



FOUR WINDS MARINE CRUISING SERIES QUEENSCLIFF CRUISING YACHT CLUB

Bass Strait Cruise – 2012
Apollo Bay, King Island, 3rd – 12th March

CRUISE NOTES

Cruise Director – Mal Billings (ULUWATU)

1. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

At sea schedules for position reporting and inter ship communications will be conducted by either ULUWATU or ANDROMEDA 111 on VHF Channel 73, or on HF 4483. All yachts must report their positions as per schedules each day whilst at sea. Any yacht retiring from the cruise must maintain communication until safely back in Port Phillip or otherwise port of destination.

2. RADIO STATIONS

The Coast Guard Network will monitor the position reporting schedules from ULUWATU or ANDROMEDA 111 on VHF: 80 / 81 / 82, or on HF: 2524 and transmit them to the shore-based administrator.

It is recommended that all vessels download and print Coast Guard Repeater network info at:

<http://www.rycv.yachting.org.au/site/yachting/rycv/downloads/MSV%20Coast%20Guard%20VHF%20Coastal%20Network.pdf>

Coast Radio Melbourne on VHF 16/67 for weather and warnings 24 hours, scanning also HF emergency frequencies.

Lonsdale VTS (Vessel Traffic Service) for shipping movements on VHF 12/13 and reporting entry and exit at Port Phillip Heads.

Smithton Sea Rescue, Burnie Radio on VHF 21

Tamar Sea Rescue from Flinders Island and North Coast Tasmania on HF 2524 4483 and VHF 16,67,73 and repeater 80

The locations and Channel numbers of the Tasmanian repeaters are:

Location	Channel Number	Monitored by: (limited hrs)
Maatsuyker Island	82	Coast Radio Hobart
Cape Sorell	80	Strahan Radio
Bluff Hill Point	81	Smithton Sea Rescue
Dazzler Range	80	Tamar Sea Rescue
Mount Horror	82	Tamar Sea Rescue, St Helens Marine Rescue
Cape Tourville	80	Coastguard Freycinet
Mt Raoul (owned by RYCT)	81	Tascoast Radio
Three Hummock Island	21	Smithton Sea Rescue, Burnie Radio

3. CRUISE SCHEDULE

Saturday 3rd March

- (a) Fleet to gather at QCYC
- (b) Fleet briefing 18.00hrs

Sunday 4th March

Queenscliff to Apollo Bay, 51nm

- (a) 04.45 hrs pre departure schedule VHF 73. Fleet will be called in order of list of entrants to confirm participation. Shipping movement at the Heads to be advised. After the schedule all yachts to monitor VHF 12 until two miles clear of Port Phillip Heads.
- (b) 1115 hrs position report schedule VHF 73 and HF 4483 if required.
- (c) All yachts to advise when due east of Cape Patton on VHF 73.
Advising of eta Apollo Bay

Monday 5th or Saturday 10th

Lay Day (weather dependent)

No schedules. Fleet moored in Apollo Bay Harbour

Tuesday 6th

Apollo Bay to either Franklin Road or Boulder Point, 50nm approx..(depending on forcast weather)

- (a) Pre departure schedule on VHF 73 to be advised.
- (b) Position report schedule on VHF 73 and HF 4483 to be advised.

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th

Circumnavigate King Island if possible visiting Naracoopa, Grassy, Seal Bay, Fitzmaurice Bay, and if time permits Currie by car.

- (a) Pre departure schedules on VHF 73 to be advised.
- (b) Position report schedules on VHF 73 and HF 4483 to be advised.

Saturday 10th

Fleet returns to Apollo Bay

- (a) Pre departure schedule on VHF 73 to be advised.
- (b) Position report schedule on VHF 73 and HF 4483 to be advised.

Sunday 11th

Fleet returns to QCYC

- (a) Pre departure schedule on VHF 73 to be advised.
- (b) Position report schedule on VHF 73 and HF 4483 to be advised.

Monday 12th

Fleet returns to home ports.

PLEASE NOTE:

Some vessels may wish to undertake a shorter trip to Apollo Bay and back over the Labour Day Weekend. Joining the returning King Island Fleet on Saturday 10th

4. TIDES

The Rip - Tidal Stream Prediction March - 2012

Sunday 4			Monday 5			Tuesday 6			Wednesday 7			○Thursday 8			Friday 9			Saturday 10		
Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum		Slack	Maximum	
Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate	Time	Time	Rate
	0052	-3.1		0142	-2.9	0010	0242	-2.8	0108	0347	-3.1	0203	0444	-3.8	0252	0531	-4.6		0029	4.1
0344	0622	2.2	0440	0750	1.9	0551	0907	2.0	0707	1010	2.4	0813	1105	3.0	0909	1156	3.7	0337	0613	-5.4
0912	1210	-4.4	1004	1310	-4.0	1106	1439	-3.7	1217	1604	-4.0	1337	1707	-4.4	1458	1801	-4.9	0958	1243	4.4
1622	1956	3.1	1716	2051	3.1	1816	2152	3.2	1921	2250	3.5	2025	2343	3.9	2127			1606	1849	-5.2
2314																		2223		

Rates in Knots, Flood (+) at Nepean Bank, Ebb (-) at Rip Bank.

Port Phillip Heads - Times and Heights of High and Low Waters March - 2012

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Sunday 4		Monday 5		Tuesday 6		Wednesday 7		○Thursday 8		Friday 9		Saturday 10	
Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
0024	0.70	0109	0.75	0207	0.78	0321	0.76	0441	0.67	0011	1.37	0100	1.44
0642	1.25	0734	1.20	0842	1.16	1004	1.17	1124	1.25	0550	0.53	0645	0.39
1245	0.36	1331	0.41	1433	0.45	1547	0.47	1705	0.46	1230	1.37	1328	1.49
2001	1.25	2106	1.23	2214	1.25	2315	1.30			1814	0.44	1908	0.42

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). During [Daylight Saving Time](#) (when in force) one hour needs to be added to the times stated.

Apollo Bay, subtract 30 minutes for approximate tide times.

Seal Bay, subtract 25 minutes for approximate tide times.

Grassy, subtract 18 minutes for approximate tide times.