



## 55th Annual Squadron Cruise Invitation

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's (RSYS) Annual Cruise Committee cordially invites cruising yachts, racing yachts and motorboats to participate in the 55th Annual Cruise to the Broken Bay area which includes Pittwater, Cowan Creek and Coal and Candle Creek.

The 55<sup>th</sup> Cruise dates have been set and see a change in the racing program. The cruise will start on Saturday 12 April, with the traditional offshore race and finish in Pittwater on Good Friday 18 April. There will be no offshore race to return to Sydney. This will allow those entrants who wish to continue their Easter break cruising the waterways of Pittwater to do so. This change also allows those entrants who have commitments elsewhere over Easter the opportunity to head back to Sydney in a timely manner.

The Cruise offers something for all entrants, both racing and cruising in company. You are guaranteed to have a great time, catch up with old friends and meet new ones in what is arguably the best cruising grounds on the east coast of Australia.

For those without their own boat, whether racing or cruising, look at chartering from one of the many companies on Pittwater. We will be following previous years' formats with some minor changes that consider tides and feedback from participants.

For racing participants, there is a program of up to six races. You may wish to compete in both inshore and offshore race or just inshore depending on your crew availability. Competitors are always looking for crew during the week so there are opportunities to join a crew for all or some of the races.

For the cruising in company entrants, a busy week is planned with visits to local restaurants, cafes and places of interest.

The Cruise has a long tradition of bringing families and friends together. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring their families along to enjoy the experience of racing and cruising and just mucking around in boats. Many of the children who have participated in previous cruises have made long term friendships that continue today.

The social program provides the opportunity to assemble in a different location almost every evening. There is something for everyone: a welcome sausage sizzle at Halletts beach "Vikings" theme, a progressive dinner on board, a Squadron catered carvery lunch at the Kuring-Gai Motor Yacht Club (KMYC) at Cottage Point on the lay day, and canapes afloat. The last night's casual get together is still waiting to be confirmed and we will advise location as we get closer to the date.

The Squadron provides support in the form of MV Mischief which doubles as the race committee boat and base for the management of all activities. The Squadron also provides a RIB with driver for limited tender service to scheduled events.

The Cruise is not limited to RSYS members, so if you are from another club or have friends with a boat in another club, please consider joining us for a great week of boating on some of the best cruising grounds in Australia.

Please note the closing date for entries is Monday 24 March 2025 and be sure to submit a boat profile for the Cruise Handbook by the same date. Entries will open soon.

Richard Chapman

Cruise Captain