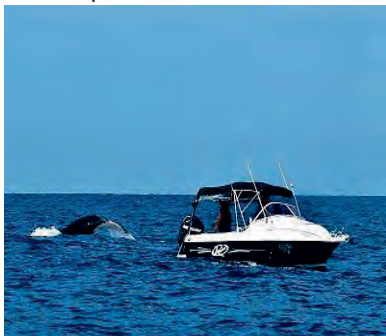


Power Boat Section

Welcome to every one. This month we had a whale watching trip planned for the Sunday 2nd October, with busy schedules for the month for many, and after consultations with Steve D, (who was cruise capt. on the day), it was decided to go on Saturday instead, then roll over to Sunday if needed.

By Friday, the winds for the next day were forecast strong easterlies in the morning, dropping to 7km n/w by lunch and it was decided that we'll give it a crack.

We had six boats at Ocean Reef marina bright & early and ready to go by 8am. With Steve D & Rach leading the way we hung close to shore down to Hillary's, before heading towards the south cardinal off Trigg. Once around the marker and heading due west, it wasn't long before we spotted the first group of whales leisurely cruising by. After spending a short time admiring these beautiful mammals, Steve then spotted some more whales further out breaching and having fun in the sun, so off we went hastily in there direction.



When we arrived in the area we were treated to a very playful group of 6 - 8 whales curiously circling our boats, sometimes a little bit too close, (as evident in photo). For around 30 - 40 min. everyone who had cameras were busily taking lots of photos and videos to show off later to family and friends.



As we were nice and close to Ratto by now, we decided to head over for a spot of lunch. After beach mooring, off we went to the bakery for some of their famous pies and cakes. First time visitors to Rottnest, Karen and Kevin, were having a wonderful time admiring the quokas milling around their feet looking for scraps. By 2 we'd had our fill and I snuck into the shop to stock up on a few refreshments for the trip back. With the breeze almost non existent, the run back was smooth and easy cruising and before too long we were back in the marina and up to the club for a few coldies and watch the second half of the grand final, (which I must admit not too many people were interested in).



Sunday the 16th October saw the club's Opening Day which had a good turnout from all sections. We had four boats come down to do the sail past with their boats decorated. I'd have to say Les and Joan took out the Oscar for best decorated boat, followed closely by Ron and Dora. It was a bit blowy out there, but they all manged the conditions well, especially Ian and Cathy in their friends 40ft cat.

On a personal note, I'd like to put out a special thanks to Les, Joan, Terry and Linda for their hard work looking after the BBQ and all the cleaning up afterwards.

Upcoming Events

26/11/11 Evening River Cruise & Dinner in Freo.
02/12/11 - 04/12/11 Mandurah Xmas Lights weekend trip.

For any further information regarding the Power Boat section or upcoming events or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Steve Carrier - RC Power Boat section at orsscpb@googlemail.com or 0439944665

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