

# WHITTLEY CLUB QLD

## BRIBIE ISLAND TO CALOUNDRA PASSAGE TRIP

17/02/23 – 19/02/23

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### Update following the Recce:

We had a successful recce through the passage on Friday and made it through to the new breakthrough dividing Bribie North and South!! While it is possible to get through to the Anchorage we used last year, we thought it was all too hard because of the shifting sandbanks and shallow access at high tide. So we think it's best to stay to the south of the new breakthrough.

We also explored the Pelican Waters canals and made some interesting discoveries. Annette has detailed these, complete with photos on our Facebook Group page. With that in mind we have a few minor changes to our itinerary:

**Friday Evening BBQ:** All Whittlians are welcome to join us at the BBQ (whether or not you are coming on the trip). We will have sausages, salads and bread rolls. BYO drinks and pre-dinner nibbles. See other details below.

**Saturday Departure:** It took us around 2hrs to get through the passage so we need to leave at **7.45am on Saturday**.

**Saturday Lunch** will be self-catering on the beach at the north end of Bribie south (depending on the amount of beach exposed), otherwise opposite on the beach to the south of the Caloundra Powerboat Club. Both are suitable for swimming.

**Saturday evening:** After lunch we plan to move in to the Pelican Waters Marina area (past the tavern) and anchor up at and off the public pontoon. 4.00pm drinks and nibbles will be ashore at the park adjacent to the pontoon. Dinner will be your choice of The Cove Café (live music and food van), Pelican Waters Tavern, or on-board. There is a BBQ on shore.

**Sunday Morning:** Early departure at 8:45am. We'll go straight down the passage and through Roys. The shallowest part is at the beginning of the passage at the W's. Once through the passage we'll stop at Mission Point for lunch on board. There is a nice sandy beach for swimming etc. Heading back to Pacific Harbour at agreed time.

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Hi Captains and Crew,

### Overview – Friday BBQ and prep; Saturday Skippers Canal to Caloundra via the Passage; Sunday Return.

Here are the details and some important info for the upcoming Bribie Island Trip. Note that it is subject to weather and confirmation of the route as a result of our reconnoitre closer to the event. Plan B will be an overnight at Mission Point if there is bad news from the recce.

**Friday Earlybirds:** For those who wish to arrive Friday and attend the BBQ, you are welcome to moor at our pontoon, this is first in, best position, last year's record was 6 boats. All others can anchor in The Basin near the Marina at Pacific Harbour, Banksia beach, and tender around the corner to our place for a sausage sizzle. Alternatively, if you arrive late or

prefer to launch Saturday, you can park boats and trailers across the road from our place on the vacant lot. Everyone is most welcome just please let us know and we'll give you the address via a PM. Don't forget to bring your togs for a swim in the pool or spa. Alternatively, you may wish to moor at Bongaree or elsewhere in the passage and enjoy the local fare.

**Saturday Departure:** The plan at this stage is to meet in the Bribie passage opposite the entrance to Pacific Harbour (also known as Dux creek or Skippers Canal) about 1Nm north of the Bribie Island VMR at **8:00**. The passage to Caloundra becomes very narrow and shallow about halfway through so we need to go through the narrows, skids, and W's (the shallow parts) at high tide. High tide there is approximately 90 mins after high tide at Bongaree (which is at 8:30). So, we need to traverse the Narrows, the Skids, and W's before 10.00 on a rising tide. We should leave Pacific Harbour around 8:30 to allow plenty of time to get to Mission Point.

There is some great scenery along the route with impressive views of the Glasshouse mountains. We plan to have lunch at the Pelican Waters Tavern, mooring in their basin. For those with Fur buddies, we recommend the Lions Park across the passage on Bribie. Weather permitting, we plan to have Pizzas on the beach at Lions Park (or close by) and anchor for the night. Bad weather alternative will likely be Bells Creek. We'll order Pizzas for dinner (own cost and pickup at the Golden Beach Public Boat Ramp jetty). Alternatively, dine aboard.

