

Whittley Club QLD – Brisbane River

12th – 14th September, 2025

Overview

The destination for the overnights will be offshore from the Northshore Riverside Park towards the mouth of the Brisbane river, just upstream from the Gateway bridge and opposite Colmslie boat ramp where we will launch. To go ashore tender in to the downstream pontoon and tie up (make sure you avoid the Brisbane ferry pontoon).

On Friday, Rally attendees and local early birds, you may also wish to visit Brewdog Dogtap Brewery just downstream from the Colmslie boat ramp for lunch, prior to anchoring for happy hour (don't anchor in the ship turnaround). Happy hour from 4pm with drinks and nibbles on the beach at Northshore Riverside Park to meet and watch the sun go down. Self-cater dinner on board. Note that as we're near the Port the water police will be very active. So we'll leave the brewery with plenty of daylight to secure good anchorages on the other side of the river for Happy hour.

On Saturday we'll explore the river heading upstream from Eat St. to the Botanical gardens in Brisbane City. This is a picturesque cruise through the city with lots to see on the way! We plan to moor at the City Botanic Gardens River Hub. A walk around the gardens, then head downstream to the Powerhouse and have a self-catered picnic lunch in the park (or at one of the many restaurants). You can moor at the pontoons. After lunch we'll head back to Northside River Park and Eat St and anchor for the night. This will be the location for our overnight stay so feel free to stay as late as you want at Eat St. and enjoy the entertainment!! Opening hours are 4pm to 10pm with an entry cost of \$6.

On Sunday morning, we'll gather onshore for a self-catered breakfast at the Northshore Riverside Park BBQ.

Routing and Distances

Eat Street to Botanical Gardens: 6.0Nm

Eat St to Powerhouse Dock: 3.8Nm

Total around 15 Nm.



Colmslie Recreation Reserve: Family and Dog-friendly Park in Morningside



New Farm Park River Hub



City Botanic Gardens River Hub



Eat St and Northshore River Park

Launch Facilities

Colmslie boat ramp is a suitable launching ramp with a pontoon (it is almost opposite Eat St.). Alternatively, you may wish to launch at Manly or Shorncliffe and take a longer trip.

Tides

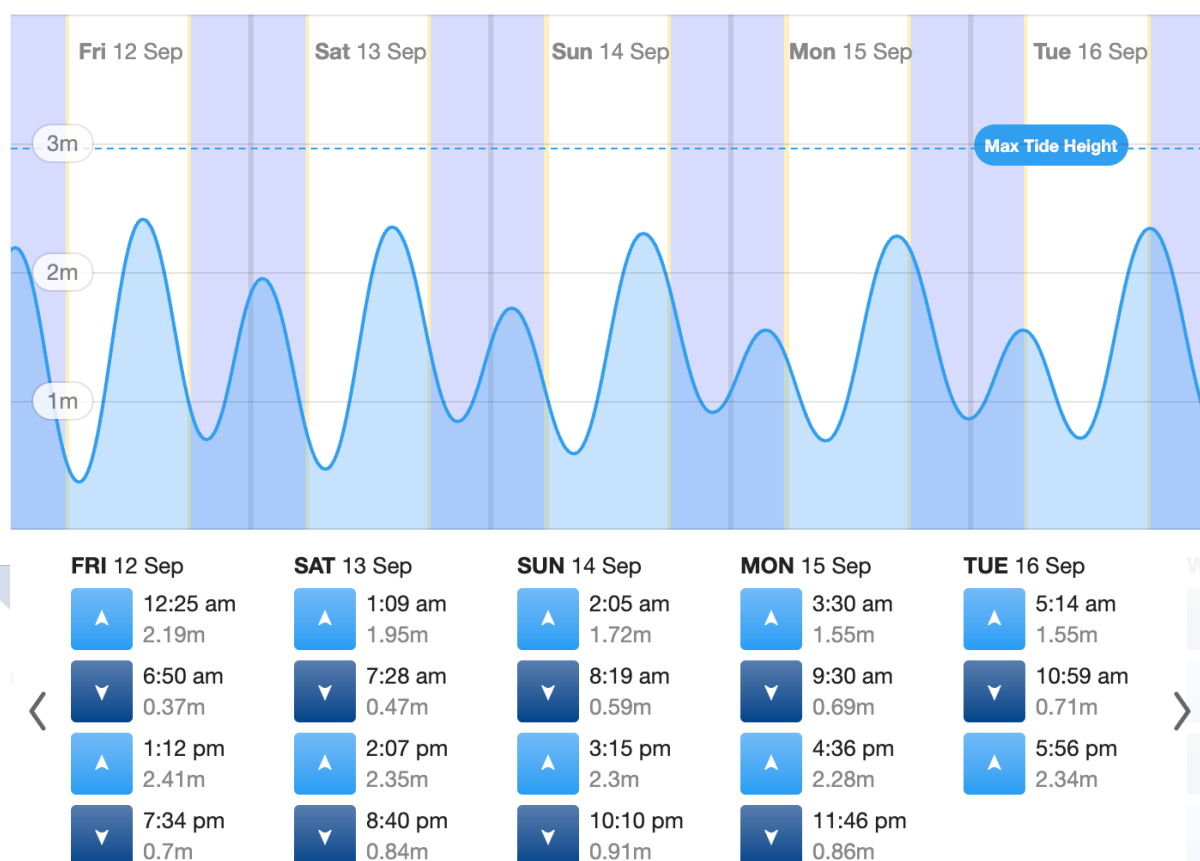
For those not familiar with tide tables the first number refers to the time (in 24-hour format) and the second number refers to the height of water above what is known as the lowest astronomical tide (LAT).

