

# CATALINA FLEET NEWS

March



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True North  
Race 2 Autumn series



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### General Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given of a General Meeting of the Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association to be held by ZOOM and at Club Macquarie

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

***Deadline for content for the next Newsletter: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021***

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## Commodore's Bit



Welcome everyone to probably the best time of the year for trailer sailing, the weather is perfect for getting out on the water as has been proved from last few events that have been held. The Hawksbury cruise held this March was a great success (see cruise report next month) with six yachts attending.

Next club cruise will be the Easter Myall Lakes cruise 2/5 April with Gypsea the cruise leader, if your attending please contact Phil

Autumn series racing has started race 1 & 2 held from Styles Point, the next races will be held from F Jetty March 20/ 21.

OTB have their second race trial 13/14 March so if anyone is interested with attending please contact Brian

Numbers are bit down in Racing and Cruising so come on Skippers and Admirals get your Trailer Yachts wet, it is a great time of the year.

Commodore Kev

### OOD Autumn Series

20 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 OOD Deja vu	Race 1	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 OOD Humm along	Race 2
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 OOD Farrgo	Race 3	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 OOD Cygnet	Race 4
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 OOD Lola	Race 5	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 OOD Only Time	Race 6
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 OOD Spy C	Race 7	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 OOD Amerthyst	Race 8

*NHTYA Members.*

*I would like to thank the members of the Club for the kind thoughts, flowers and the attendance at Nev's Funeral and Celebration of his life. Love the cover of the Catalina Fleet. We have very much enjoyed the friendship with the members for the many years we have been in the club. It has been a wonderful lifestyle throughout. It is so appreciated that club members are always there to lend a hand when needed. Thankyou Phillip for the eulogy you did for Nev and thankyou to Commodore Kevin for your tribute to Nev. It is sad to think this great part of our life has come to an end so soon. The great memories we have had with the NHTYA will never fade. Keep sailing and enjoy as we have. Thanks again for your support.*

*Love to all, Judy and family.*

# NHTYA General Meeting Minutes At Club Macquarie/ Zoom 16/2/21

**Meeting Opened:-** 7.31pm

**Apologies:-** Brain & Heather Bath

**Attendance:-** as per attendance sheet and via Zoom

**Minutes of last meeting:-**

As read by Kev in Dec- Jan Newsletter

**Matters arising from the previous minutes:-**

Nil

**Moved:-** John P

**Seconded:-** Charmain

**Correspondence:-**

**In:-** Nil

**Out:-** Nil

**Treasurers Report:- presented by Charmain**

## NHTYA General Meeting 15.2.2021

### Treasurers Report

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<b>CB Business Account</b> Opening Balance @ 17.11.2020		\$ 17,876.93
<b>Plus Receipts</b>		
On Shore Xmas	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
		\$ 17,926.93
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Rathmines Butcher	\$ 1,745.00	
Funds Transfer to Card Account	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,145.00
 <u>Closing Balance @ 15.2.21 as per bank statement</u>		
		<b><u>\$ 15,781.93</u></b>

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<b>CB Card Account</b> Opening Balance @ 17.11.2020		\$ 87.39
<b>Plus Receipts</b>		
Funds Transfer from General Account	\$ 400.00	
Unauthorised Returned	\$ 396.26	\$ 796.26
 <b>Less Expenses</b>		
Xero Accounting Software x 3	\$ 56.25	
Zoom Meeting x 2	\$ 46.18	
Unauthorised Spends	\$ 396.26	
Bank Fee	\$ 1.62	\$ 500.31
 <u>Closing Balance @ 15.2.21 as per bank statement</u>		
		<b><u>\$ 383.34</u></b>

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Accounts Payable:

- Post box check- correspondence from Sailing Australia
- Autumn race fees due- most members have paid
- New membership- still waiting to receive fees

**Moved:-** Charmain

**Seconded:-** Hart P

**Racing Report:- presented by Chris K**

- Good weather report for coming weekend race- weather has not been the best lately
- Audits due before first race
- **Brian**- taken on handicapper role, has sent out sailing instructions to club members
- **Auditing**- needs to be completed if one has not been carried out in last 2 years- bring completed (self- audit) form this racing weekend
- By August 21- everyone to have completed an audit form
- Brian has supplied an OOD list for the newsletter- please inform Brian if you need to swap your rostered day
- Handicapping system- CBH
- Charmain will forward a list to Brian of the financial racing members
- Kev- John A has passed onto him the 2020 Racing Medals to be handed out to recipients

**Cruising Report:- presented by Graeme**

- An email outlining up-coming cruises has been forwarded to members
- February cruise did not go ahead
- Further information to come regarding future cruises

