

# Whittley Club Qld.

## Tin Can Bay - Great Sandy Straits Brief: 3 – 6 Nov 2023

### Overview

Come and join us for an adventurous trip to Tin Can Bay and the Great Sandy Strait. You'll also have a chance to attend a bar Crossing briefing by the tin can bay Coast Guard on Saturday morning. Bar crossing is a capability Whittley skippers should aspire to having, and this is an excellent opportunity to gather this knowledge under the supervision of the Coast Guard experts.

We will be staying at Garrys Landing overnight on Saturday, and returning on Sunday via Poona and Boonaroo to Inskip Point for a swim.

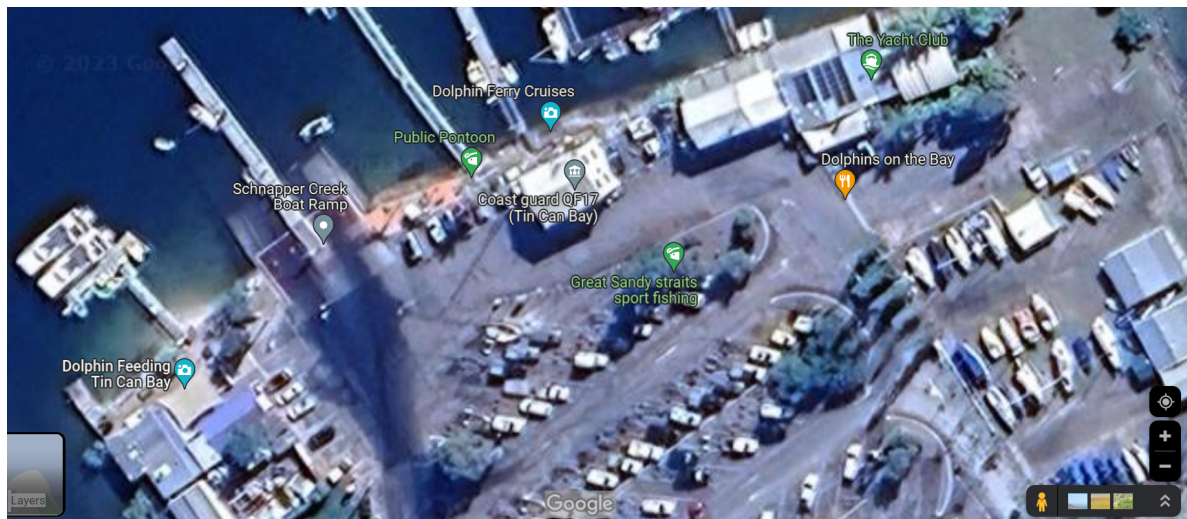
**Here we go Great Sandy Strait!!! Trip Leaders: Annette & Phil – “Nauti Supa”**

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### Getting there and Launching

It is just under a 3-hour drive from Brisbane CBD (280Km). Some will be coming up on the Friday, but if you can't leave till the Saturday morning, no worries, that is still ok as we will depart late Saturday morning for the venture to Garrys. Just let us know if you are coming on the facebook events page. Here is a link to the boat ramp.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@-25.9015875,153.0140196,102m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en-US&entry=ttu>



### **Friday:**

We are planning to launch from the tin can Bay boat ramp. It is well lit and has a large parking area. It is next to the Coast Guard, bait tackle and yacht club. Choices for Dinner on Friday night are on board, locally at Tin Can Bay, or at the Carlo Quay restaurant. For those wanting to dine at the Carlo Quay restaurant, it is approximately 3 km from the boat ramp. We will boat over, anchor, and tender in to the restaurant. Here is a link to tempt your

culinary desires <https://www.facebook.com/quaycarlo/>. Unfortunately, it is not possible to tie up there so you will need to tender in to the restaurant. We'll stay there for the night and return to Tin Can Bay in time for the Coast Guard Briefing.

- Transit to Carlo – approx. 3 klms
- Carlo Quay Restaurant Friday night
- Carlo Bay moorings overnight – tenders required (or ask for a lift)



### **Saturday:**

An early 8.00am start for those attending the Coast Guard bar crossing course! For those overnighting at Carlo, we will weigh anchor and return to Tin Can Bay boat ramp where we will anchor up in the channel and tender in to the public pontoon next to the Coast Guard. For those not attending the Bar crossing course there is dolphin feeding at the Barnacles Café near the boat ramp.

- 0800 Coast Guard Bar Crossing Theory approx. 1 hour with a certified instructor. **Confirmed.** Weather permitting (regardless of tide – advised min water 2m) there will be a Coast Guard led Bar Crossing. If you are not confident taking your boat across you can go with the Coast Guard on their boat. Note: There is a Tax deductible \$100 donation per boat (discounted from \$100 per person). This is tax deductible.

### **Alternatives:**

- Alternative 1 - Dolphin Feeding 0800 Barnacles Café near the boat ramp <http://www.barnaclesdolphins.com.au/>
- Alternative 2 – Cross over to anchor at Inskip Point lagoon and observe Bar Crossing and car ferry activity, swim, fish, chill.

Lunch will be on board or on the beach for a picnic lunch at Inskip Point. After lunch some beach cricket!! Around mid-afternoon we will transit to Garrys Landing and anchor up for overnight – 1 hour cruise. 4.00pm drinks and nibbles on the beach at Garrys, don't forget the aeroguard!!

- Picnic lunch & beach cricket Inskip Point

- Transit to Garry's Landing for afternoon / overnight – 1 hour cruise.



**Inskip Point**



**Garrys Landing**

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### **Sunday:**

Prepare for a mid-morning departure to explore the towns of Poona <https://www.poonacommunity.com.au/images/Infobrochure.pdf> and Boonaroo <https://www.discoverherveybay.com/boonaroo-queensland/>. Then on to Inskip Point Lagoon for a swim. Lunch on-board or beach. Mid-afternoon departure for Tin Can Bay. For those staying, explore Tin Can Bay, a town of approx. 2,250 people and lots on <https://www.discoverherveybay.com/tin-can-bay/>. Dinner at the Tin Can Bay Yacht Club <https://tcbyachtclub.wixsite.com/tcbyacht-club/yachtie-bar-and-restaurant>



**Poona**



**Boonaroo**

### **Other Information:**

Unfortunately the tides are not favourable for Club Whitley QLD to transit through the Straits to the likes of Kingfisher Bay or Coongul Creek. Critical section of Sandy Straits is the Mid Section at Sheridan Flats - local VMR advises transit 2hrs each side of High Tide.

FYI – Coast Guard Tin Can Bay conducted the Bar Crossing tuition and activity for the participating 2022 Club Whitley QLD flotilla last year. They warmly welcome a repeat as they were so impressed by the Club's professionalism and discipline - oh and the sight to behold of the Whittley flotilla!!

### **Few points to Remember.**

**Fuel:** Map recon estimates total return trip distance to be around 65NM or 120 KLMS – always consider fuel reserves for contingencies (weather, break down recovery /

towing) **PLUS** additional throttle manipulation for bar crossing activity. Coast Guard confirms 25NM or 46 KLMS from Tin Can Bay to Gary's Landing. Trip distance estimate includes scope for Friday's Carlo and return, Gary's Landing, Poona, Inskip Point and Bar crossing.

Cheapest Fuel x 2 – Goomborian – United: 1460 Tin Can Bay Rd and Bernard Petroleum: 1702 Tin Can Bay Rd, midway between Gympie and Tin Can Bay.

**Radio:** VHF channel 72

Tin Can Bay rescue is channel 16

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