

S A S! Survival at Sea advice
Wednesday Wonders Non Race 16 winter 2017
 19/7/2017

How do you know when it is dangerous to go out beyond the breakwater?
 Even in calm weather a yacht can run aground right outside the club.
 Read on to get the full story from one of the Pappa Art Sea.

PORT PHILLIP FORECAST

TODAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Strong Wind Warning for Wednesday for Port Phillip

WINDS

South to southwesterly 20 to 25 knots, reaching up to 30 knots in the late morning and afternoon. Winds tending west to southwesterly 15 to 25 knots in the late afternoon.

SEAS

1 to 2 metres, decreasing below 1.5 metres later in the evening.

WEATHER

Cloudy. 60% chance of showers.

Date/Time EST	Temp °C	App Temp °C	Dew Point °C	Rel Hum %	Delta-T °C	Wind					
						Dir	Spd km/h	Gust km/h	Spd kts	Gust kts	
19/04:15pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	33	52	18	28	-
19/04:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	39	46	21	25	-
19/03:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	37	46	20	25	-
19/03:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	39	46	21	25	-
19/02:46pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	43	61	23	33	-
19/02:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	43	50	23	27	-
19/02:07pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	43	61	23	33	-
19/02:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SW	44	59	24	32	-
19/01:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	43	57	23	31	-
19/01:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	41	50	22	27	-
19/12:30pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	39	48	21	26	-
19/12:00pm	-	-	-	-	-	SSW	37	48	20	26	-

Other clues are:

The forecast looks like the one shown above. The actual wind agrees with the forecast.

When the skipper of the largest yacht in the fleet decides the day before not to go sailing.

On Tuesday night, the smallest yacht's skipper tells his crew not to bother going to the club.

There is a gale warning for outside the heads and a strong wind warning inside.

The direction of the wind is Sou'-Southwesterly.

The chill factor would mean putting on two or three extra layers of thermal clothing to keep moderately warm.

Thanks to the boating department for early advice of cancellation given to skippers. It was only 10.30 when the SycSMS race cancellation was sent. It saved a lot of people a long drive for no avail...

This report provides other advice about preparing for long sea voyages. It is not made up but taken from an actual case study.

A catch up from Race 14, July 11th



What is this crewman doing? ESPRIT is right in front of the ladies in the tower.

Just in case ESPRIT thought she was unnoticed last week...

A Navigation Award has been suggested by one of Mark's readers.

We are accustomed to Esprit making a lot of noise particularly when they win the raffle, but this was a bit different. The photos taken from the clubhouse definitely needs some explanation.

Hi Mark, (as they say in Footy...)

As the old nautical saying goes "when the depth of your keel exceeds the

depth of the available water then you are most assuredly aground"

Those of us unlucky enough to be in the bar and not out sailing on such a lovely day were alarmed to hear a loud "thump" as Esprit came to a sudden stop a little too close to shore while attempting to start near the eastern end of the start line in the prevailing northerly breeze last Wednesday.

Captured for posterity and as a warning to others, names have not been changed to protect the guilty. Hopefully no damage was sustained to the boat which continued to race once free of their predicament.

I recommend they should be given a Navigation Prize



Try more weight on the bow!



No, move to the Stb side

Survival At Sea

The latest report from Windward Buoy, on Blue Flyer, was about a very rugged trip from Panama to Galapagos. W Buoy was the only one not sick. Hugh reported it was the worst sailing leg he had ever encountered, and repairs are needed for sails and some of the rigging.

This intercepted email sent to Blue Flyer from Mrs Windward Buoy could save your life if you are embarking on a long sea voyage:

"At a great distance I wrote out a provisioning list with details of how to pick out fresh veg, how to tell a good egg from a bad one (years of practice), how to sniff a Melon, What you mean you don't know? All condensed into 9 pages of wisdom.

*We also embarked on a two-week crash course in cookery. WELL that was interesting. Apparently after 48 years of marriage, it appears that the many and varied ways of cutting a carrot are far too complicated and stressful ! So I wrote out a very detailed cookery book: **Cooking For Real Dummies.***

We tried and tested every one of those ### recipes. Bread was attempted a couple of times and scones..... well they were a surprising triumph. Who knew that cooking could make one so bad tempered?

Truthfully the whole household was very glad to see that plane take off.

