

Power Boat Section Report

Well this will be my last report as RC Power boats, but the section has a new RC in the form of Steve Carrier, I'll be taking up the position of one of the cruise captains so I'm sure you will be hearing more of my waffle... unfortunately for you I have plenty left!

July saw us finally, after 2 years, get to Sun City Yacht Club in Two Rocks. By hell or high water we were going there, unfortunately the high water was accurate! We were just in time to visit before Ann the current Commodore and her Husband Ken, the Past Commodore retired from their positions at Sun City Yacht Club.



The forecast wasn't good all through the week with big swell and wind. We were pretty resigned to driving up, however a last minute reprieve saw the wind drop (but not the swell) so a few of us changed our minds and went up on the water while the majority went the smarter way.. by road! Some even chose the cruisy way on a Harley.

Sindy & Craig with Steve & Dionne on board joined Rachael and I, with John A on board along with Gary and Corinne in their boat at Ocean Reef Marina at 10am, Ron & Dora had already left Mindarie. The swell was showing 3.5m but the wind was almost non-existent!

We led the way (hoping that we could pick our way around the reefs!) and headed steadily along the coast at around 18-22 knots, just past Mindarie Gary & Corinne picked up a craypot (with a sunken float) so had to stop to release it. As we got closer to the Alkimos, the swell seemed to get bigger and the breakers over the reef got larger and closer! Ron & Dora called saying they had arrived just as we reached the Alkimos.

We had no encounters with any of the breakers, well when I say we I mean literally our boat, Sindy & Craig seemed to escape most of the swell but Gary & Corinne nearly got swiped by one, fortunately they saw it and turned into it before it got them! We arrived at the marina to be greeted by a very jolly looking bunch of power boaters and of course Ken the past Commodore of Sun City. We moored the 3 boats up and headed for the club where we were also joined by Mike the ORSSC Commodore and Jan (Mrs Commodore).

Ken Swiftly served us all before running off to help Ann to get organised. They had very kindly offered to put the food on for us; we had tried to insist we would bring our own but Ann wasn't listening, so we had to give in. As we had such a good turn out and the sun was shining we decided that a group photo would be a good idea.. I think we all looked pretty smart in our section shirts!

Ann arrived with her helper (no not Ken, another Anne!) and started to organise the food. It was an impressive spread with marinated chicken, salads, sausages etc etc, followed by fruit and cheese and biscuits. We all tucked in enjoying every mouthful making sure that we were staying nicely hydrated courtesy of the drinks from the bar!



After lunch we did what we normally do; sat around relaxing and chatting. Ann went round and spoke to pretty much everyone and seemed to be enjoying herself. I know we were!

Before we headed off we had a small presentation to Ann and Ken as way of thanking them. We had a small gift of flowers for Ann and a bottle of wine for Ken and thanked them for their hospitality, wishing them good luck in a) actually managing to retire and b) enjoying themselves with their new found time! Ann gave us a speech that was quite amusing and educational about her relationship with ORSSC and some of the funny things that had happened along the way... I'll say no more as no doubt she will read this!

We didn't really want to leave but time was getting on, and we had places to go (and a sea full of swell to ride) so those of us in boats headed back to the jetty, and those in cars also went to the jetty to help us out!

The trip back was interesting, starting with the mouth of the marina! The swell was breaking across the mouth, so we had to time the exit quite carefully, we got out with only a minor bump or 2, Cindy & Craig seemed to have a few more bumps but had no problems, and Gary and Corinne did it the very clever way! They used all 200 horses on their boat and came stinking out turned into it and went over the swell all in a flash... excellent stuff!

The journey south was pretty much the same as going, lots of breaking swells getting ever closer and then disappearing without a trace and Gary and Corinne nearly collecting another breaker.. it wasn't too bad tho, although our little tinny was its usual bumpy self into the chop. We finally made it back to Ocean Reef, helped each other onto the trailers and went our separate merry ways!

I'd just like to once again give our sincerest thanks to Ann & Ken for their great hospitality, everyone enjoyed it immensely and enjoyed visiting what is and has always been a great club.

Upcoming Events

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)

For any further information regarding the Power Boat section or upcoming events or to be added to our mailing list, please contact

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