

**Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron**

**Powerboat Cruising Group**

**Canaipa, Russell Island Barefoot Bowls, Macleay Island & NRL**

**Saturday 5 to Monday 7 October 2024**

***King’s Birthday Long Weekend***

## Cruise Captain: Mark McCamley (Seas the Day) 0400 778 163

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**As the skipper you are responsible that your vessel complies with all relevant safety and marine legislation. This includes licensing, safety equipment and marine pollution regulations.**

Important Radio Information – Please monitor VHF67 going VHF77 for chat.

**Brisbane Bar Tide Times**

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| ***Saturday 5 October*** | | ***Sunday 6 October*** | | ***Monday 7 October*** | |
| **Time** | **Height** | **Time** | **Height** | **Time** | **Height** |
| 0435 | 0.37m | 0500 | 0.40m | 0528 | 0.46m |
| 1048 | 2.19m | 1122 | 2.18m | 1157 | 2.15m |
| 1706 | 0.59m | 1742 | 0.67m | 1820 | 0.76m |
| 2245 | 1.94m | 2315 | 1.82m | 2347 | 1.69m |

[Further information on tides for Queensland](http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Tides.aspx)  
The tide heights are in metres above Prediction Datum, red for low water and blue for high water.  
The times stated are Australian Eastern Standard Time (24 hour clock). [Daylight Saving Time](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/averages/tables/dst_times.shtml) is not observed

### Saturday 5 October

**10:00** Cruise to Canaipa at your leisure. Find an anchorage and enjoy lunch aboard or motor over to the Longhouse for lunch and a swim.

**14:30** Gather at the Longhouse ready for bus transfer to the Russell Island Bowls Club. The club will supply bowls and coaching for the event.

Bowls comp to start at 15:45 after a presentation on the rules on the rink and complete around 17.15. Teams of 4 drawn from the hat at 15.30.

All welcome even if you are not cruising, you can meet us at the Bowls club from the ferry or meet the group at the boat ramp for Saturday activities. Just let Mark know if you are taking this option.

**18:00** Dinner at the bowls club at own cost followed by presentations to the winners.

**19:30** Bus transfer back to Canaipa, Drinks and tall stories about the bowling prowess of our crew. BYO.

**Sunday 6th October**

**10:00** Breakfast at your leisure then cruise around to the channel in front of the MacLeay Island ferry terminal. Find a suitable anchorage and prepare for the afternoon’s activities.

**11:15** Motor to the boat ramp next to the ferry terminal and first courtesy bus will pick us up at **11:30** for delivery to the MacLeay Island bowls club for lunch (great views). The second bus will pick up at **12:00.** Courtesy bus transfers back to the boat ramp at **13.30 and 14.00** (flexible). Travel back to the boats for a nap or walk up to the hotel (or persuade the driver to drop you off there) for afternoon live music or a punt at the TAB on site.

**16:00** Motor over to the boat ramp and tie up the dinghy’s there. Walk up to the hotel (200m) and get a table for sundowners. Order dinner from the menu to be followed by the NRL grand final at 18.30 on the TVs in the hotel. There will be a sweep run by the cruise captain on the first try scorer (with second and third prizes) for the NRL grand final game, and a cash prize for picking the final score, bring some cash along for your tickets if you’re interested. For those who are not interested in the footy, I’m sure there will be one or more of the boats where people will congregate for fun and frivolity after dinner.

**20.30** A slow walk back to the dinghy’s (the hotel will close after the game) and return to the boats and party on for those so inclined.

**Monday 7th October**

As you wish. Free time and depart for home at your leisure.

Info on facilities at the following links.

<https://www.macleayislandhotel.com.au/>

[https://russellislandbowlsclub.com.au/#](https://russellislandbowlsclub.com.au/)

<https://macleayislandbowlsclub.com.au/>

**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE - ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON**

**Power Cruising Group**

Skippers of participating cruising vessels need to be aware that participation in the RQYS Cruising group events is always at the discretion of the skipper. If at any time there is potential for dangerous circumstances to arise, the responsibility for taking part in, or continuing to participate in Cruising Group events, remains solely with you as the skipper. You, as skipper, must exercise appropriate seamanship and discretion as to whether you should participate in, or continue with any cruise.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS:**

1. **IMPORTANT: In a life-threatening situation, please use standard MAYDAY procedures.**
2. Otherwise, vessel requiring assistance will call **RQYS Cruising Group Lead Vessel** (or any other participating vessel they choose) to advise assistance is required.
3. **Vessel requiring assistance should**

FIRST give their **VESSEL NAME**.

THEN **POSITION** eg 2nm west of Mud Island.

THEN **LAT & LON** eg 27 20.02 153 8.25 (if visual is not immediately available)

THEN What the **problem** is eg: Fire/ Broken Down etc

Also advise if Coast Guard or other emergency organisation has already been notified

1. Vessel answering the assistance call should immediately advise all other vessels in the group to **HOLD** transmissions until situation is clarified and confirm the radio channel being used.
2. Vessel answering the assistance call will then advise ship requesting whowill be able to provide assistance and approximate ETA of same.
3. ALL OTHER VESSELS IN THE CRUISING GROUP TO MONITOR RADIO BUT MAKE SURE THEY **DO NOT TRANSMIT** DURING ASSISTANCE PERIOD UNLESS CALLED UPON.

**GENERAL RADIO PROCEDURES**

Multiple VHF Channels are used within Moreton Bay.

These include …

VHF 67 is a General Public Calling Channel and should be generally monitored.

VHF 73 is used by Manly Radio/Coast Guard/VMR as a calling and working frequency.

VHF 77 is used by RQYS Cruising Vessels and, whilst participating in a cruise, you should maintain a listening watch and all calling and chatting should be done on this channel (or another channel if requested by the specific event organiser).

**PLEASE NOTE** it is **imperative to state the Channel you are calling from and going to** – to avoid confusion caused at busy time and especially since many skippers use scanning radios.

In the event of an emergency participants should all revert to Channel 77 and maintain a listening watch unless the cruise captain instructs another Channel is to be used (see above instructions)

**As a back-up, it would be helpful if participants would also carry their mobile telephones and have them charged up and switched on at all times.**