**Sunday departure** for the return back down the passage will be around 8.30. For those who want to return on the ocean side of Bribie they are welcome to do so. Please be directed by, and follow advice from the Caloundra Coastguard (VHF 16 and 73). They are happy to provide coverage over the bar.

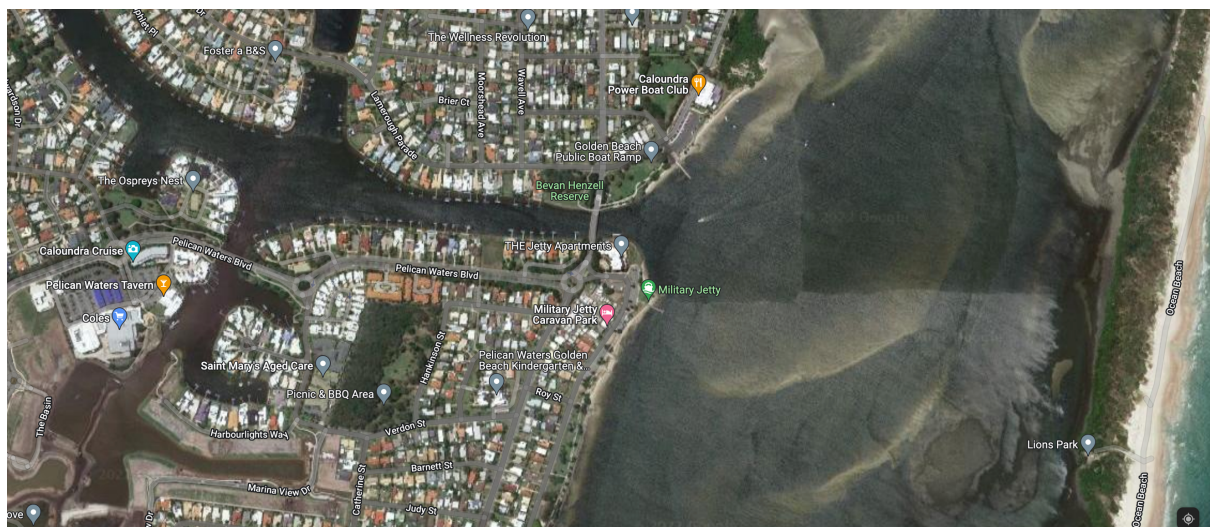
**Sunday lunch** will be at Bongaree beach. Some great take-away fish and chips is recommended from Saviges Seafood (3/12 First Ave, Bongaree) a short walk from the beach. There are plenty of other alternatives.

Maps:

Here is our meeting point for Saturday morning. Note the marina in Skippers Canal where you can moor in the The Basin on Friday night.



### Caloundra Pelican Waters and Lions Park Beach on Bribie:



## Launch Facilities

There are a few different options for this trip. If the weather forecast is around 10-15 knots then Scarborough area is ideal as Bribie is a quick skip across Deception Bay. There are 2 public ramps, one at VMR and one next to the Moreton Bay Boat Club.

Closer to Bribie, Spinnaker Sound Marina is also an option which is located on the left a couple of kilometres before the Bribie Bridge. This has a sandy beach adjacent the ramp which is ideal for those not experienced in pontoon manoeuvres at busy boat ramps (it is very sheltered, but has no pontoon). It is also only a few minutes' cruise to the Sandy Point Hotel as well. Alternatively, launch at the VMR on Bribie Is. It has a good pontoon and two ramps, but can be challenging with adverse wind and tidal flow.

## Tides

Tides will have a high around mid-morning and low tide into the evening.

Here are Bribie Island, Caloundra, and Brisbane Bar tide times, expect the tide difference to be up to half an hour later for Mission point as we head further up Pumicestone passage.