**Membership:- presented by Phil**

- Two pple have enquired about using the boat lift- at least 6 mths memberships is required to use lift

- Three- four pple have made enquiries regarding membership- no forms or money has been received as yet
- “Ice Dancer”- new owner has expressed interest in joining club

### **Aquatic Services:- presented by John Pateman**

- As read by John in Dec- Jan Newsletter

### **Social Events:- presented by Kev**

- Garry- is currently organising Presentation Night Re:- venue, trophies etc
- Val is working on the website with Garry to update it
- Kim & Phil’s cruise to the Clarence in May- please inform Kim (or Phil) ASAP your interest to attend
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Cruise on Lake Mac/Styles- this is a cruise to encourage and involve our junior-family members (eg grandchildren)- it will involve activities and cruising around the lake
- It is very important for Kev to get numbers ASAP for organisation if you are interested in getting involved
- Facebook notifications will be set up
- Please contact cruise leaders direct for all cruises

### **General Business**

- **The Hawkesbury River cruise March 5,6,7th-** is being run by Graeme & Charmain
- **Ken H-** suggested setting up an Event Page on F/B
- **Lake Feast page-** suggestion-to attract new interest in our club, promoting our club to the community- potential new members can possibly visit Styles Point to meet members and view boats
- **Kev-** spoke about the Catalina Festival which has been used in the past to promote the club
- **Facebook-** there are issues with not all club members being on F/B to receive cruise notifications or an Event Page- members still need to contact cruise leaders directly
- **Brian & Val-** commented on OTB weekend
- 7 boats attended with 3 races
- It was a great day and Brian is still getting enquiries
- Expressed need to resolve method of fee payment- to discuss further with Charmain (clearly state “Race fees-OTB” with payment)
- **Doug- OTB Racing-** son is joining the club
- **Warren-** has purchased a vinyl cutter- he can do labels, stickers, boat stripes etc vinyl orders- please contact Warren if you require anything



- Warren has a “Maricat” for sale with a registered trailer (OTB sailing)
- **Chris**- spoke about the importance of wearing a life jacket, reflecting on a recent sailing tragedy on the lake when a local sailor lost his life after being hit overboard by the boom
- **Kev**- thanked members for their attendance at Nev’s funeral and thanked Phil for giving an eulogy on behalf of the club
- **Phil**- will be running a Myall Lakes Easter Cruise- it will involve moving around the water system and launching at Nerong- a flyer will be coming out in due course

**Meeting Closed:-** 8.50pm

Lisa Pateman

**NHYTA Secretary**

Note:- Due to auditory issues with the zoom technology I may have missed or misheard some communication/ information from members in these minutes- my apologies for this

Lisa



Farr Too Sirius race 2

### 2021 Autumn Series Race 1 – PBH

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	100	True North	02:49:56	0.570	01:36:52	0.587	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:39:56
3	2	25	Free Spirit	03:10:45	0.560	01:46:49	0.561	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	16:00:45
3	3	13	Farr-2-Sirius	02:53:33	0.618	01:47:15	0.618	B Harrison	Farr 740 Sports	15:43:33
3	4	T3728	Jocimo	03:13:57	0.554	01:47:27	0.553	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	16:03:57
1	5	M193	Cygnnet	03:23:06	0.533	01:48:15	0.531	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	15:58:06
1	6	312	Lola	03:51:30	0.506	01:57:08	0.496	K Hill	Sonata6.3nospin	16:26:30
3	7	M73	Heart Beat	03:34:34	0.650	02:19:28	0.637	C Hart	Spider24mk2NoSpin	16:24:34
1	DNF	111	Humm Along		0.487			J Pateman	Sonata 7-No-Spin	
3	DNF	2513	Blew By U		0.650			D Wilson	Gazelle26Nospin	
2	DNS	752	Farr & Beyond		0.600			H Peters	Farr 7500	
1	DUT	2830	Deja vu		0.533			C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	

### 2021 Autumn Series Race 1 – CBH

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	TCF	TCF Cor d T	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
1	100	True North	02:49:56	0.707	02:00:09	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	15:39:56
2	13	Farr-2-Sirius	02:53:33	0.755	02:11:02	B Harrison	Farr 740 Sports	15:43:33
3	M193	Cygnnet	03:23:06	0.650	02:12:01	D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpClass	15:58:06
4	25	Free Spirit	03:10:45	0.707	02:14:52	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	16:00:45
5	T3728	Jocimo	03:13:57	0.707	02:17:07	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	16:03:57
6	312	Lola	03:51:30	0.634	02:26:46	K Hill	Sonata6.3nospin	16:26:30
7	M73	Heart Beat	03:34:34	0.745	02:39:51	C Hart	Spider24mk2NoSpin	16:24:34
DNF	111	Humm Along		0.634		J Pateman	Sonata 7-No-Spin	
DNF	2513	Blew By U		0.702		D Wilson	Gazelle26Nospin	
DNS	752	Farr & Beyond		0.708		H Peters	Farr 7500	
DUT	2830	Deja vu		0.624		C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	

