

WHIT-BITS

July 2024

Committee news:

Membership renewals have been sent and we are hoping that many of you renew your membership for 2024-2025 and come along to weekend trips to receive the many benefits of being part of this awesome club. If you have not yet renewed your membership it is not too late...

Other committee news...an awesome team of volunteers have been busy planning our March 2025 national rally to be held at Sanctuary Cove on the Gold Coast. We promise you 4 fun filled days and nights and this is an event you will not want to miss. Look out for the official registration form which should hit you email inbox by the end of August.

Trip reports

April: Lake Macquarie NSW

Trip Coordinators: Jon & Kim

Five boats made their way to Lake Macquarie, with 4 boats pausing for an overnight stop at Coffs Harbour enroute. We enjoyed a fabulous BBQ at the caravan park, hosted by Kim and Tony, as they had arrived a day earlier.



We joined up with Whittley Club NSW at the boat ramp on Lake Macquarie and enjoyed 4 escorted days on the Lake exploring their backyard. Kevin and Peppe Shaw from NSW hosted us all for dinner at their residence and planned a fabulous itinerary to keep us entertained. We watched an anzac parade like no other at Wangi, with a multitude of old army vehicles in the procession, while our very own Annette and Phil joined in the march.





Some of the many vehicles in the Anzac parade at Wangi

A first for us Queenslanders was learning how to do a 'back to back' raft up. It was lots of fun and allowed for a social evening from our boats in the wilderness.



The view from the Shaw residence



MAY: Coochimudlo Island

Trip coordinators: Kelvin & Vicki

This is a great anchorage in any weather other than a southerly wind and of course on this weekend we had to contend with a south westerly so decision was made to up anchor following an enjoyable pub lunch and move to a more sheltered location for the night. We tucked in to a bay just off the mainland, met for happy hour onshore and returned back to our boats just as a random storm hit. It wasn't looking promising for a peaceful night's sleep, but once the brief storm passed, we were treated to a restful night and awoke to a beautiful Sunday morning. Vicki had organised a surprise morning tea, which her and Kelvin delivered to our boats. Being such an accessible island via ferry if weather is not favourable for overnighting in our boats, it was decided to book the little Italian café on the Island, that by day doubles as the local convenience store for our upcoming 'Christmas in July' event. Coochi is a fabulous island right on our doorstep and I look forward to exploring more on our next visit.



June: Tipplers

Trip coordinators: Lance and Dianne

Originally this trip was going to be at Noosa, but following advice from Lance and Di we decided that Tipplers was more suitable due to ongoing Noosa River works. Usually, our annual Tipplers trip is for our 'Christmas in July' event, but since we were ready to try a new location in July, Tipplers was the choice for June. Instead of the usual dinner, we booked some tables at the café for lunch so we could make the most of the campfire at happy hour. Lance & Di had us all entertained with some games around the campfire they had prepared...and although some competitive spirit was demonstrated we were reminded that 'this is a game for 5 year olds!' We had lots of laughs!

There were a few contenders for the 'duck award' with Vicki being the first in the running after failing to launch herself

in the tender and taking an unexpected dip. Next in the running was Michael who had a 'mechanical issue' with his boat, with several members scratching their heads as to why the boat would not start. It took the wisdom of our commodore, Jon, with drink in hand, looking at Phil head down and almost wedged in, to spot the problem...and a very simple fix! Michael sealed the deal for the duck winner when he also took an unplanned swim!



Always glorious sunsets at Tipplers



Upcoming trips...

Mark your diary!!

July 19-12st

‘Christmas in July’

Coochimudlo Island



It's not too late to join in for dinner at the Curlew café, even without your boat, but you need to RSVP asap to Kim Pullen for meal choice and special dietary requirements.

Christmas in July menu

Remember to wear your Christmas Decorated Jumper and/or Hat

\$40/head

Please pay and send menu selection of main and dessert to kimpullen@hotmail.com by Wednesday 10 July

Starters

A selection of Garlic bread and Bruschetta will be supplied on the table

Mains

SPAGHETTI MARINARA – Selection of seafood panfried in garlic, white wine in a napoli sauce topped with parmesan cheese, or

COTOLETTA DI AGNELLO – Marinated fresh trimmed lamb cutlets served with vegetables and rustic mash potatoes, or

SCALOPINI CON FUNGI – Tender panfried veal fillets medallions cooked with mushroom, garlic with white wine in a creamy sauce served with vegetables and rustic mask potatoes

Dessert

Sticky Date Pudding, or

Tiramisu



August 17th AGM

To be held at the QCYC, Shorncliffe. This is a fabulous location overlooking the marina with great food. We hope to see many of you there. We promise to keep the AGM brief with more time for lunch and chats with friends.

September 14-21st

Keppel Island with likely local trip 14-15th if unable to make the Keppels!

Handy hints...courtesy of Rodger from NSW



how to MAKE AN ANCHOR SNUBBER

Why do we need an anchor snubber?

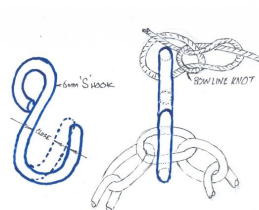
- . to take the weight off the winch.
- . to stop chain growl at anchor.
- . to get a good nights sleep.
- . to act as a winch lock during emergency.

Under extreme load at anchor during a storm, under tow or the anchor snagged on the bottom the winch will slip making the task at hand difficult or dangerous to perform. An anchor chain snubber will bypass the winch and lock the chain against slipping!

At anchor we all want quite time, most particularly at night when watching TV or sleeping. With tide change and wind movement our boat will swing against the anchor chain and even the slightest chain movement on the bow roller will sound like a base drum inside the cabin. A chain snubber (set correctly) will give us quite time, along with winch slip safety!

HOW TO MAKE AN ANCHOR CHAIN SNUBBER:

From Whitworth's purchase a 6mm dia stainless steel "S" hook. In a vice close the hook sufficiently to fit comfortably between two of your anchor chain links (not through the chain link, BUT between two links). Using an 8-10mm rope (not cheap silver rope) tie through the loop on the "S" hook using a spliced loop or a "BOWLINE" knot loop (refer earlier "how to TIE 4 HANDY KNOTS"). The rope length needs to be from your front cleat, over the front roller plus .5meter, form a loop on the opposite end of the rope (using a bowline knot) for looping over a bow cleat.



CAUTION: the temptation to use a clip hook should be avoided as it can be jammed in the winch if not removed before winching. The home made version will tend to self release if forgotten before winching (no guarantees!). If desired a rubber mooring snubber can be fitted to the anchor chain snubber.

PRACTISE MAKES FOR PERFECT as with most things in life (most certainly boating) without regular practise this learned art will most always result in failure, so PRACTISE!

Courtesy of boat "ATHENA" 7/2022

Just for laughs...



Sorry (not sorry) for the lame jokes!!

Did you hear...

Apple just announced their new electric vehicle, the iCar, coming in 2024. Rumour is they're working on a self-driving boat as well. They're going to call it the iAye.

A very nervous first-time crew member says to the skipper, "Do boats like this sink very often?"

"Not too often," replied the skipper.

"Usually only once."

Do you need a boat of biblical proportions built?

Because I Noah guy. I hear he's a fantastic Arkitect.

As always, if you would like to add content, please email me at:

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Seeking your favourite recipes to cook on the boat and any handy boating tips to share with other club members!