



**MORETON BAY TRAILER BOAT CLUB**  
**SOUTHERN HAVEN**  
**MEMBER INFORMATION & HANDBOOK**



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## **Welcome to “SOUTHERN HAVEN “**

This information handbook has been compiled to help you enjoy what is on offer at the ‘Haven’ and inform you of the facilities available as a full member of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club.

### **LOCATION**

The Haven is situated on the western side of South Stradbroke Island, approx. 1 km south of “South Stradbroke Island Resort” and can be approached from either the North or South via Tipplers passage.

If approaching from the North (GREEN markers on the LEFT).

If approaching from the South (GREEN markers on the RIGHT)

The Haven building is set back from the beach however the entry / steps near the water line are clearly identified with archway signage and retaining wall with pale green stairway.

**NOTE:** Tipplers passage directly adjacent the Haven has a speed restriction of 6 knots

Other reference points

Lat. 27 – 48 – 650- S

Long. 153 – 25 – 456 - E

Beacon to Beacon Map 129

### **HISTORY**

The Haven is an extension of the main club house at Manly and was established by members over 25 years ago. The facility is on leased land from the Gold Coast City Council. The Haven is operated by a small group of Haven regulars under the jurisdiction of the Club Committee. The Haven Rep is selected every year.

### **MEETINGS**

Informal meetings are held at the working bees where cleaning and maintenance are discussed by those present.

### **ANCHORAGE / MOORING**

There is ample anchorage space for all size vessels in most weather conditions, from the channel to the beach area immediately in front of the Haven. The bottom is mud and will hold your anchor well once set correctly, with a sand foreshore. For larger boats there is a channel running parallel to the shore about 30 metres out that provides safe anchorage even at low tide and for smaller boats (i.e. under 7 metres) you can anchor up to the beach area. Warning: At very low tide there can be as little as one metre depth in some parts.

At times large numbers of vessels attend the Haven and it is important that a sound anchorage is achieved. A good length of chain is recommended and owners should ensure there is sufficient separation between vessels taking into account swing due to tide and wind. Fenders left on your vessel may protect from bumps. Many boats anchor stern to beach with rope to a shore fixing point, it is important to ensure the front anchor has been set correctly and boat remains perpendicular to beach water mark. Unnecessary swing on the stern rope can cause damage to other boats adjacent. Consideration should also be given to pedestrians sharing the beach with moored boats stern in to the beach.

**CONDUCT**

Whilst at the Haven MBTBC club rules apply without exception. Conduct and behaviour whilst at the Haven is expected to be no less than what is accepted at the Manly clubhouse. There is a code of conduct on display in the breezeway window at the Haven. Please read on your first visit.

**VISITORS and GUESTS**

The Haven is for the use of (FULL) members and their visitors / guests. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure their visitors abide by the club rules at all times and do not disrupt other members. Members are permitted to have up to five visitors at any one time however if you intend to have more than this number then approval must be sought from the Haven Rep to do so. Visitors are not to remain at the facility without the member being present. ALL children must be supervised by the parents at ALL times.

**CLUB MEMBERS CARD**

Your club membership card should be readily available for inspection at any time if requested by the Haven Rep or nominated person.

**CLEAN UP**

It is expected of all members that if you use it you clean it, return it or store it whatever the item may be. This equally applies to all visitors. All equipment must be returned to the shelter area when finished with (i.e. chairs etc). All cooking utensils must be washed and returned to the kitchen area when finished with. There are copies of the Haven guidelines located on the walls of the undercover area. Please ensure you and your guests are familiar with them and fully comply.

**FACILITIES**

There is a large undercover area available with large tables and benches with seating for over 100 people. There is a full kitchen with preparation benches, BBQ, oven, hot plates and an assortment of pots, pans, dishes, mugs and cutlery available for use. The gas equipment will require a \$1.00 for operation of the gas meter in the kitchen. Gas hot water and cold water is available with water from a bore. There is a tank water tap in the kitchen, Please note the difference and become familiar with each. It is highly recommended that no water is consumed with boiling.