### 2021 Autumn Series Race 2 – CBH

Div No	Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Elapsd	AHC	Cor'd T	CHC	Skipper	Class	Fin Tim
3	1	T3728	Jocimo	02:22:47	0.553	01:18:58	0.561	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:12:47
3	2	13	Farr-2-Sirius	02:10:52	0.618	01:20:52	0.620	B Harrison	Farr 740 Sports	14:00:52
3	3	25	Free Spirit	02:24:54	0.561	01:21:17	0.561	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:14:54
3	4	100	True North	02:21:24	0.587	01:23:00	0.581	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:11:24
1	5	2830	Deja vu	02:37:46	0.533	01:24:05	0.524	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:07:46
1	6	312	Lola	02:52:34	0.496	01:25:36	0.486	K Hill	Sonata6.3nospin	14:22:34
2	DNC	752	Farr & Beyond		0.600			H Peters	Farr 7500	
3	DNC	2513	Blew By U		0.650			D Wilson	Gazelle26Nospin	
3	DNC	M73	Heart Beat		0.637			C Hart	Spider24mk2NoSpin	
1	DNC	M193	Cygnnet		0.531			D Bradburn	Cygnnet 20 No SpCla	
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1	2830	Deja vu	02:37:46	0.624	01:38:27	C Keevers	Farr 6000 No Spin	14:07:46
2	13	Farr-2-Sirius	02:10:52	0.755	01:38:48	B Harrison	Farr 740 Sports	14:00:52
3	100	True North	02:21:24	0.707	01:39:58	P Melbourne	Castle 650-No-Spin	14:11:24
4	T3728	Jocimo	02:22:47	0.707	01:40:57	J Haig	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:12:47
5	25	Free Spirit	02:24:54	0.707	01:42:27	B White	Noelex 25-No-Spin	14:14:54
6	312	Lola	02:52:34	0.634	01:49:24	K Hill	Sonata6.3nospin	14:22:34
DNC	752	Farr & Beyond		0.708		H Peters	Farr 7500	
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## Off the Beach Racing Results for 27 Feb 21

Yardstick							
Race 4		Race Start		12:53:00			
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta - SQ - 1 up	842	13:32:22	0:39:22	0:45:15	1
Tom Howell	Sirocco	Windrush - Cat - SQ	3193	13:40:18	0:47:18	0:49:01	2
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	009	13:44:29	0:51:29	0:52:00	3
Pam Shipway & Jacob Ridley	Hail Hydra	Hydra 16 - Single Trap	446	13:45:15	0:52:15	1:02:34	4
Cam / Chris	Sharky	Hobie 16	75804	13:49:30	0:56:30	1:09:20	5
Ken Hill	For Sail	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	2214	14:03:22	1:10:22	1:12:33	6
Andrew Dyce	Ninja	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	4002	14:09:37	1:16:37	1:17:23	7
Race 5		Race Start		14:15:00			
Name	Boat Name	Class	Sail No	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Place
Tom Howell	Sirocco	Windrush - Cat - SQ	3193	14:57:55	0:42:55	0:44:28	1
Brian Harrison	Not as Sirius	Weta - SQ - 2 up	842	14:57:13	0:42:13	0:48:31	2
Ken Hill	For Sail	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	2214	15:08:23	0:53:23	0:55:02	3
Warren Parrott	Catatonic	Maricat - Cat - GRP Hull	009	15:10:05	0:55:05	0:55:38	4
Doug Dyce	Ninja	Maricat - Sloop - GRP	4002	15:11:06	0:56:06	0:56:40	5
Pam Shipway & Jacob Ridley	Hail Hydra	Hydra 16 - Single Trap	446	15:07:46	0:52:46	1:03:12	6
Cam / Georgie	Sharky	Hobie 16	75804	15:13:27	0:58:27	1:11:43	7

**Who knew that after one race Ken Hill would learn so fast?**



# NHTYA General Meeting

## 16/03/2021

### 7pm

This meeting will be run using electronic media



“ZOOM”

+ Club Macquarie contact  
Kevin if attending club Macquarie

Meeting ID – (will be emailed to members)  
Password -

Guests to contact Kevin Newman for login details PH0411 157137

# Myall Lakes

Easter 2021

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

This year we have decided to start and finish the 4+ day long weekend cruise at 'Nerong'.

