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Commodore's Message

Summer is here and hopefully we are all well into boating season even if the weather isn't being kind to us just yet. Although a few of you usually head to the



Southern Bay Is area which provides a great playground with sheltered waterways and somewhere to anchor out of the prevailing winds.

We have had some great events over the last couple of months kicking off with the **October** Trip, a long weekend in Hervey Bay. And what a great turnout we had with 11 boats venturing up the highway to launch for the weekend as well as some members just driving and getting accommodation up there & then venturing out on Whittley members



boats for the day trips. Weather was once again not our friend but with overnighting in a Marina each night, the club members would not be deterred. A great event and activities were organised by Mark Arnold and Cindy Ballard, which included some great trips to Kingfisher Bay & Moon Point and also some fun with Trivia night and dinners at the Hervey Bay Boat Club.



Next was our **Oktoberfest** weekend hosted by Rob Wood, even though the weather once again stuck its nose into our itinerary and our member numbers fizzled from 12 boats attending to a mere 3 boats, the ones that

were brave enough to face the weather all still had a great time out on our Bay around Peel and Karragarra Islands.

November trip, was hosted by one of our newer members, Darryl Ayson and a great job well done to him. This trip had 5 boats attend and they enjoyed time at Tiplers for most of the weekend as well as lunching at McLarens Landing which might be on the agenda in our future travels.



December was the Club Christmas Party and it was well attended at the Ramada Resort @ Hope Island. The Club offered a free drink upon arrival and then followed by a scrumptious luncheon organised by Mim & Garth O'Flynn.



Also thanks to David Choveaux and Northside Marine for their support throughout 2017 and with some gift vouchers and fabulous gifts.

This years luncheon was the highest attendance in quite a few years and was quite an amazing feat and made for a very pleasant luncheon and afternoon. 9 boats docked in the marina for the night as well as some members taking advantage of the cheaper rates the Ramada Resort offered to the Club.



Commodore's Message cont.



This year we had a new segment to the Christmas Lunch and that was 'Award Certificates'. This segment seemed such a hit that the Committee will be watching in 2018 for next year's Award Certificate highlights.



The following were our Award Winners and categories for 2017:



Highest Attendance
tied by Jaskat + Gypsea/Ruby2

Most Improved Boatee
won by Tony Pullen, even though he showed some interesting moves around the marina on the day of the Christmas function!! Lol

Best 'Boat to Tender' Dismount
awarded to Cathy Campbell



The next official Club outing will be in **January** on the weekend of the Australia Day Holiday, which this year falls on a Friday, making for a long weekend.



Also keep an eye out on the Club Facebook pages as members will be posting when they are out and about over the holiday season, so if you want to catch-up with your fellow Club Members you can.



The **2018 Events Calendar** has been posted up on the Club website and Facebook Page. You can also download and print a copy from the Member's Forum.



DONT FORGET IF YOU HAVENT ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE 2018 QUEENSLAND RALLY, DO SO NOW WITH EITHER MIM and GARTH O'FLYNN OR ANTONIA RILEY, WHO ARE ALREADY WELL ORGANISED FOR A FANTASTIC EVENT.



Deb Wood

COMMODORE
CLUB WHITTLEY QLD INC



Editors Comments



Dear Members,

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of Whit-Bits ☺ So where has 2017 disappeared to! Please have a look at our fantastic Calendar of Events for 2018, there are some really fantastic trips planned, with a few new venues but also keeping some of our favorite ones.

We are also on the count-down to the Whittley National Rally. The Rally Committee are putting together a really great event to show-case our beautiful Queensland water ways with "home base" being Couran Cove. Please ensure you have registered/paid for this exciting event if you have not already done so.