THU 16 FEB

HIGH6:22 am1.83 m

LOW1:01 pm0.68 m

HIGH6:29 pm1.32 m

FRI 17 FEB

LOW12:20 am0.43 m

HIGH7:31 am2.00 m

LOW2:10 pm0.54 m

HIGH7:43 pm1.40 m

SAT 18 FEB

LOW1:28 am0.32 m

HIGH8:30 am2.15 m

LOW3:03 pm0.43 m

HIGH8:42 pm1.51 m

SUN 19 FEB

LOW2:27 am0.21 m

HIGH9:21 am2.26 m

LOW3:51 pm0.34 m

HIGH9:34 pm1.60 m

● MON 20 FEB

LOW3:20 am0.14 m

HIGH10:09 am2.30 m

LOW4:35 pm0.31 m

HIGH10:23 pm1.67 m

TUE 21 FEB

LOW4:10 am0.13 m

HIGH10:54 am2.27 m

LOW5:17 pm0.30 m

HIGH11:09 pm1.71 m

WED 22 FEB

LOW4:57 am0.19 m

HIGH11:36 am2.16 m

LOW5:57 pm0.33 m

HIGH11:56 pm1.74 m

Caloundra Head, QLD – February 2023

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THU 16 FEB

HIGH4:36 am1.65 m

LOW11:29 am0.58 m

HIGH4:42 pm1.09 m

LOW10:36 pm0.38 m

FRI 17 FEB

HIGH5:42 am1.81 m

LOW12:26 pm0.45 m

HIGH5:50 pm1.19 m

LOW11:44 pm0.28 m

SAT 18 FEB

HIGH6:36 am1.96 m

LOW1:14 pm0.33 m

HIGH6:46 pm1.31 m

SUN 19 FEB

LOW12:40 am0.17 m

HIGH7:26 am2.08 m

LOW1:58 pm0.25 m

HIGH7:36 pm1.43 m

● MON 20 FEB

LOW1:30 am0.09 m

HIGH8:12 am2.13 m

LOW2:40 pm0.20 m

HIGH8:24 pm1.53 m

TUE 21 FEB

LOW2:19 am0.08 m

HIGH8:56 am2.10 m

LOW3:20 pm0.18 m

HIGH9:10 pm1.61 m

WED 22 FEB

LOW3:07 am0.13 m

HIGH9:38 am1.99 m

LOW4:00 pm0.20 m

HIGH9:57 pm1.64 m

Brisbane Bar, QLD – February 2023

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THU 16 FEB

HIGH6:05 am2.23 m

LOW12:48 pm0.82 m

HIGH6:11 pm1.69 m

FRI 17 FEB

LOW12:20 am0.58 m

HIGH7:11 am2.41 m

LOW2:00 pm0.67 m

HIGH7:22 pm1.79 m

SAT 18 FEB

LOW1:28 am0.46 m

HIGH8:09 am2.57 m

LOW2:57 pm0.53 m

HIGH8:23 pm1.90 m

SUN 19 FEB

LOW2:28 am0.35 m

HIGH9:00 am2.69 m

LOW3:46 pm0.43 m

HIGH9:15 pm2.02 m

● MON 20 FEB

LOW3:21 am0.26 m

HIGH9:46 am2.75 m

LOW4:31 pm0.37 m

HIGH10:03 pm2.11 m

TUE 21 FEB

LOW4:10 am0.23 m

HIGH10:30 am2.74 m

LOW5:12 pm0.35 m

HIGH10:49 pm2.19 m

WED 22 FEB

LOW4:56 am0.26 m

HIGH11:11 am2.66 m

LOW5:48 pm0.36 m

HIGH11:32 pm2.23 m



**Navionics Routes:**

I have prepared three Navionics routings that I'll put up on Facebook for downloading and attachment to emails.

Name	From	To	Nautical Miles (Nm)
Bribie Passage 1	Home (Pacific Harbour)	Mission Point	11.3
Bribie Passage 2	Mission Point	The Skids	8.0
Bribie Passage 3	The Skids	Pelecan Waters	6.9
		<b>Total</b>	<b>26.2 Nm.</b>

**Points to Note:**

This area has many sandbanks, pay particular attention to your charts or chart plotter, and depth sounder when navigating this area. Also if you're travelling from Caloundra on the ocean side on the Sunday, make sure you contact the Caloundra Coast Guard for coverage.

