

# **Whittley Club Qld – Great Keppel Island**

## **September 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

Hi Guys,

Back by popular demand !

This trip was voted the 2022 Trip of the Year so you don't want to miss out on this one.

Great Keppel Island is arguably one of the best destinations on the Qld Coast for trailererable cruisers from Brisbane as it offers fantastic anchorages along with great snorkelling and fishing opportunities as well.

With 17 separate white sandy beaches, great bush walking and even a licensed café this Island has something for everybody !

Plan at this stage is to head up on the Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September and stay in the marina Saturday night.

We typically book a table at the marina Waterline Restaurant or the Beaches Restaurant around the corner which both have great options and cold beverages to recover from the long drive.

I'll run everyone through a full briefing that evening on what we should expect weather wise and what anchorages and attractions we should be expecting to experience.

With a double check on the weather we plan to head to Great Keppel Island on the Sunday morning.

Great Keppel has many anchorage options depending on the prevailing winds. It is not uncommon for a 5 day stay to have 3 or 4 different anchorages during the stay which makes each day interesting with something new to offer.

The Island is less than 10 Nautical Miles from the marina and with its relatively small size fuel usage is typically not an issue even for an extended stay.

### **Launch Facilities**

The place to launch is located within Rosslyn Bay Harbour located on the outskirts of the township of Yeppoon.

The multilane ramp is suitable for all tide conditions and there is also a pontoon to make launching and retrieval a simple process.

Fuel is also available within the harbour for those that prefer on water refuelling at a slightly dearer price at the fuel wharf after you launch.

Trailer storage is available from CapCoast Storage (0488004785) located within a short distance of the harbour and although I have used it once on my first trip I have now used the public marina carpark several times on our extended trips without issue.

## Tides

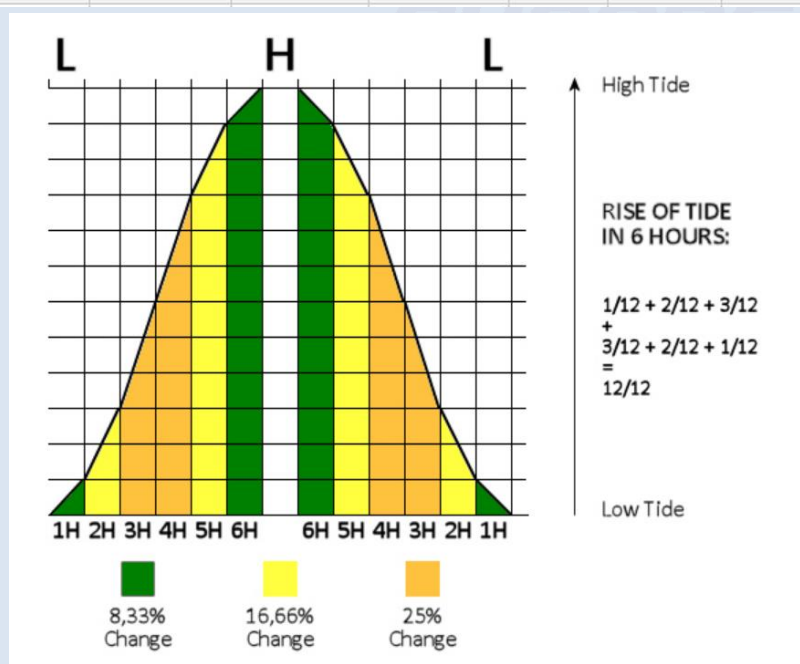
Tides at this destination are typically much larger than we are used to in Brisbane.

With a full moon during our visit there will be some tidal variations of over 4.5 metres !, something to definitely keep in mind when anchoring close to shore or leaving our boats unattended for long periods.

See below for tide and moon times during our stay and a graph showing the rule of 12ths to help plan your anchoring.

As you can see during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> hour either side of the tide you have 1/4 of the tidal range for each of those hours. This means on some days (let's say sundowners on the beach on Monday) we will have over 1m of water change during the first hour of our drinks. Anyone for the Duck Award for losing a tender !

