

# *Clarence Cruise 2024*

*October and November*

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A scenic view of a lake with a boat in the foreground and a shoreline with buildings and trees in the background. The boat's metal railing and a red and blue flag are visible in the lower right. The shoreline features a large white building on the left, a dense line of green trees in the center, and another building on the right. The sky is clear and blue.

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## Outline

- Organising Committee
- Dates and directions
- Safe Havens, bars and stuff
- The Mighty Clarence
  - Possible stops
  - Points of interest
- Trip home
- Questions...



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## Northwards (Rendezvous Cruise)

- Early October 2021 leave Barrenjoey (weather dependant)
- Port Stephens (optional)
- Camden Haven (optional)
- Coffs Harbour (optional)
- Iluka/Yamba arrive 8 to 11 October
- Rendezvous 12-13 October

## Southwards

- Somewhere in the Whitsundays
- Iluka/Yamba arrive 12-13 October

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Phase	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Tue 01		1:12 AM 0.28 m	7:17 AM 1.28 m	1:08 PM 0.36 m	7:20 PM 1.46 m		5:47 PM	4:35 AM	4:28 PM
Wed 02		1:39 AM 0.24 m	7:47 AM 1.35 m	1:45 PM 0.32 m	7:52 PM 1.43 m		5:48 PM	5:01 AM	5:20 PM