Changes to Bribie Passage and the north of Bribie Island: As you may have heard, the storms in December 2020 have cut a path through the north of Bribie, dividing the island (just where we had last year's Pizza on the beach!). We plan to do a recce of the area closer to the trip to evaluate the state of the island and cut through. So, please note this plan is subject to change depending on the outcome of our recce.

Remember there are three types of boaties.

- 1. Those that have run aground (ask some of the guys from last trip!)**
- 2. Those that haven't (all of us!)**
- 3. Those that have but won't admit it! (ask the guys from point 2 again!)**

Bring the aeroguard or Mozzie coils for Saturday night as bities may be (that's a strong maybe) present.

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.

Bribie VMR and Caloundra Coastguard are on VHF 16 and 73.

My mobile number is 0400 240 402 for those wanting to reach me off radio.

Hope to see you there!!

*Jon and Kim*

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# The Skids Tide Times and Heights

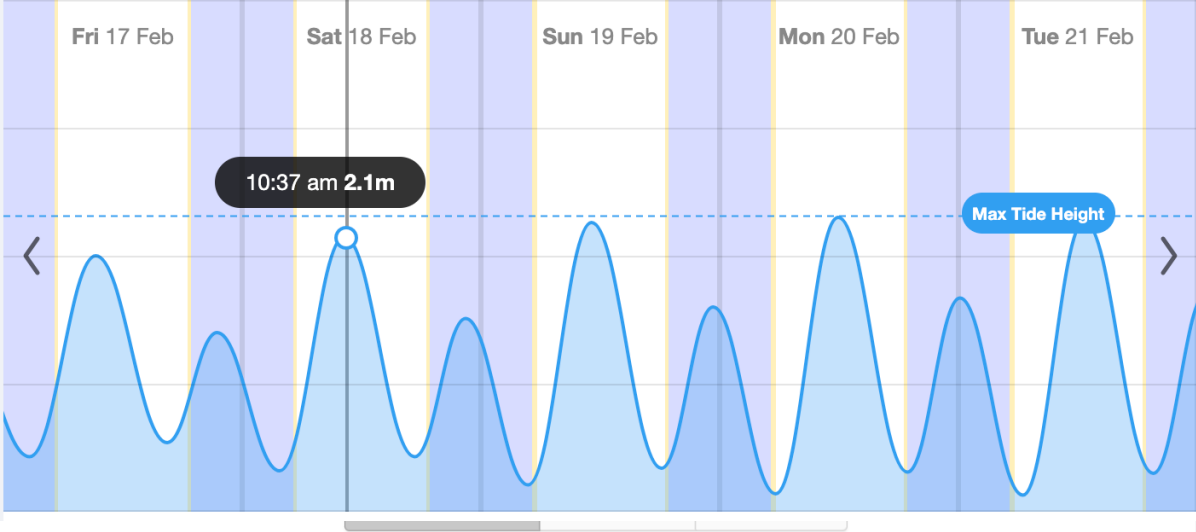
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1-Day 3-Day 5-Day



Tide Height



TODAY 10 Feb	SAT 11 Feb	SUN 12 Feb	MON 13 Feb	TUE 14 Feb	WED 15 Feb
1:34 am 1.57m	2:14 am 1.59m	2:58 am 1.61m	3:51 am 1.62m	4:59 am 1.65m	5:59 am 1.68m
8:09 am 0.45m	8:50 am 0.53m	9:35 am 0.62m	10:38 am 0.73m	12:07 pm 0.79m	1:07 pm 0.85m
1:45 pm 1.89m	2:19 pm 1.8m	2:58 pm 1.67m	3:47 pm 1.53m	4:52 pm 1.39m	5:52 pm 1.25m
8:53 pm 0.42m	9:24 pm 0.42m	10:00 pm 0.44m	10:46 pm 0.48m	11:51 pm 0.51m	12:51 am 0.54m

ROYS

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