weather conditions as from 0830 David Amble in 'Twilight' led the flotilla from Blaksleys to Dux via the Main Channel, a cruise of three hours. The farewell lunch was attended by twelve boats, as some cruisers had prior travel commitments. A fun and friendly lunch was followed by the Precision Marine Services wine draw. A generous donation of a further six bottles by Spectrum Marine allowed all cruisers attending to have a win.

A strong wind warning for Saturday saw some boats depart that evening, with the balance up-anchoring early morning to avoid the weather.

Overall, a successful, enjoyable and well supported cruise.

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