

# Coastal Cruising Companion

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Hi folks,  
Pictured is a recent Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania 'raft up' on the Derwent River at New Norfolk. If you have time, your mast is not too high and you have the Bridgewater Bridge opened, it is a very pleasant journey and well worth the effort. Information on the journey can be found in the CYCT 'Cruising Southern Tasmania' guide.

As promised, information on a few anchorages we found whilst crossing Bass Strait earlier in the year. Hope it is helpful to you.

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Jamieson Bay Cape Barron Is  
Holding good in sand – 4m



Sellars Point Flinders Is  
Holding good in sand – 4m  
Good fishing



Bull Point Babel Is  
Holding good in sand

Late May found me flying to Port Douglas to join the crew of *Delphian* for the journey to Darwin. We had a great cruise with stops at the Hope Islands, Lizard Island, Stokes Bay Stanley Island, Morris Island, Portland Roads, Margaret Bay, Escape River, Albany Passage, Seisia, a ferry side trip to Thursday Island. Then across the Gulf of Carpentaria to Gove, Raragula Island and the Gugari Rip, otherwise known as 'The Hole in the Wall', my favourite Mullet Bay at North Goulburn Island, Refuge Bay Elcho Island, Mission Bay Croker Island, then the beautiful cruising grounds of Port Essington, Cape Hotham and on to Darwin. Saw some wonderful sights, met great fellow cruisers and would love to go back one day with more time to explore.

There were many questions .... what the best time to go through Albany Passage, what days the Gove Boat Club is open (washing pile never shrinks!), where is the plane wreck at Margaret Bay, did you meet Rusty at Escape River? Which way does the tide flow across the Van Dieman Gulf? **My question ..... should I prepare a Coastal Cruising Companion – Port Douglas to Darwin?** Please let me know if you would be interested.

*Delphian* is departing Darwin 27<sup>th</sup> July on the Sail Indonesia Rally, so we are all busy renewing passports, obtaining visas, provisioning, repairing and generally getting ready. We will be updating our position on [www.skipr.net](http://www.skipr.net), and, as always, I will be collecting information as we cruise.

We will be heading to Kupang first, then Alor, along the coast of Flores, on to Lombok and then some crew are changing over in Bali, so I will be flying home from there late September. Hopefully with heaps of photo's and stories! Cheers, *Marilyn*

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