Thu 03		2:06 AM 0.22 m	8:19 AM 1.40 m	2:20 PM 0.30 m	8:24 PM 1.38 m	New Moon	5:48 PM	5:26 AM	6:12 PM
Fri 04		2:33 AM 0.22 m	8:50 AM 1.43 m	2:57 PM 0.31 m	8:56 PM 1.32 m		5:49 PM	5:52 AM	7:06 PM
Sat 05		3:00 AM 0.25 m	9:23 AM 1.44 m	3:35 PM 0.34 m	9:29 PM 1.23 m		5:49 PM	6:20 AM	8:01 PM
Sun 06		4:27 AM 0.29 m	10:57 AM 1.44 m	5:15 PM 0.40 m	11:03 PM 1.14 m		6:50 PM	7:51 AM	9:58 PM
Mon 07		4:55 AM 0.35 m	11:33 AM 1.42 m	6:01 PM 0.46 m	11:41 PM 1.04 m		6:51 PM	8:27 AM	10:57 PM
Tue 08		5:26 AM 0.41 m	12:16 PM 1.39 m	6:56 PM 0.51 m			6:51 PM	9:09 AM	11:56 PM
Wed 09	12:27 AM 0.94 m	6:03 AM 0.47 m	1:09 PM 1.36 m	8:09 PM 0.55 m			6:52 PM	9:58 AM	
Thu 10	1:33 AM 0.87 m	6:55 AM 0.53 m	2:14 PM 1.34 m	9:35 PM 0.53 m			6:52 PM	10:54 AM	12:53 AM
Fri 11	3:02 AM 0.85 m	8:16 AM 0.57 m	3:28 PM 1.36 m	10:48 PM 0.47 m		First Quarter	6:53 PM	11:56 AM	1:46 AM
Sat 12	4:29 AM 0.91 m	9:52 AM 0.55 m	4:40 PM 1.40 m	11:42 PM 0.38 m			6:54 PM	1:02 PM	2:35 AM
Sun 13	5:35 AM 1.03 m	11:11 AM 0.47 m	5:42 PM 1.47 m				6:54 PM	2:09 PM	3:17 AM
Mon 14		12:26 AM 0.29 m	6:26 AM 1.18 m	12:14 PM 0.36 m	6:36 PM 1.53 m		6:55 PM	3:18 PM	3:56 AM
Tue 15		1:07 AM 0.21 m	7:12 AM 1.33 m	1:10 PM 0.25 m	7:25 PM 1.57 m		6:55 PM	4:26 PM	4:31 AM
Wed 16		1:46 AM 0.15 m	7:56 AM 1.48 m	2:01 PM 0.17 m	8:12 PM 1.57 m		6:56 PM	5:35 PM	5:05 AM
Thu 17		2:25 AM 0.11 m	8:39 AM 1.60 m	2:51 PM 0.13 m	8:58 PM 1.54 m	Full Moon	6:57 PM	6:45 PM	5:39 AM