As you can see there are normally 4 tides in the day roughly 6 and a quarter hours apart. The high tides are of course the larger numbers and the low tides are the lower of the 2 heights.

With a bit of practice and a little bit of maths you can predict what the height of water will be when you anchor and make allowances for both the high and low tides.

Use the rule of 1/12 's to predict the water height for different times within the tide cycle to assist in planning your anchoring depth. Don't forget a minimum of 5 times the maximum depth for your anchor rode so you are still where you dropped anchor!!

Tide times at Rivergate Marina



Notes

The below link contains important information in regard to navigation on the Brisbane River.

<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Waterways/Safe-on-water-conduct-on-the-Brisbane-River>

Be mindful that the Brisbane River has a lot of traffic. Keep a good watch out! Also, be careful where you drop an anchor and ensure that you are not in the channel. Also make sure you leave out plenty of rode as this will hopefully ensure that you do not drift overnight! Don't forget your bungs!!

As we cruise down the river, please allow at least 30 m between you and the boat in front. We will be slowing down for ferries, particularly as they are docking, and trying to ensure that we do not **bof wash** as we cruise the river.

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.

Our mobile numbers are Jon 0400 240 402 or Kim 0421 397 028 for those wanting to reach us off radio.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water!!

Kim and Jon

Trip Co-ordinators

Interesting Facts:

Interesting I always thought it was "BOG wash", according to AI it appears it may actually be "BOF wash"

AI Overview

Learn more

The "BOF wash" on the Brisbane River refers to the wash, or wake, of boats, particularly commercial vessels, that can create a disturbance in the water, impacting other boats and potentially posing a hazard. The Brisbane River Code of Conduct emphasizes the importance of navigating safely and considering the impact of wash, especially when passing moored barges or other vessels.

Elaboration:

- **"BOF Wash" Explained:**

The term "BOF wash" is a common way to refer to the disturbance caused by the wake of a boat, particularly a larger vessel like a barge or commercial boat, as it moves through the water.

- **Impact on the Brisbane River:**

The wash from these vessels can create waves and strong currents that can affect smaller boats, kayaks, and even moored vessels, potentially causing them to be overturned or damaged.

- **Brisbane River Code of Conduct:**

The Brisbane River Code of Conduct, developed by [Maritime Safety Queensland](#), addresses the importance of responsible boating behavior on the Brisbane River, including minimizing the impact of wash.

- **Safe Practices:**

The Code of Conduct recommends that commercial and recreational vessels maintain a safe distance from other vessels, especially moored barges, and to slow down when passing vessels displaying the code flag sequence "R" above "Y" to limit the effects of wash, says Queensland Maritime Safety.

- **Importance of Awareness:**

Being aware of the potential impact of wash and practicing safe boating behavior is crucial for ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all users of the Brisbane River, says Queensland Maritime Safety.
