

Torrumbarry Cruise Report – Labour Day weekend 10th/13th March 2023

The cruise kicked off on Friday with 3 boats turning up in close proximity Rod on the Odyssey, John and Jenny Mather on Double Jay and Wayne and LeeAnne Carpenter on LeeWay. We all put in and nudged into the bank for the night. Wilco and Marisca Seinen on Ruby Tuesday arrived during the night.

It was an early wake up for us all, with the first hint of dawn seeing a boat training for the Sothern 80 water ski race setting new records for decibels. With the early wake up call things got underway.

We headed up stream at a leisurely 25 knots under beautiful blue skys and light winds. About 10kms from Deep Creek Marina, the heat alarm on John and Jenny's Double Jay went off. Fresh from a service, it was quickly discovered the engine bay was full of oil due to the fact the oil cap had been left off. Ruby Tuesday was quickly to the rescue with Wilco and Marisca getting Double Jay to shore and tethered. Ruby Tuesday then took John and Jenny back to Torrumbarry to the cars to get oil.

The Odyssey and LeeWay continued on past Deep Creek Marina and had a lunch pit stop along the bank and then made our way back to Deep Creek. As luck would have it, the marina was full, but within 2 minutes the lunch crowd started pulling out. During this time, after oil was obtained for Double Jay, the engine bay cleaned out as much as possible and several litres of oil replaced, Ruby Tuesday and Double Jay headed to the Marina and got there just as we finished tying our boats up.

Spent a pleasant afternoon at the Marina and then onto dinner that night. The next morning saw threatening weather and a little bit of rain, but after a Captains meeting it was decided to continue upstream for a while and have morning tea. The weather again was closing in and just as it started to rain, we nudged into shore. The weather then really broke with thunder and heavy rain. As it was subsiding, I threw a line out the back and quickly caught a tiny carp. Wayne was looking all forlorn as he didn't have any bait and that was where I made my big mistake. I gave him bait and he then continued to embarrass me with the number, size and variety of fish he caught.

Looked like more weather was coming, but Marisca looked at BOM and saw that the Lagoon where we were going for the night was clear, so we pulled up stops and cruised to the Lagoon. Ruby Tuesday set the path and we all safely navigated into shore. It was clearly evident here that the floods had inundated the area and the lagoon itself was clear of reeds and Wilco seemed to swim every inch of it.

Leeway and The Odyssey pulled out early Monday morning to beat the long weekend traffic.

It was a great cruise and really showed the spirit of the Club.







