

Reporter : Stuart - Time Out

Having not been out on our boat since Easter due to other commitments, which seems to be becoming more and more common these days due to the change in the countries economic climate, we were itching to spend a weekend away with our boat club friends.



We had been watching the weather all week and the weekend was looking great with the exception of a little expected wind on Sunday. By the Tuesday prior to the cruise we had 8 confirmed boats on the cruise so the weekend was looking great, then on Thursday as things happen I received call after call with members advising that they would not be attending, 2 due to the expected winds and 3 due to medical reasons. As you could imagine I was beginning to think the cruise was jinks.

Forging on with three confirmed boats, both the crew of Kahala and Time Out launched on Friday afternoon. Kahala launching around mid day and spending the afternoon fishing in mill pond conditions and Time Out launching later in the afternoon. The third boat Zero Tolerance arriving around mid night from Shepparton.



By 10am Saturday morning, we all decided to head out to take a closer look at an Orion Class submarine anchored near the end of the Hastings channel, then around to Cannon Creek for a late lunch and kick of the footy in the park. Alas the jinks were back, with Time Out having engine problems and having to return to the marina. After investigating the problem it was decided that Time Out and crew would stay at the marina and Kahala and Zero Tolerance would head back out.

Whilst motoring back from Cannons Creek Greg did a full somersault back flip of his helm seat when the back snapped clean off, however all was not lost, with drink in hand he managed to pass it to Colleen without dropping any on the way down.



An hour or two later the crew of Bay Cruiser turned up by land with a couple of bottles of wine in hand. A relaxing afternoon with a couple of drinks was enjoyed.

Kahala and Zero Tolerance arrived back and Time Out became the entertaining boat for the remainder of the afternoon.

Saturday night we all dined at the Westernport Hotel joined by the crew of Chill Pill, where a great time was had by all.



Early Sunday morning we were awoken to severe winds of up to 120km per hr, ropes were checked and hatches battened down.

The wind continued all night and into the morning when retrieval of the boats would have been near impossible. As such a late breakfast was had by most at the marina café.

Around 1-30pm the wind had dropped however the rain had increased, but we

seized the opportunity to retrieve all boats, however the jinks was to appear again, with the trailer of Kahala and the tow vehicle of Time Out having a bingle at the ramp, leaving both with damage.



Once all boats were out and on the hard, the crew of Kahala and Time Out had a cup of tea on Kahala and concluded that this is why we have insurance and that stuff does sometimes happen.

A great weekend was had by all.

Crew of Time Out