Nerong is about 10 Kms south of Bulahdelah on the highway, as you turn in of the main road you just follow it around for about 1km and the ramp is down on the right. It is a single ramp with a jetty/wall running parallel to the shore, the rigging area is limited, and parking is along the road [its usually pretty safe]. For those that get there early you can over night on one of the public moorings close by. If you are unsure ring me, and I will give a more detailed idea of where to find them.

If you can let us know you are attending that would be nice and we won't leave without you.

From Nerong we will head out into Nerong Creek across the Broadwater, Mungo, Bomba Point and Two Mile for the first night.

All going to plan, by the end of the weekend we will get to Nerani Sands, River Mouth, Reedy Point, Cataway, Shellie Beach, Blossom, Johnsons, Two Horse, etc.

Hopefully the gods will still kind to us and the water will be swimmable, of course there will be a Seasonal egg hunt.

As usual you will need to bring your own water, food and fuel for the whole trip.

Planning on having a fire most nights, so a couple of bags of wood to share would also help.

Phillip and Kim 0414223654

Gypsea



# Clarence River 2021

## *Gypsea* is off again

*Not quite sure what will happen this year in regards to COVID 19 restrictions so Kim and I would like to invite members to enjoy a one week cruise up the Clarence River waterways*

NHTYA as a club has not conducted a cruise on these waters for possibly 20 years but some members have done the "Clarence River Classic" Race/Cruise over the last couple of years and come back raving about it.

Using these dates **9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021** inclusive, it's time to start planning

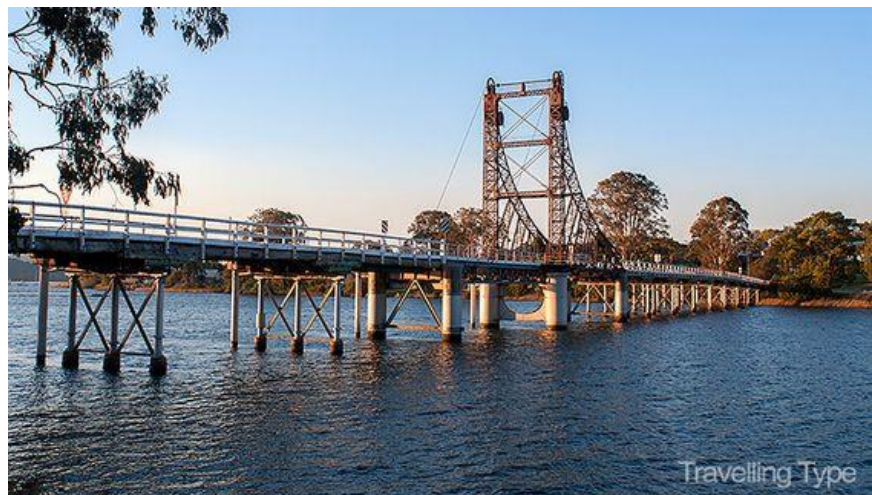
Starting at Grafton and finishing at Grafton. via Brushgrove, Lawrence, Munro Island, Iluka, Maclean, Yamba, Hardwood

### **General info**

- Most night should be spent on a jetty at a town or similar
- Rubber ducky [useful but not necessary]
- Food – plenty of pubs/restaurants/cafe's on most occasions.
- Sail or motor it's up to you!
- Mast up or mast down again it's up to you!
- Some days will be short allowing for sightseeing at some of the towns.
- This river has 53 islands
- 2 nights will be spent at Iluka mid-week

We need to know who is going to try and arrange secure parking  
Please let us know

Phillip and Kim 0414 223654



# MARINE CORROSION CONTROL

Corrosion on boat trailers is a worry for all boat trailer owners as the ultimate result, if not regularly controlled, is a total replacement of the trailer. With this cost in mind, I have searched, found and used a product which may answer my prayers and yours also.

**CorrosionX Heavy Duty, Green Can** (also widely known as CorrosionX HD) is a high performance thickened-film version of CorrosionX. It was developed specifically to provide maximum protection against moisture intrusion and the resulting rust and corrosion.

CorrosionX HD is dripless and resists displacement or removal by splash, rain, seawater or even pressure washing. It is ideal for long-term protection against serious rust and corrosion assault and in situations where the surface being protected is exposed directly to the elements. Unlike wax-based corrosion barrier coatings, CorrosionX HD will not dry, harden or crack. The coating is self-healing and will slowly penetrate rust and corrosion-causing electrolytes.

