

# Green Island Trip Report

20<sup>th</sup> September 2014

7 am saw Robyn Graham, Cathy and I heading off from Manly boat harbour on a slight sea with 5 to 8 knots of south-westerly breeze. As the sun climbed into the eastern sky it laid a golden path across Waterloo Bay towards our destination the north-western tip of Green Island.



As the crossing progressed the strength of the breeze increased to 10 knots. We all revelled in the conditions and enjoyed the assistance the breeze gave. After only 45 minutes of paddling we rounded the point on the north-western corner of Green Island and pulled into the shelter of a newly formed bay.



With hot coffee and munchies all-round the conversation soon turned to everyone's recent adventures in northern waters, and watching the oystercatchers carrying out their mating rituals among other wildlife encounters.



Time passed quickly and feeling refreshed after a ¾ hour break, we raised our heads above the dunes to find the breeze was now blowing 12 to 15 knots from the southeast. The BOM forecast was for the breeze to abate during the morning and increase to 15 to 20 knots in the evening, the change was ahead of itself!

We set off across the bay again with Manly in our sights, taking the seas now on our port side. As we were now travelling without the assistance of the wind and tide progress slowed slightly with the return crossing taking just on an hour. By the time we had loaded up our boats the wind strength had raised to around 18 knots, and feeling pleased with ourselves and our good fortunes with the weather we set off to the Manly harbour side markets for a browse and hot coffee.

Cathy and I would like to thank Robyn for her company today. We all thoroughly enjoyed our morning on the water together.

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