Fri 18		3:04 AM 0.12 m	9:23 AM 1.68 m	3:41 PM 0.13 m	9:44 PM 1.46 m		6:58 PM	7:56 PM	6:14 AM
Sat 19		3:43 AM 0.15 m	10:08 AM 1.72 m	4:31 PM 0.18 m	10:30 PM 1.35 m		6:58 PM	9:09 PM	6:54 AM
Sun 20		4:22 AM 0.22 m	10:55 AM 1.70 m	5:25 PM 0.26 m	11:18 PM 1.23 m		6:59 PM	10:21 PM	7:39 AM
Mon 21		5:03 AM 0.31 m	11:44 AM 1.65 m	6:24 PM 0.36 m			7:00 PM	11:29 PM	8:31 AM
Tue 22	12:10 AM 1.10 m	5:46 AM 0.41 m	12:37 PM 1.57 m	7:32 PM 0.44 m			7:00 PM		9:29 AM
Wed 23	1:12 AM 0.99 m	6:36 AM 0.52 m	1:37 PM 1.49 m	8:50 PM 0.49 m			7:01 PM	12:30 AM	10:31 AM
Thu 24	2:28 AM 0.93 m	7:39 AM 0.61 m	2:42 PM 1.41 m	10:06 PM 0.49 m		Last Quarter	7:02 PM	1:21 AM	11:34 AM
Fri 25	3:54 AM 0.93 m	9:01 AM 0.66 m	3:50 PM 1.37 m	11:07 PM 0.47 m			7:02 PM	2:04 AM	12:35 PM
Sat 26	5:08 AM 0.98 m	10:23 AM 0.65 m	4:52 PM 1.34 m	11:52 PM 0.43 m			7:03 PM	2:40 AM	1:33 PM
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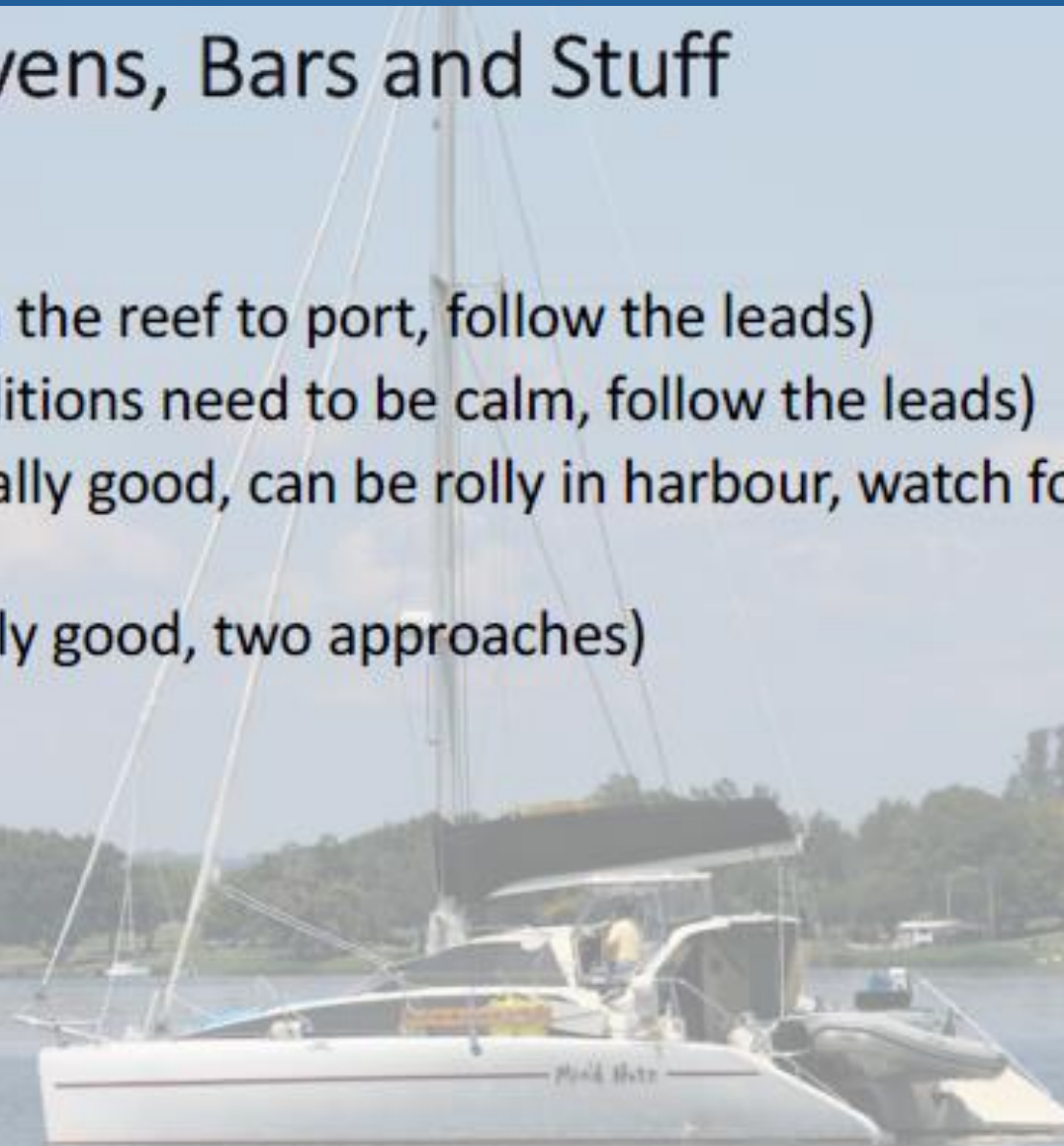
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Wed 06		5:00 AM 0.39 m	11:57 AM 1.50 m	6:51 PM 0.42 m			7:11 PM
Thu 07	12:25 AM 0.91 m	5:45 AM 0.45 m	12:49 PM 1.46 m	7:55 PM 0.43 m			7:12 PM
Fri 08	1:31 AM 0.89 m	6:45 AM 0.50 m	1:50 PM 1.43 m	9:01 PM 0.42 m			7:13 PM
Sat 09	2:47 AM 0.92 m	8:03 AM 0.54 m	2:56 PM 1.42 m	10:02 PM 0.38 m		First Quarter	7:14 PM
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## Safe Havens, Bars and Stuff

