

# *Whittley Club Qld – Gold Coast Waterways*

## *Easter 29<sup>th</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

Hi Guys,

Here is some important info for the upcoming Easter trip discovering the Gold Coast.

Trip Coordinator—Darryl Ayson.

### **Overview**

This trip will involve travelling around the Gold Coast waterways from Budds beach all the way up to the Jumpinpin with lots of stops along the way. The weekend will be travelling around these waterways to plan and get ideas for the Qld rally in March 2025.

### **Easter Friday:**

This day we will anchor in the Stadium near Sea World for the day /night. Once every one has arrived after lunch we will go for a walk to the seaway and the sand pumping jetty, Dinner will be on board our boats or there is a food shop along our journey also.

**Happy Hour:** on the beach approximately 4.00 pm, BYO drinks, snacks

### **Saturday :**

This day we will head up to Sanctuary Cove Marina (Southern arm of Coomera River) to look at the venue for the rally. We will tie up to the visitors arms ( at this stage up to 3 boats will be able to fit on so we will have to anchor outside and board the bigger boats to head in there) More details will be on the day after a call to the marina. Here at Sanctuary Cove we will walk around and check out the facility with regards to the restaurants/shops/bathrooms etc. And I guess a cold bear and lunch in the tavern at the end.

Departing there we will head up to the Boat Works but unfortunately this yard will be closed over Easter but will give us an idea on distances. Travelling back to the broad water we will take the Northern arm of the Coomera River. Once in the broad water we will head south to Budds beach for the night. Near Budds Beach there are a couple of low bridges to navigate, depending on the tides where you can just about touch the underside of the structures.

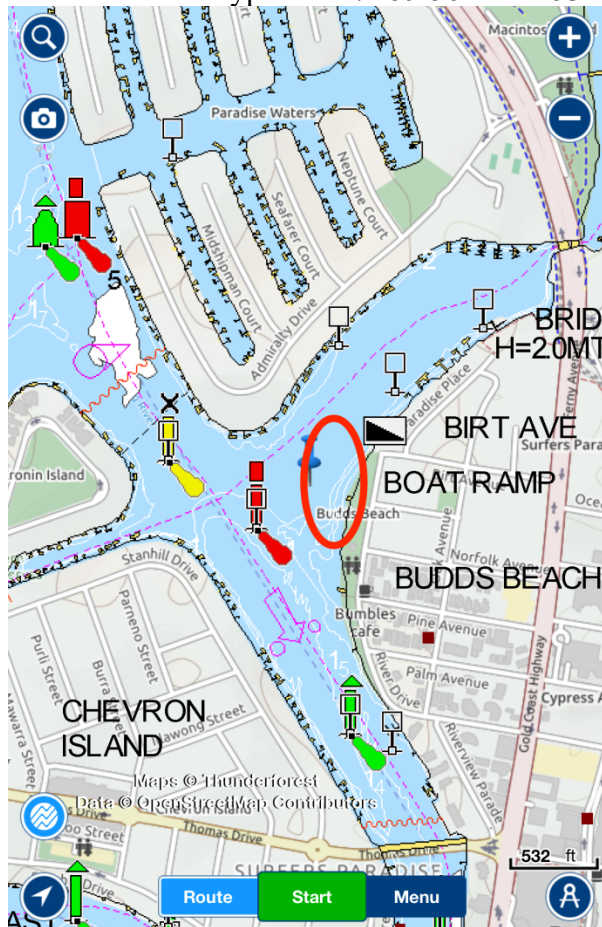
Dinner will be a BYO meat pack and we will use the public BBQ to finish of the day, happy hour will be decided on the day as it's a busy day.

Budd's Beach is a good calm all weather location with a park that has electric BBQ's and a toilet block (no showers). There are limited picnic tables and not much lighting so we recommend you BYO chairs and a light for dinner.

Waypoint: 27° 59.569 S 153° 25.408 E



Budds Beach Waypoint: 27° 59.562 S 153° 25.408 E



### Sunday:

For those who want, we can meet for coffee/breakfast ashore or head to Bumbles Café for Breaky. Mid morning we will head north and check out the two main anchoring points at Wave Break Island and then head up to Tiplers for the afternoon. A walk across the Island will be on the venue to check out the surf this afternoon.

