SYC Power Section Cruise Report

Maritimo 5 Day Melbourne Cup Cruise

2nd to 6th November 2026

Day 1 – Monday 2nd November 2026

The cruise commenced with 14 boats arriving at Canaipa Point anchorage – *Bene, Chin Chin, Ebb-Tide, Giddy Up, Idonno, Jake, Jaluka, Just Fitz, Lucinda, Moondance, Serenity, Twilight, Victory Lane* and *Water Music II*.

Cruisers met ashore at the RQ Long Room for evening drinks and a BBQ dinner. Melbourne Cup horses were enthusiastically drawn with five sweep forms filled quite quickly. This was followed by the lucky draw, courtesy of our sponsor Maritimo and bottles of wine donated from the Club and Spectrum Marine.

Day 2 – Tuesday 3rd November 2026 – Melbourne Cup Day

A courtesy bus was arranged for a transfer to the Russell Island RSL for lunch and to watch the Melbourne Cup. Prizes were awarded to the best dressed lady and best dressed gentleman as well as runners up for both. The lucky winners of the sweeps were handed their cash winnings. Everyone was safely back on their boats prior to the evening thunderstorm and the subsequent rain for the next few hours.

Day 3 – Wednesday 4th November 2026

After the previous night's storm, the day was bright and sunny but as the weather forecast was not particularly favourable, it was decided to have an easy relaxing day with a long lunch ashore at RQ Canaipa.

Day 4 – Thursday 5th November 2026

A hot day was forecast with strong westerly winds later in the day. A booking had been made at Club Macleay for lunch so mid-morning a few boats moved to the Karragarra channel with others coming by dinghy. The Club Macleay courtesy bus transferred us from the ferry terminal to the Club where we enjoyed a very nice lunch with excellent service from the staff.

On returning to Canaipa after lunch, boats were moved and/or moorings checked in preparation for the forecast southerly change. As expected, it came through very strongly in the early evening accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning; concerning but everyone was safe and secure.

Day 5 – Friday 6th November 2026

This was the last day of the cruise and those boats participating in the Goodwill Cup stayed on at Canaipa while the rest of the boats either headed home or to Dux for a few days of relaxation.