Please feel free to email me at any time if you have something of interest to be included in future editions. Topics include:

- ❖ Club Events Reports
- ❖ A recent trip
- ❖ Boating tips
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ Funny stories
- ❖ Recipes



**Submissions
for April
Newsletter by
17 March**

Antonia

EDITOR

**Did you
Know!**

The Christmas elf in charge of the reindeer is called "Wunorse Openslae"



Calendar of Events 2018



DATE	VENUE	CO-ORDINATOR
January 26th - 28th	Australia Day, Buds Beach/Marine Stadium	Barry & Antonia
February 17th - 18th	Southern Moreton Bay	Rob & Deb
March 17th - 18th	Noosa River	Rob & Deb
April 26th - 30th	Whittley National Rally	Garth, Mim & Antonia
May 5th - 7th	Clarence River	Terry & Cathy
June 16th - 17th	Tiplers/Couran Cove	Darryl
July 7th - 8th	Christmas in July Tiplers	Mim
July 28th - 29th	Rivergate	Julian
August 11th	AGM Manly	Deb, Jane & Antonia
September 1st - 2nd	Bribie Island	Julian
Sept/Oct 29th - 1st	Hervey Bay	TBA
October 20th - 21st	Oktoberfest	Tony & Jane
November 10th - 11th	Days Gutter	Mark & Cindy
December 1st	Christmas Lunch Ramada Hotel Hope Harbour	Mim



OH NO!



Treasurer's Report

Hi Club Whittley Members.



Since the last newsletter, there has been quite a bit of activity with our bank accounts.

In August the Whittley Club Qld Inc had their AGM followed by an amazing dinner at the Manly Hotel. The dinner was subsidised by the Whittley Club members.

As everyone is aware, the Club has brand new merchandise available for members which has been met with great enthusiasm and approval.

The next Club event was the Annual Christmas Party which took place at Ramada Hotel on 2nd December 2017.



The response to this dinner was fantastic and members also received another subsidised meal and drink.

From August to December there have been 11 new members joined the Whittley Club and quite a few of these members have joined in the Club activities.

The next National Rally is to be held in Queensland at Couran Cove and everything is set to take place from 26th to 30th April 2018. I have encouraged



members to save their dollars for this rally and anyone who wishes to attend has already paid their fees. As at the 30th

November there are only 21 weeks left before the National Rally.

Safe boating.




Judy Oxley
TREASURER



“Whitley National Rally”

Report by Garth and Antonia

Registrations for the National Rally have closed and we are pleased to advise that we now have a little over 50 boats signed up!

 Whilst we are still accepting late entries due to some stragglers, we can't do so for much longer as we need to move to the next stage of planning. The flurry of emails and queries has certainly kept Mim quite busy for the last couple of months!

Currently there are 15 boats coming from Victoria, 10 boats from NSW with the balance from our own Club. For those of you who attended the last Rally on the Hawkesbury River, it will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with some old boating friends.

The next job for the Rally Committee is to finalise the day trips & appoint Team Leaders. If any of you have an interest in being a Team Leader please give either Garth or Antonia a call to discuss what it involves.



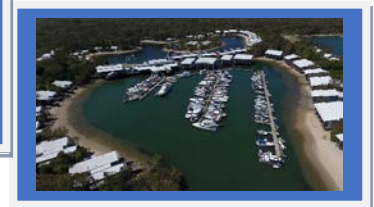
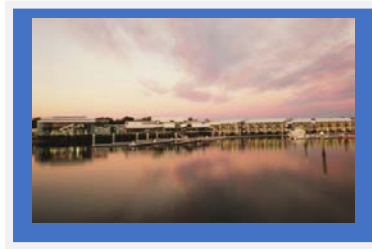
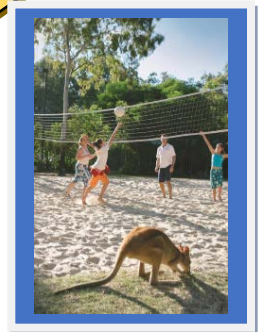
If you have registered for the Rally, you will be shortly receiving an email inviting you to join a 'closed' Facebook Group that will regularly post updates on the Rally – we encourage you to join the group as this will be one of our main channels of communication both prior to and during the Rally.

