

PIZZA SUCCESS!



After a race in near perfect conditions on Thursday, our esteemed committee did a magnificent job of getting the entire fleet moored or rafted up in the vicinity of the KMYC where the shore festivities began. The KMYC Commodore John Spry was on the jetty welcoming Squadron members & Mark 'Jonno' Johnson & Paul 'Thackers'

Thackray had the pizza oven cranked up and ready to go.

Considering this is a new idea for the Cruise, it would have to be agreed by all, that it was a roaring success. Whilst pirates partied on the jetty and sea shanties were sung on the deck, there was a frenzy of pizza preparation & as the pizzas formed a less than orderly queue for the oven, our very own Pizza King in his Greek God apron & his able assistant stoked the fire & offered plenty of advice on the variety & particularly the height of the presented pizza toppings. I felt I was almost seeing a new addition to the galley gourmet challenge happening here! Jackie wielded both a glass of wine & the cutting wheel as the pizzas emerged from the oven & was at one stage spotted resorting to the woodcutting axe to slice a particularly over filled offering. Maybe the chef at the RSYS would like to offer some pizza making classes before next year's cruise as this will surely become a new staple on the Cruise itinerary.

Sue Swanson - Just Quietly

Cruise Sadly Plumbs to New Depths...

The About Time team of Andrew and Julian were unseated by the hybrid team of Angus Gray (traitor of the About Time crew) and our very own cruise captain Arthur Psaltis. It was enough to drive you to drink which we certainly did at length. Although the youth are putting us to shame and yet again Jack Dalla and his harem were still keeping the bay awake at 2am. No doubt much mourning at his departure today, though some parents might be well pleased. My wife got a 1.30am text asking to bring a bottle of rum to replace the one they drank that night. What kind of people drink like this and what sort of role model do they have? *Continued page 3.*

Cruising Group Notice - Sunday 23 April Waterfront Café

Because of the high numbers, we are now booked for lunch from 11:30 am. The eight boats that have indicated their attendance will be allocated RMYC berths from 1000hrs which will allow crews to taxi to the Waterfront Cafe at Church Point where space is scarce for anchoring. Please contact the RMYC on approach (9997 5511) and ask for the Marina. A booking has been made for the RMYC minibus which accommodates 11 people. Cost is \$20 each, round trip. Pay the driver as you board. The eight boats are: Kirribilli (2), Magnificat (2), Patricia VII (3), Prime Time (2), Sweet Chariot (2), Tula (4), Wah Moon (2) and Wine-Dark Sea (2). If there any changes please let John Hancox know on 0417 260 620.

Contributions Welcome

If any participant has any contributions, photos, editorials or general scuttlebutt for cruise news it would be appreciated. Please send them through to Chris chris@rsys.com.au or Margaret carney@rsys.com.au

Cruise Schedule

Today - Saturday 22

Lay Day 2 – Coasters Retreat Picnic Lunch & Activities from 1300hrs

Destination – The Basin / Coasters Retreat

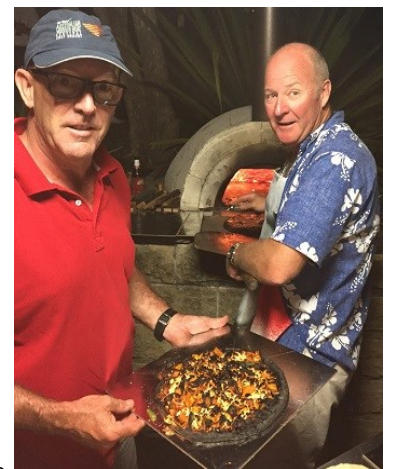
Social Event – Basin Picnic Lunch, BYO everything.

Tomorrow - Sun 23rd

Inshore Race 4 – 1230hrs Starting Flint & Steel, Finishing Challenger Head

Destination – RMYC

Social Event 1830hrs Dinner in the Garden Forecourt



Where we stood....

Isn't Refuge Bay a wonderful spot? Naturally beautiful, surrounded by bush, with a waterfall on shore, it's a safe anchorage in a southerly blow and with fickle mobile coverage, provides the perfect escape from the pressures of daily life.

Where we stood enjoying canapés, wine and some "liquid sunshine" presents a simple plaque commemorating an important piece of local and naval history. Where we stood was the bottom of the training site for the "Z Special Unit", the commandos from which undertook what has been termed "one of the most daring and successful seaborne raids in military history."



The training camp was located at the top of the waterfall and the 11 hand

picked trainees were required to climb to it several times a day by swing climbing using ropes and accessing the beach by lowering themselves down on bosun's chairs.

They learnt hand to hand combat, camouflage techniques, how to disassemble and reassemble a variety of guns and equipment, move through water silently, as well as how to lay explosives...all vital skills for the mission that lay ahead.

