

LOVE that MAT cruise

March 24-26 2017

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After a month of rainy days came Monday 20th - overcast but no rain. Looking good for coming weekend! Tuesday 21st - overcast but still no rain. I'm feeling positive. Wednesday 22nd - overcast, still no rain and I can hear the music at warners bay, taste the wine and feel the friendship of our cruise mates already. I'm feeling excited about the weekend lake sail. Thursday 23rd - overcast, no rain. Woo whoo! 6pm....what's that I hear....it will pass, I'm sure.



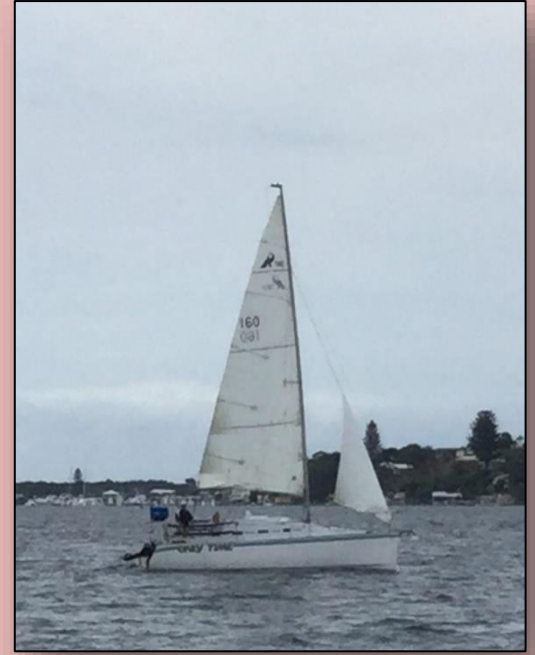
Friday 24th - check weather 65% chance of 5-10 and 65% chance of 5-10 for Saturday and Sunday. Bugger!!!! What's a bit of rain anyway for us ol' salts???? Pack and head to the music so Crosswind can meet up with chums she hasn't seen for quite a while. Didn't even bother putting the solar panel on! So commences our first time getting our feet wet into the world of cruise organisation for others in the club.

As predicted Friday evening was extremely pleasant, full of music. Hats off to the band (not bad at all) and later our requests from Garry's phone thanks to blue tooth...and no rain!

Saturday 25th and we are definitely blessed. The sun is shining on us, breeze on the water, bacon and eggs and strong coffee. What more can we ask for? Only Time thought it was about time we headed so seven little Australian boats departed Warners Bay music marina and headed off to



Murrays Beach for lunch. We did mainly motor due to lack of sufficient puff hoping for more breeze at Belmont. Warren was intent on getting there first and Coconut Duck, leaving their boom tent on, knew something the rest of us didn't. Marks Point was where we cut the motors and let the sails take us to our destination.



Must have been Sail Away's breeze prayers, as they waited for us at Coal Point. No...we weren't going backwards, Kim even though it may have appeared that way!! Lunch stop over at Murrays Beach, to the alarm of all the people fishing off the wharf who had to move to make room for us. A good sail and shark spotting trip to Chain Valley Bay for a sundowners induced sleep in extremely calm waters. Not a rock to be felt!



Sun 26th saw the historic fall of the two Lake Munmorah chimney stacks built in the 1960s. A surprise to see them both fall to the side rather than imploding. When the dusts settle charts will have to adjust their significant land marks to only show the 3 Vales Point chimneys at the southern end of the lake.

With heavy hearts reflecting the loss we headed north checking out the Trinity Point Marina, Bardens Bay, Sugar Bay and across to the boat shed at the Sport & Rec on Wolstoncroft point listening to the sounds of the Bellbirds and spotting seriously large eagles perched high in the trees observing us motoring passed. An interesting place on the bucket list for a future adventure perhaps!

The crackling of the radio coming alive hauls us back to reality to consider our next meeting spot at Dobell Park Wangi. Lisa must have been hanging out for her coffee as they hummed along to be the first there waiting patiently for the rest of us. A quick spot of lunch and we all where homeward bound. Lisa would agree Sail Away takes the prize for the biggest wave goodbye!

What an absolutely pleasant way to spend a weekend. Not a drop of rain to be seen. Thanks Coconut Duck, Humm Along, Sail Away, Only Time (who snuck away in the wee hours of the morning), Day 2, Aquila, Macnifique and us....Crosswind.

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