



2021 Clarence River Cruise

23rd October to 7th November 2021

NOTICE OF RENDEZVOUS CRUISE, & CRUISE INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION 1 NOTICE OF CRUISE (NOC)

Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club cordially invites owners of eligible vessels to enter the Clarence River Cruise.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority for this event is The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC).

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 The cruise will be governed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the RPAYC Coastal Cruise Management Plan, the RPAYC Incident Management Plan, and this Notice of Cruise in Company, Rendezvous Cruise, & Cruise Instructions.

2.2 Skippers (Persons in Charge) of boats withdrawing from the cruise must inform the Cruise Coordinator of their intention to do so; similarly, when re-joining the cruise the Cruise Coordinator must be informed.

2.3 The RPAYC Cruising Committee has adopted as standard that all boats participating in a cruising event must;

- a. Know their approximate position at all times in order to be able to advise a rescue authority;

- b. Have a minimum of two crew members onboard who are both able to make a "Mayday" distress call and are familiar with urgency call procedures (e.g. Pan-Pan and Sécurité);
- c. Have a minimum of two crew, either independently able to bring the boat back to the vicinity of a Man-Over-Board;
- d. At night and in bad weather crew must wear a lifejacket (minimum Level 150N) that complies with the RPAYC Cruising Regulations (Green Book) section 5.01 and be clipped on when in the cockpit or when on deck.
- f. When crossing a bar everyone on the boat must wear a compliant lifejacket.

2.4 It is strongly recommended that at least:

- a. When the boat is offshore all crew on deck must wear a compliant lifejacket and be attached by tether to a jackstay or clipping point.
- b. Half the crew (rounded up), including the skipper have completed an equivalent passage;
- c. One crew member of each boat hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate; and,
- d. 30% of the total crew including the skipper (rounded up) of each boat have undertaken the AS Safety and Survival at Sea Course, or a course of no less standard.

2.5 All participants are reminded that the skipper/ person in charge is solely responsible for deciding whether or not the boat under his command should participate, or continue to participate in an event and are further reminded of RPAYC Cruising Regulations para. 1.02 Owners Responsibility, which states the sole and inescapable responsibilities with regard to safety.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Vessels must be fully found/equipped and thoroughly seaworthy and comply with the RPAYC Cruising Regulations requirements for a "Short Coastal Cruise".
- 3.2 The RPAYC Cruising Committee reserves the right to reject any entry at its discretion.
- 3.3 All entrants are required to have both Public Liability and Third Party Property Damage insurance cover for the sum of at least \$10,000,000 covering the vessel entered.
- 3.4 At least one crew member of each participating vessel must be a RPAYC member.
- 3.5 All skippers / persons in charge must complete the [Declaration at Section 3](#) of this Notice of Cruise and Cruise Instruction. By entering the event you are declaring that you acknowledge the content of the NoC Declaration.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries must be submitted to the RPAYC Sailing Office via the On-line form at <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/cruising/cruising-documents/>
- 4.2 Entries must be received at the Sailing Office by 1700, Friday 1st October 2021.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Cruise transit and rendezvous dates and times will be the published dates and times shown in the schedule tables below or, in the case of transits, the first appropriate weather window following the published transit date. This will be determined by the Cruise Coordinator.
- 5.2 Details of the Cruise in Company (CIC) program will be advised by the Cruise Coordinator at a briefing prior to departing Pittwater at 1700 Hrs on 18th October 2021. The Daily Programme for the Clarence River section of the CIC will be advised on VHF 77 at 0805.
- 5.3 **Cruise in Company & Rendezvous Cruise Schedule**

The rendezvous locations shown below will support a cruise in company from Pittwater to Yamba. To allow flexibility the actual rendezvous dates will be determined during the cruise.

Optional Cruise in Company

Date	Activity	Distance
15 th October 2021	06:00 - Transit - Barrenjoey to Port Stephens - 18:30.	75nm - 12.5hrs @ 6kn
	Rendezvous at Port Stephens	
	Rendezvous at Camden Haven (Laurieton)	
	Rendezvous at Coffs Harbour	
	Rendezvous at Iluka	

Rendezvous Cruise

Date	Activity	Distance
18 th to 22 nd October 2021	Rendezvous Yamba	Approx 200nm
Sat 23 rd Oct 2021 to Wed 3 rd Nov 2021	Cruise in Company to Grafton and return	Approx 36 nm
From Wed 3 rd Nov 2021	Return to Pittwater	Own arrangements

6. DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1 Each participating boat must submit the following documentation to the RPAYC Sailing Office no later than the date specified at para. 4.2:
- a. A completed cruise entry form identifying participation intentions for the Cruise in Company and / or Rendezvous Cruise;
 - b. A current RPAYC Cruising Regulations Short Coastal Audit Compliance Certificate as specified in Section 3, (unless previously supplied); and,
 - c. A crew list, containing the names and address of each crew member, together with the name, address and telephone number of each crew member's nominated shore contact.

Note: Crew lists will contain personal information about crew members. This information is being obtained for use in search and rescue situations. This search and rescue information will be freely available to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the NSW Police Marine Area Command and Marine Rescue NSW and may be passed on by them to other organisations.

It is a condition of entry that each entrant must specifically inform each crew member of these details and that access to the information held about each crew member can 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 entrants.

- 6.2 Failure to present the documentation by the due date may result in the refusal of the cruise entry unless the Cruise Committee deems otherwise.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 A permanently installed VHF transceiver must be fitted as per RPAYC Cruising Regulations Section 3. VHF channel 77 will be used for radio schedules (skeds) and position reporting between boats participating in the event.
- 7.2 A fully charged and operating mobile phone must be readily available during all Cruise Transits. The mobile phone call number is to be recorded on the Cruise Enrolment Form.

