

Bayside Trailable Yacht Club

NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Commentary

Here we are in March already. The plans for the exciting cruising for the remainder of the sailing season are well advanced. You will find that Cruising Director, Kenton Lillecrapp, planning for the Fraser Island Whale Watch Cruise is well underway. We have had a lot of interest from members wishing to go on this cruise, so if you are a little undecided have a good think about going on this cruise.



The Fraser Whale Watch Cruise is perhaps one of the most exciting cruises one can participate in. Many of our members have previously been on this cruise by themselves. If you speak to any of them you will get an idea just how different and exciting this cruise is. So if you think that you are ready to step out of the square and doing something different this can be the cruise for you.

I look forward to seeing you
on the water

COMMODORE JOHN PRINS

Membership Secretary's Corner Your Ambassadorship.

G'day. My eyes be not deceiving me. 've'been promoted to the front page of this here rag. Now you gotta to think I must be doin' sometin cirrect. And you me buchancee matie, you may well inquire what fer?

I'll not be cantencerous as the last time but I'm here to twist your ears to impress upon you to continue to be a good ambassador for the club as you've have been. That means we be welcoming newly highjacked crews, no matter. So put on that big grin on your mush, n' if youse meet a yachty that you think will fit in with the club's easy going fun but safe attitude to sailing, and the poor soul is in need of highjacking, put 'im or 'er in touch wiv' me, David Morrissey, your intrepid membership secretary.



Me contact details be found in this here rag, to be bleedin' perfect it is on this very page. So I'll not bore ya with them details

DAVID MORRISSEY

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3. HAVE THE VHF OR 27 MHZ RADIO TURNED ON WHILST UNDER WAY ON THE WATER.

Cruise Report

Clive and Sue, "Katrina" CC22, filling in for Kenton and Anne Lillecrapp, reporting on the happy cruise at the Gippsland Lakes over the New Year holiday break.

Attending boats: Panacea, Katrina, Therapy, Sea Dove, nspiration, Tapawlu, Wanton, Take It Easy, Spiders Web, Playmate, Trilby, Small Change, Windemere, and if I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.



Early arrivals commenced their cruise 27th 28th December, overnighing on the jetties at Paynesville, or in the sheltered waters of Picnic Arm, a half hour sail away. We arrived late on the 28th to find "Katrina" waiting, as arranged with Blue Water Marine, in the carpark. We spent the evening sipping champagne in the comfort of the cockpit, observing 500 different makes of cars and boat trailers from our elevated position.

By 29th more boats arrived, mostly overnighing at Paynesville, or by then some had sailed on to Chinamans Creek, a very sheltered sandbar and adjoining jetty, near Metung. We spent two nights there, with more boats comming and going at will. Two nights at the one venue has many relaxing advantages especially when safely tied up during the busy season.

On 31st most boats sailed back to Paynesville (or motored due lack of wind) and about four proceeding to Lakes Entrance. All Paynesville boats tied up at the jetties and enjoyed two shows of fireworks, better, I'm sure, than Lakes Entrance.

On New Years Day, 30 members met at the Lakes Entrance RSL for our annual lunch, which was great fun and a marvellous way of catching up with each other as a club, considering the spread of boats. Paynesville crews came by car, a forty minute drive. Everyone agreed it was a most successful event and a great way to start the new year.

On 2nd and 3rd January, 13 boats "took over" the jetty at Rotamah Island, crews enjoying the 4km return walk to the 90 mile beach. We created a new record for the



Xmas/New Year Cruise Report Continued

We created a new record for the "longest happy hour" held on the narrow jetty, due to mozzies ashore. We took up about 50 metres of jetty with tables and chairs all in a line.

On 4th Jan. most proceeded up the Tambo River for a feast at the sheltered riverside BBQ at Johnsonville. Five boats managed to fit on the jetty and four or five in the reeds nearby. A great venue, but lacking local natives, Gary and Jenny who, I've heard, are returning mid March to clean their beloved BBQ.



