



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Australia Day 2019 at Melbourne City Marina

Attendees:

- Impulse Mike and Monica Jones
- Casper Peter and Gail Miller
- G & T Tony and Gemma Dickson
- To The Point Dean and Tracy Worsley and Manning and Bryce
- Conkiki Peter and Audrey Nicolopoulos
- Mana George and Sandy Antonopoulos
- David Junior David and Fannis and James and Thomas Zheng
- Black Sheep Peter and Caroline Holyoake

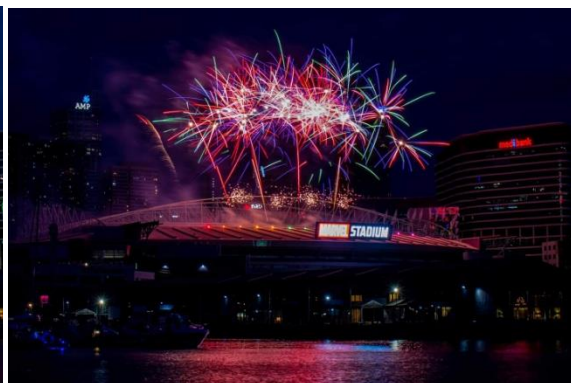
Impulse was keen to start the long weekend so she was launched on Thursday and spent the night in the lagoon in the Maribyrnong River. Most of the rest of us had planned on joining them on Friday, but due to the very hot weather some of us wimped out. Only To the Point and G & T made it on Friday night.

Saturday morning Conkiki, Mana, and David Junior launched from St. Kilda Marina for the short journey to the entrance of the Yarra River. We met up with Casper just short of the entrance, we all then proceeded to Melbourne City Marina. As the marina was quite full we had arranged to dock Mediterranean style in other words backing onto the jetty and rafting up together, we all became quite good at it after the weekend.

Just after lunch we were joined by our cousins Stan and Trish, so we along with Mana and David Junior headed up the Yarra River. As none of the others had ever been past Spencer St Bridge. We timed it well as it was low tide at 2pm when we left. They were all surprised by this trip and how low this bridge was for us to travel under it.

We made it further than even we had been before, past Herring Island and all the way to St Kevin's College. We could have gone further, but happy hour was waiting for us so we turned around and headed back.

We had organised a bbq for dinner so we headed up to the marina's bbq area. As Stan was our visitor for the day, Pete put him to work cooking on the bbq. (He did it willingly)





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After dinner we all returned to our boats to watch the fireworks on the jetty. The atmosphere was great being close to all the other visitors on the boardwalk. We said goodbye to our cousins and eventually went to bed.

Sunday morning we had arranged for Tony and Di to join us for a cruise up the Maribyrnong River. Mike and Monica were ready to pull out as they had been here for longer than all of us so we said bye to them. Tony and Gemma had friends join them for the day so they left early to go to the lagoon. Later we all followed but we all stopped to refuel on the way. We went to the café for lunch. The food there is good and so are their drinks.

It was time to head back to the marina as we had arranged to meet Tom and Karen our new members who had just bought Navara. They spent some time with all of us before they had to head home to feed their animals at home.

We had lots of leftovers from the previous night's dinner so we went back for another bbq, and as some of you would have seen on Facebook it was a flaming good bbq.



Monday morning saw all of us ready to pull out and return home.

G & T and Black Sheep went for a cruise out on the bay, while we all returned to St. Kilda. It was very busy when we were trying to get our boats out but we did it without too much trouble.

Another perfect weekend on our Whittleys.

This trip report was again prepared by the first mate. The skipper has apparently gone on strike, or is lost for words.

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