

On Friday evening a quality fleet of 13 boats started the 64th Boags RYCT Navigation and Seamanship Cruise, checking into various controls down the River before overnighing in Quarantine Bay. Saturday morning was mirror calm and sunny, providing perfect navigating conditions before a vicious headwind made things more challenging whilst heading up the Huon River. The shore controls tested some other crew skills, including golf, cricket and beer and cheese tasting, though one crew member found getting in and out of their dinghy to be the biggest challenge of them all!

The experience of Navigation Cruise veteran Leigh Pilkington shone through, with 'Beaver' taking victory. Second (or the real winner?) was John Silberberg on K Louisa and third went to Anthony Ellis on Paradiso 2. Novice Navigator was won by Charlie Nolan on Vivacious who were a very close fourth overall.

A fleet of 12 participants and control vessels enjoyed the sunshine and calm conditions at the traditional Sunday raft up at Sheppards where the results of the crew questions were announced, and the sponsors produce was enjoyed.

A great time was had by all over the weekend. The cruise organisers would like to thank all control vessels for a great job done and the Port Cygnet Sailing Club for hosting us on Saturday evening and providing a delicious meal.