

Anzac Day 2007 : Yarra River

Lazy Day on The River

An email arriving on my computer a couple of days prior to Anzac day from fellow club member Steve Howe was the inspiration for this cruise. Steve and Mary had decided that the weather was looking so great, not to mention the opportunity to get a day away from the office on the water was too good to pass up. Steve emailed all members to let them know he and Mary would be spending a day up the Yarra. Upon receiving the email I immediately checked the weather and made my decision to take the family and join the crew of Juliet.

Due to Anzac day being in the middle of the week and most of us having to work, we weren't able to get away until the morning of the public holiday, however Mary had different ideas for her and Steve, convincing Steve to launch the boat on his own Tuesday afternoon and meet him at Waterfront City in the Docklands where they were to stay the night at the marina. This way Mary could have the luxury of coming straight from work and step onto an already moored boat. With the restaurant booked it was then off to dinner for the two of them. A hard days work behind them both they were hoping for a quiet nights sleep, however the patrons at the three nightclubs adjacent to the marina had other ideas, keeping Steve and Mary awake until the early hours.

A new and fantastic day broke on Anzac day and the crew of Still Cruisin were up early, eager to get out on the water for the day. A leisurely drive to the Warmies ramp at Newport and we where ready to go. However everyone had the same idea and waiting for the ten boats in front of us was a bit of a pain. Once in the water and the vehicle and trailer parked we were off to meet Steve and Mary at Docklands. Arriving at Docklands it was time for a well earned coffee break, then back onto the boats for a trip further up the Yarra. Passing through the city it was great to see that so many people still attend the commemoration of this important day in Australia's history.

Arriving at our destination on the banks of the Yarra adjacent to the home of the black and white army (Collingwood FC), we set up the camp chairs adjacent to the free BBQ,s provided by the city council, which were hot property on such a beautiful day. Steve and Mary enjoyed a steak and salad lunch while we had pre-purchased KFC on the way in that morning. Once we had eaten lunch and had a short relax it was time to make our way back down the Yarra to the Warmies with a short stop over for Steve to drop Mary back at Docklands where her car was parked. The ramp was busy as expected but without stress we waited our turn and retrieved both boats without any problems and headed off home.

The moral of this story is that if you are planing on going out on the water even if it is just for the day and want some company, let the other club member know.

Happy Boating

Wayne, Maria, Aiden & Ashlee (Still Cruisin)