Couran Cove Island Resort staff have been busy sprucing the Island up and are very excited to be hosting our Rally. They have assured us they can deliver a very special experience for all and we are most confident that they will.

We trust you will all have a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to catching up on the water in the New Year.

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Weather Report

Report by Robert Wood



Hello Boaties,

As previously mentioned we all have our favourite weather site or sites that help us plan our days out on the water



and I will discuss some of my favourites. All these sites use the same bureau data to compile their forecasts making them equal in that sense but displays can be quite different. In a previous report I discussed the website Seabreeze, as it's my quick reference look at boating weather. When the weather is marginal, I dig deeper into the charts to find the answers that will hopefully allow for safe weather boating. Another newer site that I look at is called Windyty or the site is at <https://www.windyty.com> It's free and uses the latest in Earth project forecast system. It allows users to produce their own weather charts and has outstanding animated visual effects of winds and weather, plus being very easy to use. The system uses higher graphics than old weather models, so some computers older than 4-5 years may not be able to use this site, but works fine on I pads and such. Below (Fig 1a and 1b) is an example of how it opens up. A simple zoom in and out on an area shows you animated winds and a time bar across the bottom allows a 10 day wind and weather forecast.



<http://www.whittleymarine.com/>



<http://northsidemarine.com.au/>



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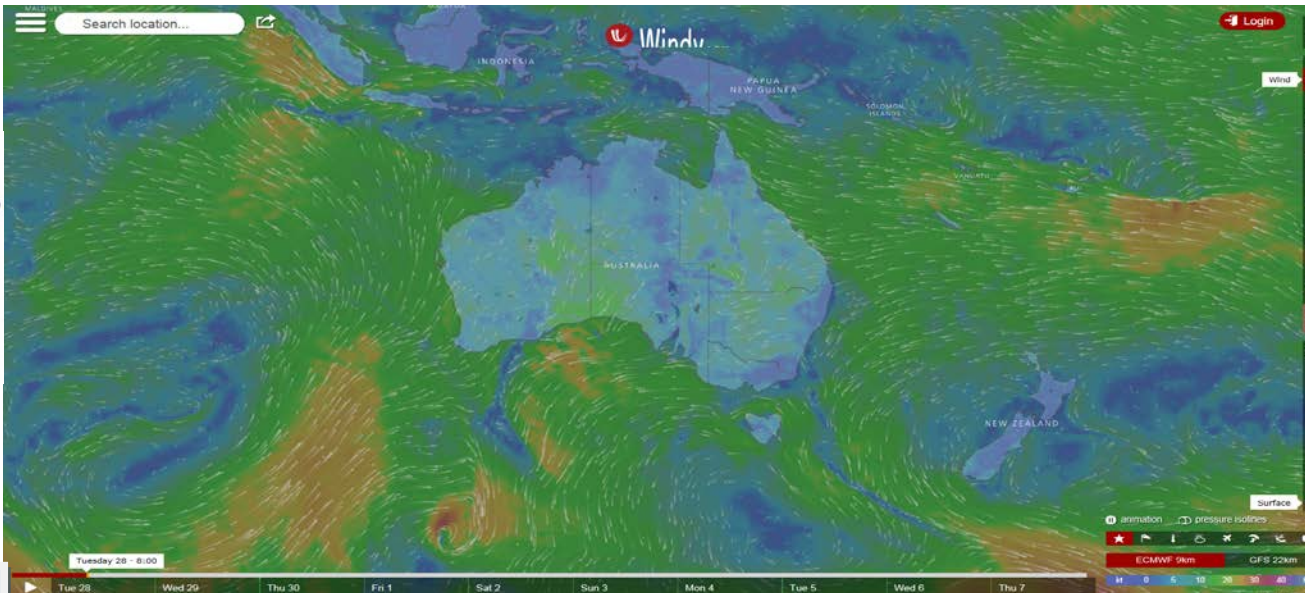
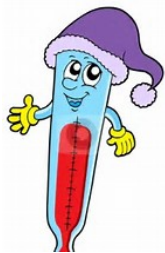


Fig 1a



Weather Report - cont.