Corrosion and electrical failures due to salt and moisture have got to be the most annoying and costly problem on boats and trailers. Unless treated it will be never ending. While salt water is unfriendly to steel, it is deadly to boat trailer owners' budgets. Rust in rarely used equipment is a costly and nerve wrecking business. And where there is no access, there is no maintenance. But left to rot it will cost even more.

Preventative maintenance saves money, downtime and even lives! CorrosionX HD will reach and protect frames and bolts no one has seen since the boat or trailer was built. CorrosionX HD is quiet, non-flammable and extremely low toxicity.

CorrosionX HD was designed for and with the US Navy. That's why it has US and NATO Mil specs.

It was meant from the very start to withstand the extreme conditions on Navy ships. CorrosionX HD is wash resistant.

While some other products are good for either electrics OR over rubber/neoprene OR on hot engine heads, CorrosionX HD can be used safely on ALL applications. It drives out moisture and won't let it back in. It lubricates and penetrates.

As it is non flammable, you can use it safely in even the hottest engine room. It won't affect rubber hoses or neoprene seals.

I have only been using this product on my trailer for 2 years and am extremely pleased with the results.

Its application is once a year or touch up as required. The best way to apply it is, after launching your boat, leave the trailer to dry out whilst you enjoy your sailing then return 1 or 2 days later and spray the whole trailer, (Approx. 20 – 30 minutes) taking care not to coat brake pads or disks/drums. Leave to dry as long as possible, another day is ideal.

Unfortunately, one cannot see inside RHS chassis members and hence cannot coat internally. However, this product reacts like a "slime" from outer space and continues to move along rusted areas, so spraying into the chassis members will at least take care of the back of the trailer which enters the salt water. But to be as sure as you can, continue to hose out these areas as well.

CorrosionX HD (Green Can) is not cheap, approx. \$50 + per can and I use 2 cans to cover the whole trailer. Whitworths carry the standard CorrosionX (red can) but not the Heavy Duty (green can), which I believe works better for me. I purchase it from Applied Industrial Technologies Pty. Ltd. Unit 1, 4 Friesian Close, Sandgate, NSW. 2304. phone 4960 9222. Other outlets closer to you may be available and can be found on the internet.

John and Carol Parker  
Liquid Lunch





## More to Moreton Bay than Shoals!

A delayed start to Crosswind's & Coconut Duck's planned three weeks discovering Moreton Bay, due to Brisbane's 3 day lockdown. We decided to wait it out cruising the Clarence River from Grafton to Iluka and Yamba and back again. Always an enjoyable cruise and Duck's first time there.

Lock down lifted and we headed north.

### Day 1 Steiglitz to The Bedrooms, Sth Stradbroke Is

Our night at the Horizon Shores Marina allowed us to rig, launch, securely store the cars and trailers, view the first of many rainbow displays, laundry, shower and generally prepare for a few days. Thursday morning we shopped at Pimpama, pumped up the dingy and headed off.

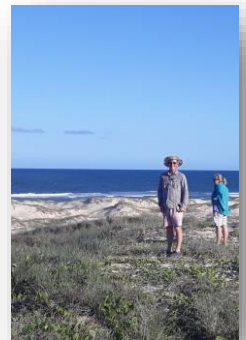


Crosswind and Coconut Duck exited the marina and headed N to Cabbage Tree Pt, then SE at the yellow mark to pass Kangaroo Is (Boonnnahbah) to starboard and Eden Is on the portside. The beacons were something to puzzle over. So many to be seen across the high tide into other channels. Both Crosswind and Coconut Duck had to lift the gear on more than one occasion! Lesson learnt: always listen to local knowledge or have lots of practice lifting gear! Then east down Walley Gutter to The Broadwater,

E side of Pandanus Is protection and an night with the sand We fired up the dingy the sand dunes to concrete jungle to entrance to the north, Plenty of turtles, rays and



SE to Tipplers Is an N along a narrow channel with 2m depth at low to The Bedrooms in the with suitable all weather appropriate name to spend the flies! Poor Cathy! oars, beached and walked over see the sea and view Surfer's the south and Jumpinpin kangaroos and a few campers. Cathy caught 5 fish.



### Day 2 The Bedrooms to Brown Is Puddle Sth, Stradbroke Is

Heading S along Tipplers Passage. Lots of big boats anchored here along the sandy South Stradbroke shore line. Passing Southport Yacht Club jetty, Gold Coast Boat Club and Tipplers Resort Anchorages, sandy shores, jetties and facilities including bar and cafe. Exiting the passage and back into The Broadwater, passing Pimpama River to our starboard and turning east into Couran Cove for a look at the marina, resort, ice creams and settlement.

