



SHAG ISLET CRUISING YACHT CLUB

Review SICYC “Vice Commodore” Rendezvous 2012

***There are now 1,821 “Vice
Commodores”***

The Rendezvous was held in the Gloucester passage from 23 to 26 Aug 2012
(inclusive)

A fleet of 140 cruising yachts participated, attendances were “Meet and Greet” at Montes Reef Resort 320 people, Shag Islet Party 340 people, Parrot Head Party at Montes Reef Resort 460 people, and Pirates Lunch at Dingo Beach Pub 200 people.

A great time was had by all

and **\$30,120.70** was raised for the Prostate Cancer
Foundation of Australia

\$2,500 was raised for The Whitsunday VMR.

The following reports from the Whitsunday Times and Sail World provide a general over view of the event

Whitsunday Times

\$30,000 raised at Gloucester

HUNDREDS of vice commodores from all over the world descended on the Gloucester Passage to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia over the weekend.

This year's Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club (SICYC) rendezvous raised a record \$30,047 for the cruise with a further \$2,500 raised for the Whitsunday Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) branch, at a separate function on Sunday at Dingo Beach.

SICYC founder and event organiser Ken Thackeray said he was "absolutely blown away" by the response.

"The first year we raised \$280. The second year we raised \$1,100. Last year we raised \$11,244 and this year we've raised \$30,047. It's like a phenomenon that's just got a life of its own now," Thackeray said.

A fleet of about 140 boats participated in the event, with more than 450 people attending the "Parrot Head Party" at Montes Reef Resort on Saturday night.

Sunday's additional event was a pirate party at the Dingo Beach pub, with the combined events bringing a huge tourist presence to the communities of Hydeaway Bay and Dingo Beach.

Mr Thackeray thanked SICYC's vice commodores for their willingness to support the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Whitsunday VMR.

"They're just a fantastic bunch of people and besides the fact they have a good time, they're very willing to put their money to a good cause," he said.

Mr Thackeray said SICYC would definitely be back next year in the last week of August "to do it all again".

"Next year we'll have a Polynesian festival theme.

"The event will always change - it will grow and grow and we'll be pushing the entertainment parameters to make sure it's an event that's always well attended by our vice commodores," he said.



PHENOMENAL EVENT: Hundreds of 'vice commodores' from all over the world attended the Shag Islet Cruising Yacht Club's annual rendezvous at Montes Reef Resort on Saturday. Photo courtesy Shirley Wodson Photography.

Sail World



Shag Islet is an unimposing islet/rock just a few meters off Australia's (20 03.8 S 148 26.5 E) coast a few south of Bowen. Gloucester Island creates a huge barrier to the prevailing south easterly wind so there is of protection. At low tide a long sandy beach emerges and from a distance the SICYC shirts of the revellers Saturday gig merged to create a sky blue haze.

The 'club' is really a network of yachties; some of them permanent live aboard types (the sea going version of grey nomad brigade), some of them casual cruisers on their northerly migration, some of them from as far as Germany and Canada, but all of them with the sea and sailing in their blood.

'Suddenly we had lots of friends' said Garry and Pam Hocking of the good ship Francis after they joined a club of years ago. 'We now enter every port and anchorage looking for the SICYC burgee and when we find one invariably end up chatting over a beer or a meal', said Garry.

There is no club house on the island, other than the temporary structures that go with the Saturday function the rendezvous. There is a bar, which does not serve anything and a flag pole that flies the club burgee on one day of the year. As the tide comes in everything that came to the islet leaves and nature returns pristine.



The gathering ashore - SICYC 2012 Rendezvous - nautical nancy

Onshore the resort at Montes and the neighbouring Dingo Beach pub provides venues for the frivolity that is the rendezvous. A stage on the beach became the launch platform for the Barbary Coast band and the boat ramp became a mosh pit for the dancers.

The stage also served as the platform for auctioneer Rod Pearce who successfully sold at the ticket price of \$9,200 auction item; a trip for two on the 2013 SICYC Sail Away being organized by the club from Langkawi in Malaysia to Phuket in the Andaman Sea off Thailand next February.

Proceeds from the auction went to the club's only charity, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and the contribution from the rendezvous this year was \$30,060.40; up from \$280 four years ago.

The trip to Thailand and Malaysia was donated by Mariner Boating Holidays and M.D. Trevor Joyce, recently joined the rendezvous. 'This is the most amazing phenomenon I have ever witnessed and we are very happy to be involved in it', he said to Ken as they surveyed the scene on Shag Islet.

The 2013 SICYC Sail Away 2013 will make the trip from Langkawi to Phuket late next February and early March, taking

age of the prevailing offshore easterly and the one way itinerary that will halve the miles and double the fun. Book online and grab the last boat, a 38' catamaran. Contact Lauren at Mariner Boating on 1300 131 724 130724 or email [lauren\(at\)marinerboating.com.au](mailto:lauren(at)marinerboating.com.au) if you want the details.

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The Hydeaway Bay Community

The Dingo Beach Community

The following is a pictorial Review of the four days

The Assembled Fleet – 140 boats anchored east and west of Shag Is

Thursday 23 Aug – Ladies Champagne Tennis at Montes Reef Resort





Thanks to Sue “Vice Commodore” Newport Waterways for sponsoring the event



The “Meet and Greet” at Montes Reef Resort

From 4.30pm Thursday 23 Aug



320 “Vice Commodores” Gathered



Books and DVDs were swapped



Some sporting SICYC Nails



Music was By "Scratch" Fantastic

Snacks provided by Montes



Friday 24 Aug ... Shag Islet Party
340 “Vice Commodores” attended



The Rendezvous Cake ... by Liz “Vice Commodore” Peel Island



They signed the bar for Prostate Cancer



And they Sang ...



They came from West Australia



They flew Kites



Some had a swim



Sang some more ... and danced



And there were boats and more boats of all shapes and sizes





Friday Night was “Happy Hour” at Montes Reef Resort

Followed by Ghost Crab Races and a Pizza Pasta Night

“George” the winning Crab raised \$350 for Prostate Cancer



Saturday, after morning tea on boats .. the Heli Flights commenced...

Thanks to Reotech Australia for positioning the Helicopter .. the reduced fees by heli tours



And then the wedding on the beach at Montes

Congratulations George and Maree "Vice Commodores" Kingfisher and Tin Can Bay



Saturday 25 Aug from 3pm “The Parrot Head Party”

460 “Vice Commodores” attended



Check this out





The Hogster arrived ... Thanks Hogs Breath Café Airlie Beach





“The Barbary Coasters” were Fantastic Thanks Guys !!!!



Then they ate !!!!!



And had a good time



The Raffle Prizes were drawn and the Auctions held ..



Then the Fire Works

Thanks to Greg and Leonie “Vice Commodores” Wild Cattle Creek and Tannum Sands



The party went on



And they danced



And danced



And danced

Montes Staff in the theme Thanks gys you were great



Sunday 26 Aug Pirates Lunch at Dingo Beach Pub

200 Pirates attended

\$2,500 was raised for the Whitsunday VMR



The winners



The Pirate and Pirate Queen

Some ARRGHLY !!!!!





Management and Staff of the Dingo Beach Pub in the Theme Thanks to Nancy and Joel their photographic support







Shag Islet waits for next Year



What a Rendezvous ??????

**Youtube Video in in production by Mark "Vice Commodore" Gilliga
Island and will be released in the next newsletter**

Thanks Mark.....



Cheers and Take Care

n and Rhonda “Vice Commodores” Raby Bay and Caves Cc

**We look forward to seeing you all at the SICYC “Vice Commodore”
Rendezvous 2013**

22 to 25 Aug 2013 (incl)

**ommodation in the Gloucester Passage for the 2013 Rendezvous
is already limited**

**If you are unable to attend by Boat next Year ... Book at the
Gloucester ECO Resort or Dingo Beach Hotel Motel**

