

WHITTLEY CLUB QLD

Bribie Island Christmas Lights Parade and Commodore's BBQ 9th Dec 2023

Co-Ordinators: Jon and Kim Heales

Hi Captains and Crew,

Join us to participate in the Annual Bribie Island Christmas Lights Boat Parade on Dec 9th, 2023. Decorate your boat in Christmas lights etc. for prizes to be won!! Here is a FB link for more info: <https://www.facebook.com/BribieIslandBoatParade>

Overview –Saturday launch and navigate to Skippers Canal to decorate boats. BBQ at Jon and Kim's on the canal followed by the Parade. Post Parade get-together and overnight at Skippers Canal. Sunday breakfast, dine on board or BBQ at Jon and Kim's.

Before the Parade, please join Kim and myself for the Commodore's Christmas drinks and BBQ at our place on the canal (details will be sent to event participants). You are welcome to come by land or sea and tie up at our pontoon to decorate your boat or just relax around the pool.

There is a munch market at the marina (across the road from our place) from 2.30pm if you wish to enjoy some exotic culinary delights. The parade follows at 7.00pm. All Whittley Club members are welcome to join in the parade. You can bring your own boat, or hitch a ride on someone else's! I'm sure there'll be plenty of room if you don't want to bring your own boat. If you do, please enter your details here:
<https://www.phrca.com.au/boat-parade-entry-form/>

It is a great evening and so much fun, music and dancing on the boats and pontoons as we idle around the canals singing Christmas carols and wishing everybody a Merry Christmas!! Some of the boats are amazing!!

Here is a link to the details of the boat parade:
<https://www.phrca.com.au/.../annual-christmas-light-boat.../>

Maps:

Here is our meeting point for the start of the boat parade. The VM I will hold a briefing in the week before the parade. I shall attend that and pass on any important information. In previous years they tried to line Boat up by number, but that was like herding cats so last year we just joined the procession in any order to idle around the canals. Note the marina in Skippers Canal where you can moor in the The Basin on Friday night.



Launch Facilities

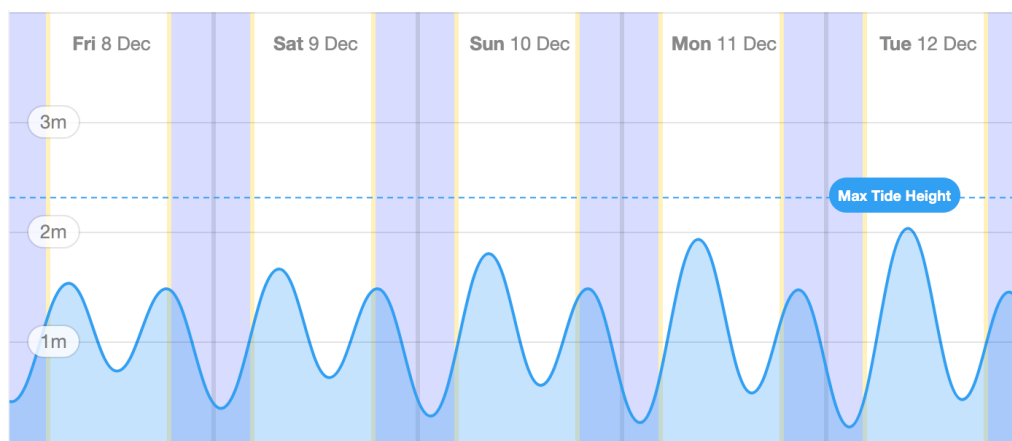
There are 2 public ramps, one at VMR on Bribie Island and one at Spinnaker Sound Marina which is located on the left a kilometre before the Bribie Bridge. This has a sandy beach adjacent to the ramp which is ideal for those not experienced in pontoon manoeuvres at busy boat ramps (it is very sheltered, 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 7:15 pm. Which is great for the parade!

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.

Skippers Canal Entrance Tide Times and Heights



FRI 8 Dec	SAT 9 Dec	SUN 10 Dec	MON 11 Dec	TUE 12 Dec	WED 13 Dec
12:13 am 0.45m	12:52 am 0.39m	1:31 am 0.32m	2:07 am 0.26m	2:44 am 0.22m	
6:57 am 1.53m	7:41 am 1.66m	8:20 am 1.8m	8:58 am 1.93m	9:36 am 2.03m	
12:38 pm 0.73m	1:35 pm 0.67m	2:26 pm 0.6m	3:14 pm 0.53m	3:59 pm 0.47m	
6:27 pm 1.48m	7:15 pm 1.48m	8:00 pm 1.48m	8:45 pm 1.47m	9:30 pm 1.45m	

Points to Note:

This area has many sandbanks, pay particular attention to your charts or chart plotter, and depth sounder when navigating this area.

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