



SAIL CRUISING UPDATE – 4th February 2022

Ahoy, cruisers!

Thanks to everyone that provided feedback about the unfortunate cancellation of the Australia Day Cruise. It's difficult making decisions to not go sailing and having some fun so I appreciate the comments.

For those following the cruise to circumnavigate Tasmania, Nicky C, Scarlett, Lalapanzi and Auspicious have all arrived in Tasmania safely. They have had great conditions for the trip down the coast and experienced some great anchorages along the way. One of the last anchorages on their journey was Trousers Point Beach on the southwest corner of Flinders Island where they ventured up to Strzelecki Peaks, just a five hour walk. I encourage those that use Facebook to friend them so you can see the great photos. They are all currently anchored in the Tamar River to restock and prepare for the circumnavigation.

The report from the survey will be sent out very soon. The Committee is reviewing the results so we can provide everyone with the outcomes of what people indicated in their answers. Two thirds of the committee is currently in Tasmania so I suppose getting their safely is a reasonable excuse for the delay. I can say that keeping it simple was the obvious theme from the results so expect a few more simple sundowners cruises in the coming months.

The next cruise dates are below. We will make a call closer to the dates if they will proceed or not.

1. Simple Sundowners Cruise, 12-13 February 2022. We are going back to basics with simple sundowners on a beach in Morton Bay. At the moment we plan to go to Big Sand Hills however that may change once we see the weather forecast. The flyer is attached. No themes, dress-ups or catering. Just sail to the anchorage and come ashore for drinks, nibbles and fun conversations. Even if you don't go on the cruise, come down to the Club on the Friday evening before and catch up with the group.

2. March Cruise, 19-20 March 2022. We have a volunteer Cruise Captain so I will be working with them to plan the cruise. More details will be released in a couple of weeks.

3. April Easter Cruise, 15-18 April 2022. Quentin and Barbara on Lalapanzi are down for this cruise however they may not be back from Tasmania so their cruise which is Charades – Asia may be postponed to May. Last year they did Charades – Africa and it was fantastic and one of the best attended cruises for quite some time.

4. May Cruise, 14 -15 May 2022. Possible Charades – Asia otherwise it will be a Simple Sundowners cruise. I'm working on a presentation for the Friday evening beforehand about Lithium Batteries. It's a common conversation around the group so I'll provide my experience and I expect a few others will also join in.

5. Sail Cruising AGM, 10 June 2022.

6. June Cruise, 11-12 June 2022. I am working on a cruise that will help people prepare for the cruise North as well as just better prepare your boat for normal sailing around Moreton Bay. We have lots of experience amongst the group so I plan to use that experience during this cruise.

That's about it for this edition. See you all soon.