



Royal Brighton Yacht Club

The Sailors' Club

Cruising Group Half Yearly Cruising Report

As with the rest of our club, lockdowns, and restrictions on us saw a great reduction in the previous Cruising Group functions and activities we have enjoyed in previous times. Monthly forum dinners, music night, progressive dinner, and end of month on water activities ceased for the better part of 2020.

Once those restrictions began easing the group managed a special dinner, just to allow members to catch up and eventually we were able to celebrate the milestone 30th birthday with a special birthday dinner on a Friday night followed by the traditional visit to Royals at Williamstown with fantastic turnouts.

February allowed the group to hold its first forum dinner on the Friday night prior to the Bass Strait Cruise with special Guest Speakers, Leanne Grant and Gordon Buchan telling their story of Caprice. This saw a record turnout which was most welcomed. There were 9 boats showing interest in the Bass Strait Cruise and for various reasons including a snap lockdown the week prior, that fleet dropped down to 6 and those boats were able to sail out the heads and enjoy reasonable conditions getting to destinations such as Western Port Bay, Refuge Cove, Deal Island and Flinders before returning to the Bay. Once back in the Bay some boats spent a few days at Queenscliff Cruising YC, Blairgowrie YC, Sorrento and Portarlington before returning back to RBYC.

The progressive dinner was being held last Friday 19th March and provided we have no further lockdowns plans are well under way for all of the usual activities to continue again.

The easing of restrictions has also allowed for completion of a previously approved project to finally be completed so those accessing the Hard Stand and Marina may now see the signage promoting the activities of the Cruising Group and note that the cruising Group is inclusive of all Club Members at all levels of membership.

March 21
Paul Jenkins, Cruising Group Chair