- Northwards
  - Port Stephens (watch the reef to port, follow the leads)
  - Camden Haven (conditions need to be calm, follow the leads)
  - Coffs Harbour (normally good, can be roly in harbour, watch for wave on entry)
  - Clarence bar (normally good, two approaches)
- Southwards
  - Clarence bar



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## Port Stephens



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## Camden Haven





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## Coffs Harbour





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## Safe Havens, Bars and Stuff

- Some thoughts about bar crossings
  - Call VMR beforehand to get their view on the conditions existing on the bar.
  - Plan your approach to arrive around an hour prior to high tide
  - Consider approach route and options
  - Study chart
  - Clarence has two approach options
  - If in doubt stay out
  - Motor only, sails stowed.
  - Life jackets on
  - Clip on (optional, personal preference)
  - Stay on the back of the wave in front
  - Keep boat straight (down wave)
  - Surf cam ([rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/usingwaterways/conditions/web-cameras](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/usingwaterways/conditions/web-cameras))
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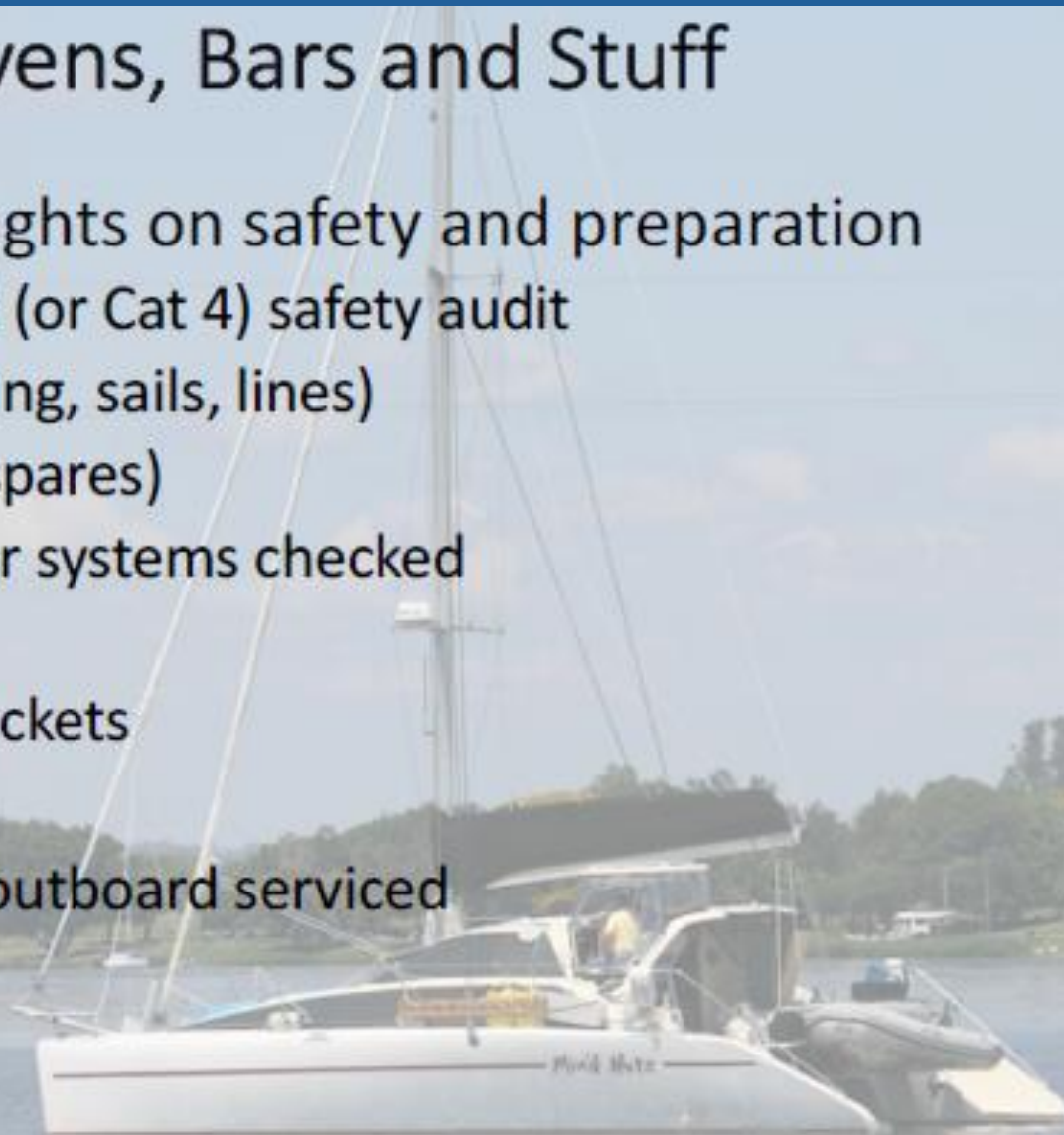


