



Only one race to go in the Spring Point Score!

Interesting race last Saturday, sure was a Marathon! We had every wind strength from nearly every direction coupled with heaven knows how much rain, cold .

Interesting day though, better than sitting at home whinging about it! The apre' race discussions and prize giving were very pleasant, out on the deck in the sun, watching the rum and coke sales soar!

Whilst sitting out there during the afternoon wondering where the rounding marks were, we discussed the matter of the colour of the bouys at Salamander Bay , Wedding Cake and Garden Island.

As we sailed from the start to Salamander Bay into deepening gloom, the only mark that we could make out was the Marine Park bouy right in Salamander Bay itself. We decided that that could not be the right one, Avanti was heading even further east of it and Rainbow was heading more to the west. Decided that the three of us must be completely lost when all of a sudden, up popped the mustard coloured Salamander Mark.

On Sunday morning, not wanting to be too radical I painted the Salamander mark with bright yellow paint but found that unless the sun was shining right onto it, it was lost amongst the houses along Foreshore Drive so felt that more severe action was needed.

Anyway, this morning, after consultation with, and approval from, Charlie Dunkley, the Waterways Supremo, we purchased a litre of Day-Glo Orange and this afternoon, Peter Ballard and myself hopped into our tinny and changed the appearance of the three marks, Salamander Bay, Wedding Cake and Garden Island considerably.

The new colour stands out well, but, due to the small size of the marks themselves, they are a bit hard to see from a distance but when you get closer the difference is considerable.

To aid you all in finding them, sailing from the Start, the Wedding Cake is reasonably easy if you head for the big pine trees over Corrie Island, and then, when you are nearly abreast of the Anchorage, look for the large grassy patch on the hills behind Tea Gardens to the left of the big pine trees, when you get closer, you will see a black pile mark on the shore, line the two up and you will see our mark.

We had an impromptu race with one of the Etchells from the Anchorage on Sunday morning and neither of us

could find the Wedding Cake!

Co-ordinates for WC, are S 32.41.35, E152.06.76. When heading north from Salamander Bay to WC, head for the above cleared patch and you wont be far off it.

When heading for Salamander Mark, either from the Start or from Wedding Cake, head for the big pine tree on the horizon over the last few houses to the west of the Marine Park bouys, then when you line up the port marker on the end of the Anchorage Breakwall at the entrance to the marina with Nelson Head, you will be within a couple of hundred metres of our mark and probably a touch to the east of it. As some of you probably noticed, a couple of weeks ago, it was nearly on top of the wreck of the Psyche which was why the fishing folk were waving to you as you shot past taking lines and bait with you! We have since moved it further north.

Co-ordinates for Salamander mark are now: S32.43.13, E 152.05.61

While we were at it we had a go at the paintwork on the Garden Island mark too! Its co-ordinates are S 32.40.56, E 152.01.33. Easy enough to find, head for the house on the island and you cant miss it.

Shoal Bay mark is pretty easy too so we did not touch it, let me know if you think it needs attention. It is well to the west of the moorings there.

When Rumbo and Nervous come back to the fleet we wont have to worry about all this!

Soldiers Point Marina.

I am sure that you are all aware of this but we really do get a great deal from Darrell, Jim and Co from the Marina, being able to tie up there to load and unload crew on Saturdays, to use a berth for a nominal fee whilst doing a bit of maintenance, the use of the shower to wash the sand off our feet near the dinghy beach and the excellent computer weather screens at the entrance are of great assistance to us all.

Please recommend their services to your friends, especially their slipping and berthing facilities, they are the best Marina on the NSW coast and great people to deal with.

Have a look at our website occasionally to check out the conditions of our usage, the most important point is that our vessels must be attended at all times and the maximum stay without the approval of the Marina Management is one hour. Help some of the paying patrons when possible with line handling etc. (Some of the power boat pilots need/appreciate it!)

The Max and Edna Berman Memorial Trophy on Saturday Week is a NON spinnaker event. Notice of Race is on the Website.