

2017 SPENCER GULF CRUISE

Saturday 11 March - 25 March 2017



Join us for a two week Cruise to the northern anchorages of Spencer Gulf

The cruise is open to keel boats, motor boats, and trailer sailers. Those interested in participating, should cross these dates from their diaries and perhaps a few days either side to get your boat to the Wallaroo Marina which will be the start - finish port. Wallaroo Marina is a modern, safe marina on the doorstep of fantastic cruising locations and about 2 hours' drive from Adelaide. We are in discussions with Wallaroo Marina operators with a view to them providing marina berths for visiting / participating boats for little or no charge. Cruise organisers hope to make available a securely fenced area for cars / trailers for the duration of the cruise.

Possible route:

- Commence with a welcome dinner at the Wallaroo Yacht Club.
- Larger boats / keel boats head across the gulf to Cowell - catering TBC , smaller boats head north to Port Broughton, which has a shallow entrance - catering TBC.
- Next stop over, a few days later will be Whyalla, marina facilities are available and a dinner to be hosted at the Whyalla Yacht Club.
- From here the fleet will sail to Fitzgerald Bay just north of Port Bonython.
- There are many good anchorages in the northern reaches of Spencer Gulf with the magnificent back drop of the Flinders Ranges, including Blanch Harbour where a beach BBQ is planned.
- The next formal stop over will be Port Augusta, where there are floating marina facilities in front of the Port Augusta Yacht Club, supermarkets, mechanical repairs, fuel, laundry facilities, restaurants etc. The yacht club will host a dinner.
- The next stop will be a low tide - beach BBQ on a sand bar off Port Pirie.
- It is not intended that the cruise will formally visit Port Pirie.
- The final stop will be back to Wallaroo.

In between the major host ports cruisers can decide where they stop/anchor - as there are lots of really interesting bays to explore with fishing and crabbing reported as good. The channels in the area are well marked and deep. We also hope to arrange a Northern Spencer Gulf VMR or Coast Guard radio service to log daily locations of participating boats and provide basic weather information.

An information package on the anchorages and facilities available at different locations will be provided before the start. Many of the dinners will be themed. There will a nominal charge to cover basic organisation costs.

Evidence of insurance for each participating boat is required, and the Organisers and/or all associated Yacht Clubs take NO responsibility or liability what so ever as to the safety or seaworthiness of participating boats and or crews.

Any or all decisions what so ever including but not limited to - weather, routes to be taken, anchorages, tidal conditions, sea conditions whilst participating in the cruise will be made solely the owner/skipper of the participating boat.

Those interested in participating should log their interest with Annie Rogers (RSAYS) as soon as possible: annie.rogers56@bigpond.com or 0408 600 345

Please provide the following preliminary information with your registration of interest to Annie:

- Name of boat
- Type of boat
- Length of boat
- Registration number
- If you require a marina berth at Wallaroo
- If you require secure car / trailer parking at Wallaroo
- Contact phone number
- Contact email address