



Boat Talk

VMR Brisbane's Monthly Newsletter



Photo above: Xiang and Polynesian Va'a alo crews preparing to train on a recent Sunday morning.

Around the Rigging

Welcome to our new Members. We look forward to seeing you around the base.

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ACTIVE CREW

Craig Grendon
David Harte
Katherine Hunter
Jeff Kassulke

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FULL MEMBERS

Jason Anderssen
Ross Blackman
Kym Bouckaert
Andrew Brier
Andrew Harbour
David Redfern
John Ryan
Chris Wheatley

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WATERSIDE ASSIST

Paul Antenucci
Michelle Aulich
Richard Barge
Ross Bischoff
Amanda Bowlen
Bryan Cooke
Sarah Gaunt
Steven Gradwell
Mark Hansen
Shannon Hanson
Esa Hashemi
David Howarth
Greg Kent
Scott Magee
Andrew McPhee
Mark Robinson
Lance Spina
Frank Steuart
Simon Szczepina
Chris Thomas
Jarrod Towell
Christopher Ward
Mandy Watene
Timothy Williams
Gavin Wust

DATE TO REMEMBER

FOOD TRUCK EVENT

Hosted by Alpha Crew on Friday,
16th February 2018
4.30 pm -8.00 pm

We have welcomed our new year with a good number of new members and it is especially gratifying to see the people who have signed up for active crew over the last year. We hope you all take advantage of your membership and learn a lot about boating from our experienced volunteers.

It's been great to see the [Xiang Dragon](#) and [Polynesian Va'a alo](#) Groups recruiting a lot of people learning to paddle. On many of their Sunday morning outings, people are experiencing what it is like to paddle and they both are training multiple crews. The only problem is that there are so many cars parked in our hardstand area that weekend boaties can find it hard to park their tow vehicles and trailers. Perhaps some of the people without trailers could park on the main road as it is wide with room for many vehicles.

Here is a tip from Webb Marine which you might have missed on VMRB's Facebook page.

"We see this quite often during servicing – fishing line behind the prop shaft. This is our No.1 cause of water getting into gearboxes as it chews out prop shaft seals. Braid is the



worst as it is so abrasive. Just take a few mins every now and then to take the prop off and have a look, especially after a big fishing trip or tournament."

Just checking every now and again could save you money and inconvenience.

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President's Report

Well the year has started off well.

We assisted [QCYC](#) with their annual [Surf to City Yacht Race](#) doing Radio Skeds to make sure all entrants were

safe and well. Just on [QCYC](#), if you are looking for somewhere for an [awesome Sunday breakfast](#) I hear they do one of the best in the area..

We had an opportunity to help a new Family Fishing Group with their first ever Meet and Greet. Check out [Fish N Chicks on Facebook](#). Give them a Like and share your fishy tails and photos.

And keep an eye out for a Competition to Win a [Waterside Assist Membership](#), It Might Just Save Your Life.

We have had our Food Truck Events start up again on Friday nights and the first night was very well attended with 4 of the 5 Trucks selling out by the end of the night. The next Food Truck Event is the 16th of February so put it in your diary and let all your Friends and Family know about it. We are making sure there will be an extra Truck so everyone gets enough to eat.

You can find these events on our Facebook page under [Events](#). So make sure you check out when they are on. (Our Facebook page also gives tips and marine notices so remember to have a look at it.)

Thank you to all the Volunteers and Crews who helped with the above events. You always make sure things go off without a hitch and put VMR Brisbane in a very good light to anyone that comes and visits us or needs our help.

This year is shaping up to be a good one for all our associate groups which is great to see and hear.

Keep an eye out down at your base for some more improvements happening this year.

Some of the ones that will be starting soon are:

- Revamp of the downstairs amenities
- Some work in the downstairs training/ bar area and
- Some more work on our awesome venue with some of the best views of Moreton Bay.

If you know someone looking for a venue to host a get-together, please mention us and point them to our VMR Brisbane webpage for more details

www.vmrbrisbane.com.au/facilities/venue-hire.html and Lizzie will make sure they are looked after.

And lastly, if anyone knows someone that can help us with the repair/ replacement of our Boat Ramp,

February 2018 Crew Roster

Sat 3	Alpha	Sun 4	November
Sat 10	Charlie	Sun 11	Quebec
Sat 17	Foxtrot	Sun 18	Sierra
Sat 24	Bravo	Sun 25	Tango

March:

Sat 3	Alpha	Sun 4	Papa
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can you please ask them to contact myself at president@vmrbrisbane.com.au or Karl at jnr.vice.president@vmrbrisbane.com.au as we are actively seeking out advice and quotes on getting this project underway and completed.

Thanks again to all those who volunteer your time to VMR Brisbane. We wouldn't be who or where we are without you.

Remember, Log on and Log Off or tell someone where you are going and what time you may be back. It might just save your life.

Safe Boating

Best Regards

Thomas Grice

President, VMRB

Note to Members re Hall Hirers

We are very fortunate to have some good regular hall hirers which means VMRB gains valuable income to support our squadron. We request that members respect these venue hirers by not interrupting their sessions. [Allstate Licencing](#) conduct classes and examinations for boat and jet ski licencing and we need to give the instructors and participants the courtesy of not disturbing them. Please do not walk through the downstairs training room when it is being used by hirers.