Apparently provisioning even with a 9-page list was also very stressful in Panama, but Blue Flyer is on her way. Oh to be a fly on the galley wall.

Blue Flyer can be found on the Marine Traffic site, and by following the trail of stale scones across the Pacific.

*Surprisingly I have had requests from other members of the Magic crew for autographed copies of my cook book, **Cooking For Real Dummies**. (Watch for a recipe from this sought-after book in the next few weeks).*

Sue, recovering from her injured elbow, also adds: “I am on the mend and can now wash my own hair, Ho Joy. The Magic Crew seem to be managing to open their own wine, and only occasionally go around the wrong mark, so are not missing me too much it seems.”

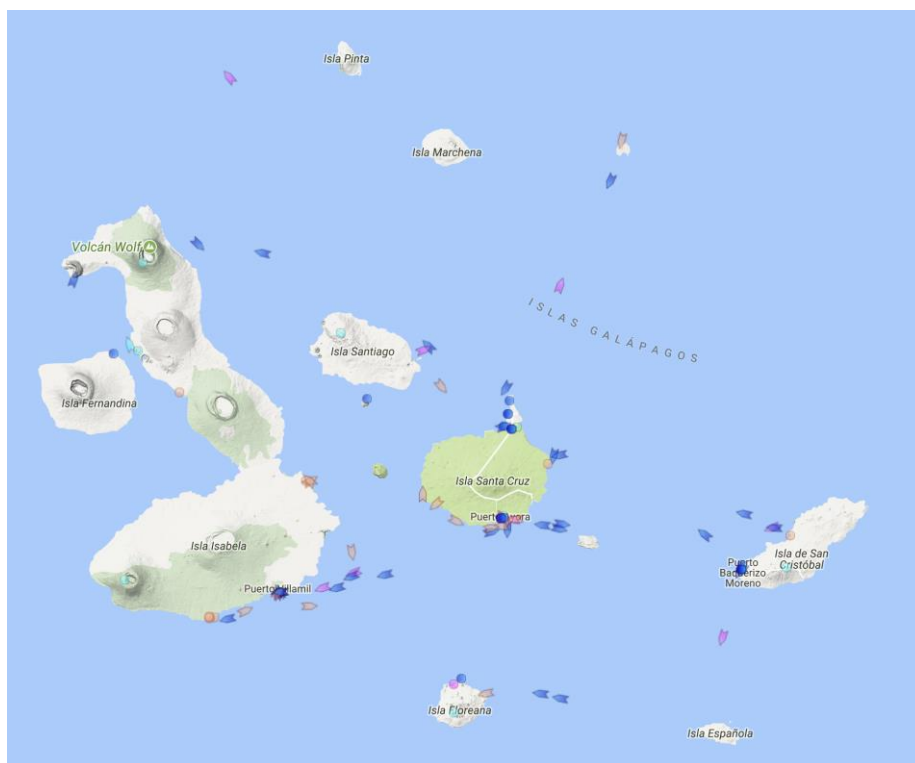
Updates

Blue Flyer - Hugh Pilsworth & Graham Furness 21/7/2017 - 8 days to cover 1100 miles.

Now at San Cristobel. Read latest report [CLICK](http://blueflyer4905.blogspot.com.au) <http://blueflyer4905.blogspot.com.au>

Shanti - Jacquie Hope. Over the Top. Last report 13th July 2017 Read Blog [CLICK](http://shantiatsea.blogspot.com.au) shantiatsea.blogspot.com.au


ESPRIT – Back in her pen




Isle San Christobal

Islas Galapagos

Maybe we should take into account the moon's movements when trying to forecast wind?
Now Russell is back on board Midnight Magic maybe he will advise us?

 Apogee (Farthest from Earth)
2 August, 2017 (405,024km)

 Perigee (Closest to Earth)
21 July, 2017 (361,236km)

Congratulations to Daniel Edwards for SYC Stirrer of the Year Award presented at last night's "Beatles Ball". Another excellent event (sold out) provided by the SYC Social Committee for the pleasure of club members. Do you know that there are people in the club that sail and motor around when it is not even Wednesday?

Thanks to the Papa art seas and Mrs Buoy for assisting in this report. Mark would welcome any information, photos, yacht history etc. Please send to [Mark Windward](#)

Hope to see you next Wednesday, sailing. I would like to use my new sail.

