



Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022

May - August 2022

NOTICE OF CRUISE

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CRUISE INSTRUCTIONS

The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club cordially invites members to join a facilitated program culminating in members independently sailing to rendezvous locations for the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise during the winter and spring months of 2022.

Members and crew are invited to enter the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 rendezvous program via a two-phase registration process:

- Phase 1 - registration of an expression of interest in the rendezvous cruise (completing January 2022) plus the preparation seminars (completing 31st March 2022),
- Phase 2 - registration of a commitment to participate in the rendezvous cruise, commencing February 2022 and completing 15th April 2022.

Members wishing to register for Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 Phases 1 and or 2 are invited to visit the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 website at

<https://rpayc.com.au/whitsunday-cruise-2022/>

Part A - Notice Of Cruise

1. ORGANISATION ;

- 1.1. The cruise will be organised by The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC) Cruising Committee;
- 1.2. It will be a facilitated rendezvous cruise from Pittwater, along the Queensland Coral Coast, to Gloucester Passage. It offers a flexible sailing program spanning the Australian winter and spring months of 2022;
- 1.3. The cruise will be “Facilitated” in that it is supported by an extensive cruise preparation seminar program and a set of defined rendezvous locations and times with cruise briefings prior to each independent cruise passage.
- 1.4. An outline cruise schedule describing potential passages between defined rendezvous locations may be found in the Documents section of the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 website.

2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1. The cruise will be governed by:

- (a) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGS);
- (b) Part A - Notice of Cruise (NOC); and,
- (c) Part B - Cruise Instructions (RCI).

2.2. All persons in charge of yachts participating in the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 must:

- (a) know their approximate position at all times in order to be able to advise a rescue authority; and
- (b) have a minimum of two crew members onboard who are both able to make a "Mayday" distress call and who are familiar with Urgency and Distress call procedures (eg Pan Pan, Sécurité and Mayday); and
- (c) have an initial minimum of two crew both physically able, and individually capable of returning the boat to the vicinity of a Man-Over-Board; and
- (d) require all crew when in the cockpit or on deck to wear an approved lifejacket Level 100+ / Type 1 and be attached by tether to a jackstay or clipping point when the boat is offshore in conditions of reduced visibility and in conditions of heightened risk, such as bad weather; and
- (e) require all crew members to wear an approved lifejacket min Level 100+ / Type 1 when crossing a bar.

2.3. At least half the crew (rounded up), including the skipper must have completed an offshore passage of at least 75 nm in length.

2.4. It is strongly recommended that at least two crewmembers on each yacht hold a current First Aid Certificate.

2.5. It is strongly recommended that at least 30% of the total crew including the skipper /Person in Charge (rounded up) of each yacht have undertaken the Australian Sailing Safety and Survival at Sea Course, or a course of no lesser standard.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1. Yachts participating in the event must be of a thoroughly seaworthy type and be registered on the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Register of Vessels and comply with the RPAYC Cruising Regulations requirements for a Short Coastal Cruise event, or a higher cruising event category. In addition to the equipment items required for a Short Coastal Cruise audit an AIS transponder must be fitted.

3.2. The RPAYC Cruise Committee reserves the right to reject any entry at its sole discretion. All entrants are required to have Public Liability and Third-Party Property insurance cover for the sum of at least \$10,000,000 covering the vessel entered for the duration of the event.

3.3. All participants are reminded that the skipper / Person in Charge of each participating yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not the boat under his/her command

should participate, or continue to participate in any passage or part of the Rendezvous Cruise.

- 3.4. All participants are reminded of RPAYC Cruising Regulations, Section 1. 1.02, Owners Responsibility which states the sole and inescapable responsibilities with regard to safety.

4. PARTICIPATION

Yachts are deemed participants if;

1. They have complied with the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 NOC; and
2. Signed and dated the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 registration form either by printing out the form at the end of this document or by completing the on-line form found on the RPAYC web site at <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/cruising/one-minute-form/>; and
3. Attended a minimum of two rendezvous locations as defined in the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 NOC and participated in at least 10 days of cruising in company with other cruise participants.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1. Entries must be received via the Phase 2 registration process on the official Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 website and are to include all required information, ancillary documentation and applicable declarations.
- 5.2. Entries are to be completed on the attached enrolment form and submitted by 26st April 2022.

6. DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1. As part of the registration process on the official RPAYC Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 website, each participating yacht must have submitted the following documentation (Part B – Rendezvous Cruise Instructions) by **26th April 2022** :
 - (a) A completed Rendezvous Cruise entry (part of the Phase 2 registration process).
 - (b) A current RPAYC Short Coastal Cruise Green Book Equipment Audit Compliance Certificate, or a certificate for a higher cruising event category.
 - (c) The name and address of significant crew member with the name, address and telephone number of the skipper's and significant crew member's nominated shore contact. The "significant" crew member may be an owner, or the deputy to the person nominated as the skipper/Person in Charge.

