

Maritimo Brisbane River Cruise 14th– 23rd October 2026 Report

15 vessels registered for the cruise, 2 cancelled early. The cruise was attended by 3 Powerboat Committee members.

The planned afternoon BBQ at Dux did not happen as all cruisers had been notified of a strong wind warning the day before, with gusts up to 31 knots from S and SSE which would have made the anchorage uncomfortable. 2 vessels made their way to Canaipa Point on Wednesday, with the remaining 12 boats arriving on Thursday, in time for a lunchtime BBQ at RQYS Canaipa.

After lunch, the fleet departed on the ebbing tide to Myora for a quiet night and a shorter journey across the Bay the next day.

The forecast for crossing the 16 NM of Moreton Bay to Brisbane Bar was ESE 10-12 knots with showers. The fleet departed Myora at 8am and, another vessel from RQ joined the fleet. All arrived safely at Bulimba just before high tide. 25 people sat down to lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel in the Spanish Garden, it was very noisy!

On Saturday, the fleet travelled up the river, through all the rowers, to Carrington Rocks where we went for a BBQ ashore, courtesy of the Carrington Boating Club, where we met 6 of their 45 members! A donation was made to cover their costs.

On Sunday, we all went upstream to anchor at Taylor's Nook, near Kookaburra Park, some dinghies explored further upstream, going past Venus Pools and Colleges Crossing. Later four vessels played host to visiting guests chosen by random draws.

Monday was rainy with showers all day. The fleet relocated to Tennyson, where most people went ashore to find food at one of several cafes and restaurants. The planned trip downstream to Bulimba was cancelled, because that anchorage can be lumpy as the ferries whizz past regularly, and a rest day at Tennyson was appreciated.

The fleet travelled 42 NM the across bay which was very calm with light NE winds, to Blaksley Anchorage. Later in the afternoon several boats moved to Canaipa Point as a NW slop made the anchorage lumpy. In hindsight it was fortuitous the fleet had departed Brisbane River prior to any flooding.

Overnight there were periods of heavy rain. In the morning the fleet moved under heavy skies to Dux during rain. The remaining 10 vessels met ashore for BYO drinks and BBQ lunch. A Random Members draw sponsored by Maritimo, 6 lucky winners received \$50 club cash. A random draw was held for 6 bottles of wine and a meal voucher to the Motor Museum donated by SYC. This signaled the end of this cruise.