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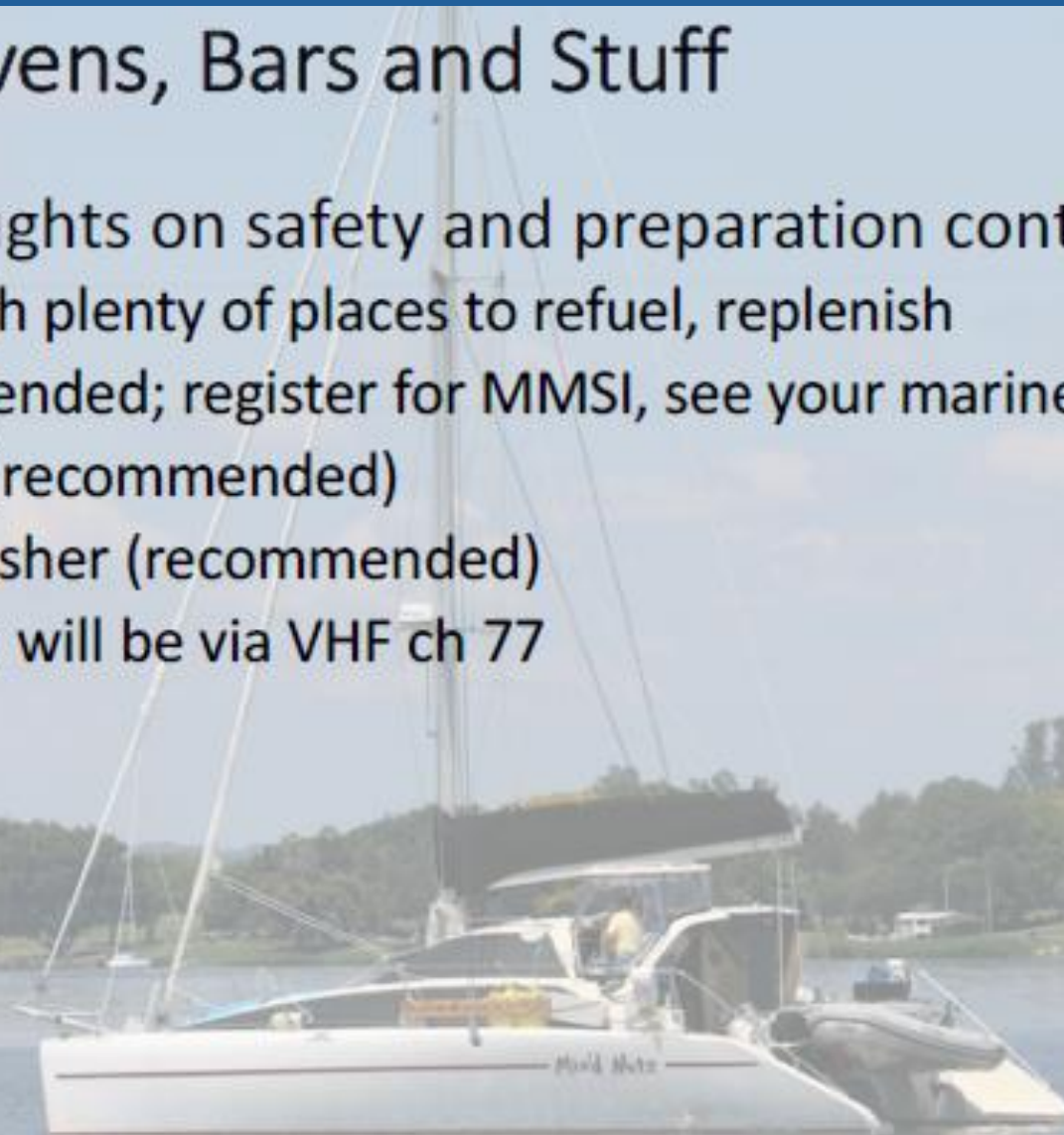
- Some additional thoughts on safety and preparation
  - You need Short Coast (or Cat 4) safety audit
  - Rig check (frays, chafing, sails, lines)
  - Engine service (take spares)
  - Electronics and power systems checked
  - Thru hull fittings
  - epirb, PLBs and life jackets
  - Life raft (optional)
  - Dinghy checked and outboard serviced



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## Safe Havens, Bars and Stuff

- Some additional thoughts on safety and preparation cont'd
  - Provisioning, although plenty of places to refuel, replenish
  - AIS is highly recommended; register for MMSI, see your marine electrician
  - Safety at Sea course (recommended)
  - First Aid course/refresher (recommended)
  - Main communication will be via VHF ch 77