5th and 6th Jan. saw half a dozen boats overnighing at Steamers Landing in Bunga Arm. Paul Tripp amazed everyone by moving my boat twice during a swim, holding the anchor somehow in his smugglers and the rope in his teeth (well sort of) when a suitable spot became available on the jetty. I nearly had to put down my Harvey Wallbanger to help and it wasn't yet happy hour.

On 7th Jan a few boats headed back to Chinamans Creek, where to my dismay Paul featured again. This time he picked the middle of happy hour to announce, in a loud, clear voice, that he had been feeling my bottom, that it felt a bit slippery, and that it needed cleaning. Well! What would you do? Quick as a flash, and without putting down my glass, your temporary leader felt his bottom too, and sure enough....but I'm too polite to comment. At least we are even.

9th Jan. we sailed on a reach all the way back to Paynesville, with the wind changing favourably as we rounded the markers. That evening crews from Sea Dove, Katrina, Playmate, Small Change, Wanton, Roslyn (sorry John Prinz was not yet well enough to attend) and Windemere, all met at the Chinese restaurant and enjoyed a farewell meal together.

"Katrina" pulled out on 12th January after missing Silk Department recently arrived and out Lakeside somewhere.

Two most enjoyable weeks on the water, mainly due to the happy times shared with so many Bayside members. We look forward to doing it all over again, soon. Thanks, Bayside.

Clive and Sue, "Katrina", Careel 22.

Warning: Ross River Fever

Iolanda has asked me to inform you that it is suspected that Mozzies at Rotamah Island and similar areas at the Lakes may be carrying the Ross River Virus. She suspects she got bitten by a mozzie that was a carrier of Ross river fever during her stay at Rotamah Island. She is going through quite a rough time. She said, "The symptoms began 2 weeks after returning from the Lakes in January and in February blood tests confirmed the diagnosis. When I told Norm, he said that the kangaroos on Rotamah Island have Ross river fever and, as we were there the day before we left the Lakes and the symptoms fit the timeframe, we suspect that is where I got it from." Phi did not escape unscratched either. He had some of the symptoms but they were much milder and he is being tested on Saturday.

So if you have experienced the above symptoms during the past few weeks since our visit to Rotamah please consult your doctor.

Two Weeks on the Lakes in January

BY
IAN & LESLEY CLAPPERTON

Crème Caramel could not get to the Lakes for Xmas or New Year's Eve due to extensive and extended family commitments. So we (well Ian anyway) were determined not to miss out altogether and made plans to get there as soon as they had all gone home! As soon as we could see the way clear to escape, I emailed Ed and asked him to let all the members know that we would be at the Lakes for the second half of January. This proved to be a good idea as we received emails and phone calls from others who were heading that way and altogether we sailed with five Bayside boats at various times during this period. We met Trilby at one stage but they could not stay long.

On arrival at Paynesville on the Tuesday afternoon, we rigged and launched and then found a pontoon by the yacht club. Here we found Wind Quartet getting ready for the twilight race. We were invited to enter but did not take up the offer. Perhaps one day...

In the morning, we got talking to the people on a Sheerline (I had never seen one before) called Port Lee which they were about to sail for the first time, so we agreed to look out for them as we sailed to Box's Creek. Here Port Lee was joined by their friends in a Noelex 30. After a quick diversion to Lakes Entrance we met up with them again on the beach at Barrier Landing (the jetty was crowded) and they invited us to their BBQ that night. The BBQ turned out to be a real banquet with an expertly cooked roast and many different vegetables – more than enough for the nine humans and two dogs that were to be fed.

The next day after meeting up with Windermere in Chinaman's Creek we learned that Sapphire and Scott Free would be at The Grange that evening. Crème Caramel sailed via Paynesville to pick up our phone charger and we all met up at the Grange. The Baysiders held a conference and decided to head for Plover Point the next morning. On the way, and with very little wind at first, we were joined by Delphinus which had spent the night in Picnic or Duck Arm. Some of us had a brief stop at Hollands Landing but soon we were all tied up at Plover Point after some fun and games battling the current as we came into the beach.

We left our idyllic spot the next day with strong winds forecast for the lakes. By the time we reached Hollands Landing we could see that it was going to be a rough and wet trip to Loch Sport. Phoning ahead, we secured berths in the marina for the four boats.

