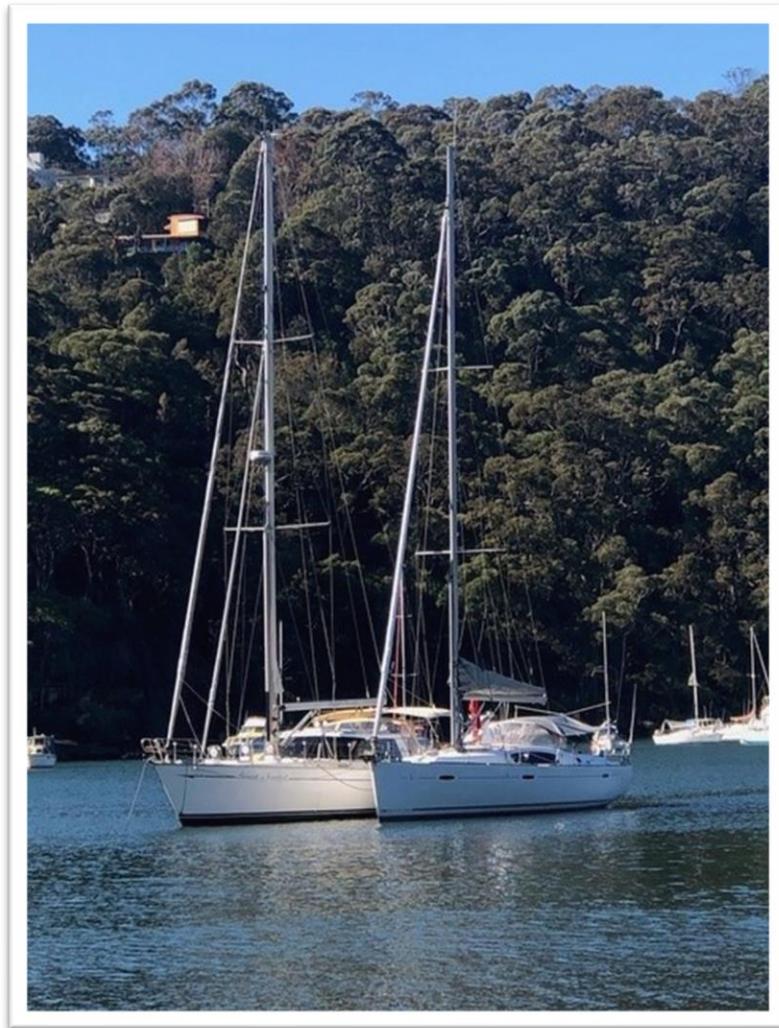




**June Long Weekend Cruising Excursion
Echo Point Marina
by Jill Henry**

The June long weekend is predictably good fun, the focus always being a long lunch at Echo on the Marina at Echo Point and chummy camaraderie on board. This time it metamorphosed into a very successful - and hopefully to be repeated - combined CYCA / RSYS event. Some came officially, some unofficially, which always makes for a great impromptu get together. Gloriously clear winter weather added to the enjoyment.



Zeus and Sweet Chariot

Friday night in Sugarloaf Bay saw Squadron boats *Parriwi* and *Unbound* (a dangerous mix) meet up for drinks on *Sweet Chariot* with CYC Vice Commodore Arthur Lane and first mate Evelyn from *Wilde Rush* joining us to add to the fun.

On Saturday morning the intrepid amongst us relocated to Echo Point and met up with other boats. 16 folk, including six Squadron Members, 'long lunched' in the beautiful surroundings of upper Middle



Harbour. Boats attending were *Zeus*, *Free Spirit* and *Sweet Chariot* from the Squadron and *Wilde Rush*, *Ariki Tai* and *Reve* from CYC.



Lunch at Echo Point

Things were rather quiet on Saturday evening as we got ourselves back into shape to head off to brunch at a respectable hour on Sunday morning.

Squadron stalwarts Chris and Doug Sturrock, and CYC members Chris and Shaun Parker arrived by *terra firma* to add to the merriment. Echo at the Marina looked after us superbly on both occasions.

A brisk walk on the Two Creeks Track leading into the Garigal National Park helped a few of us get rid of some of the guilt after indulging in both lunch and brunch.

This Two Creeks Track is one of those trails that doesn't get talked about much but is one of Sydney's really delightful bush walks. Every year when we do a section of it to justify our indulgence at Echo at the Marina we say 'we must do the whole walk one day'. Still to happen but the 10 km loop offers a beautiful river, bushland, rainforest, small waterfalls, mangroves and even a couple of places to have a dip! One day....

Most boats left on Sunday afternoon with just *Ariki Tai* and *Sweet Chariot* lingering to laze away the final day as one can easily do on a boat.