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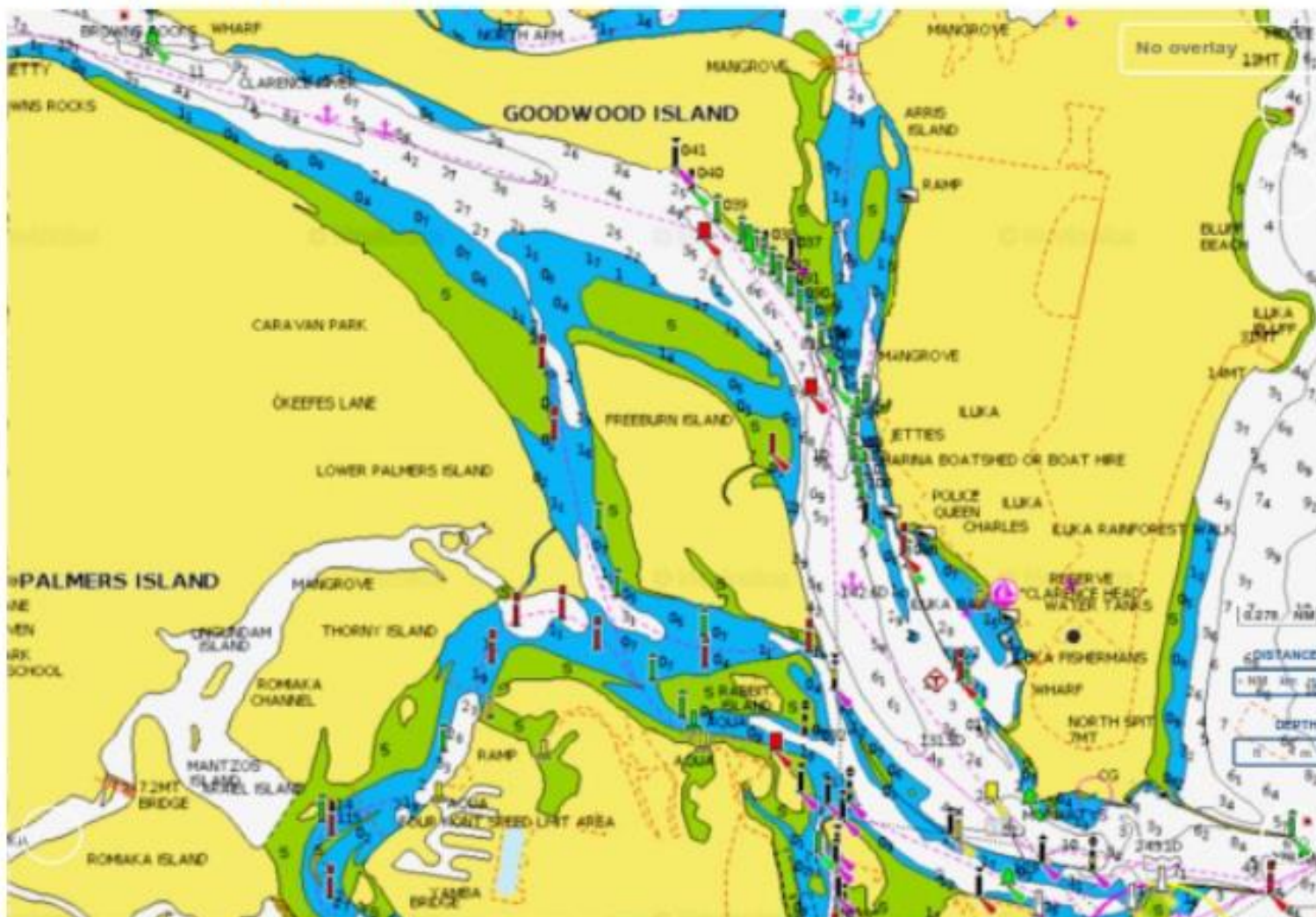
## The Mighty Clarence

- The trip is up and back.
- Towns are:
  - Yamba (pretty, good provisions, excellent pub)
  - Iluka (small village, fish co-op, Melbourne Cup on return trip, temporary pub)
  - Harwood (just past the bridges, good pub)
  - Maclean (large village, Scottish flavour, few good pubs)
  - Brushgrove (very small village on Woodford Island, good pub)
  - Lawrence (overhead power lines and river car ferry on approach, small village, good pub)
  - Ulmarra (historic river town, jetty, lovely pub and garden)
  - Elizabeth Island (turning point, over head power lines at 21m mhws, cows, no pub)
  - Grafton (large regional town, Jacaranda Festival, maybe get bus, goal, lotsa pubs)

