

# Australia Day Cruise or week for some !

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*Perfect weather for sailing all week 😊😊😊*

## **21st Friday: Styles Point**

*Armstrong crew arrived with no food, no beer, no water and minimal fuel; but we had made it. Enchantress was keen to be in the water, after a bit of a shove. Jacquie learnt the hard lesson of not tying off too soon and to keep your hands away from the jetty cleat when tying the docking line. A squeal was heard across the lake as the boat pulled up hard on her hand.*

*Only Time was already setup for the night and as Enchantress anchored alongside, Gaylene had ice on hand and some first aid for bruised fingers.*

*Thank goodness Jacquie was wearing gloves.*

*Gypsea arrived just as the light was fading.*

## **22nd Saturday: Styles Point to Little Wangi**

*Casual start to the morning as we headed out to meet Aye Sea Red and Blew By U. The flotilla caught up with Blew By U with some tacking/jibbing duels before sailing around Pulbah and heading to the Sand Islands for swims and lunch (twisties bread and beers – perfect).*



*Blew by U diverted back to their car for supplies before joining us all again. Sand Islands a tricky place dealing with currents, tide and wind – looks perfect one minute and dragging or stuck the next (Doug and Robyn’s turn to get stuck this time). Thanks to Kev for being the anchor man on many occasions during this trip, digging in for everyone (maybe it was just his excuse for a swim but I don’t think so, he is just that type of guy).*

*Sailed to Little Wangi with some boats fitting on the jetty and the rest of us tied back to the grassy shady shore, just in time for happy hour and tall tales Little Wangi was a prime position for the Fireworks on the lake.*

*Breaths were held as the barge at Coal Pt seemed to be moving away but settled in full view. Many “oohs” and “aarhs” were heard from all as the display around the lake lit the sky, we are all became kids at heart.*

***23rd Sunday: Little Wangi to Little Wangi via Green Point***

*A very social start to the morning with coffee & chats on the grass, resulting in the renaming of the cruise to the “Al cruise (Alzheimer/Forgetful)” as every boat crew seemed to have left things at home. Kev received an award from Ken for joining the “Drying Out Club” as Only Time sat firmly on the sand. While waiting for the incoming tide Phil*



*had a hankering for croissants, so ladies escorted by Doug strolled to the bakery and shops. A big thank you to the ladies and Doug for help and support, carrying all these goodies back, especially a 15L container of water.*

*With a push and shove Only Time was free and the breeze was up.*

*Sadly, 3 boats headed home: Blew by U, Gypsea (happy birthday Phil) and Aye Sea Red. Tania’s study was delayed on the way home, as, when unloading Ken had a head crash (protect the porta potty at all costs!). Jamie helped out by letting Aye Sea Red stay on their mooring, Tania attended to Ken’s head bump (another ice situation) and arrived home safely.*



*Only time and Enchantress with fair winds hoisted sails and up the lake we flew before settling at green point for swim and lunch. Kev and Gaylene were pretty happy to have all sails out and a nice stable boat that kept Enchantress in her wake. Little Wangi had been such a lovely location we both headed back for the night and were able to tie up to the jetty and meet some of the local folk.*

**24th Monday: Little Wangi to Wangi via Swansea**

*With another glorious Nor'easter both boats sailed up to Toronto and Warners Bay before heading into Swansea channel to check out potential overnight anchorage. Due to variable winds and a number of holiday makers still boating and camping in the area, we anchored in the channel, enjoyed a swim, nibbles and set off for an evening cruise to Wangi Jetty leaving the bay near Pelican for another time.*



*After cold showers and freshening up, all headed up to the pub. Definitely recommend Hotel Wangi for a good feed. The night was pretty bumpy on the jetty as the wind stayed up and shifted around, Enchantress needs some docking line snubbers, (added to the growing list).*

**25th Tuesday: Wangi to Styles Point**

*With another breezy morning both boats sailed from Wangi to Styles. Jacquie and Pete made a trip home to check on the house and replenish supplies.*

*Thanks to Kev and Gaylene for keeping Enchantress safe while we were away. Wanderer arrived and now there were six to enjoy another happy hour and prepare for the "Australia Day Cruise"*

**26th Wednesday: Styles Point to Bolton Point**

*Flotilla of 3 boats left Styles Point heading to Green Point with Aussie flags flying.*

*At Green Point we were joined by Aye Sea Red and Amethyst for a few hours. Lots of challenges with the wind, anchors dragging and boats swirling around. Once safely anchored well apart visits to boats were made by the hardy in true Aussie spirit (swimming to visit mates).*

*After lunch Wanderer, Only Time and Enchantress headed to Bolton Point for a sunset dinner and overnight tied back to the shore. Lovely spot where you can back up close to the shore, toilet facilities available and very peaceful after the Australia Day revellers departed.*

**27th Thursday: Bolton Point to Styles Point**

*Sadly all good things come to an end until the next adventure. Wander headed to Styles Point with Enchantress and Only Time dragging their heels, until the wind kicked in with a fair sail home.*

*Thankyou John and Lisa for running the Australia Day cruise and Kevin and Gaylene for running the rest of the week, taking us on adventures to some new places as well as some favourites. Thank you also to those who were able to join along the way ensuring the comradery of cruising continues. "Sail a lot, learn a lot"*

