

By Kev and Gay "Only Time'

The cruise started with lunch at Warners Bay jetty with Only Time arriving before lunch to secure a spot on the jetty before it got too busy. The jetty is really to small and shallow so when Waterbago turned up we moved forward to allow Brain to get mooring ropes attached allowing Liquid lunch to rafted up to Only Time.

A quiet lunch was had with Waterbago crew getting fish and chips.



With the departing time (1.30) getting close Blew By U and Deja Vu arriving eager for a sail in favourable conditions so at 1.30pm sails were raised in 10 to 12 knots N/Easter guiding the fleet for a rewarding sail south .

Arriving at Green Point we were greeted by Lola and a fleet of yachts racing in Belmont Bay looking very impressive with their spinnakers flying, we all made it through without too much trouble trying to chase down Déjà vu, Chris was having a great sail pulling away from the rest of us.

After a trouble free sail we arrived at Sandy Beach meeting up with Ice Dancer and Hummalong, Lola made a detour to drop a crew member off and arrived at dusk and the end of a very relaxing happy hour and lovely sunset.



Sunday was a free day with everyone having different plans, some going home with Waterbago crew working Monday, Blew By U heading home. The rest made their way to the Sand Island area for lunch and a swim with lots of boats and people celebrating Australia Day enjoying the excellent weather.



With only three yachts left we all sailed down to Brown's Bay for a raft up and happy hour. After happy hour we headed over to a small park at Nords Wharf where we beached Only Time, Hummalong and Liquid Lunch for the night as the park is very protected from the

N/Easter, the has a nice grassed area with table and chairs , toilets and it also was very quiet.



Monday morning we headed up to Green Point for a swim and lunch meeting up with Ice Dancer and Lola, we had a couple of hours relaxing and swimming found a few of the dangerous razor shells close to shore, so be careful jumping in off your boats as they can do a lot of damage.

Lola decided to head for another sail before we headed over to F Jetty for the night, as the wind was predicted to get a lot stronger.

Hummalong had to retrieve with work commitments leaving Only Time, Liquid Lunch, Ice Dancer and Lola having another happy hour under the shade at the park off F jetty where it was a lot cooler.

Thank you to the members who joined in on a very strange Australia Day cruise where not too much happened on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> in saying that the weekend

weather and cruise was terrific, it was great getting to show new members some of the very good spots on Lake Macquarie.

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