



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club

Martha Cove 28 – 30 Oct 2016

- Erwin & Peter Abbinga – BLACK BETTY
- Mike & Monica Jones – *IMPULSE*
- Peter Walters with Tuppence – *MABEL II*
- George & Sandy Antinopoulos – MANA 1
- Mike & Venora Smith - BRAVEHEART
- Jay & Glen Davis & Leanne Powel – *SERENITY*
- Peter & Caroline - BLACK SHEEP
- Marielle & Paul Van Pampus – GROOVY RUVIE
- Wilco & Marisca Seinem – RUBY TUESDAY
- Gary & Lee Honeychursy – LUCKY US
- Nigel & Ann Cousins - FULL OF BEANS
- Club Guests – Mario & Filomena Greco - SIENNABELLE

Martha Cove Cruise Report October 2016.

Friday 28th October

It's always brilliant to see that some of our members are so keen to start our cruises, that they arrive and launch a day early! This cruise was no exception, with members such as **Peter Walters, Mike & Monica, George & Sandy & Mike Smith** in Braveheart (Verona joined us later), as well as yours truly **Erwin** with his big brother **Peter!** We were all launched and rearing to go by 1pm Friday!

Peter & I decided to go for a fish around Sorrento, while others did the usual boat adjustments and catch-ups. By 6pm, **Jay & Glen** (Leanne came next day) glided into join the fleet in Serenity. We also had some land lovers join us for drinks, being **Gemma & Tony** (their *excuse was that they were just driving past and happened to have the club defib with them*) and **Paul & Marielle** (said *they saw our light on and came to give some assistance*).

Once the drinks started to have their effects, we were entertained by a dazzling displace of towing by **Gary & Lee** in LuckyUs, who were towing **Wilco, Marisca & Eric** in Ruby Tuesday. Rumour has it that Wilco had fallen asleep at the wheel so they decided not to wake him ...choosing to tow the boat around in the dark. Needless to say, that once the shaking had finished and the drinks had taken effect, the story had become yet another club fable!



Saturday 29th October

The next morning we were joined by **Paul & Marielle** in their new 660 called Groovy Ruvie, **Peter & Caroline** in Black Sheep, **Nigel & Ann** in Full of Beans and a BIG **WELCOME** to **Mario & Filomena** in Siennabelle, our newest potential members!!

The day was warm with light winds, so after the captains meeting we set off with LuckyUs leading and Serenity as Tail End Charlie. Gary gave us some interesting tourist information during the cruise as we set off to Sorrento.

During a fishing calamari exhibition lead by **Eric** on Ruby Tuesday (catching 2 nice ones), Black Betty's anchor became entangled in a heavy mooring chain. Thanks to the experience of Jay & Leanne in Serenity, we freed the anchor and joined the group who were floating around the mouth of the Heads.

We then cruised around Popes Eye & Chinaman's Hat to take snaps of seals at play & rest, then back to Martha Cove in time for Happy Hour. Many of us then munched on Pizza in preparation for the Saturday night sing along, led by the very shy Gary. It was a great night with some new talent found in Verona's voice and the resident songbird Marielle!! I even belted out a couple of numbers when I knew everybody had fallen asleep!

Sunday 30th October

It was a big hardy breakfast for many at the café, then most of the boats (including Black Betty) pulled out due to such high winds forecast, with gusts up around 60 km/hr. It was only the diehards like **Peter & Caroline** on Black Sheep who stayed on!!

It was a great weekend, so thanks to all for attending.

Erwin & Peter on Black Betty