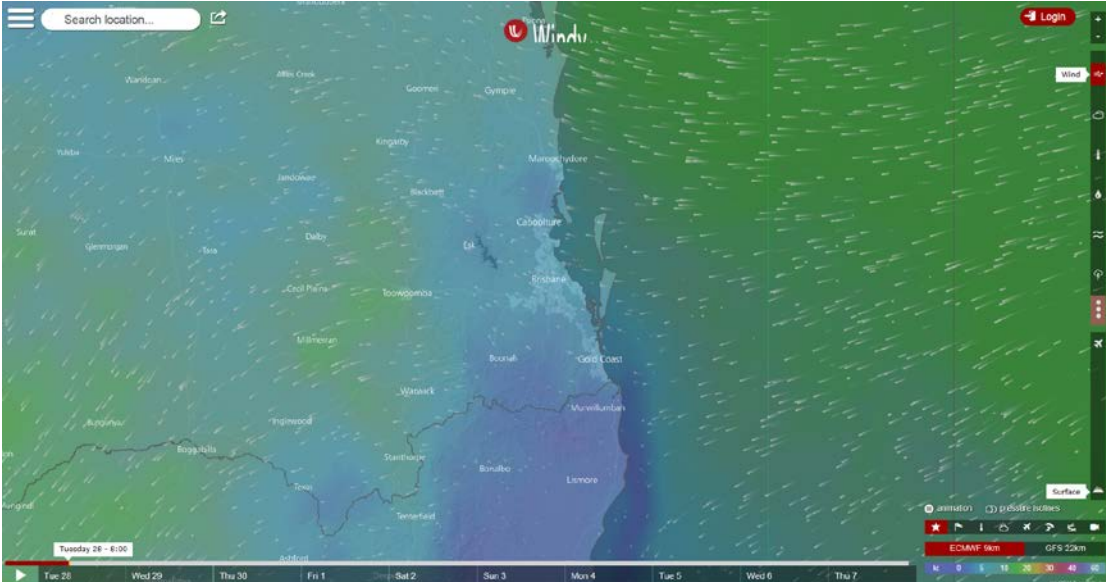


Fig 1b

When you have zoomed in and centered on your area of interest you can click a point and get the exact point wind forecast. Then again by using the time bar across the bottom get the changing wind direction and speed out 10 days.