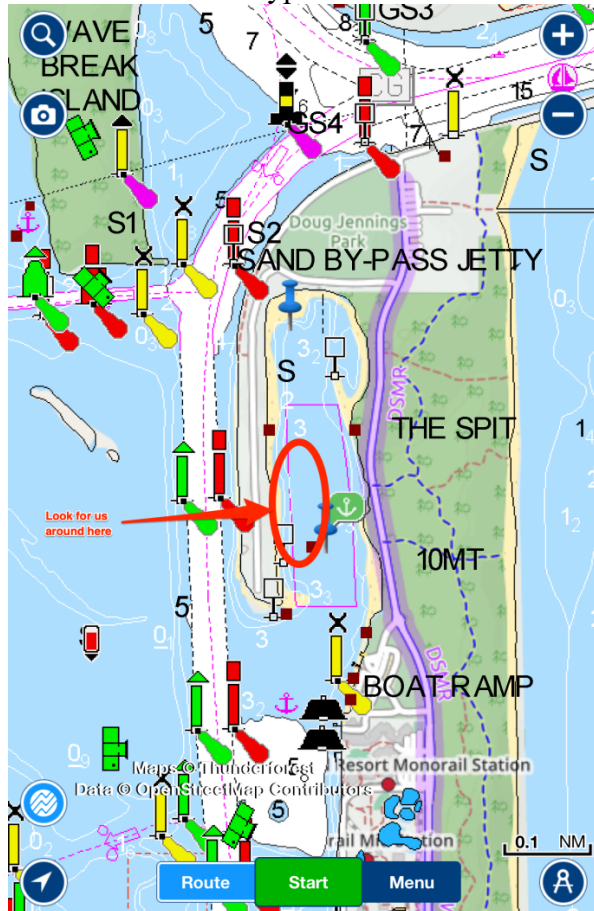
Dinner will be at Tiplers Cafe at 5.30

**Happy Hour:** on the beach approximately 4.00 pm, BYO drinks, snacks, chairs.

Waypoint: 27° 56.865 S 153° 25.425 E



Marine Stadium Waypoint: 27° 56.842 S 153° 25.426 E



### Monday

Now we have been on the waters for 3 days some of us may want to head home but if staying we will venture up to Jumpinpin bar to look at a small harbour and also head to Slipping Sands to investigate more places to visit for the upcoming Rally.

Now it's time to head back to your boat ramp, or if you want to avoid the traffic (or you are retired) you may stay another night.

### Launch Facilities

There is no organised launching or car and trailer storage for this event. In the past Horizons has been the suggested launching ramp for a \$20 fee. Unfortunately, they have put up their rates to \$25 + \$10 per night after 24 hours. Feel free to launch anywhere that is convenient to yourselves.

Also you have paradise Point/Smith street ramps which are great ramps.

On-water fuel is available at Horizons, Southport Yacht Club (Credit Card). Alternatives are Hope Harbour, Runaway Bay, Paradise point (pontoon and plenty of public parking). Cars and trailers have been left overnight at both Paradise Point and Loders Creek (174 Marine Pde) pontoons with no issues reported.

**Tides – Broadwater and Wavebreak Island:**



**Points to Note:**

- A) Beware of sandbanks, shallow areas, rocks, markers, and wrecks.
- B) Bring the aeroguard or coils for night-time as bities may be present.
- C) As its Easter time and if the weather is fantastic there will be a lot of boating traffic on the waterways so be careful and curtesy to all traffic.
- D) Also as it could be busy our itinerary may change along the way.

**Fuel:**

Make sure you have at least 80% fuel for the weekend

**Contacts:**

Monitor radio on Channel **VHF 72**.  
Southport VMR on VHF 16 and 73.  
Southport VMR: (07) 5591 2948

**Trip Coordinator**

Darryl Ayson. 0413-837-823

Email [darrylayson@gmail.com](mailto:darrylayson@gmail.com)

As this weekend will be investigating and exploring the Gold coast in preparation for the 2025 rally if you are coming along and have an idea/Place you would like to look into please let me know.

Happy Easter,  
Darryl and Linda

©Whittleby Club Qld