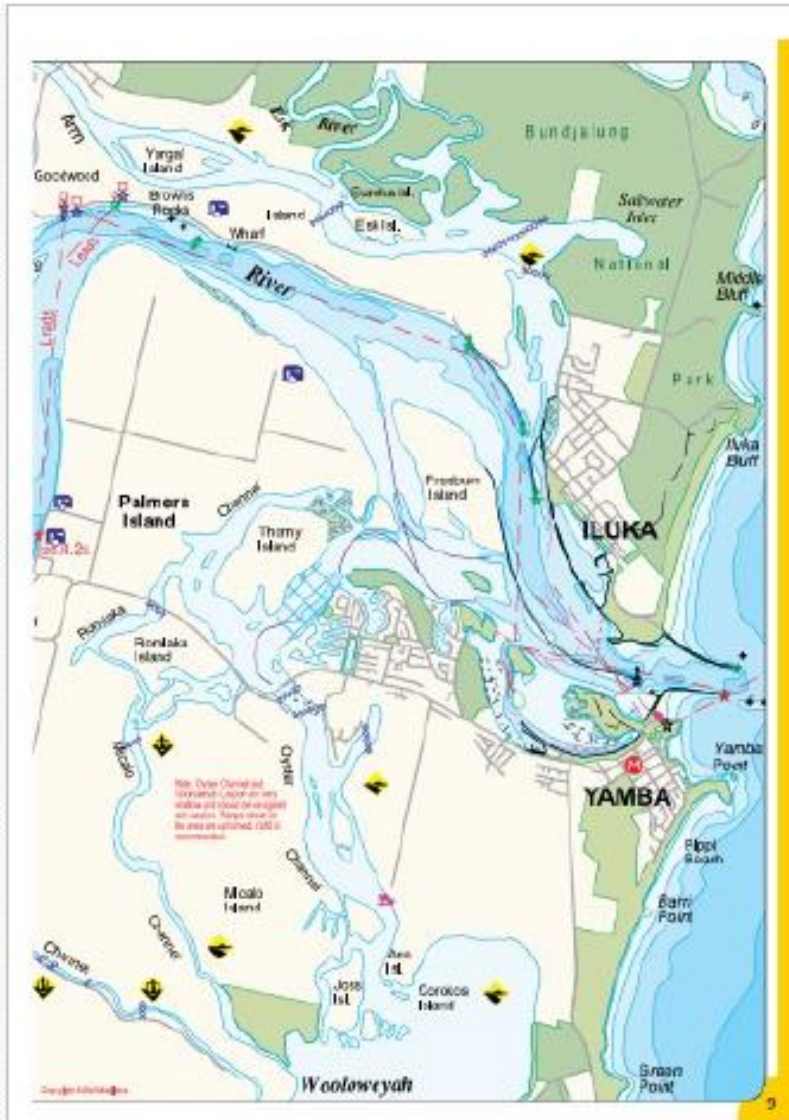
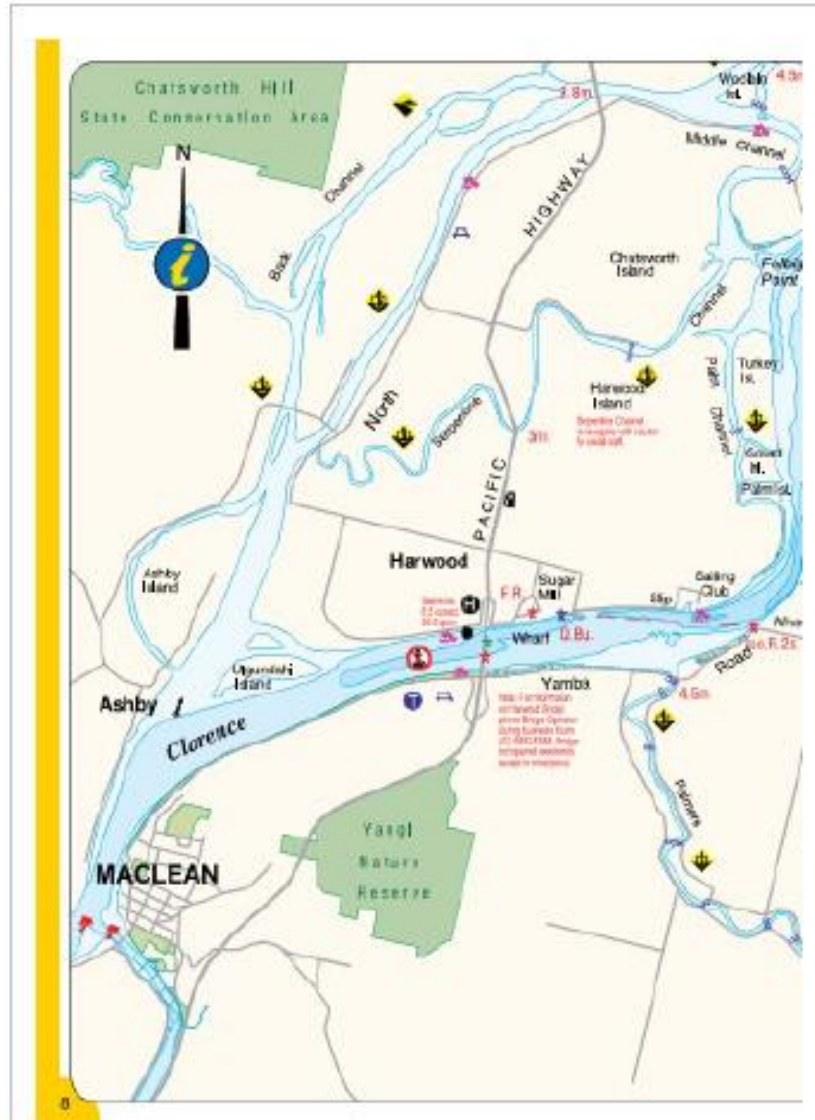