Signs will be placed at both entry doors when Allstate is in residence so please be aware that Peter uses the area on a regular basis on weekdays and weekends.

Associate Groups of VMRB

Our Association is made up of the following clubs. Please click on the logo to find out more details.



Activation Report

JANUARY

9th - Tow grounded vessel with 2 POB off rocks adjacent to Baxters Jetty.

10th - Tow disabled vessel with 3 POB from mouth of Boggy Creek to Whyte Island boat ramp.

12th - Tow disabled vessel with 2 POB from Woody Point to Pelican Park.

13th - Tow disabled vessel with 1 POB from Brighton foreshore to Cabbage Tree Creek.

14th – “Sierra Crew didn’t have expectations of much action as a strong wind warning had been issued by BOM on Saturday night. Fortunately conditions were pretty good early in the morning so headed off to Bramble Bay for some navigation practice. Whilst we were visiting Clontarf boat ramp we received a call to assist a 35’ sailing boat in the Brisbane River (adjacent to Mowbray Park ferry terminal). The vessel had encountered engine trouble and then had trouble setting its anchor so avoiding bumping into other vessels at anchor was a challenge. We soon had the vessel under tow and headed to the moorings near the Botanic Gardens. We were unable to put the vessel on its mooring due to conditions and difficulty accessing the area due to the number of other craft in the vicinity. Eventually the vessel anchored just upstream of its mooring.

In the afternoon we set off on a navigation run to Brisbane Road. On the way we received a call to assist a sailing catamaran that had overturned near Woody Point. On arrival we found that the Hobicat had lost its mast and was being towed to shore by another catamaran. We followed both vessels back to the Humpybong Yacht Club then headed for home.

Around 16:30 the tide was rising and the predicted southerly change kicked in, bringing with it some very strong wind gusts, so we secured Sandgate 1 to the pontoon and gave her a wash down. Thinking our job was done for the day we were then alerted to an unmanned sailing boat that was dragging its anchor in Cabbage Tree Creek. After a period of observation it was clear the vessel was continuing to drag its anchor and was heading towards the VMRB pontoon or boat ramp or both. We quickly managed to raft the vessel, raise its anchor and secure it to our pontoon. It was an exhausting affair and a demonstration of some great teamwork by Sierra Crew – well done guys!

All in all, just another day at the office.”

20th - Foxtrot crew were responsible for the Radio Skeds (radio the yachts in the race at regular intervals to get their positions and make sure they are still safe) for the Surf to City race.

ACTIVE CREW ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and thank you to the following crew members who volunteered more than 5 years ago and who joined in January.

Michael Overend	23	1995
Glenn Philip	18	2000
Cameron Pegler	12	2006
Bill McCord	6	2012

To top off the day, the crew had to find a 14 foot runabout with 0 POB that had broken free from its mother ship. The vessel was found and returned safely to base for collection of a grateful owner (*below*).



21st - Assisted vessel with flat battery.

22nd - Sandgate 1 assisted a disabled vessel with 2 POB off the Outer Measured Mile. Sandgate 1 stood by while a fish was played (*below*). After having played a shark for an hour the line was cut and the vessel was towed back to Cabbage Tree Creek.



Thank you to all the crews who assisted with any activations. We really appreciate receiving activation details and photos to help promote VMR Brisbane. Please email any information through to editor@vmrbrisbane.com.au and also to admin@vmrbrisbane.com.au.

Food Trucks Event

Our first Food Truck evening for 2018 on 19th January was the biggest one yet. There was such a crowd that trucks ran out of food. However we have been advised that on Friday, 16th February the food trucks will be well prepared for more customers. Food will be on sale from the vans from 4.30 pm and Alpha Crew will be selling drinks from our Club until 8.00 pm. Boutique beers are provided by the [All Inn Brewing Co](#) and Club members are invited to stay later to take the opportunity to catch up with fellow members; you can meet upstairs if you like.



Photo courtesy of Food Collective.

Positions Vacant

We live in hope that someone's New Year Resolution is to fill one of the vacant positions at VMR Brisbane. We really need:

Senior Vice-President,

Designated Person Ashore / A/H Call Out Officer

Web Master

Social Media

Administration

Crew Liaison

Fishing & Cruising

Squadron Historian

Zone Delegate

For more information on what each position entails, please contact president@vmrbrisbane.com.au



SE Qld Island Hopping

The following article was written by David Wilmington, who charts a luxury yacht called Papillon on the Gold Coast (and printed in Boat Gold Coast.) Although he mostly lists places down south, depending on the size of your vessel, some of the islands he mentions may be well worth a visit.

"Recently, I was told that local boating gets boring. So when I asked people where they go, I was amazed to hear how Tipplers and the Pin are the only places they knew. Why rush to the same spots to spend the weekend and rush back, I thought. Maybe safety in numbers and crowded anchorages must be the best ones?"

