



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Xmas at Lake Eildon

Cruiser Attending

Zero Tolerance	Malone Family	660
Mabel 2	Walters Family	Voyager 580
Kahala	Elks Family	CR 2800
Shalimar	Fawcett Family	660
G & T	Dickson Family	700
Time Out	Taylor Family	CR 2800
Peachy	Gunn Family	2300

This Cruise Report is the 2011 - 2012 Xmas and New Year cruise held on Lake Eildon. The Families would be coming at various times according to their commitments over Xmas. Shalimar was the first up on Lake Eildon arriving on the 23rd December and mooring up in a little cove in Woodbridge inlet. (Picture to follow).

In launching my boat it wouldn't start, smoke came from the engine compartment so I thought, great start for the Xmas Cruise, I went over the maintenance I had carried out previously and realised I had forgotten to connect the main earth cable to the start battery, once this was connected all was fine.

Slowly the cruise was taking shape with cruisers coming to the inlet, although there was a Blue Green Algae warning on the lake.

It was a laid back couple of days, unwinding from the stresses of pre Xmas.

The next Cruiser to come was Peachy all the way from SA.

Bob rang to inform me he had arrived at Peppin Point Holiday Park, so I headed off to meet him, and help him launch his boat, this was carried out. Bob reversed the boat off the trailer selected forward and gave it some throttle and what happened you may ask YES IT WENT BACKWARDS AGAIN. We had Bob reverse backwards to the pontoon where we tried to fix the problem, the problem was looking like the leg would have to come off.

The Cruiser was serviced in SA prior to coming across for the Cruise. All we could do was to wait about 4 or 5 days for the Bonnie Doon Garage to fix it or go back to SA.

Bob and Leslie decided to stay for a few days and then head back to SA.

The next day I went back to Peppin Point to collect Bob and Leslie and take them back to our little cove for lunch then do a toilet run to Eildon then to Jerusalem Creek for fuel and then a return back to Peppin Point. Bob and Leslie on the following day used their Landcruiser to see some of Lake Eildon from a different viewing area.

The next Cruiser to arrive was Time Out our 2nd last President, he had tried to contact someone from the group, he was drifting aimlessly on the water 300 to 400 metres out from Peppin Point, I went out to rescue our past president stuck out on the water with the SMALLEST Cruiser in the Club had to TOW the LARGEST one to shore, I had to take a PHOTO of this which I did and will be enclosed in this report. (I like too stir also photo included)

After some time and putting some Metho in the tank to keep the water in suspension and draining water out of the fuel / water separator we eventually got Wayne going and he kept going for the rest of the trip.

Zero Tolerance was having his problems also with over heating when coming off the plane down to an idle, some micro-scoping was carried out to ascertain the problem, we had our theories but could not do any thing to help or cure the problem.

Kahala arrived with no problems and continued to have a great cruise.

Greg and crew in Kahala went down to Jamieson from our cove and returned late evening. This cruise was a very relaxing and peaceful although it was hot !!! the fishing was good if you liked catching Carp the happy hour went for **HOURS** but all in all we all had a great break from our dull lives back home in the smoke.

With all the friendship from our club and its members we all had a good time, maybe not for Bob and Leslie.

Report written by

Peter & Navigator Tuppence



**Wayne being Towed by a small Voyager 580 couldn't resist this Picture
It went in the end!**



Above our little Cove **Below** Tony stressed out fly fishing