That night we dined in the hotel which was unusually crowded with people celebrating a birthday.



Our cruise continued with the boats that could stay on. We went back into Bunga Arm, did a trip to the second blowhole with six on board (lots of weed this year), did a spinnaker run to Metung, spent a night at Chinaman's, tried the new public pontoon marina berths at Lakes Entrance (very convenient in the right wind), stayed at Flagstaff, spent more time at Barrier (new floating pontoon is great) and sailed back to Metung passing to the south of Flannagan Island. On our last day of sailing we went to Rotamah Island with Scott Free to do the walk to the ocean beach before a final sail around Raymond Island.

This was a really nice two weeks on the Lakes – with great company and sailing every day.

Ian and Lesley
(Crème Caramel)

Quotable Quotes

by Sue & David Morrissey



#1

Whilst at Rottamah Is. Clive suggested that we could have a yacht race. When asked how we would work out the handicap.

Quote - Reply

We don't need one, were all handicapped.

#2

When setting up a portable shower in the cockpit of Take it Easy, Geoff was asked what sort of pegs he was going to use to hold it down.

Quote - Reply

Sand pegs, they hold so much better. (wonder if he told Joan that ??)

#3

Sea Dove and Wanton both ran aground while approaching Rottamah Is. When later discussing the circumstances, it appeared that Sea Dove was following Wanton into unknown waters, Ed's reply.



Quote.

Why would anyone want to follow me?

#4

Invention of the year.

Wanton's skipper (Ed) has come up with a great idea, a must for all TS. It's a washing machine and it doesn't take up any more room.

Here's how it works in easy steps.

- #1 Remove battery from the forward compartment and relocate.
Oh! and remove the battery's holding bolts.
- # 2 Pack clean clothes in their bags into the "sealed" forward locker.
- # 3 Fill water tank, forward of said locker, with 200 litres of water.
- # 4 Go sailing.
- # 5 When water starts to leak from holes in the water tank into the clothes locker, the cycle is complete.
- # 6 Return to port and hang out clothes.

Wanton became a washing machine



No information was provided as to when detergent should be added. The admiral (Helen) was not impressed with the invention.

Sue & David
Therapy

Notice of Meeting

25th March 2011 (last Friday in March)

The meeting will be held at the Mordialloc Sailing Club Rooms From 7.30 PM

Ladies please bring a small casserole

Member Sailing DVD Videos will be shown on the big screen

So come a long and have some fun

2011 - Baysiders Hervey Bay Trip Update

1. Proposed Dates

Three weeks from Saturday 17th September to Sunday 9th October.

The key dates for cruising during this 3 weeks will be:

Wed 21 Sep Tin Can Bay – launch boats
 Fri 23 Sep Depart Tin Can Bay for Urangan (overnight at Gary's Landing (half way along Great Sandy Straits)).
 Sat 24 Sep Arrive Urangan (Great Sandy Straits Marina)
 Sun 25 Depart Urangan for Wathumba Inlet (enter creek after about 3.00pm)
 Thurs 29 Sep Depart Wathumba Creek for Urangan
 Fri 30 Sep Depart Urangan for Tin Can Bay (overnight at Gary's Landing again).
 Sat 1 Oct Arrive Tin Can Bay marina

The dates are subject to revision after group discussion eg, leave Tin Can Bay for Wathumba Inlet on Saturday, rather than Sunday or due to tides.

2. Marinas

I have spoken to the Tin Can Bay Marina & the Great Sandy Straits Marina at Urangan. Both are happy to have us but Tin Can Bay Marina being more definite made a tentative booking. The manager has suggested that we may be able to reduce cost by rafting up in their bigger pens. Costs are about \$38/night at Urangan and about \$30/night at Tin Can Bay. Showers & toilets at both marinas are outstanding.

3. Launching

Tin Can Bay marina has a launching ramp, but there is a better ramp about 500 metres downstream near the yacht club (dolphins feed there every day).

Urangan has a major 4 lane wide launch ramp. It is very good quality, but quite difficult for yachts as there are no little jetties to tie up to on launching and, whilst it is in the harbour and protected in that sense, I found that an on-shore wind made it quite difficult to launch & retrieve.