Taking the north branch of the Coomera River narrow but navigable. Following beacons to arrive at the south branch of the Coomera River for lunch Sanctuary Cove among the big boats. Then through the busy waterways back into The Broadwater and into Camp Ground (a little puddle south of Brown Is). Small, shallow but good all round protection. Sludge through the low tide mud for a walk to beach, swim, shower on board, happy hour and *fresh* caught fish for dinner.



### Day 3 Brown Is to Tipplers via Gold Coast

We headed south along The Broadwater to cross the Gold Coast Seaway and into the chaos of the Gold Coast traffic. OMG! I think we should not have come here on a busy holiday day. Jet skis, launches and every man and his dog were on the water. We checked out Bums Bay near Sea World, went as far south as we could before turning north and along the western shore line. No sailing here by any means. Lots of motoring required refuelling at Runaway Bay marina just as a quick 20 minute storm rinsed the boats off. Tipplers Passage was our choice for the night for wind direction protection. We made sure we selected The Gold Coast Boat Club anchorage with the bar and ice creams. A fine choice!



#### Day 4 Tiplers to Dunwich, Nth Stradbroke Is

Next morning we continued our northern direction along South Stradbroke Is to the entrance between Nth and Sth Stradbroke Islands, called Jumpinpin, a popular spot judging by the number of boats. The "go slow" zone here is a Dugong spotting spot, however none were seen.

Passing the Slipping Sands where kids were sliding down huge sand hills straight into the water. Garry and I resisted the urge to join them.

Passing Russell Is to port we paused for a while to do some Dugong spotting and experienced the unfriendliness of RQYS at Canaipia Pt when we tried to tie up for water replenishment, so on we went into the big wide waters of Moreton Bay.



Packed away the boom tents, raised the main, unfurled the foresail and headed north to Dunwich for the night. Great Sailing!! I had read so many good reports about Dunwich. We experienced few but did manage (with difficulty) to replenish water supplies. Finding a good anchorage at Deanbilla Bay, Garry and Cathy ubered (Crosswind's dingy) to Crosswind for happy hour, dinner and their first bridge lesson. Coconut Duck's dingy had sprung a leak and was in need of a repair job.

#### Day 5 Dunwich to Raby Bay, Greater Brisbane

Lots of rain and wind predicted for the next 2 days, we decided to sit in a marina at Raby Bay for this where we could be productive, restocking,

showering, washing and repairing (Coconut Ducks dingy).

So we headed west under the very big black storm clouds, passing Peel Is to its south.

As the rain passed and the sun shone so brightly we doubted the wisdom of our decision, but forged ahead nonetheless and so glad we were not lulled into a false sense of security by the calm before the storm! 200mm of water, lightening and thunder just above us. Garry was glad Crosswind and a taller mast than Coconut Duck. We both battled to keep with water out of the boats resulting in loads of wet towels.

#### Day 6 Raby Bay to Myora Passage, Nth Stradbroke Is

As they say "Plans are drawn in the sand". The morning graced us with sunshine, a brisk walk and a change of plans to sail east to an anchorage just north of Dunwich to sit out the forecast rain and 20knt northerlies.

This time we passed Peel Is to the north and took a short cut through the shallows at high tide to Lazarette Gutter and continue a shorter course to the east and round to the south side of the island.

Seeing rays and turtles....but no dugongs and watching our depth indicators closely, with our gear raised and a falling tide, we made it passed the Platypus Wreck and to Horseshoe Bay for rafting up, lunch and a swim. Still rafted up, Coconut Duck fired up the motor and guided Crosswind for a closer look at the wreck. The intention

was to pick up a close by mooring so Garry could have a dive around the wreck. The mooring was unpickupable, (I think that is a word), the wind blew and Garry had to manoeuvre through a rather narrow pass with rusty, sharp pointy wreck one side and jagged rocks the other and Crosswind still rafted up!!!! Well done Garry....we survived, made it to Myora anchorage (not rafted up) to ride out the 25-30knt SE winds and rain. Second anchors were deployed, set and reset. Nothing fell short of the predictions and a sleepless night was had checking transits for dragging anchors. Again, another exercise in survival, just like this crazy tree!



#### Day 7 Myora to Myora.....Cabin Fever

You guessed it.... due to wind and rain conditions we decided to sit for the day, reassess in the afternoon to see if the weather would allow a dash north along Nth Stradbroke to Amity Pt.

More bridge lessons and good cheer to these boat confined sailors trying to keep cabin fever at bay. Thanks to Crosswind's uber and The Duck's motor, anchors were again checked and rechecked.

It was here I learnt the real reason for lots of anchor checking at the Myall Lakes.