Some locals are amazed when you explain how to go through Whalleys Gutter, and turn east into Tiger Mullet Channel to fish around Green Bank along the huts on Crusoe Island, or turn west and anchor along Kangaroo Island. These are both great all-weather deep anchorages. Many boaties do not know to go west at the Brisbane turn and venture up to Calypso Bay and into Harrigan's Pub for a meal, or just walk up to the shops at Jacobs Well, or into Horizon Shores for a meal and supplies.

Using a chart, I show others how Perry's Hole is a great all-weather fishing overnight spot or the eastern tip of Short Island (formerly Rat Island) where the north cardinal is, to catch a feed of tailor off the yellow buoy on the east tip off Crusoe island. If the breeze was up, I have spent many winter nights in Mosquito Creek, now called Cobby Passage, fishing and crabbing the rocks on the bends of Cobby Cobby Island. And more familiar is the Slipping Sands and the huts that used to be called the Stock Yards, which is another great anchorage close to the sand hills.

Southern Moreton Bay Islands

If you're heading north, go with the rising tide along Cobby Cobby Island as the channel shifts once you pass Koureyabba on North Stradbroke Island and Oak Island. There are some great anchorages along Russell Island up to Canaipa Passage, which is a favourite in summer as shade from the island hills gives you a sleep-in and you can go ashore at low tide, dig a fresh water pool in the streams coming out of the island and have lots of fun. As a family, we have spent many nights in Krummel Passage with a walk up high street for exercise. Karragarra Island has lots of all-weather anchorages with three islands to explore even to just get an ice cream. But while the ferries can get a bit annoying, they can be useful for visitors to join your trip.

Peel Island on Horseshoe Bay is always a favourite—but not in a southerly. It can be crowded on a weekend. But mid-week, you can take the dingy over southwest rocks. There are corals, clear water, good fishing, and also along the spit from the old jetty out to the reef half way to Cleveland Point. If the breeze is from the west, fish from The Bluff to Douglas Light.

On North Stradbroke Island, my wife likes to go ashore at One Mile Beach in Dunwich and walk up through the cemetery. It is always moving and educational, to see what our forefathers went through, and a chance to remember them. Then we walk up to visit the bakery and take back some fresh supplies. We also get a decent cup of coffee there and grab some of the local produce from the organic fruit shop. My wife and I like to support local businesses everywhere we go and this applies to when we are out on the water. If you have time, catch

the bus over to Point Lookout. You'll find good surf, glorious views, great modern pub and lots of walking trails.

In a southerly, I usually go to Deanbilla Bay or my favourite Myora Reef where the water is clean and fishing the Rainbow Channel always gets results. I only go north to Amity in winter to cross to Koorngal on Moreton Island because of the tide rip. In summer, a storm across the Pelican Banks and getting through the Rous Channel will give you grief, but easy on a clear winter's day.

If the breeze is anything west, head over to Raby Bay public jetty near the train station. They have all the shops you could need and lots of restaurants. If you're staying west, anchor around Green Island, St Helena Island or Mud Island. We even go into Manly for more shops and restaurants before heading west up the Brisbane river where there is lots to see that way. Otherwise, head north from Peel Island, fish the Hope Banks or the Chain banks and the Harry Atkinson artificial reef on your way to the sand hills.

Moreton Island

While I have never taken my yacht into the Blue Hole, I have seen others boats in there. I do take the dinghy through Frazer's Gutter to Mays for a cold beer and oysters at Koorngal. If you still have time and no westerly due, spend a few days at the big Sand Hills or go north to Shark Spit. (Note: I swim there so don't believe the name!)

On to Lucinda Bay, south of Tangalooma roads, you do not get the wash from the ships that can roll into Tangalooma. I do not often spend the night behind the popular wrecks as it is often crowded. But anywhere along Tangalooma Resort is great for a day stop. For us, it is a minimum two hours back across the Bay if the weather turns.

All these options and still only forty miles from the Gold Coast. And the best part is not a jet ski safari around after passing Tipplers. You can go to any of these places in a runabout from the coast in a day trip. But I could spend a month getting north to the Bay. There are so many rivers and islands to explore. Take your time and try a new spot test yourself. Grab the chart out. Work out which way the tide and wind will be heading and find a new sunset to watch. Use your boat for its purpose and truly enjoy our own backyard: Moreton Bay Marine Park. We love it!"

**By David Willmington
skipper and owner of *Papillon***

Boat Gold Coast Editor's note: While every due care was taken to ensure the accuracy of the names of places and the activities mentioned in this article, the reader is advised to refer to Marine Safety Queensland's (MSQ) *Beacon to Beacon* and the

Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing's (NPSR) *Moreton Bay Marine Park Zoning Map* when planning the trip to Moreton Bay.

Function Centre Bookings

If you would like to book our venue for a function, please give as much notice as possible. We are happy to hire the Function Centre to outsiders for any events they may be planning. Contact Lizzie on hallhire@vmbrisbane.com.au for venue availability and costs.



Above: The decorations last Christmas show the main hall, leaving room for dancing, and below, the side room which leads on to the verandah with a great view of Cabbage Tree Creek. There is also a commercial kitchen.

