

GTYC Queens Birthday Cruise 2014

Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask regarding GTYC Queens Birthday Cruise

Where are we going?

Saturday: Sailing from Werribee South to docklands (lower and stow mast)

- Departing Werribee South Boat Ramp at 12:30 hours
- Recommended arrival time at car park: 10:15 hours
- Option to store cars and trailers in Werribee South Caravan Park
- Distance from Werribee South to Docklands: Approximately 18 NM
- Estimated voyage time based on Swingshift average (4 Knots): 4.5 Hours.

Sunday: Motoring from Docklands (mast down) to Canning St Bridge via Yarra and Maribyrnong River (approximately 4-5 hours motoring round trip) with opportunities to visit or berth at for lunch:

- Footscray Jetty
- Henderson House Landing
- Lynch's Bridge Jetty
- Flemington Floating Landing
- Farnsworth Avenue Public Jetty
- Pipemakers Park Jetty
- Anglers Tavern Jetty
- Tea House Public Berth
- Poynton's Floating Landing

Sunday afternoon: raise the mast and make ready for return trip

Monday: Depart at 09:00 Hours and return to Werribee South by 14:00 Hrs.

How much will it cost?¹

- 24 Hour launch and car park fee at Werribee South ramp \$16 per day (\$32)
Note the option to store car and trailer at Caravan Park
- Optional Car and trailer storage at Caravan Park \$5 per day (\$15)
- Melbourne City Marina Berthing \$45 per night (\$90)

Can I buy fuel on the river if I need it? Fuel is available at d'Albora Marina Pier 35 on the Yarra. We pass this facility 4 times over the weekend so plenty of opportunities to fill if required. If you found the portable toilet full, you can also dump it in the hopper here too.

¹ Prices correct at May 2014

Do I need to book at Docklands? Highly recommended. Can get busy at popular public holidays or if footy is on at the docklands stadium. Download the application form fill in your details and email or fax to Melbourne City Marina office. You will be responsible for making your own bookings so don't forget.

What if the weather looks unfavourable for the sail up the bay or we will not have time to do the sail? Our contingency plan is to launch or retrieve our boats at Warmies Ramp at Newport, will require a car shuffle and/or a taxi if cars are at the other end. If you are time poor, this option also saves you having to rig your boat for sailing. You can still join the cruise up the river or stay a night or two at Melbourne City Marina if you wish.

Will I need working Navigational Lights? Remember the days are short and it gets dark quickly in winter; Sunday 8 June, Sunrise 07:30, Sunset 17:07. Working [navigational lights](#) for this trip are highly recommended.

Communications:

Please be aware of the following Marine Radio channels and frequencies when operating in the Yarra River, Maribyrnong River and Victoria Harbour:

- Recreational Vessels – VHF Channel 72, 73 and 77
(27MHz Channel 96)
- Port Operations – VHF Channel 12
- Commercial River Operations – VHF Channel 74
- Emergency Calls – VHF Channel 16
(27MHz Channel 88)
- Philip Adams – Ph 0478708246, (Jenny – Ph 0429944940)
 - Swingshift - MMSI - 503000920
- John Mole – Ph 0411 142 917

Useful Links:

Melbourne City Marina

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ParksandActivities/Waterways/Pages/citymarina.aspx>

Suite 109, 425 Docklands Drive, Docklands VIC 3008

BH: 03 9658 8738, AH: 03 9658 9658, Email: berthing@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Waterways office hours, Mon – Sat: 9am to 5pm, Sunday: 9am to 3pm

Parks Victoria including free [Boating on the Rivers](#) - A guide to recreational boating on the Rivers map – Ph 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

Coast Guard Victoria - <http://www.coastguard.com.au/flotillavic>