



## Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

# Combined Power & Sail Cruise Groups

## Christmas in July at Canaipa

**Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 July 2026**

**Draft Cruise Notes Issued: ... 7 June 2025**

**Cruise Captains: David & Judy MacKinnon – Sailing Group**

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Important Radio Information – Please monitor VHF67 going VHF77 for chat.

Sail Cruisers will have a scheduled call at .....am on VHF67.

### **Saturday 4 July**

**0900:** Depart home and travel to Canaipa and find suitable anchorage.

**1200:** Do your own thing for lunch as everyone will be arriving at different times.

**1600:** Sundowners ashore, BYO drinks and nibbles to share.

**We will be having Bad Santa, one present per boat - don't forget to bring your \$30 present wrapped and please hand in to David & Judy upon arrival to have your boat included in the fun.**

**1800:** Dinner (TO BE DECIDED)

**1930:** Bad Santa begins.

### **Sunday 13 July**

**0900:** Breakfast (TO BE DECIDED)

**1000:** Free time the rest of the day, depart at your leisure.

### **Brisbane Bar Tide Times**

<b>Saturday 4 July</b>		<b>Sunday 5 July</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Height</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Height</b>
0631	0.66	0022	2.35
1205	1.82	0708	0.65
1755	0.59	1250	1.83
		1839	0.67

The tide heights are in metres above Prediction Datum, *red for low water* and *blue for high water*. The times stated are Australian Eastern Standard Time (24 hour clock). [Daylight Saving Time](#) is not observed.



Yes Ladies and Gents, it is that time of year again, when we get together for Christmas in July festivities. To mark the occasion and have a bit of fun ..... we will be playing **BAD SANTA!**

For those of you who have never played before, *Bad Santa* is a variation on the traditional *Kris Kringle* or *Secret Santa*, here's how it works.....

We each purchase *one gift per boat for the value of \$30*, then on the night we place all the gifts (wrapped) in the centre of the table, names are then drawn out of a hat to determine the order of play, then the fun ensues. Each person in turn picks a gift from the middle of the table, they then may choose to keep that gift or steal a gift from someone who has already opened one. The gift can only be stolen twice, the third person gets to keep it. After everyone has had their turn and all presents are open, the lucky person that was first drawn gets to choose from any present except the safe presents (that have already changed hands 3 times).

Always fun and laughs are had by all.



## **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE - ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON** **Cruising Groups**

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

### **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

**1. IMPORTANT: In a life-threatening situation, please use standard MAYDAY procedures.**

2. Otherwise, vessel requiring assistance will call **RQYS Cruising Group Lead Vessel** (or any other participating vessel they choose) to advise assistance is required.

**3. Vessel requiring assistance should**

FIRST give their **VESSEL NAME**.

THEN **POSITION** eg 2nm west of Mud Island.

THEN **LAT & LON** eg 27 20.02 153 8.25 (if visual is not immediately available)

THEN What the **problem** is eg: Fire/ Broken Down etc

Also advise if Coast Guard or other emergency organisation has already been notified

4. Vessel answering the assistance call should immediately advise all other vessels in the group to **HOLD** transmissions until situation is clarified and confirm the radio channel being used.

5. Vessel answering the assistance call will then advise ship requesting who will be able to provide assistance and approximate ETA of same.

6. ALL OTHER VESSELS IN THE CRUISING GROUP TO MONITOR RADIO BUT MAKE SURE THEY **DO NOT TRANSMIT** DURING ASSISTANCE PERIOD UNLESS CALLED UPON.

### **GENERAL RADIO PROCEDURES**

Multiple VHF Channels are used within Moreton Bay.

These include ...

VHF 67 is a General Public Calling Channel and should be generally monitored.

VHF 73 is used by Manly Radio/Coast Guard/VMR as a calling and working frequency.

VHF 77 is used by RQYS Cruising Vessels and, whilst participating in a cruise, you should maintain a listening watch and all calling and chatting should be done on this channel (or another channel if requested by the specific event organiser).

**PLEASE NOTE** it is **imperative to state the Channel you are calling from and going to** – to avoid confusion caused at busy time and especially since many skippers use scanning radios. In the event of an emergency participants should all revert to Channel 77 and maintain a listening watch unless the cruise captain instructs another Channel is to be used (see above instructions)

**As a back-up, it would be helpful if participants would also carry their mobile telephones and have them charged up and switched on at all times.**