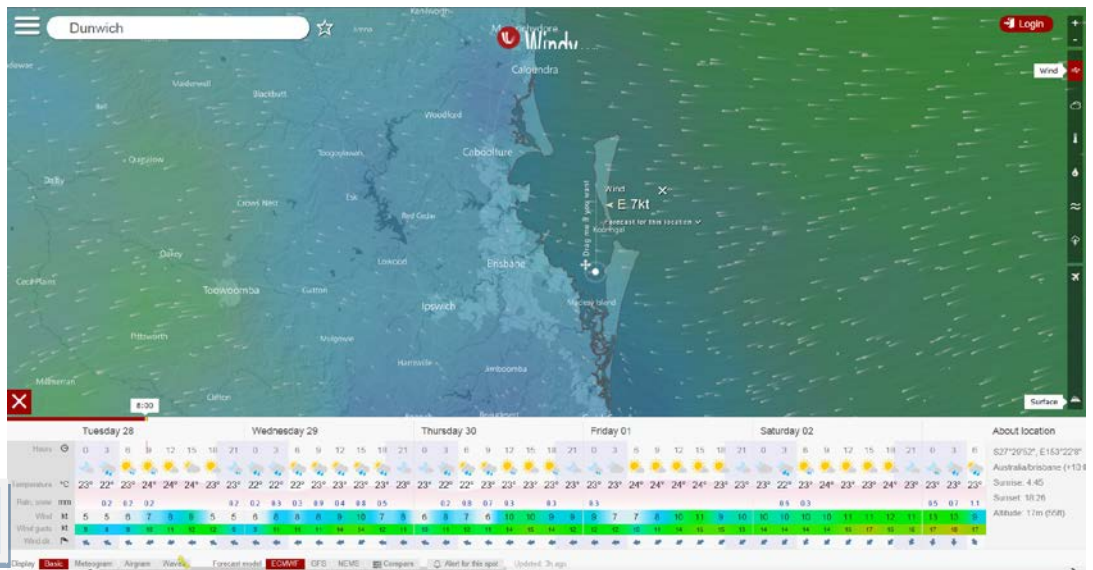


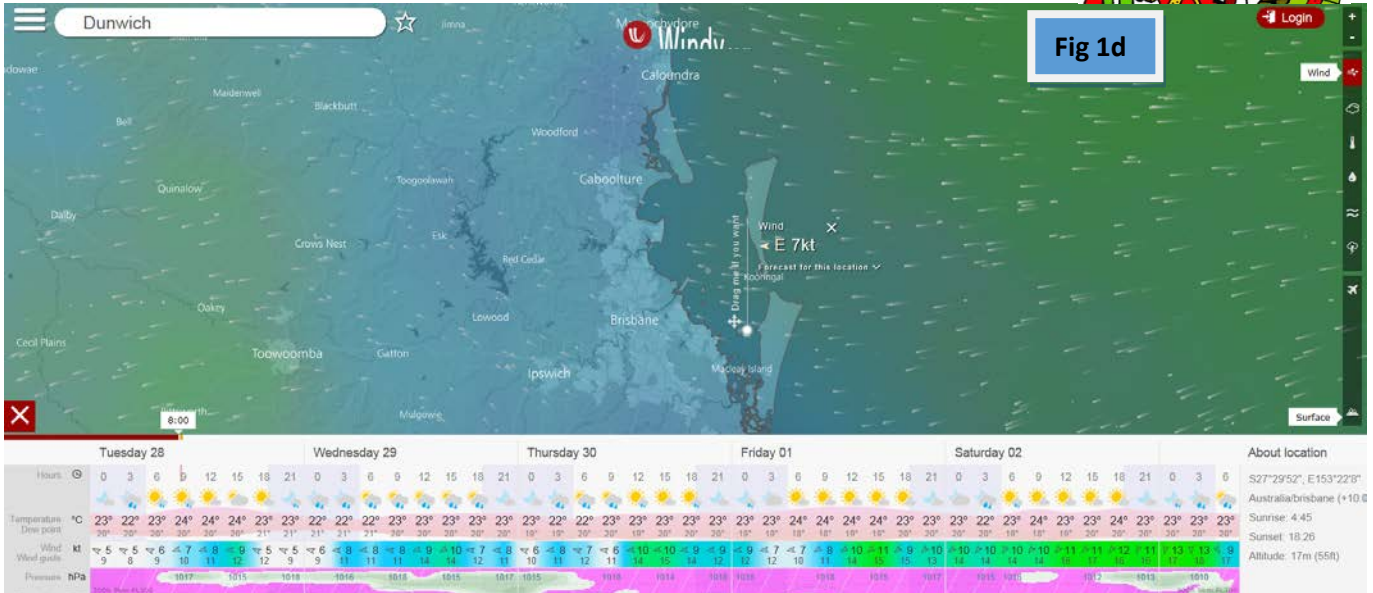
Fig 1c

And finally then a very good Meteogram (like Seabreeze) forecast is available by clicking below the actual wind display or on the "Detail forecast for this location" in figure 1c. A very useful feature can also be cloud cover and hourly wind graph at the bottom. There is a sunrise/sunset to the right as well as many more features. If you are feeling adventurous, you can also click the Airgram or Wind and Waves section or the multiple models but the Meteogram button (fig 1d) has always been my favourite for great information!





