

Pelorus Island camping with NQUEC

Weekend Fri 24th – Sun 26th October 2008

We depart from **Dungeness boat ramp** at Lucinda. It takes around 1 hr 45 mins to get to Dungeness from Townsville. Drive to Ingham, turn right onto Lannercost Street, and head north to Cardwell on the Bruce Highway. Turn right off the highway at the Halifax sign, just north of Ingham. This road leads you through Beamerside, Halifax and on to Lucinda.

We will meet Remote Area Dive (RAD) at the Dungeness boat ramp on Friday 24th at 07:30 am to load the boat. The boat will depart Dungeness at 08:00 am.

It takes around 30 minutes to get to Pelorus from the mainland. The club tarp is erected first by the group, to provide shade for the eskies. A **first aid kit**, **Oxy-viva** and **vinegar** will be located at the edge of the tarp for quick access if required. The club compressor will be set up a sensible distance from the main camp area.

Pelorus Island has a coral rubble beach, therefore **footwear is essential**. Boat unloading is done in knee deep water, so clothes and footwear that can get wet and dries easily is preferable, (hard soled booties or sandals with heel straps are ideal).

The RAD boat will drop us off where they can best manoeuvre their boat according to the level of the tide. On Sunday we must place our gear for loading at the same location where it was unloaded on Friday. Pickup from Pelorus on Sunday is scheduled for 3-3:30 pm.

You will need:

- Diving/snorkelling gear – full length suits are necessary, for both sun and stinger protection.
- Camping gear – tent, sleeping bag, air mattress, etc.
- Folding chair – essential!
- Food – only take what you can eat, plan each meal.
- Cooking ware. A fire may be going, but organise to share a camp stove.
- Toilet paper and small spade.
- Water – this can be a small jerry can, or individual bottles. Freezing smaller bottles provides drinking water, plus a cooling source for your esky. Allow 5L / person / day.
- Esky with block ice or dry ice. Dry ice may be purchased from BOC Gases on Duckworth Street.
- Torch (head lamps are good for freeing your hands when cooking & eating).
- Hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Party stuff, drinks and nibbles – *this is an NQUEC dive trip.*
- Strong rubbish bags.

Everything we bring we have to carry up and down the beach. It helps to pack items in plastic waterproof boxes or sealed plastic bags, and avoid loose items or open boxes – we will be wading through water when loading and unloading at Pelorus. We form a chain gang to make this easier, but please bring only what you need. **Everything taken to the island, is removed from the island.**

Please also bring some cash to the island in small notes to cover the diving fee, tank hire and fuel contribution, where applicable.

Lucinda tides

Fri 24 Oct

time	m.
00:38	0.7
06:24	2.6
12:21	0.8
18:30	3.2

Sat 25

time	m.
01:05	0.6
06:59	2.8
13:00	0.8
19:00	3.1

Sun 26

time	m.
01:30	0.6
07:32	2.9
13:34	0.9
19:28	3.0

