

Post QLD rally trip to Brisbane river.

After the Rally gala dinner Thursday night we left Sanctuary Cove marina and headed for Picnic Point boat ramp to retrieve Jay Jay and Sea Legend .

After retrieving our boats we headed to Colmslie Park launch ramp right on Brisbane river in the shadows of the Gateway bridge.

Traffic was heavy thru Brisbane and the weather was quite warm.

After launching boats we proceeded to cross to the northern side of the river and anchor boats waiting for the rest of the participants to join us for the afternoon. Tides in the river are 3 to 4 meters, so anchoring and tying up need to be well planned.

The wind came up in the afternoon and the tide was running hard and made it very uncomfortable anchored out between all the live aboard boats and somewhat dangerous.

So google is your friend and told us that the river gate marina was less than a kilometre down stream just the other side of the bridge. A quick phone call was made and Jax from the marina said there were berths available for the night. After a quick conversation with the other boats telling them our plans, suddenly all 10 participants decided the marina was a great option!

So all boats secured in the marina we did what we normally do in the afternoon, happy hour on the jetty was had.

Saturday was windy and wet but we had a great trip up river into the city of Brisbane, stopping at the Botanical Gardens for morning tea and a walk.

Very good berthing facilities and the views of the city from the water were spectacular.

We then cruised up river a bit further before heading down stream to the Powerhouse at New Farm for a leisurely lunch amongst the many bars and restaurants to choose from. Again, the berthing facilities were great.

We then headed back to anchor in the river ready for a visit to Eat Street where you had to take your tender to shore.

Once again it was windy but forecast to drop overnight which it did, but Sea legend and Jay Jay headed back to the marina for a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning we were joined by Highly Strung and Tilly, we decided to have a lazy day in the marina cleaning boats and doing washing etc.

We then walked to the Brew house for dinner and had a great meal and a few pints!

The other 6 boats went home, their weekend over.

River Gate marina was excellent, very clean and modern facilities, great staff and even a lone car for you to use to run around. 24/7 fuel and the only pump out we have seen on the water!

Monday morning 4 x boats pulled out of Brisbane river and headed to Keppel island with an overnight stop at Gin Gin free camp.

This was just part of our epic trip to QLD.





