

BRIBIE ISLAND TO GOLDEN BEACH TRIP EVENT

6/03/26 – 8/03/26

Trip report- *by Jon Heales*

Congratulations to all those that made it through what can be described as one of the Club's more difficult and challenging navigating trips.

On Friday, 6th March the weather was not looking great, but the intrepid boaters decided to go ahead with the trip, starting with the barbecue at Jon and Kim's on Friday evening. Boats gathered at their pontoon, and other members also joined the barbecue by land. It was a great afternoon in the pool and the evening with all sorts of mouthwatering delights. Kelvin and Vicky surprised us all with Vicky's awesome espresso martini recipe! Very delectable!



The resolute boaters awoke on Saturday morning to bacon and egg muffins and some badly needed coffee! At 10.00am six boats gathered at the entrance to Pacific Harbour for the trip up to Mission point (SeaDuced, Olivier, Lady in Red, Endeavour, Nauti Supa, and Da Caravan). We welcomed a new member, Peter Jenkins, who experienced the club with a baptism of water!! The flotilla stopped for morning tea and then headed into the shallow portion of the trip to Roy's, at idle speed.



It was overcast, and there were some light showers, visibility was reduced, and the Glasshouse Mountains, barely discernible in the haze. The group was not to be deterred and made it through to Roy's in an hour and a half. Only one boat briefly ran aground at the very end, however it was easily towed into deeper water.

We were welcomed to Pelican Waters Marina and settled in for a late lunch at the new restaurant (Bar Cino). Darryl made a surprise visit to inspect the Flotilla. The rain limited exploration of the area, but the group made it to the Pelican Waters Tavern for drinks and dinner.



Sunday morning saw some moderately heavy showers. Some braved the showers in search of a good breakfast and a couple of groups found what they were looking for. There were some docking practices undertaken before departing at 11 o'clock for Roy's.

It was an unremarkable trip to Roy's, and the group decided to attempt the return passage straight away. The rain had raised the water level, and all boats made it through to Mission Point without incident. The rain was getting heavier so four boats decided to return straight back to Spinnaker Sound while two decided to try their luck at fishing. After half an hour Olivier gave up (no fish) and headed back, only to meet a violent squall at Pacific Harbour.

They sought shelter at Jon and Kim's pontoon and stayed overnight for finer weather on Monday morning. All in all, a great trip was had by all!!

