



CRUISING NEWS



FEBRUARY 2023

December 2022 hardstand Party

Barbara Burns

The evening of Saturday 10th December for our hardstand party was perfect. Considering the dreadfully windy weather we have been experiencing, this was a lovely change.

Several members turned up early to help set up the tables and chairs in one long line so people could catch up more easily. The barbeque was hauled out and cleaned, a bit filthy.

Around 25 people give or take arrived to enjoy a beautiful evening, meeting up with old friends, singing carols, and laughing at each others silly hats. Everyone brought beautiful food, and shared lots of nibbles and homemade treats. The singing of carols is always a bit of fun with plenty of improvisation, giving a slightly different slant on the meaning! All in all a wonderful evening keeping up the tradition of our yearly event.



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31st Annual Birthday Cruise to RYCV

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The birthday cruise day which always falls on the second Sunday of January, was extremely windy. This is the first time in all the 20 plus years that the cruising group has held this event, that no boats sailed over to Williamstown. Originally there were 7 boats and 27 people expressed interest in joining the Birthday Luncheon at Royals. There was a great sense of comradery as each boat had at least 6 people on board. Then as the week progressed, it became evident that it would become too windy for it to be a pleasant experience, however four boats were still prepared to sail to Williamstown. They were Chakana, Reliance and Saffron. Tom Hinton on Boomeroo sailed from Queenscliff two days before and overnigheted at Port Arlington, then sailed in very windy conditions to Wlliamstown. There was a bit of to and froing in the morning , as a couple of the more adventurous sailors were not unconvinced that they couldn't sail over. However common sense prevailed, and the thought of the discomfort from the bouncy ride home, meant that everyone piled into cars and drove over RVCV.

Everyone had a very pleasant day. There are great barbeque facilities, which were used, and the usual delicious food was produced. It was great way for everyone to catch up after Christmas.. Drinks are always bought at the bar, however restraint was needed as everyone had to drive home.

Jenny brought the traditional birthday cake, which was a chocolate mud cake. Rod Watson was roped in to cut it into the appropriate pieces., and it was just the right size. A very delicious cake. Thankyou Jenny for the effort of bringing it over.



Matt Fahey who is the duty officer from RYCV welcomed us into the club and wished us our happy birthday cruising luncheon.

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Advertisement for a share in a canal boat called “Robert”

A syndicate member is offering to sell his 1/5 share in “Robert”, an Australian-registered 10 metre steel Dutch Motor Cruiser berthed in France.

The asking price for a one fifth share is \$17,000, the annual contribution to cover insurance, winter berthing & maintenance etc is \$1,000 per share. There is also a usage charge of \$50 per day, for the period the boat is occupied.

I have paid the 2023 maintenance contribution already.

“Robert” is currently owned by four SYC members and a Mornington Peninsular resident under a formal Ownership Agreement. Each member has the use of Robert for 1 month per annum.

It’s a great way to explore the 8,000 km of navigable rivers and canals in rural France and the adjoining waterways of Belgium, Holland and Southern Germany.

For details, contact:

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The wooden Boat Show

Malcolm King

The wooden boat festival had a big day yesterday. Hobart was blessed with warm weather and sun and 1000s of visitors saw a fantastic display of well loved wooden boats in immaculate condition.

Princess wharf hosted the square riggers. Soren Larsen, James Craig, One and all and the young endeavor.

The Duyfken made an appearance on Elizabeth st wharf with wind windward bound and the marina was crammed full of smaller yachts and motor boats. All in all a wonderful festival.



NOTICEBOARD

Friday 17th February 2023 Cruising Group Dinner



A chance encounter in a laundry and chandlery led Robina and Brenton Smith to participate two handed in the 'Beyond the Barrier Rally' between COVID lockdowns in August, 2021, On **Chakana**, their Caliber 40LRC. The 'Beyond the Barrier Rally', cruising 200-400nm offshore into the Coral Sea was a true blue-water adventure, with pristine coral reefs, sandy cays, islets, and shipwrecks . As usual, gather in in the Members Bar for the weekly announcements and members' draw at 7:00pm, To book, please contact Mandy at Reception on 9592 3092 or email reception@rbyc.org.au . \$40.00 per person is payable on the night, inclusive of a two course dinner.

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February 2023 Bass Strait Cruise in Company

In late February, a group of Cruising Group Boats and Crews will be heading off for their annual two week long **Bass Strait Cruise in Company**. So far, seven boats have indicated that they will likely be participating, and we welcome any other boats which may wish to cruise along with them this year

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March 17th Cruising Group Dinner

As we have not organized any guest speaker, the Cruising Group has decided to have a photographic presentation of the 2023 BSC

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April 21st Cruising Group Dinner

We have several very exciting guest speakers to choose from , so please Stay tuned.

Chair Report February 2023



February seems to be warming up a little but appears more unsettled / windy / cold than in recent years. Lots of on water activities with cruising group members on expeditions within the bay and a number further afield.

Reports are coming in (12th February) of a very successful wooden boat show down in the apple island with Malcome King and Rod Cuthbert sending in some great photos.

The annual Bass Strait Cruise is coming around very rapidly now with great activity preparing boats, Saffron is getting engine seals done and a set of davits.

Our monthly Guest Speaker Dinners, kick off again in February. This Friday night (17th Feb) we have Robina and Brenton Smith talking about their trip 'Beyond the Barrier' during their recent travels north.

Keep an eye out for dates and topics on the third Friday of each month, bookings can be made via Mandy at Reception.

The March evening is soon after the Bass Strait cruise and due to no speakers being identified we have decided the evening will a photographic presentation of the 2023 Bass Strait Cruise, and some photos of past trips thrown in.

Other upcoming speakers include author Christiaan de Beukelaer on his book "Trade Winds", A Voyage to a Sustainable Future for Shipping. Wayne Seaward and crew of Cyan Moon presenting on their recent Rolex Sydney to Hobart race success.

Aquacadabra, Chakana and Saffron along with boats from the Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria continue planning and discussions on the proposed cruise in company to New Caledonia in May 2023, looks like RBYC boats may make up more than half the fleet at this stage.

Barbara Burns has indicated she no longer wants to continue as editor of the cruising group newsletter but is happy to continue while other arrangements are made. The Chair, Secretary and Committee thanks Barbara very much for her dedicated contributions over the last 5 years