Notes: Crew lists will contain personal information about crew members. This information is obtained for use in search and rescue situations. This information will be freely available to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the State Police and Volunteer Coastal Stations and may be passed on by them to other organisations.

It is a condition of entry that each skipper must specifically inform each crew member that their personal information may be made available to the above authorities and that access to the same information may be obtained by contacting the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.

A list of all entrants, including boat name, crew names and mobile phone numbers will be distributed to all rendezvous cruise participants.

7. RADIO REQUIREMENTS

A permanently installed VHF transceiver must be fitted in accordance with RPAYC Cruising Regulations Section 3 paragraph 3.24.

8. FUEL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. At departure of each cruise passage yachts must carry sufficient fuel to be able to motor at six knots for at least 200 nautical miles. Additional fuel must be carried to be able to meet charging requirements for the duration of the cruise passage.
- 8.2. It is highly recommended that fuel in permanently installed fuel tanks not be drawn down lower than 20% of maximum capacity.

9. CHARTS AND REFERENCES

Navigational charts (non-electronic) must be carried onboard for all intended cruise areas. Required and recommended charts and references for the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 are listed below.

REQUIRED CHARTS:

AUS 204	Broken Bay
AUS 207	Approaches to Newcastle
AUS 209	Port Stephens
AUS 809	Port Jackson to Port Stephens
AUS 810	Port Stephens to Crowdy Head
AUS 811	Crowdy Head to Nambucca Heads
AUS 812	Nambucca Heads to Clarence River
AUS 813	Clarence River to Point Danger
AUS 814	Point Danger to Cape Moreton
AUS 817	Great Sandy Strait and Hervey Bay
AUS 818	Sandy Cape to Bustard Head
AUS 819	Bustard Head to North Reef
AUS 820	North Reef to Port Clinton
AUS 822	Port Clinton to Percy Isles
AUS 823	Percy Isles to Mackay
AUS 824	Penrith Island to Whitsunday Islands
AUS 251	Bailey Islet to Repulse Islands

AUS 252	Whitsunday Group
AUS 253	Whitsunday Passage
AUS 254	Plans in Whitsundays
AUS 258	Whitsundays
AUS 259	Hinchinbrook Channel
AUS 825	Whitsunday Island to Bowen

REQUIRED REFERENCES:

- “Cruising the NSW Coast” by Alan Lucas
- “Cruising the Coral Coast” by Alan Lucas
- “NSW Tide Tables”
- “Queensland Tide Tables”

RECOMMENDED REFERENCES:

- “100 Magic Miles of the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Islands”
- “Curtis Coast” by Noel Patrick
- “Beacon to Beacon” Moreton Bay and Great Sandy Straits
- “Rob’s Passage Planner” by Rob Starkey

Part B - Rendezvous Cruise Instructions

10. Rendezvous Schedule

- 10.1. The rendezvous schedule consists of a number of rendezvous locations and date windows. Individual skippers will be responsible for their own cruise plans between rendezvous locations. The actual Rendezvous date shall be a date within the Rendezvous date window which has been selected by the Cruise Coordinator based on weather and other conditions.
- 10.2. Unless otherwise noted or advised by the Cruise Coordinator, all rendezvous times will be at 1700 on the selected date.
- 10.3. Changes to rendezvous locations or date windows will be posted on the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 website as a revision to these Cruse Instructions.
- 10.4. The schedule of rendezvous locations and date windows is shown below in Table 1.

DATE WINDOW	RENDEZVOUS LOCATION
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26 May 2022 to 29 May 2022	Mooloolabah
9 June 2022 to 19 June 2022	Bundaberg (may include Bundaberg Town or Lady Musgrave)
23 June 2022 to 26 June 2022	Great Keppel Island
10 July 2022 to 14 July 2022	Mackay
4 August 2022 to 10 August 2022	Cid Harbour
24 August 2022 to 28 August 2022	Gloucester Passage (SICYC Rendezvous)
Note: post Gloucester Passage Rendezvous, option to continue north or remain in Whitsunday area	
29 September 2022 to 3 October 2022	Bundaberg

Table 1: Rendezvous Schedule

11. Position Reporting

- 11.1. It is strongly recommended that each participating vessel log on with the relevant location Marine Rescue organisation for each and every passage and or passage day. This will normally involve logging on, position reporting and logging off at the end of a passage or passage day.
- 11.2. It is recommended that each participating vessel report its position at least once per passage day on Marine traffic. This recommendation does not replace 11.1 above. Position reporting at 11.1 is a safety reporting procedure. Position reporting 11.2 is a social reporting system for family and friends.
- 11.3. There will be no RPAYC Rendezvous Cruise radio schedule. Daily radio schedules will be conducted by relevant Marine Rescue organisations and initiated by each independent rendezvous cruise vessel as detailed in section 11.1 above. It is recognized that informal radio contact will occur between participating boats.