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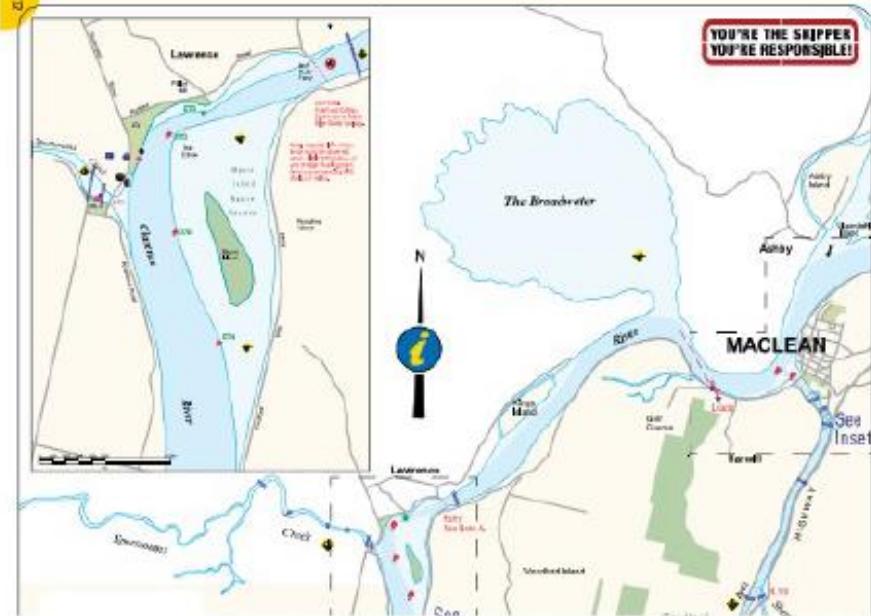
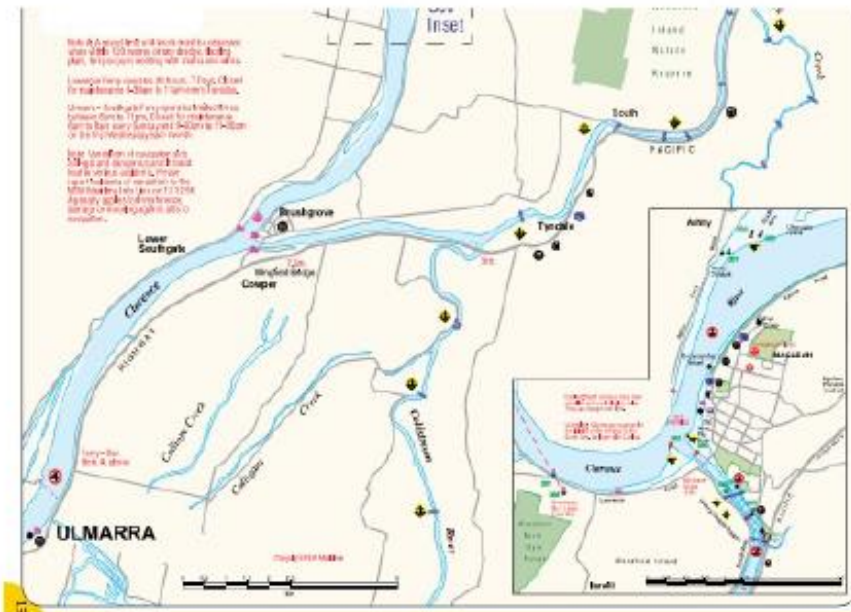
Yamba, Iluka to Clarence River



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## Final Words and Questions

- Trip home is a free-form affair
- Next step is complete entry and declaration by end of July
- Info Pack contains
  - Presentation
  - Notice of Cruise
  - Clarence Tourism Booklet
- All information contained in this document is purely general in nature and skippers are responsible for any decisions they make