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Phase	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Sat 14		12:59 AM AEST 1.05 m	6:46 AM AEST 3.07 m	12:33 PM AEST 1.03 m	6:59 PM AEST 4.10 m		5:54 AM AEST	5:50 PM AEST	1:38 PM AEST	2:48 AM AEST
Sun 15		1:32 AM AEST 0.73 m	7:23 AM AEST 3.42 m	1:16 PM AEST 0.69 m	7:37 PM AEST 4.38 m		5:53 AM AEST	5:50 PM AEST	2:45 PM AEST	3:39 AM AEST
Mon 16		2:03 AM AEST 0.45 m	7:58 AM AEST 3.76 m	1:56 PM AEST 0.39 m	8:14 PM AEST 4.57 m		5:52 AM AEST	5:51 PM AEST	3:51 PM AEST	4:24 AM AEST
Tue 17		2:34 AM AEST 0.24 m	8:33 AM AEST 4.05 m	2:34 PM AEST 0.17 m	8:49 PM AEST 4.65 m		5:51 AM AEST	5:51 PM AEST	4:57 PM AEST	5:06 AM AEST
Wed 18		3:06 AM AEST 0.11 m	9:08 AM AEST 4.26 m	3:14 PM AEST 0.08 m	9:26 PM AEST 4.59 m	Full Moon	5:50 AM AEST	5:51 PM AEST	6:03 PM AEST	5:45 AM AEST
Thu 19		3:39 AM AEST 0.09 m	9:46 AM AEST 4.37 m	3:54 PM AEST 0.14 m	10:03 PM AEST 4.40 m		5:49 AM AEST	5:52 PM AEST	7:08 PM AEST	6:23 AM AEST
Fri 20		4:14 AM AEST 0.18 m	10:25 AM AEST 4.35 m	4:36 PM AEST 0.34 m	10:42 PM AEST 4.08 m		5:48 AM AEST	5:52 PM AEST	8:13 PM AEST	7:02 AM AEST
Sat 21		4:51 AM AEST 0.38 m	11:09 AM AEST 4.20 m	5:24 PM AEST 0.66 m	11:25 PM AEST 3.66 m		5:47 AM AEST	5:52 PM AEST	9:20 PM AEST	7:43 AM AEST



## Marina Booking

Please complete berth licence form and contact the marina on 07 4933 6244 or <https://keppelbaymarina.com.au/marina/casual-berth-booking/>

You will also need to supply a copy of your current boat insurance certificate upon booking and a permit to stay.

Berthing fees are \$56 per night.

Toilet facilities are of course available as well as showers also. Washing facilities also available if you require.

See below map highlighting main features of the Marina facility.



Rosslyn Bay Marina





**Points to Note:**

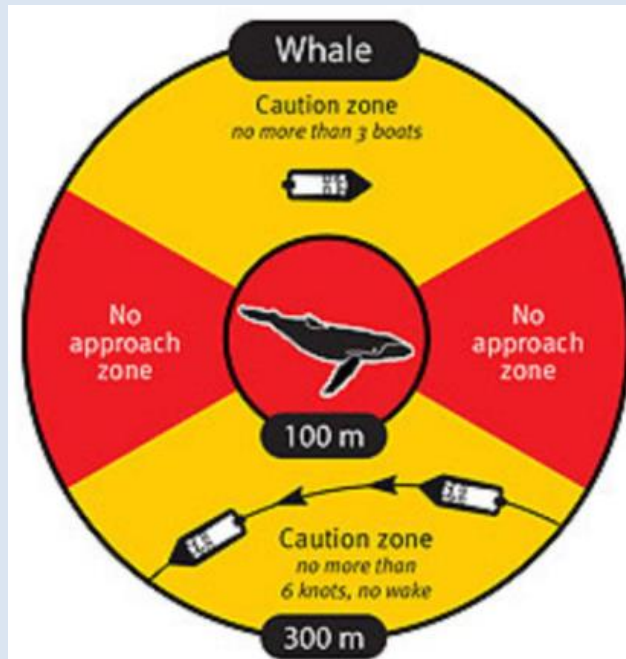
Don't forget the earlier mention of tide. Allow sufficient rode for incoming and sufficient depth for outgoing tides! Minimum of 5 x depth allowing for high tide please !!!

This trip can be hard on trailers and its components. Make sure you have your bearings and brakes in top condition and don't forget to ensure your tyres are less than 6 years old (ask me why !) and filled to recommended pressures. Always check tyre and hub temps during any refuelling stops and periodically during your rest stops.

Also don't forget your tie downs and safety chains/ bow tie downs as well.

Whale watching has some special rules which we will need to follow if we are lucky enough to see any of these on their last part of their southern return. Please take note of the following approach zone guide and use the link below for more information.

[https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0025/88900/marine-mammal-proximity-brochure.pdf](https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0025/88900/marine-mammal-proximity-brochure.pdf)



Most areas have surrounding coral and rocky reefs, pay particular attention to your chart plotter and sounder when navigating these areas particularly if travelling into and around Humpy Island and Monkey Beach.

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.

My mobile number is 0423 548 025 for those wanting to reach me off radio.

Regards,

**Julian Cox and family**

*Trip Co-ordinator*

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