12. Ship to ship communication

- 12.1. The primary means of ship to ship communication during passages will be VHF Ch 16 (calling) and Ch 77 (working). All calls should be initiated on Ch 16 and then switched to VHF working Ch 77. Other working channels such as Ch 73 or any applicable repeater channels may be specified by either station.
- 12.2. All participants are encouraged to utilise the VHF repeater network especially when out of direct VHF ship to ship range. If utilising a VHF repeater channel, check for an active channel first, then check for a clear channel before calling on that channel. Active repeater channels are detected by pushing and releasing the VHF Push to Talk (PTT) button. If the selected channel is active a repeater station transmission tail in the form of static will be heard as you release the PTT button. VHF repeater stations can be any of the following VHF channels; 21, 22, 80, 81 or 82.

12.3. It is recommended that all participating vessels set and activate the following VHF channel scan; 16, 77.

12.4. It is recommended that the secondary means of ship to ship communication during passages will be mobile telephones and electronic mail.

13. Cruise briefings

13.1. Cruise briefings will be held at each cruise rendezvous location at 1700 hr on the date specified by this Part B – Cruise Instructions. The briefing will be at the RPAYC Clubhouse at 0930 hr on the briefing date specified in 9.4 Schedule of Rendezvous. All cruise skippers /Persons in Charge and their deputy / second in command should attend cruise briefings.

REGISTRATION DECLARATION - PITTWATER TO WHITSUNDAYS CRUISE 2022

I acknowledge and agree that:

My attention has been drawn to clause 3.2 of the Notice of Cruise which states "All participants are reminded that the skipper is solely responsible for deciding whether or not the boat under his command should participate, or continue to participate in any leg, passage or part of the Cruise, and I have been further reminded of RPAYC Cruising Regulations, Section 1. 1.02, Owners Responsibility, which states the sole and inescapable responsibilities with regard to safety.

The entry of the boat and crew is agreed to and accepted by the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club on the basis that the skipper and crew are individually aware of and conversant with the risks involved in coastal sailing and that participation in this cruise is entirely at the risk of the skipper and crew

The skipper/Person in Charge warrants the suitability of his boat for the cruise.

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance must be the sole responsibility of the skipper/Person in Charge who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and managed by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit. The skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club, nor its officers, employees, nor agents accept any responsibility or liability for loss, damage death or personal injury however caused to the skipper or crew or their property as a result of their taking part in the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022.

Neither the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club nor its officers, employees or agents accept liability for any costs or expenses that may be incurred as a result of special assistance at sea being arranged for any reason whatsoever.

The existence of these conditions, their use by the event organisers, and any inspection of the boat pursuant to these conditions does not limit the absolute responsibility of the skipper/ Person in Charge

I agree to be bound by, the Notice of Cruise & Cruise Instructions.

I declare that:

The details submitted on the entry form are correct and any changes that alter the details submitted herewith will be made in writing to the RPAYC Cruising Committee prior to the Pittwater to Dunk 2022 Rendezvous cruise briefing date published in the Pittwater to Whitsundays 2022 Cruise Schedule.

The boat complies with the "Short Coastal Cruise Special Regulations equipment compliance form" Plus AIS transponder and any alteration to the boat or its equipment that may affect the validity or currency of the documentation submitted to satisfy clause 6.1 of the Notice of Cruise will be made in writing to the RPAYC Cruise Committee prior to the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 briefing date.

I will provide each crew member or proposed crew member with a copy of this entry form including a copy of this declaration and I will advise each crew member or proposed crew member of the Privacy Note in Clause 6.1 of the Notice of Cruise prior to the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 briefing date.

I and the crew of the boat must comply with and be bound by the rules referred to in Clause 2, Rules and Regulations, of the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 Notice of Cruise & Cruise Instructions.

The boat and its crew hold adequate insurance and in particular insurance against third party claims at least to the minimum cover referred to in Clause 3.3 of the Notice of Cruise & Cruise Instructions (\$10,000,000) and that such cover will be in force and maintained in full force and effect throughout the Pittwater to Dunk 2022 Cruise.

The first cruise rendezvous location will be at the RPAYC club house and this will be the cruise briefing on the date and time specified in the cruise schedule which is downloadable from the RPAYC Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022 web site.

I will hold a current paper copy of this policy on my boat during the period of the Pittwater to Whitsundays Cruise 2022.

The crew members have been advised by the skipper to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper/Person in Charge and the adequacy of the boat, all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

(Skipper / Person in Charge)

Note:

