

Catamarans: Let's have some fun Boating



The Great Sandy Straits, is a 38 nautical mile passage between the mainland and Fraser Island, the largest sand island in the world. Travelling further south on the waterway from Inskip, Tin Can Bay Inlet leads into Crab Creek & Snapper Creek, providing protected waters all the way to Tin Can Bay township.

These navigable bodies of water provide perfect boat friendly waterways, with little or no swell, and ideal for all boating activities.

The Straits and Inlet provide a variety of safe anchorages from almost every wind direction and prevailing conditions. These waterways are particularly ideal for catamarans, with their shoal draft, whether under sail or power.

Catamarans with their 2 hulls are inherently safer, faster and easier to handle than a monohulls. The increased deck and cabin space provides increased accommodation and “party” room for extra guests. The stability provided by a cat hull, ensures that the crew and guests are safe and comfortable. Their shoal draft also allows for anchorage closer to shore in calmer waters for “sunset drinks” and more comfortable overnight stays.

Buying or selling a catamaran, or any boat should be done with care and attention. One of the safest and most efficient ways is to use the services of a recognized and established Boat Broker.

Engaging a broker will provide support and assistance throughout the selling process. Brokers ensure legal obligations are met, arrange out of water inspections with marine surveyors, arrange sea trials, provide ownership confirmation and complete all the paperwork required, including a Bill of Sale. The Broker also has contacts with local shipwrights and specialised marine tradesmen and can facilitate the buyers introduction to them for any work required.

Inspections and surveyors condition report ensure that the vessel you are buying has sound and watertight hull(s), with reliable motor(s), and/ or sails and rigging. These reports also provide the buyer with information regarding the status of safety gear, electronic equipment, navigational and anchoring equipment. All of which are necessary for safe, enjoyable and incident free days on the water.

Jo van Eck has over 18 years' experience as a boat broker in Tin Can Bay, and has an enviable reputation of being honest and reliable, and has a sound understanding of the professional approach needed to selling boats. Inspections, valuations and appraisals by appointments are appreciated and preferred.

Boats have become more affordable in recent times and gives everyone the chance to see things from the water's point of view. It is one of the most relaxing off all past-times and allows everyone to directly experience the wonders of nature. This is particularly true in our own back yard of the Sandy Straits.

Jo van Eck, Tin Can Bay Boat Sales...

**Great Sandy Straits pic courtesy :*

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