Of the 11 trainees who called Refuge Bay their home for the 3 months of intensive training, 5 were selected for the mission. They departed Broken Bay on the 18th January, 1943. "Operation Jaywick" had begun. Travelling on the timber motor launch, the MV

"Krait" north along the coast to Cairns and then onto Exmouth to collect an additional 6 commandos before setting off for their final destination, Singapore Harbour. The target was Japanese shipping at anchor and in port.

Flying the rising sun flag and covering themselves with "dark body paint" they hoped to pass as a local fishing vessel and travelled through enemy territory under constant threats of aerial and sea patrols. At around 7.20pm on 26th September, 1943, they assembled their canoes and under the cover of darkness laid mines on several Japanese ships. The timed detonations allowed them enough time to escape.

All in all 7 Japanese ships were sunk or damaged and required extensive repairs and all men escaped back to Australia, despite intense Japanese air and sea searches, arriving back at Exmouth on the 19th October, 1943. None of the commandos were killed or wounded.

So as we reflect on our wonderful canapés and camaraderie, pause in thought for the heroes who trained, planned and bonded as a precision fighting force, all on the sands and surrounds of where we stood in Refuge Bay.....Lest we forget. *Robert Pizzie - Tonic*



Cottage Point Inn Lunch:

The Squadron dominated the patronage with 23 guests fronting up on Thursday, two yachts rafting up on the pontoon and one on a 24 hour mooring. It was a magnificent afternoon with splendid food, wines and a birthday celebration for one of Wine-Dark Sea's guests. *John Hancox - Magnificat*



Continued from page 1. I must say that I was a bit sceptical about 2 lay days but have to admit it was very relaxing in Refuge and as usual the day just melted away.

Having been on a few cruises, the weather this year has been among the best and fingers crossed, it continues. Thursday morning was pretty spectacular with a wonderful fog in Refuge Bay and it wasn't even a result of imbibing the night before. Racing with our modest crew of 9 was great fun and we had a ding dong battle with our arch rivals on Ishtar. We were only in front of them for 2 minutes during the race and luckily for us it was the last 2. However, while we might have won the battle they won the war thrashing us on handicap. We knew we were in trouble at the first mark when the wonderfully sailed Just Quietly was with us and they maintained the rage and came equal first with Trish Stan-

ley's Willyama. In division 2 it is great to see Doug Sturrock and crew back on the cruise. They have lost none of their mojo taking out Division 2. Out of the Blue lived up to their name taking out Division 3.

Just a tip. Don't covert Cruise Captain or even be related to one. The normally well placed Psaltis boys managed last in their respective fleets, probably looking ahead and securing a good handicap for 2018. KMYC inaugural pizza night was a huge success with an incredible variety of pizza and all in great spirits. Patience was a virtue and lucky we are a virtuous lot. The chefs Paul Thackray and beautifully attired (some said he made a real dick of himself) Mark Johnson, did an in-



credible job feeding the troops. They probably don't want to see another pizza for a while. We are looking forward to the coming days. Without doubt, my favourite week of the year. Nothing like mucking around in boats with great friends. It is sad the stalwart Bill Gilbert and the mighty Southern Cross are not with us this year and I wish them all the best. Happy sailing and when we meet, I hope I am on starboard ☺.
Julian Farren-Price - About Time

Cruise Weather Updated - Clouds Badham

Saturday 22 April

W-NW/5 then NE/10-15 midday and 14-18 in the mid and later afternoon.

1-1.5m waves in the afternoon waves and 1m E swell
Fairly cloudy with a few showers likely

Sunday 23 April

W-NW/5 then SE-E/7-12 in the afternoon

1m afternoon waves and 1m E swell
Partly cloudy – shower or 2.

Monday 24 April

W/4-7 morning then NE/12-16 afternoon the back to N-NNW/15-20 at night

1-1.2mm afternoon waves and 1m E-NE swell
early shower then dry.

Pulpit Puzzles

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Nautical Trivia

- Q1. What colour flag must be flown when entering the waters of another country?
- Q2. Before a battle, why were the walls removed from a ship?
- Q3. If someone says “we need to go and splice the main brace”, what does that mean?
- Q4. Who or what is known as the red duster?

Answer for yesterdays trivia questions;

- Q1 - The word "yacht" comes from the old Dutch, jacht, an abbreviation of jaghtschip, "hunting ship".
- Q2 - A dolphin is a group of piles (usually three) driven close together and bound with wire cables into a single structure. Often used as aid to navigation.
- Q3 - 2 Prince Phillips Cups.
- Q4 - All found in an anchor locker.
- Q5 - The mount used to house the steering compass is called a 'Pinnacle'.
- Q6 - Ella's Pink Lady sailed by Jessica Watson.