

## Power boat Section Report March 2010

March has actually been a busy month! Yes that is correct the weather has been kind(ish) , yep you heard me correctly the weather hasn't been its usual vindictive self!

This last month we have managed to squeeze 2 trips in, one very delightful trip to Rottnest and one very pleasant trip along the Swan river to the YWA Claisebrook Cove boating picnic!

### Rottnest Island – Geordie bay 27.02.10 – 01.03.10

Ok I know I said the weather had been kind, that was a teeny tiny little white lie! Our Labour Day weekend trip to Rottnest was forecast to be the weather dreams were made of, however on the Saturday morning of our departure it had turned into the weather nightmares are made of! It was blowing a very hard easterly which would have been nice inshore, but not quite so comfortable offshore. Steve Carrier (who was leading the trip) made about a dozen trips to the marina to see if the wind looked any better down there, and eventually made the call that we postponed until the following day Wayne and Annie called up to see where we were.. they had braved the conditions and gone over to meet us! Apparently they had a nice time!

The following day turned up and once again all of us woke up at the crack of dawn only to find once again that it was blowing even harder! Poor Steve once again drove down to the marina and declared that it was still 'blowing its guts out' the forecast was predicting a drop in the wind late morning, so it was decided that we meet at the marina and then decide from there. We were all pretty much determined to get over there, but just needed the weather to calm down a small amount.



At 10:30 we decided to get the boats in the water anyway and head off to Hillary's for a drink and a think. The hope was that by the time we had had a coffee and a chat the wind would calm down enough for us to dash over. Well... surprisingly... it worked! About 11:30 we headed out of the harbour wall at Hillary's and started off toward the South marker. It was still blowing but not quite as badly, but we were glad to get round the marker and out towards Rotto so that we didn't have the wind to the side of us!

We had a pretty uneventful trip over there (for once) and the seas weren't too bad, except for the potholes that our boat has a natural talent for finding! Once we got to the lighthouse Steve & Dionne and Terry & Linda headed round to Geordie bay, while Myself & Rachael were guided into Thompson bay by Peter, Ros and Ryan so that we could pick up our landing passes. It was at this point our engine once again started to stutter and cough (fixing it was obviously money not well spent!) The 20 minute rest that it got while Peter and I waited for Rachael and Ros to come back with the passes seemed to cure the issue tho. So we headed off to meet the others at Geordie bay.



We all managed to secure a beach mooring in the sheltered north end of Geordie (except Terry and Linda who had a nicely sheltered shared mooring) We set up on the beach quickly and started emptying our Engel's / Waeco's / Coolers / Bottle shop of whatever we had bought along. Ron and Dora who were staying in Longreach came over to join us (also bringing plenty of supplies)

Shortly after Brett and his wife Nat arrived with friends and children in tow in their magnificent new Whitley 2800 which we all admired. We weren't quite sure of the purpose of the tender as Brett and his mate waded into shore.. that was until they went back for Nat and the kids!

The day went pretty quickly and before we knew it, it was time for a BBQ, so we headed up (with plenty of supplies) cooked some food and sat and ate, drank and chatted as the sun dropped out of the sky.. it truly was spectacular the whole day had been fantastic and the sunset just topped it all off! After many more hours we finally stumbled back to our boats and said our good nights.

Morning arrived as quickly as the day before had gone and those that were up to it made breakfast, those that were a little worse for wear headed for the café and several strong coffees! Brett and Nat turned up again, making the most of their boat as they weren't comfortable staying over with the young children on board! Nothing much more exciting happened except sadly it was soon time for us to leave. The weather was calm the seas were flat(ish) and Steve & Dionne led us back the more direct route through the reef. Once again we were back at the harbour, loaded the boats up said our goodbyes and set off for home! Another fantastic trip for us.



### Claisebrook Picnic 07.03.10



It was touch and go whether Rachael and I would make this as I had been quite ill the week before with some kind of vicious infection (all together now... awwwww) but I braved it and we had a small convoy meet at 10am at Maylands for Launch. There was ourselves, Peter and Cathy and in a rare appearance Trevor Tina and Zoe! Once underway we realised that it wasn't much of a distance to Claisebrook cove, so we carried on past the cove and then past the city so that we could meet Ian, Jo, Sophie and Alex at Matilda bay. Our timing was perfect!

We then headed back towards Claisebrook, making sure that we gave Trevor every opportunity to clear and test his motor, unfortunately people in large boats were trying their hardest to stop him! We made it to Claisebrook without too much cursing over the radio and easily found a jetty or 5 to pull alongside.



The Picnic was very busy with food and craft stalls and entertainment and a poor mime artist that Sophie and Zoe ran ragged! Strangely tho we were the main collection of the boats, it was more of a picnic than a boating picnic! We were just starting to have a wander around when Lyn & Merv made an appearance on foot, in an attempt to clear the mother of all hangovers, Liz and Keith also turned up. Apparently David and Pat were around too but we didn't see them.

We all sat around and ate and drank (only one beer was consumed!) and behaved in an unusually civilised manner for the stinkies! It was a very relaxed day, and one that was very different to our usual trips. We finally left around 2pm just after saying hi to Peter and Ros, who had made their own way there, and headed our separate ways home. Two great trips in one month... it really is a terrible life!



## **Upcoming events**

11 <sup>th</sup> April	4 wheel drive at Lancelin
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Dine in
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Power boat meeting 8pm
23,24 & 25 April	Jurien Bay weekend staying at Camp Apex. Booking essential

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