**NO SMOKING**

Due to club rules and to ensure a high compliance to safety there is no smoking in the kitchen or surrounding building, especially near the gas bottles. If you need to smoke please do so away from the building or any members, especially children. Dispose of your butts in a manner that is acceptable bordering a national park. Do not put butts or cigarette packets in the fire pit.

**HAVEN CLUB KEY**

Access to the laundry, toilet and shower area will require a separate club key obtainable from the MBTBC office with a \$50 refundable deposit. Keys are not available for purchase from the Haven. Without a key you may be refused entry to this area therefore it is important that you as the member arrange your key before visiting the Haven.

## **SHOWERS AND TOILETS**

This area is accessed by the Haven key. All showers were coin operated but now this has been removed. Please ensure both taps are completely turned off when you leave. Note: spare toilet rolls are located in the laundry cupboard.

## **LAUNDRY**

The laundry has a double trough for washing with hot and cold water (fresh and tank water)

## **LIGHT AND POWER**

Light and power is provided by a diesel generator. The generator is started by a key located in the laundry. Should you be the last to vacate the Haven of a night and the generator is still running then please ensure the generator is switched off (use same switch panel in the laundry). Have a torch ready at night time in case the generator stops. There is 12 volt lighting provided in the hallway and showers activated by a push button in the main area or in the toilets on entry.

## **RUBBISH BINS**

There are a number of standard type Council wheelie bins located at the Haven, generally at the rear of the sheltered area. There are several plastic rubbish bins in the kitchen for all scraps and rubbish which when full can be placed in the wheelie bins. The wheelie bins when full are to be taken to the back track immediately behind the facility in preparation for the Ranger to collect after Sunday. There is now a yellow top recycle bin in the kitchen. Please use it. Rinse containers first. This bin is to be emptied into a council bin behind the building, to the left of the laundry back door. GCCC do not recycle.

Note: If you are last to leave the island on the weekend then please remove all food scraps and other rubbish, place in the wheelie bin and take the bin to the back track. This will reduce the encouragement of wildlife feeding on scraps Note: replacement black garbage bags are located under the kitchen benches or in laundry cupboards.

## **WILDLIFE**

During your stay at the Haven be prepared to witness wildlife in their natural environment including wallabies, goannas, all type of birds, bandicoots etc. It goes without saying... all fauna and flora are protected on South Straddie so please do not harass the wildlife around the Haven. Feeding macropods (kangaroos and wallabies) too much human food (bread etc) can upset their natural diet causing health problems. Do not feed the wildlife around the building or near the camping area.

## **FISHING**

Fishing is great while at the Haven whether you decide to try your luck from the boat in the surrounding waterways, take a walk to the East side of the island on the ocean side or just throw a line in at the front of the Haven from the beach. Note: It is up to you to work out the final location, bait and technique but good luck.

## **WATER**

Tank water is provided for drinking at nominated taps (1 x kitchen, 1 x laundry, 1 x ladies toilets). While all other taps are from bore water which is not recommended for drinking. The bore water supply is stored in a tank on the tower stand behind the building and is pumped through the building by a 24 volt system. When

the bore water tank shows ½ full on the tower gauge you will need to pump additional water to the tank to ensure continuity. To do this, start the generator, open the stainless steel box on the outside of the rear shed and turn on two of the three switches making sure NOT to turn the Fire Pump switch on unless there is a fire. Once the tank shows full, or begins to overflow, then please turn switches to the off position.