It is also possible to launch at Urangan and drive the car & trailer down to Tin Can Bay and then catch the bus back to Urangan. This exercise takes at least half a day, but it allows you to only do a one way trip down the Great Sandy Straits rather than both ways.

4. Car Parking

There is no secure car & trailer parking at Tin Can Bay, but the manager has suggested the large car park next to the marina and behind their holiday units. Tin Can Bay is a very small village & security is not really a problem there.

Urangan has secure car & trailer parking (which I have used) at the moment, but the marina advised me that it may not be available by middle of next year. Urangan is a busy, major centre and the only alternative is to leave cars in the boat launching car park.

5. Charts & Books

The pilot for this area is "Beacon to Beacon" and it retails for about \$38. It is an excellent yachties' description of the Great Sandy Straits.

Charts are:

GSS1 Great Sandy Strait (Sth)

GSS2 Great Sandy Strait (Nth)

AUS 817 Hervey Bay

All should be available at Boat Books. Alternatively, look at www.msq.gov.au/charts/

6. Travel

I plan to leave on Saturday 17th September, travelling up the Newel Highway and staying at caravan parks on the way. We can talk about travelling as a group later, but the key thing is to arrive in time to leave Tin Can Bay together.

If there is time at the end, I plan to drive home via Byron Bay and spend a few days in a caravan park there.

7. Options

Some people may prefer to launch at Urangan and meet up with those sailing up from Tin Can Bay when they arrive.

8. Tides

Tides are quite strong, and this trip has had to be designed around access to Wathumba Inlet at convenient times of the day. On the first day we will arrive at Wathumba around mid afternoon and enter with the incoming tide. The next morning high tide is around 0600 so we will leave the inlet by about 0700 to 0800. You will generally need to wait for the incoming tide in order to get back in. Over the 4 or 5 days, the morning high tide gets later so the starts do not have to be so early.

9. Supplies and Equipment

You will need to be fully equipped for at least a week away from any sort of supplies. This means carrying enough food, water and fuel for this period. We will be anchoring or backing in to the beach in Wathumba Inlet. This is a tidal creek and there is a strong tidal flow. You will need a good purposeful anchor (the bottom is sand and good holding).

A dinghy, while not essential, is really useful, especially if anchoring off as many of us prefer in this inlet.

The sun is really powerful here. Some sort of boom shelter or bimini is really useful.

10. Communications

All boats should be equipped with VHF radios.

If we are travelling on the road together, you should have UHF radio even if it is only a cheap hand-held.

Mobile phones will not work at the top of Frazer Island (Wathumba Inlet).

11. Background Information

See my article in the Baysiders Newsletter of about 3 years ago describing this trip.

Kenton Lillecrapp

Frazer Island Trip Cruise Coordinator

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Cruise Calender 2010/2011

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Event	Date	Cruise	Cruise Co-ordinator	Launch	Overnight
Pre- Season Shakedown Sail	16/10/2010	Westernport	Ian Clapperton	Hastings	Yes
Opening Season Sail	30/10/2010	Gippsland Lakes	TBA	Paynesville	Various
Day or W/E Cruise	20/11/2010	Portarlington	Kenton Lillecrapp	Werribee	Werribee River
Christmas	26/12/2010	Gippsland Lakes	Clive Aikman	Paynesville	Various
Australia Day	22/01/2011	Gippsland Lakes	TBA	Paynesville	Various
Around French Island	12th - 14th March 2011 Date now fixed	Westernport	Brian Loh	Hastings	Spit Point
Labour Day Weekend	12th - 14th March 2011	Corio Bay	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled
Easter & Anzac Day	From 22/04/2011	Gippsland Lakes	TBA	Paynesville	Various
Activites at the Pondage	14/05/2011	Hazelwood Pondage	Don McCowat	Hazelwood Yacht Club	Hazelwood Caravan Park
Queens Birthday Weekend	4/06/2011	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fraser Island Whale Cruise	17th September to 9th October 2011	Hervey Bay/Fraser Island/Great Sandy Straits	Kenton Lillecrapp	Tin Can Bay	Wathumba Creek