



Newcastle and Hunter Trailer Yacht Association Inc.

GUIDELINES FOR CRUISE LEADERS

May 2022

Prior to Cruise

- Should you have to withdraw as leader of a cruise, you may be able to swap with another leader or alternately arrange for someone else to run your cruise. It is your responsibility. Advise the Editor and Cruise Director of any change to the arrangements.
- Provide the Magazine Editor with a written (E-mail or letter) cruise notice two months in advance. The notice should contain the starting time, date and location along with relevant details of the cruise so that members can bring the appropriate equipment.
- Historical information on the cruise area will be of interest (if available) and can be handed out prior to departure.
- Attendees are to advise the Cruise Leader (you) if they are planning to attend.
- Check if BBQ facilities/toilets are available and advise in the magazine articles. Check for fire bans if wood proposed and take some paper, matches and kindling.
- A club gazebo and gas BBQ are stored at the Styles Point bunker. Key from Cruise Director, Equipment Officer, Race Director or the Commodore.
- Activities for adults and children will be greatly appreciated.

Prior to Departing Shore

WEATHER

- Be aware of the weather forecasts. The latest update can be obtained by contacting the Coast Guard/Coastal Patrol on VHF 72 Local radio stations may have some information on rain but not necessarily wind strength and direction.
- Consideration should be given to contact the Coast Guard/Coastal Patrol to log on with the proposed route, names of boats and the location of cars and trailers.
- Have an alternative overnight anchorage in case of unfavourable winds. As a general rule – shelter from NW-W-SW in winter and NE-E-SE in summer.
- Nominate a boat to write the Cruise Report (including the days on which boats attended). This should then be sent by them or you to the Editor who will formulate it for printing in the next magazine.

During Cruise

- A listing watch should be kept by all boats on 72 VHF. The call sign is “Catalina Fleet”.
- Organise a “Happy Hour” when crews can gather at the end of the day to socialise. This is a greatly appreciated part of the cruise when each boat can provide a small offering of goodies to share.
- Please make any new members feel welcome.
- Relax and enjoy yourself and everyone else will too.

After Cruise

- Log off with the Coast Guard/Coastal Patrol.

Note: Things to consider if you are organizing:

- New Years Eve Cruise, music, lights, games and food.
- Activity Day; learning experiences e.g. how to sail without a rudder, recovering person overboard procedure, snorkelling/swimming.

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