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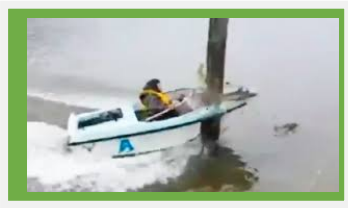


As always keep up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings from the BoM. I will continue to discuss other weather sites most used in future newsletters and with their strengths and weaknesses.

Safe Boating to all!



Robert



Tech-Bits

Segment by Julian Cox



“Apps for Boating Use”

Hi Guys and hope the festive season is being kind to you all. Last edition we talked about the use of the Navionics app on a tablet as an option for marine navigation and some of its more useful features for trip planning etc.



That got me thinking of what other useful things I use my tablet for apart from checking the marine weather prior to and during a trip and maybe catching up on news site gossip in between tide changes (occasionally!).

There are many useful apps specifically designed for boaties that can be used on both iOS devices (iPads) and Android (Samsung and others) platforms to make life much easier for us.

The ones I use are on the Android system (Samsung tablet for me) and my favourites are the following:



- Navionics (we covered off this one last time)
- AU Tides My Anchor Watch BoatBeacon

AU Tides



Most GPS's have tide features built in but I found this one really handy as you can put in your various places of interest as favourites and bring them up quite easily.

A screen capture is shown below for Brisbane Bar and the type of display indicating current position within the tide cycle. It also has sun and moon data as well.



My Anchor Watch



Once again a lot of GPS's have anchor watch alarms but how many can you look at while tucked up in bed in your cabin in the middle of the night when you're wondering if you have moved!

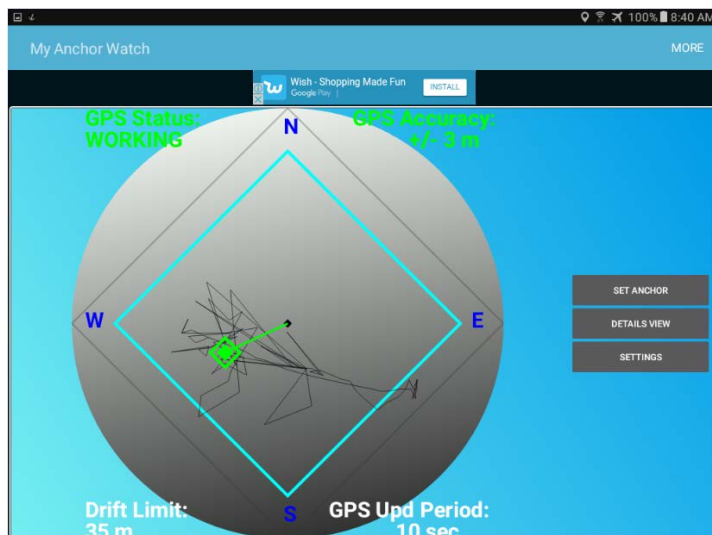
Anchor watch alarms a great idea when anchored in more exposed areas or places where you are anchored in a lot of current. We were recently anchored at Tangalooma, Moreton Is land the current was so strong you had to engage the engine gear just to stop the propeller spinning. This is a place where people are always dragging anchor!



This app let's you put in an offset for distance and bearing to your anchor as well as a radius from anchor position for the alarm.

On another trip earlier in the year anchoring during the night in current this app gave me a real sense of security.

Screen capture shown below, you can see when we swung with a tide change.



Tech-Bits - cont.



Boat Beacon



Boat Beacon is an App which emulates the AIS (automatic identification system) used in boats that have AIS receivers and transmitters that utilise VHF radio signals.

