

FNSA – IFR CRUISE UPDATE

Dear affiliated Member Assns of the FNSA. Due to the over whelming response of Members wishing to take advantage of one or more of the “Australian Cruise Group’s” Majestic Cruises I though it about time we advised you of the latest “state of play” with these cruises. Majestic Cruises has indicated, since they commenced operating, they have NEVER experienced such HIGH demand for IFR Cruises, so long out from the event.

1. The Coffee and Luncheon Cruises on Thu 3rd and Fri 4th Oct have “healthy” bookings, however are still available if you wish to witness either the Tall Ship enter Sydney Harbour (Thu) or various Fleet units enter on Fri 4th Oct. These Cruises are available as follows (both days)

Coffee Cruise Departing 0900 – 1100	\$20.00/\$14.00 Adult/Child
Lunch Cruise (Buffet/Drinks) 1200 -1400	\$69.00/48.00
PM Coffee Cruise	14.30 – 16.00 \$20.00/14.00
2. Fleet Review Luncheon Cruise Sat 5 Oct (incl Buffet/Drinks) NOW \$110/\$78 Darling Harbour Wharf No 5 at 1030 – 1430 (4 hour cruise) As indicated earlier, this Cruise is “Fully Booked” at \$88.00/\$62.00. HOWEVER Majestic Cruises have managed to obtain an excellent addition to their fleet (for the day). Regrettably the owners of the NEW vessel have heard that Captain Cook Cruises are charging \$150.00 per head. They have therefore had to adjust the NEW cost of the Review Luncheon Cruise to \$110.00/\$88.00 Adult/Child per head. It is emphasised that those who previously booked at \$88.00/\$62.00 per head will be “locked in” at this reduced price. Something about “early bird catches the worm”. Ships on this cruise including the NEW vessel will depart Darling Harbour Wharf 5 at 10.30 Sat 5 Oct.
3. Dinner and Fireworks Cruise

This cruise still has seats available and will depart Darling Harbour Wharf 5 at 1830 – 2100. Prices remain at \$76/\$52 for Adult/Child As with the Review Luncheon Cruise the “Fireworks Cruise” includes an excellent Seafood Buffet and Beer, Wine and Soft drinks. I do wish to emphasise that this cruise is filling up fast so if you wish to witness the Review Fireworks in comfort, it is highly recommend you book NOW to enjoy the reduced price which is bound to increase when the cruise is full and extra vessels have to be obtained.

4. **Sydney/Emden Memorial Coffee Cruise 0900 – 1130 \$20/\$14**
Places remain available on this inexpensive Coffee Cruise. The ship/s will be positioned off Bradleys Head to hopefully listen to the Sydney/Emden Memorial Service. (The Memorial Service is subject to confirmation).
Garden Island BBQ following the Memorial Service . This event will be hosted by the Sydney Chapter. Members will be dropped off at GI, for drinks and sausage sizzle, but you will have to join the normal Ferry when departing from the Island.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL RANCBA MEMBERS

DINNER-CRUISE SYDNEY SHOWBOATS – SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

***Duration 3 hours (6.30pm – 9.30pm)**

- **3 Course, seated and served – Choice of Menu**
- **Dinner Cruise and show only - \$84 per guest**
- **Dinner Cruise and show with drinks \$96 per guest – regular cruise package is \$130**
- **<http://www.sydneyshowboats.com.au.harbour-events.php>**
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- **The above cruise has not been promulgated to all Members of the Federation of Naval Ships but has been retained exclusively for RANCBA Members only. That is why it is not on the Official booking site.**
- **Those intending to participate only need book the standard dinner cruise , however when you receive your final payment notice, you will be charged an additional \$20 which is very good value.**
- **The Cabaret Dinner Cruise was recently written up in one of the weekend newspapers as one of Sydney's best nights out.**
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- **FINALLY.... AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, IT IS EXPECTED ALL THESE CRUISES WILL BE FILLED TO CAPACITY. IF THIS IS THE CASE THEN MAJESTIC CRUISES WILL HAVE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL CRUISE VESSELS TO MEET OUR DEMAND. ADDITIONAL VESSELS WILL CHARGE MORE FOR THEIR VESSELS. RECOMMENDATION.... IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING**

GOING ON ANY OF THE ABOVE CRUISES THEN BOOK NOW TO AVOID ANY EXPECTED INCREASE IN PRICE.

For Electronic Bookings go to:

www.australiancruisegroup.com.au/royal-australian-navy-php

For phone bookings : (02) 8296 7296

MUST NOTE: WHEN BOOKING EITHER ELECTRONICALLY OR BY PHONE MAKE DAMN SURE YOU INSERT YOUR ASSN AFTER YOUR NAME, I.E KEN SWAIN/RANCBA OR LES CHURCH/HMAS VAMPIRE. IT IS ONLY BY THIS METHOD THAT WE CAN ENSURE YOU ARE PLACED WITH MATES/FRIENDS FROM THE SAME OR SIMILAR ASSOCIATIONS. THERE HAS BEEN OVER 300 HAVE NOT NOMINATED WHICH ASSOCIATION THEY BELONG TO.