8. SPEED REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat must maintain adequate speed to arrive in port by nautical twilight on the cruise transit dates as detailed in Schedule, Section 5.

9. FUEL REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 Each boat must carry sufficient fuel to be able to motor at five knots for at least two hundred nautical miles. Additional fuel must be carried to be able to meet charging

requirements for the duration of the cruise. The 200nm requirement supercedes the Green Book requirement of 100nm at para 3.23.6 for this NoC.

10. REQUIRED CHARTS AND REFERENCES

- 10.1 Each boat must carry the references and charts listed below. Paper charts and charting instruments must be carried as a back-up for electronic navigation systems.

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 222	Clarence River

And, the following RMS maps are recommended:
North Coast maps 2B and 2C

References:

“Cruising the NSW Coast” by Alan Lucas
Tide Tables (NSW)
Rob’s Passage Planner
RPAYC Cruise Management Plan and RPAYC Incident Management Plan (both available for download at: <https://rpayc.com.au/sailing/cruising/cruising-documents/>)

11. CRUISE BRIEFING

- 11.1 A Cruise Briefing for the cruise in company will be held at RPAYC at 1700 Hrs on 18th Oct 2021. As some participants may elect to depart earlier than this date a second briefing will be held at Yamba on the 22 October 2021. The person in charge / skipper or navigator **must** attend the Cruise Briefing.

SECTION 2 CRUISE INSTRUCTIONS (CI)

1.0 CRUISE SCHEDULE

- 1.1 The cruise schedule is shown in Section 5.0 of the NOC and the transit departure dates will be the date specified in the cruise schedule or the first appropriate weather window following the published date.
- 1.2 The Cruise Coordinator will notify participants at the Cruise Briefing, if there is likely to be a weather delay. Any changes to the cruise Schedule, once the Cruise has commenced will be communicated to all participants by the Cruise Coordinator on VHF CH77.

2.0 CRUISE BRIEFING

- 2.1 A Cruise Briefing for the CIC will be held at RPAYC at 1700 Hrs on 18th Oct 2021. The Person in Charge / skipper or navigator **must** attend the Cruise Briefing.

3.0 CRUISE COORDINATOR

- 3.1 Cruise Coordinator will be John Groves, call sign “Verve”, mobile phone 0419 253 719 or Matt Kirlew call sign “Jindarra”, mobile phone 0412 236 224, or Greg Thomson call sign “Bellissima”, mobile phone 0414 803 194.

4.0 COASTAL CRUISE SAFE HAVENS

1. Newcastle Harbour
2. Port Stephens
3. Camden Haven (Laurieton)
4. Port Macquarie
5. Coffs Harbour
6. Iluka

5.0 RADIO SCHEDULE

Cruise radio schedules (skeds) will be conducted on VHF CH77 throughout the Cruise.

6.0 POTENTIAL VISIT LOCATIONS ON THE CLARENCE RIVER

1. Yamba
2. Harwood
3. Maclean
4. Brushgrove
5. Lawrence
6. Ulmarra
7. Elizabeth Island
8. Grafton

SECTION 3 DECLARATION – [View & Submit online here](#)

I acknowledge and agree that:

My attention has been drawn to clause 2.4 of the Notice of Cruise which states "All participants are reminded that the skipper (Person in Charge) is solely responsible for deciding whether or not the boat under his command should participate, or continue to participate in an event", and I have been further reminded of RPAYC Cruising Regulations paragraph 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 event is entirely at the risk of the skipper (Person in Charge) and crew.

The skipper warrants the suitability of his boat for the event.

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance must be the sole responsibility of the skipper 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 Clarence River Cruise 2021 Cruise.

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 RPAYC Cruise; Management Plan, the RPAYC Incident Management Plan, the Notice of Cruise and the Cruise Sailing 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 closing entry date specified in section 4.2.

The boat complies with the "Special Regulations equipment compliance form" specified in section 3.1, 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 Cruising Committee prior to the closing entry 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 closing entry 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 Notice of Cruise.

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 (\$10,000,000) and that such cover will be in force and maintained in full force and effect throughout the Cruise period.

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

Signature: _____

(Skipper/Person in Charge)

Name: _____

Boat: _____

Date: _____

Please mark one or both boxes:

CRUISE IN COMPANY

RENDEZVOUS CRUISE

SECTION 5 PORTS, STOPS, DISTANCES

Potential Nightly Anchorages and Safe Havens	
Departure and Arrival Ports	Distance Port to Port at 6 knots
06:00 - Transit - Barrenjoey to Port Stephens - 18:30.	75nm - 12.5hrs
10:00 - Port Stephens to Sugarloaf Bay – 14:30	25nm – 4.2hrs
04:30 – Sugarloaf Bay to Camden Haven (Laurieton) – 13:30	55nm – 9.2hrs
16:00 - Camden Haven to Coffs Harbour – 06:00	82nm – 13.7hrs
07:00 – Coffs Harbour to Yamba – 17:00	60nm – 10hrs
Potential Stops on the Way to Grafton	
Town or Locality	Distance from Previous (approx.)
Yamba	
Iluka	1.5nm
Harwood (just beyond the bridges)	8.2nm
Maclean	2.8nm
Lawrence	7.4nm
Brushgrove	5nm
Ulmarra	4.7nm
Elizabeth Island	4.1nm
Grafton (by dinghy)	2.3nm