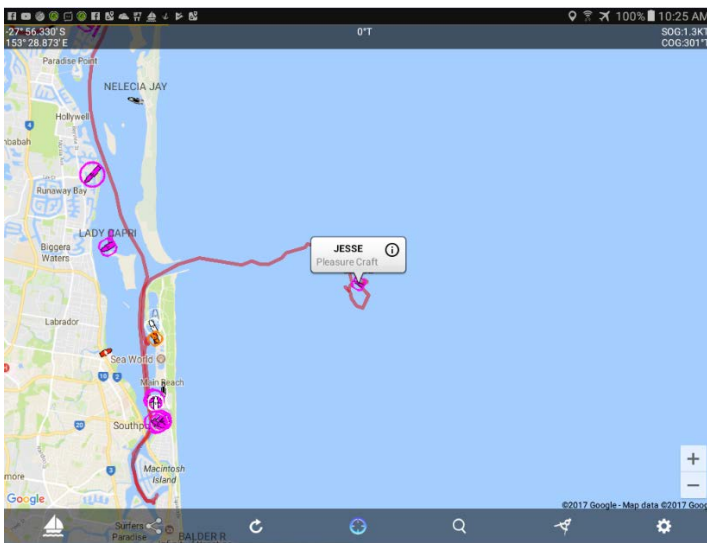
I thought of this idea when we did the whale watching trip to track the charter boats and was surprised at the number of boats using AIS. I also found out whale watching boats turn off their AIS!



Your boat can also be seen if you tick the option which could be very useful to tracking the whereabouts of boats for next year's rally.

You can see all the coast guard and VMR vessels and even see where the police boats are, as I discovered recently when trying to figure out where the fishing boat sunk off 1770.

The screen capture below shows my track and current location during the whale watching trip.



Well that gives you a few ideas of how you can use your tablet or smart device on your boat. Note however that all these apps use up battery pretty fast so install a few USB charging points so you don't run low.

In the meantime I hope everyone had a Great Christmas and safe boating while we lap up the warm waters of our Brissie summer.



Cooking on Boats

Segment by Jane Houghton



A healthy breakfast option to start the day, minimal dishes too! Preparation (minimal) required at home.

Preparation (minimal)



Chia Breakfast Bircher

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp Chia seeds
- 30 g rolled oats
- ½ 400 ml tinned coconut milk (you can freeze the remainder for next time)
- 2 ripe figs (or a handful of berries)
- 1 tbsp hazelnuts toasted and chopped

Method:

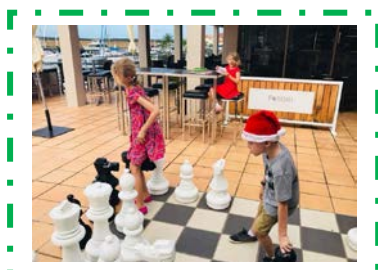
Combine the Chia seeds, oats and coconut milk together

Leave in fridge overnight

When ready to serve, divide between 2 bowls, scoop pulp from passionfruit and stir into the Bircher, serve with sliced figs and nuts.

340 calories
27g fat
20g carbs

6g protein
3g fibre



Cy's Fishing Spot

Segment by Cy Stringfellow

BULL....shark!!

After having a couple of months ashore, while waiting for parts to arrive for the boat, I finally got back to fishing in early December.



Thought I'd caught a baby whale when this one surfaced!! It was chocolate brown with white stripes as per the photos, and was caught in the small anchorage between Millionaire's Row to the north, and the old Bedrooms to the south. There's a **"PRIZE"** if you can identify it for me.



I was rewarded with a nice tussle landing a BULL shark....small enough to pick up but big enough to chew off a hand!! The first one was caught in Tiger Mullet Channel.



The second one (below) was caught at Slipping Sands on North Straddie. Both were caught on baby pilchards in murky waters, near dusk.



Get Hooked !



What FISH is that??



Member Profile:

Tony French

Born in the early 60's in Port Macquarie in New South Wales. Since leaving University with a Mechanical Engineering degree in 1987, I have lived in various states of Australia during my career, settling in Brisbane in the late 90's. I have two great children who also live in Brisbane.



Taking up motorcycle riding in 2007, I have enjoyed a new passion over the years. More recently Jane and I were introduced to the Whitley scene and have now our own 2380 which we have been personalising to our requirements.

