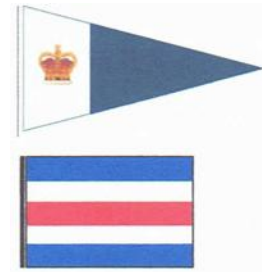




Cruise North in Company July, August and September 2026

Cruise Captains Peter Shepherd &
Rosalie Dolan (DANU)



Cruising in Company with final Destination – Gloucester Passage

The intention is to have a relaxing cruise North visiting all of the old favourites and some new locations as we go. For those that like to visit marinas, there will be combined dinners arranged at several of the marinas (eg Bundaberg, Rosslyn Bay and Abell Pt) for us to get together to share stories.

The cruise will include several locations where those not interested in going all the way to Gloucester Passage for Shaggers may turn back (eg Lady Musgrave and the Keppel group or Abel Point). The passage is aligned to allow yacht owners to participate in the race program and mix racing with cruising North.

Skippers can spend 3 weeks, 5 weeks or perhaps 9 weeks or more away.

Current thoughts are to include Mooloolaba, Sandy Straits, Lady Musgrave, Flinders Reef, Heron Island, Keppel Group, Percy Islands, Lindeman Group, Bustard Head and more finishing at Gloucester Passage for Shaggers – quite an adventure weather permitting.

So if you're contemplating a trip up North, to Bundaberg, the Keppels or even to the Whitsundays and would like to join us, please let our Cruise Captains know of your interest and we'll add you to the mailing distribution list.

Please RSVP your intentions to Peter at peter.shepherd@peteros.com.au.

Fuel Availability

You would all be aware of the current situation with the Strait of Hormuz and fuel. Current indications from the Government are that supplies are locked in until the end of August 2026. It is expected that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) will be signed between the US and Iran over the coming weeks. This MoU will allow passage through the Strait which should reduce shortages but not necessarily prices. Skippers must make their own decisions on this and possibly carry sufficient additional fuel to ensure that you can make it to a known location that has fuel.

Presentations

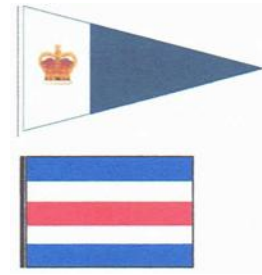
The plan is to hold two (2) presentations on the following dates:

12 June 2026 – After the dinner for the May Cruise - Trip Plan and preparation



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30 June 2026 - Trip Plan, Tides and latest Notice to Mariners advice (Mooloolah River, WBB and Sheridan Flats)

Key Dates

4 – 5 July 2026 – Christmas in July at Canaipa
6 July 2026 – Lucinda to Mooloolaba
9 July 2026 – WBB
15 July 2026 – Bundaberg – Dinner at Baltimores
29 July 2026 – Roslyn Bay – Dinner at Waterline Restaurant
8 August 2026 – Coral Sea Marina – Dinner at restaurant (TBD)
27 August 2026 – Shaggers
31 August 2026 – Head back via Mackay and other islands

Race Dates

Airlie Race Week - 6 - 13 August
Hamilton Race Week - 14 to 22 August

Indemnity

Skippers of participating vessels need to be aware that participation in the RQYS Sail Cruising Group events has the potential for dangerous circumstances to arise and that the responsibility for taking part in, or continuing to participate in, Sail Cruising Group events remains solely with you as the skipper. You must exercise appropriate seamanship and discretion as to whether you should participate in, or continue with, any cruise or activity.

This cruise is “cruising in company” and the Cruise Captains take no liability.