

WHIT-BITS

July 2023

Committee news:

Our commodore, Jon and Kim are currently away exploring the UK and will be back just in time for our AGM on the 12th August! In their absence, the rest of the committee are figuring out how to add new members to our facebook group and create FB events for our trips...a first for me so apologies if communication has been a little different! We welcome Darryl and Tarryn Ashton and Ken McDonald to the club and hope to see you on the water soon!

The Syzmik shirts arrived (many Thanks to Lisa and Steve)! Tim & I love ours, even wearing in Vietnam. They are great shirts and we will likely take orders again for those that want to order, so watch this space...

We did not have enough EOI's to place an order for straw hats!



Trip reports

April: Wavebreak Island/Budds Beach

Trip Co-ordinator: Brian

April seemed like sooo long ago but I do recall several boats joining on this trip. We started the weekend with a Friday afternoon meet up in the lagoon at Wavebreak Island. It is a great sheltered spot with enough depth to raft and stern anchor on the beach. Saturday morning, some took the short tender ride back to mainland for coffee. After lunch we cruised down to Budds Beach and enjoyed a club provided BBQ, prepared by Jon, Kim and Brian. Thanks to Brian and Jon for coordinating and bringing excellent weather!



May: Tweed River

Trip Coordinator: Darryl & Linda

Friday afternoon it all started in Jack Evans boat Harbour with 8 boats arriving that afternoon, including members from NSW, Colin and Allison in their boat 'Synergy'.

Drama on the high seas ensued early in the afternoon with Mark from Zanadu almost passing out in pain after injuring himself. The first aid kit was utilised, sling applied and injury reassessed once Mark became coherent...crisis averted and no emergency room trip required! In the evening we tendered ashore and had fish and chips for dinner. Once back in our boats It was a quiet evening ready for the journey upstream the next day.

On Saturday morning we met Barry and Deb in Happy Dayz at the boat ramp, helped Mark with some tender adjustments then made our way to Stotts Island.

Once at Stott's Island six tenders enjoyed a 45 minute trip around the island dodging trees above and below the water line. The exploring was well worth the effort for everyone and even Tony from JASKaT treated his tender like he was back in his youth days driving a dodgem at Ekka!

The next stop was Lunch at the Murwillumbah Riverview Hotel. It was a long wait for the meals as it was a busy Saturday afternoon, but once they arrived everyone was full and ready to venture further upstream for the evening stop over. A further 3 Nautical miles upstream we had permission to go onto a local farmer's piece of land and set up the fire pit and table and chairs for dinner. As it was going to be a cold night I fired up Whittley keg fire place, got the BBQ underway with Tim and Julie doing a great job on the cooking, everyone giving them the thumbs up.

After dinner we sat in a large ring around the fire pit and told stories, but as the temperature plummeted, the ring got smaller and we were almost sitting on top of the fire. Packing up late in the night we all ventured back to our boats for the night. About midnight a low blanket of fog came over the river leaving only a few meters visibility and the temperature also dropped to 3 degrees.

Sunday morning was a Slow and lazy start as everyone was enjoying the peaceful location. Seduced and GypSea and Brian in Brisandy did a trip up to the tweed River Weir then back to camp site.

Midmorning we all ventured back with a couple of boats stopping of at Tumbulgum for a coffee and the rest heading for the boat ramp. Seduced and Synergy decided to stay Sunday night to enjoy the tweed river.

Golden Duck---Mark injuring his elbow on the Friday was leading the race but in the end the duck has gone to Barry on Happy dayz. It does pay to untie your tender from your vessel before you take of in the tender. Congratulations Barry!

Thanks to the following boats for joining me on the Tweed: Seaduced, Ameena, JASKaT, Brisandy, Synergy, Zanadu, Happy Dayz and See-Ya.

See-ya ,
GypSea.





June: Noosa River

Trip Coordinator: Tim & Julie

We had some uncertainty about trekking all the way to Noosa and not being able to explore very far in our boats and tenders due to low water levels. As it turned out, once anchored everyone was so impressed with our surroundings no one was keen to move. The weather was perfect and being anchored right on shore meant easy access to a multitude of walking tracks, the best icecream shops ever and all else that Hastings Street has to offer! How lucky we felt to be staying so close to the heart of

Noosa without paying hotel prices. There was no keeping the young crew on ScarlettHunter out of the water and despite Lance's best efforts, Dianne's unexpected dip left her feeling a little frosty! I'm sure next time Lance WILL hold the tender steady as Dianne boards! It was a golden duck award moment for sure! On Saturday afternoon, we were entertained as we watched several wedding parties board their respective vessels. We enjoyed pizza in the park for dinner on Saturday night. We awoke Sunday morning to hear of a crime scene not too far from our boats, in which an elderly local man lost his life to foul play. It was sobering to learn of events occurring not too far from our boats in the early hours of the morning while we safely slept. Although there was not a lot of boating, all agreed that Noosa is a fun picturesque destination that should remain on the calendar!





Beautiful Noosa

Upcoming trips:

July 14th-16th Tipplers Christmas in July

We have already booked and paid for those that have RSVP'd. Keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and a jolly time!

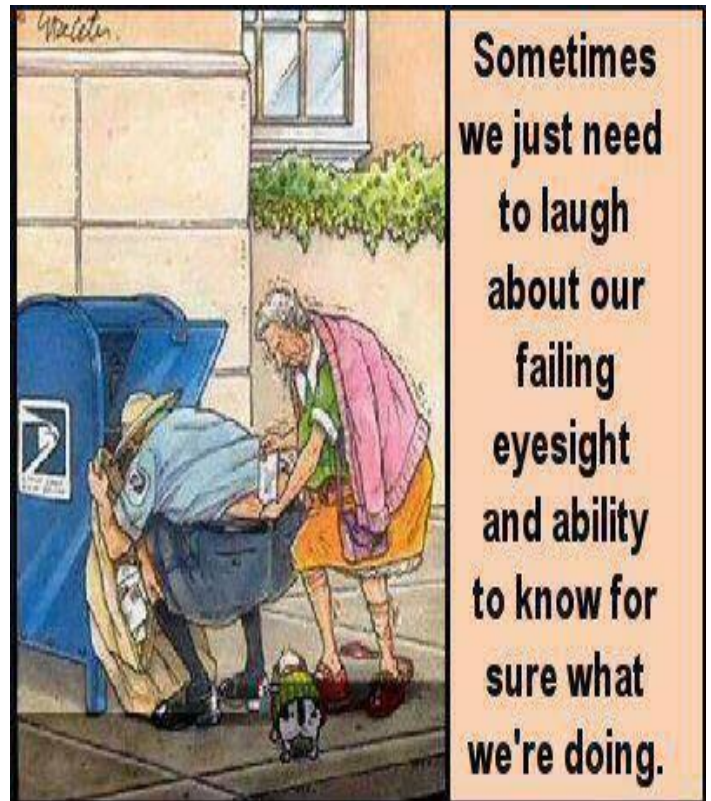
August 12th 11am AGM followed by lunch at Qld Cruising Yacht Club, Shorncliffe

September 9th-10th Brisbane River (Eat Street)

Tips from the VC

- 3 most likely reasons for engine alarms: temperature, engine oil or gear oil. Be prepared and carry spare engine and gear oil.
- Always check water flow through your engine before leaving home
- Remember the bung (for those that have one!)

Just for laughs...



That's all for now...for newsletter contributions email Julie

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