

## Power Boat Report

Well we can at least say that we aren't just a fair weather section! Unfortunately due to our last trip some of us are probably still thawing out!....

The 10th July promised to be a nice and calm day by the forecast, it also promised to be quite cool... never mind it's the wind that bothers us! 3 Boats headed out from Ocean Reef around 10:30 (well one left at 9:30) and headed for Fremantle for fish & chips, meanwhile 6 boats met up at Matilda Bay at 10am to head for the same destination.

Launching the boat was interesting as the water was so cold; the sonar was showing 11.8 degrees so it took a while to get feeling back in my feet. Strange because I don't think any of the other 5 boat launchers even took their shoes off! Must just be me..

We were very honoured to have a grotty (honorary power boater!) with us. Trevor and Robyn Tolley joined us in their stink boat to do the fish and chip run. Hopefully we didn't put them off from joining us on later trips.

With all 6 boats in the water and a quick call to Steve to see if they had left Ocean Reef we headed in a steady convoy down the river. Peter and Christine in their finally working trophy diesel were going well and it was great to see it run for more than a few minutes! Amazing what a blocked fuel breather can do.

Rachael was already happy due to a dolphin spot as we were driving to Matilda Bay ramps, she was happier still when just outside of Swan Yacht Club we saw some more messing about next to the jetties.

We continued to cruise at the 8 knot limit toward Freo and eventually came to the bridges just before the port area. There was an amazing flow to the river speeding us up and making the boats twist a little as we went under them. The remainder of the trip to Freo was pretty uneventful apart from us feeling tiny compared to the container ships.

Fremantle Harbour next to Joe's fish shack and Cicerellos has always been tight on space for mooring, but a new jetty has been built and as it was a cool day we pretty much had all the jetty space to ourselves!

As we were waiting for the 3 (2) boats to arrive we grabbed a hot drink to warm us all up, there was no sun and a cool easterly breeze, so we needed it. Some came down by car so we have a very healthy 9 boats and 25 people attend!

Steve & Dionne and Terry & Linda turned up just as we had finished our coffee and as Cicerellos was getting busier we decided to head over to the mainly deserted Joe's fish shack as it had more room. We had a bit of a chat and then it was time



for the Fish & Chips. Just after we had ordered our food the mysterious Graham turned up (after leaving Ocean Reef at 9:30!) apparently he had been at the marina early and seen Steve, then couldn't see Steve so assumed he had missed the start of the trip, so he launched and went fishing on his way to meet us at Freo. At least he got there and had more of a feed from Joe's than he did from his fishing!

As we were all cooling down quite rapidly we decided around 1pm that we would head back, 3 boats this time along the ocean and the remainder along the river. Graham took a couple of passengers in the form of Les and Frank to help him out at the Jetty.. and so they could make sure he didn't go on any diversions!!

The six river boats headed back up just as it started to drizzle and seemingly get colder. Rachael was still smiling due to some more dolphins being spotted as we exited the port under the bridges.

Trundling along at 8 knots was nice and relaxing but the breeze seemed to be blowing through the boat so we were looking forward to the open water. As soon as we reached it we opened the throttle and picked the speed up to a reasonable 18-19 knots, as we came out of freshwater bay, Ron and Dora (and apparently Dora spilt her wine) opened up and started to chase us down, a) to give the engine a clean and b) to prove that Blue Boat could 'boogie'. Once Ron had it out of his system (and he realised he couldn't catch us!) he slowed back down and took up duties as tail end Charlie again.

It tried to rain a little harder as soon as we got back to the ramp, so we got a little wet but it only encouraged us to get the boats out very quickly.

The ocean trip was apparently a very nice smooth and fast run back, with Terry & Linda's brand new winch apparently working very well and extremely speedily!

Another great trip and one that we thank people for braving the cold to attend!

#### Upcoming events

- 23/07/11 Two Rocks
- 14/08/11 Mandurah Day Trip/ (Bowling for bad weather back up)
- 11/09/11 Blo-Karting on River launching from Matilda Bay (TBC)
- 02/10/11 Whale Watching / (4 Wheel Driving for bad weather back up)

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