CAMPING IS NOT PERMITTED AT THE HAVEN BUT YOU CAN CAMP AT THE COUNCIL CAMPSITE ADJACENT TO THE HAVEN. More info can be obtained from Tipplers Kiosk Tel: 07 5577 2849 or Haven Rep John Willis 0487-333-665

### **PETS/ANIMALS**

- Please note as South Stradbroke Island is a Flora and Fauna reserve and DOGS and CATS are not permitted on the island. Fines apply.
- No animals are allowed.
- Fires only in the fire pit supplied, no bonfires.
- Do not leave food lying around, wallabies and goannas will enter your area and rip bags open to get to food.
- Rubbish should not be buried, it is to be wrapped or bagged and put in Haven bins or taken home.
- Beware of all animals and snakes at all times.
- At night you should always carry a torch with you and you should wear shoes.
- Please DO NOT feed bread to wallabies as this can kill them, or any other non-natural food to any animals.

### **SWIMMING**

Safe swimming can be enjoyed in front of the Haven and kids can play on the sandy beach but parents should always monitor their activities considering the waterway is shared by marine life including sharks. The club has placed some directional arrows on the retaining wall on the beach indicating the area which should be clear of anchored boats and be used for loading/unloading and swimming. It is important this be strictly adhered to. Swimming is not recommended on the eastern side of the island due to dangerous rips and no beach patrols.

### **ACCIDENTS / FIRST AID / CHEMICAL SPILLS**

We have a first aid kit located in the laundry which can be accessed by the Haven key to the laundry and the MBTBC club key to the kit for minor incidents. For any chemicals spillages there is a folder in the laundry detailing appropriate action to take in emergencies.

### **VISITORS BOOK**

We have a Haven Visitors book located in the undercover area and we encourage all members to provide comments of their outing and to assist in determining the usage of the Haven.

### **WORKING BEES**

The Haven holds working bees at times throughout the year. There are ongoing regular planned works which assist in maintaining the premises for members and other major projects we plan. Note: If you have any particular skills which may be of assistance to the Haven please make contact with the Haven Rep. The dedicated team that attends the working bees keep the place clean and tidy. Do regular maintenance, fill fuel tank etc. All members are welcome to attend the working bees

## EVENTS

The number of events held at the Haven varies from year to year but current functions are ...

Bay Cruise: The boating clubs around Moreton Bay have a week of boating and visit several boat clubs or other locations. Whilst visiting those clubs the club provides the cooking and facility for all of those on the cruise for a nominated morning or evening meal. On these occasions we require assistance from members to prepare, cook and serve food (September). More info on the Bay Cruise is available online at [www.interclubbaycruise.org.au](http://www.interclubbaycruise.org.au)

Christmas / New Year: Functions are arranged depending on numbers of members attending. Inshore Fishing Group and Social Cruise events take place a couple of times during the year. Other functions will appear from time to time and are advertised on the website and via enews.

## SAFETY

Safety is of a high priority for all members while at the Haven and we encourage all members to consider other members while at the facility. The committee is progressing with the upgrading of equipment to ensure we have safe, reliable equipment to limit breakdowns. Ensure all gas is switched off when finished cooking in the kitchen. From time to time some equipment may be offline. The Haven is maintained by volunteers and is rather isolated. Bear with us if you see a not serviceable sign or equipment is shutdown. There are a number of "authorised access only" and "no go" areas and they include but not limited to.....

- 1) Generator shed which contains generators, pump motors and fuel
- 2) Spare full gas bottles
- 3) Gas bottle enclosures
- 4) Grease trap enclosure
- 5) Roof
- 6) Water tower
- 7) Fresh water tanks
- 8) Interfering with hot water units
- 9) Interfering with any electrical equipment or items
- 10) Interfering with any equipment

## GENERAL

We encourage members and their families to make use of the Haven, its environs and facilities and enjoy the family atmosphere whether it is a day trip or extended stay. Remember the Haven is provided by the MBTBC club and run by the Haven regulars for the enjoyment of all members. We expect all members to respect the facility as you would your own personal property and abide by the guidelines.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Tipplers Kiosk Tel: 07 5577 2849  
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