

# Refuge Cove Wilsons Promontory

## Queen's Birthday Long Weekend Cruise

Saturday 8 – Monday 10 June 2019



MTYC has scheduled a cruise to Refuge Cove, Wilson Promontory, for the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Departing from the Port Welshpool boat ramp early on the Saturday morning and returning back to Port Welshpool early Monday afternoon.

This is a classic winter cruise, and many members have enjoyed a great weekend, despite the cold and look forward to returning if the weather permits. Preparation for this trip in winter is key, to ensure a safe and enjoyable time. The prevailing winds at this time of the year make this the best time to visit Refuge Cove in small boats. For a brief insight about past Refuge Cove cruises, read Anne Holligan's Refuge Cove cruise report from 2009: [Click Here](#)

### Confirm your interest

If you are planning to go this year, or would like to get some more information about this year's cruise, please contact Leo Reid – 0417 553 602 or email: [leo.reid@aecom.com](mailto:leo.reid@aecom.com)

### Weather dependent

This cruise is very much weather dependent. A call will be made on Thursday night prior, to determine the likelihood of the cruise proceeding. Participants will be contacted by text to confirm the cruise is proceeding (or not). Please check your phone and let your crew know so you don't waste your time driving to Port Welshpool !

The cruise to Refuge Cove in a trailable yacht requires suitable winds due to the exposure to the open waters of Bass Strait. The wind needs to be ideally from the west, as this provides flatter and safer seas while going down the east coast of the Promontory.

### Where to meet:

- Meet on Friday evening at the Port Welshpool pub for dinner, opposite the boat ramp; or
- 0830hrs, Saturday morning in the carpark for a joint briefing with Port Albert Yacht Club members on local knowledge, navigation, weather and communications for the cruise.
- The boat ramp area has large grassed areas for parking over night with public toilets nearby and plenty of trailer parking.

### Tentative Cruise Plan

- 0930hrs Saturday: depart Port Welshpool boat ramp.

Port Welshpool to Refuge Cove is approximately 25NM and at 5KN average it will take 5 hours minimum to get there.

- All yachts should be safely anchored before 1600hrs in Refuge Cove on Saturday. Once it becomes dark it becomes hazardous to try and reset anchors with nearby boats lines to avoid.
- Sunday – subject to the weather, a day for walking to nearby Kersops Peak or Sealers Cove. Beach cricket, fishing, or whatever you wish. This day is a potential return sailing day if the weather outlook does not look favourable for Monday.
- Monday – return sail to Port Welshpool.

Tidal flows in the Port Welshpool channel, and to a lesser extent down the coast of the Prom, can impede progress if sailing against the tide. Low tide is at 10:30am on the Saturday so it will be important to be away promptly at 9:30am to clear the channel as a minimum.

#### PORT WELSHPOOL TIDE TABLE

<b>8</b>	0351	2.53
	1030	0.32
SA	1728	2.84
	2311	1.08
<b>9</b>	0446	2.56
	1120	0.35
SU	1811	2.84
<b>10</b>	0002	0.98
	0542	2.57
MO	1208	0.42
	1851	2.82

#### Boat Owners Responsibility:

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge.

To participate in this event your yacht is to be provisioned with the following:

- Minimum of 2 crew per yacht is required to participate in the event.
- Fuel for 12hrs motoring. (There have been occasions when the fleet has motored more than 80% of the return distance).
- Very good ground tackle for anchoring including a stern anchor. Extra chain advisable.
- Food supplies and water for 3 days plus emergency for another day or so.
- Sails that can be reefed.
- VHF radio. Ch 72, dual watch 16.
- Compass.
- GPS (optional).
- Charts of the area. Some extracts of charts for this cruise are on the MTYC website:  
<https://mtyc.yachting.org.au/cruising/cruising-charts/>
- A3 / A4 size extracts of charts can be provided by request
- Inflatable tender (optional).
- Additional long lines to reach shore.
- Anchor light
- EPIRB – only required by vessels venturing more than 2 nautical miles from the coast.

#### Anchoring

- In Refuge Cove there is often a surge and large tidal range which makes hanging of the edge of beach uncomfortable. A long line to shore allows for the yacht to be pulled into shore to get off/on and to be pulled out to deeper water for depth and to get away from the surge if you don't have a dingy.
- Stern anchors are set to keep boats pointing into the surge and avoid circling around with swirling winds.

#### Mobile phone coverage

- Mobile phone coverage is very limited in this part of Wilsons Promontory and cannot be relied upon.