

Annual Bass Strait “Cruise in Company”



The RBYC Cruising Group facilitates an annual, fortnight long, Bass Strait Cruise in Company. This Cruise usually takes place in the late February / early March timeframe. A Cruise Coordinator is assigned, and acts as the communication focal point for this cruise. Typically, interested boats and their crews will assemble at the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club on the first Saturday of the Cruise, where a meeting will be held to discuss the weather forecasts and destination options. Depending on the weather, the fleet may decide to head west to destinations such as Apollo Bay, and then perhaps on to King Island and to NW Tasmania. Alternatively, if the wind is in the other direction, then the fleet may decide to head east to Wilsons Promontory and locations such as Refuge Cove and Corner inlet, and then possibly on to Deal Island and /or Flinders Island. However, given this is a “Cruise in Company” each skipper is responsible for their own boat and crew, and on some occasions, the fleet will split, with various boats going in different directions to different destinations.

The emphasis is on having fun, and social events take place along the way, including the annual Cruising Group Bocce championship, Klopp competitions, and a themed BBQ. An information evening for the cruise is usually held at RBYC in early December.