### Day 8 Myora to The Sand Hills Moreton Island

Up early, sunny, 12knt SSE all day, boom tents off and a great sail to Amity Pt. Dolphins but sadly no dugongs...maybe they are otherwise known as unicorns!

What a pretty place Amity Pt is. Red sand, clear blue waters, lovely little beaches. Fuel and water restock and ice creams for the sailors.



Leaving Amity Pt at 11.30am for Kooringal Sth Moreton Is, we crossed the South Passage Entrance between Nth Stradbroke Is and Moreton Is. And an exciting crossing it was, surfing a few waves we finally made it to the calm of Days Gutter stopping at Campbell Pt for a well earned refreshing ale and a spot of lunch at a very tropical Gutter Bar & Cafe. Again our comfort zones were tested....and we survived! Further north to an anchorage between the Big Sand Hills and Little Sand Hills. Yes, even the little ones are big.



### Day 9 The Sand Hills to St Helena via Tangalooma

Becoming a bit short of time due to the initial lock down delay, we made the decision to skip Bribie Is and north west side of Moreton Bay to allow us exploration time to the south west of the bay and the many islands it has to offer.

So we were up early, sailing north to Tangalooma on Nth Moreton Is for exploration of the artificial wreck reef. What fun swimming in the crystal clear waters, snorkelling and using the dingy to explore the area. After a quick on board lunch we headed back south looking for some wind to sail and those elusive dugongs/unicorns. We found the wind, but not the dugongs. However, after an hour or so of drifting in the shallows through the sea grass along the Moreton Banks to the south of Moreton Is (which was the suggested dugong spotting place) we did see many turtles, various rays and strange water skimming fish. We eventually gave up our search at 4pm to make a quick 7.5nm dash to St Helena Is before dark to shelter from the north easterly.



Exhausted after such a big day we settled quietly for the night. As usual sundowners put on a beautiful display for us.

### Day 10 St Helena Is to Macleay Is



Early morning shower (of rain that is), breakfast and a little explore on the historic island of St Helena. Sailing south west towards Manly then south east to Coochiemudlo Is, the beautiful easterly 10knt breeze was enjoyed until we arrived at the southern side of Coochiemudlo for lunch, a swim and a walk. Not too sure we were supposed to all soap up for our off the beach communal outdoor shower, but we did and we all came away with very fluffy hair! Sadly the ice cream shop was closed. A short hop (30 minutes) east across the channel to Macleay Is we picked up a mooring and settled for the night listening to the sounds of the night birds....bliss!

### Day 11 Macleay Is to Steiglitz

Leaving the anchorage we sailed south along the west side of Macleay Is. Bearing south east to the south of the island and north of Karragarra Is, we planned to drift in the Marine Zone on the east of Sundowners displayed the appropriate light show. Lamb Is but the easterly winds put a stop to that. So we headed across to the west of Nth Stradbroke's marine zone to do more drifting in a last ditch effort to spot dugongs. Unfortunately nobody told us the dugongs went away for the Australia Day holiday to Tin Can Bay!

