

# Spirited Racing Assured in the 2013 Queensland Beneteau Cup

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Sponsored by Lee Randall's Spirit Marine and hosted by Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Queensland's Beneteau Cup is on again on the 26th and 27th October 2013, with the event open to Beneteau performance and cruising boats.

The two divisions, Cruising and Performance, have separate start times but both will race passage races. Entries in this event are automatically entered in the French Yacht Challenge also staged over the same weekend.

With positive input from the previous year's competitors, event manager Jane Virtue has made some changes to this year's program. "This year the first heat of the Beneteau Cup, which also includes the French Yacht Challenge, will as usual be a passage race. However, in a departure from previous years, the second day of the Beneteau Cup will be one passage race instead of two windward and return races."

For those a little more serious about their racing we're certain the performance division will see some close racing. Tony Kinsman and the crew aboard Blunderbuss are back to defend their crown, with David and Linda Redfern aboard their First 40, Not A Diamond, including the Qld Beneteau Cup in their full season of competitive racing.

Relative newcomers to semi-serious yacht racing, David and Linda have developed a very competitive boat and crew and are embarking on a full season of racing. Starting recently with the event calendar in the Whitsundays, Not A Diamond will make her way from Queensland to Geelong Race Week and then onto Port Lincoln for a series of events. And according to David, the dream is to one day complete the Sydney to Hobart, which is a possibility next year.

When it comes to their Beneteau First 40 Not A Diamond, the choice was easy. After reviewing a number of production yachts they settled on the First 40 simply because it offers so much boat for the money.

"My hat goes off to Lee Randall and his team as their service is simply first class," commented David. "They go to great levels to ensure we have all we need to fit our boat and crew out for a competitive season."

The Notice of Race for the event is now posted on the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron website.