

Cruise Report

SYC 10 Day Brisbane River Cruise

3rd to 12th October 2025

Day 1 – Friday 3rd October

The cruise commenced with an evening BBQ and briefing at RQYS Canaipa with 10 boats in attendance: *Andiamo*, *Bene*, *Chin Chin*, *Forty Something II*, *Honu*, *Idonno*, *Jaluka*, *Moondance*, *Twilight* and *Victory Lane*.

Day 2 – Saturday 4th October – RQYS Canaipa to Sherwood Reach

As the tides were not really in our favour, three of the slower boats departed Canaipa an hour before the remaining seven boats, with the fleet joining up at the mouth of the Brisbane River just on low tide at the Bar. Even though there was still some run-out, we moved on up the river and instead of anchoring at Bulimba Point for the night as originally planned, it was decided to push on to Sherwood Reach where it was much calmer. It was a long trip of 49.2 nm taking just on six hours but an enjoyable experience all the same, travelling through the port and the city reaches. It was noted as we passed Breakfast Creek that the pontoon at Newstead Park was closed for maintenance work, so alternative arrangements had to be made for later in the week instead of returning for lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel as originally planned.

Day 3 – Sunday 5th October – At Sherwood Reach.

After a very peaceful night, we moved ashore to the Arboretum where some took a walk to stretch the legs and explored the park. A BBQ/picnic lunch was held ashore under the shade of some magnificent trees.

Day 4 – Monday 6th October – At Sherwood Reach.

Another peaceful night on the river and today was an easy day. Some chose to walk up to the shops at Sherwood, about 800m each way, whilst another couple walked to the Graceville shops, about 2.7km each way. One of the boats with a larger dinghy and four people onboard ventured further up river with the last of the flooding tide and returned with the start of the ebb. Most people gathered ashore for a picnic lunch swapping stories, playing cards and just relaxing in good company. It was a hot day but it was quite comfortable under the shade of large blue gum trees and an occasional breeze off the river.

Day 5 – Tuesday 7th October – Sherwood Reach to Tennyson

Yes, another very peaceful night on the river. At about 11:00 on the turn of the tide, vessels up anchored and moved approximately 4nm downstream to anchor in the Canoe Reach at Tennyson. Several people ventured ashore checking out nearby cafes and shops. Sundowner drinks were held on host boats with guests selected by random draw.

Day 6 – Wednesday 8th October – At Tennyson.

With a Total Fire Ban in place, a BBQ at Sir John Chandler Park was not possible due to open fire BBQs so we ended up at Ken Fletcher Park at the site of the old Tennyson Power Station,

where there are two twin electric BBQs, garbage bins and toilets. A leisurely lunch was held under the shade of the trees in a very comfortable setting. The weather remained warm to hot during the day with quite strong afternoon north-easterlies blowing although they eased off during the night.

Day 7 – Thursday 9th October – At Tennyson.

Another fine morning with plenty of rowers out early. Unfortunately, one boat was having some trouble with its anchor winch, so with the help of a couple of others, the anchor was successfully raised and that boat decided to head home. Those remaining went to lunch at the Dapple + Waver restaurant located within the YG Riverside Village Shopping Centre, a short walk from the pontoon at Tennyson.

Day 8 – Friday 10th October – Tennyson to Horseshoe Bay

Due to the weather forecast and the distance needed to travel, boats up-anchored at 05:00 to take advantage of the last hour or so of ebbing tide and to get down to Horseshoe Bay in a reasonable time, before the forecast north/north-easterlies strengthened. Crossing the bay wasn't too bad, a bit rolly early on with the weather on the beam. Two boats stopped at Horseshoe Bay whilst most of the fleet decided to continue on to Canaipa, although two boats kept going through to Dux. An hour or so after anchoring at Canaipa, as the wind strength was increasing and the tide about to ebb which would make conditions unfavourable, the five boats there up anchored and moved down to Tiger Mullet for the night

Day 9 – Saturday 11th October – Tiger Mullet to Dux

After a quiet but windy night, the five boats up anchored and moved to Dux for the final BBQ of the cruise, including the wine draw courtesy of Precision Maintenance Marine. It was still very windy at Dux on our arrival and throughout the morning but people were able to dinghy ashore quite safely. Tying up at the pontoon was a bit of a challenge with a vessel moored on the northern side and a smaller vessel moored on the southern side plus the large RIB used to ferry participants in the navigation event to and from their respective vessels. People were able to alight from their dinghies by climbing over the RIB and then moving their dinghies further inshore tying up to the walkway. The main BBQ area was shared by both groups with the cruisers holding off BBQing until the navigators had completed their BBQ lunch and presentations. As the afternoon progressed, the wind started to ease (thankfully) and some boats decided to head home. Five boats stayed on for a quiet and restful night at Dux anchorage.

Day 10 – Sunday 12th October – Dux to home.

Well, it was quiet until about 3am when thunder and lightning put on a show, followed by some very welcome rain for about six minutes or so before the storm cells moved on out to sea. As the sun rose, boats soon up anchored and headed home after a relatively long but excellent cruise in good company.



Heading up Moreton Bay



A calm anchorage at Sherwood Reach



A game of cards relaxing under the large Blue Gum Trees at Sherwood Arboretum



The ladies enjoying a BBQ lunch at the Ken Fletcher Park at Tennyson



The men at the same BBQ, although we did mingle throughout the afternoon.



Enjoying lunch at the Dapple & Waver Restaurant at Yeerongpilly Green Riverside Village



The lucky winners of a bottle of wine courtesy of Precision Maintenance Marine



The final BBQ of the cruise held at Dux whilst sharing the area with the competitors in the Navigation event.