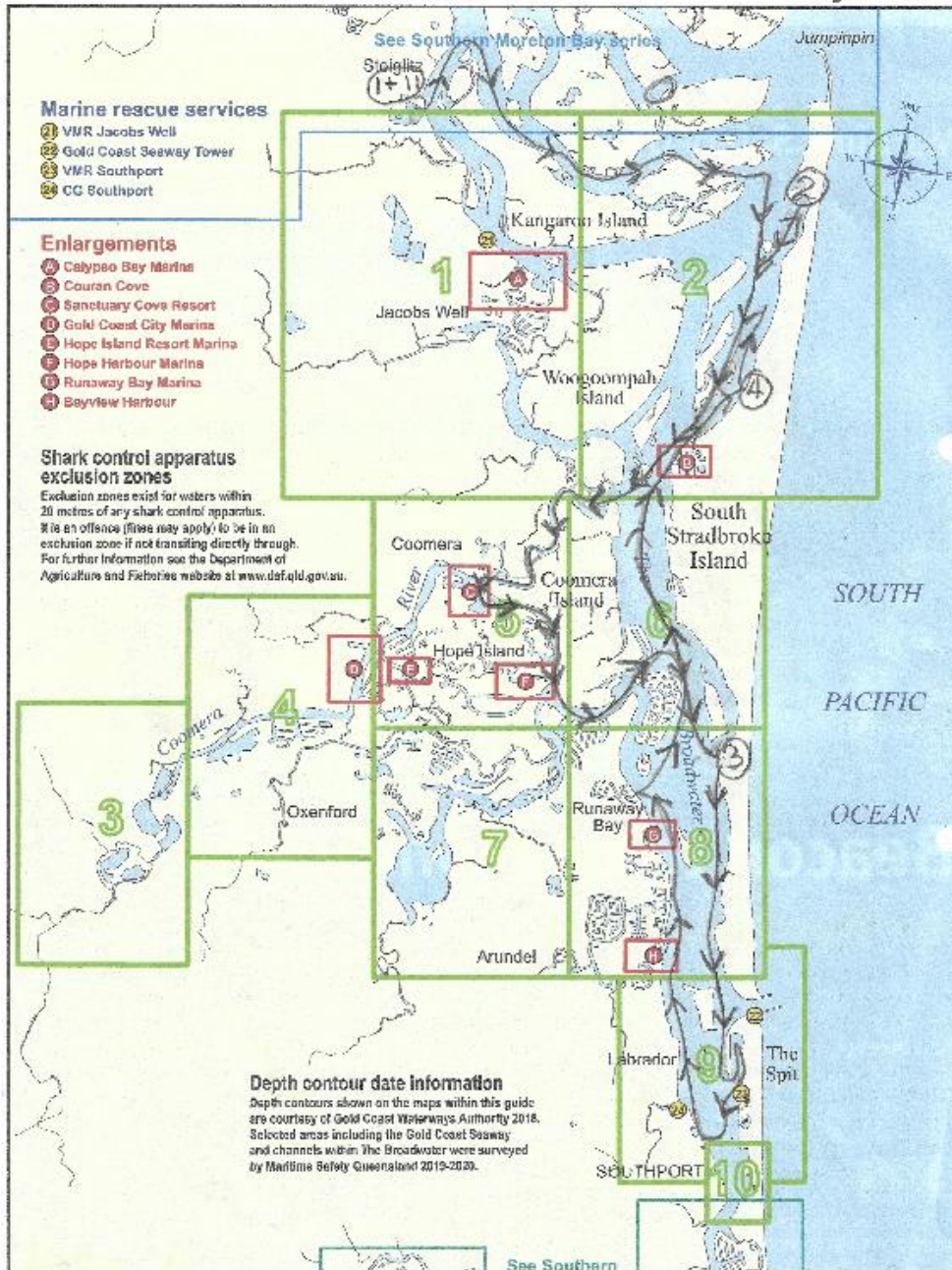
After lunch we head through the Krummel Passage, passing Karragarra Is to its south and continuing south back to the marina at Steiglitz and our shared last supper.

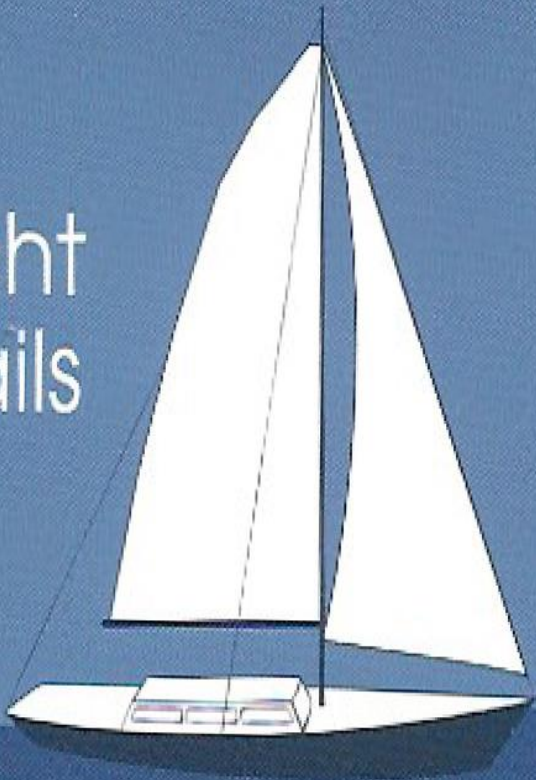
## Reflections

- I could easily become addicted to ice cream....thanks Garry!
- Good days are in abundance, sailing can't be 100%, 100% of the time.
- Dugongs really do exist, so do unicorns and mermaids for that matter.
- We would be lost without our uber dingy taxi service to allow the shared sundowners, meals and bridge games.
- Sometimes sundowners morph into sun risers.
- Anchoring every night made me feel more relaxed about it (not generally one of my favourite ways to spend a night).
- 11 days is definitely not enough time to explore from the Gold Coast to the north of Moreton Bay. There was so much more we would liked to have done. Next time?
- The journey gave us a variety of weather conditions, scenery, experiences, tested our comfort zones and allowed us to experience the pleasure of cruising with Garry and Cathy.









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28-29	Aug	Sat Sun					
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