



## WELCOME

Welcome to the January 2008 edition.  
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi to you all. We had a great weekend at Clare Caravan Park. It is a lovely park with all the facilities.

We launched Waituna for opening day at Goolwa on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and enjoyed the sail past and the opening of the season. At this time we keep our boat on a hard stand at Alongshore Marine. They have a concrete ramp that goes into deep water.

This year the association is planning a trip to the Gippsland Lakes for 3 weeks in April 2008 – details on Page 3. Those that have been before know that it's a

great place to sail with lots of sheltered anchorages and worth the trip over.

As you can see from the “Dates to Remember” calendar we are trying some different events for sailing. There is plenty of water in the river as long as you stay in the channel, so be adventurous and go out in your boat.

You can still get into the Coorong from Beacon 19 or across at Mundoo Channel.

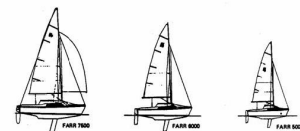
The other day as I was walking in the Frank Smith Park Coromandel Valley and as I was passing the wetlands. I saw a new council sign that prohibits launching boats! This must be bureaucracy gone mad as there are two locked gates to get through and the water would only be about a metre deep. What is the world coming to giving us all a good laugh!

Peter Roodhouse - President

## DATES TO REMEMBER 2008

Cruise to the Coorong Launch from Beacon 19 Cars and trailers stored at GRYC	19/20 January 2008
Cruise the Port River Launch from Marina Quays	February 2008
GRYC – Cruise to Narrung	15 March 2008
Gippsland Lakes Cruise	4 - 18 April 2008
Farr Association Dinner	May 2008
Tooperang Trout Farm – Picnic	TBA
Coffin Bay – Option	May 2008?





## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Locky & Jayne McLaren who sail a FARR6000 called *FARRLAP* and Charles, Carolyn and Ian Irwin.

## NAUTICAL HISTORY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION - FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2007



25 people attended the presentation by Ken Dunk on the nautical history of South Australia held at the Brighton Seacliff Sailing Club on 21 September 2007.

The food was delicious, as every Friday night at the BSYC. The Farr Association members swelled the numbers of the usual Friday night tea and the presentation was stimulating.

Ken is a descendant of some of the old paddle steamer skippers who plied their trade up and down the river carrying timber, wool, cattle, etc. The river often dried up so it was a race to see who could get up to the towns such as Morgan and Renmark first. *This story is sounding very familiar today in 2007.*

In 1851 the Government offered a prize to the winner of the race between "Lady Augusta" captained by Francis Cadell and the "Mary Ann" captained by William Randell.



Captain Cadell

Ken showed many original photos illustrating his talk and kept all of us enthralled for over an hour.



Lady Augusta Paddle Steamer

Ken's description of river life then allowed us to appreciate the isolation and hard work of the early days and that the now little towns along the river, then were thriving communities, with hotels shops and lots of people. It gave a different perspective on the river and one which is very relevant today as there were no locks back then and the river was tidal. Thank you to John Stewart for organising the venue and for suggesting Ken Dunk as a speaker and to Ken for giving such an informative talk.

Roving Reporters - Peter and Angela Roodhouse

## FARRAVANERS CLARE WEEKEND

The FARRavaners headed off to Clare on Friday 26 October 2007 for a weekend of relaxation, touring, wining and dining.

Everyone arrived early afternoon to setup, relax and enjoy. George & Marion Nefiodovas, Don & Joan Overden, Peter & Angela Roodhouse, John & Joylene Stewart, Don & Patricia Sweeney, Bill Kutcher & Valerie Dobie and John & Rosemary McKenzie. Simon & Robin Thiele stayed at Mt. Surmon Retreat and joined us for Happy Hour when we had champagne to celebrate belated special birthdays for Rosemary & John.

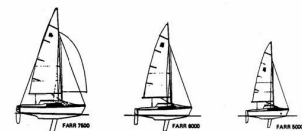
During the weekend we had fun bike riding, walking, visiting the farmers market at Seven Hills, wineries, lookouts, Mintaro and Martindale Hall and the Pelargonium Nursery.

Great happy hours were enjoyed along with a FARR traditional morning tea - 14 in Don & Joans' caravan - reminiscent of similar numbers on our yachts. At least the water wasn't coming in and we had no worries about being securely tied up!



Despite wind and a severe dust storm it was another great FARRavaners weekend. Where will we go next?

John and Rosemary McKenzie



## VALE - KEN HALLS

Ken was a member of the Farr Association who extensively used his Farr 6 Saffarri. We had an article a couple of years ago about Ken and Joan and their adventurous trip from Adelaide to the Gippsland Lakes and around the East Coast to the Whitsunday's. He was a member of the Trailer Yacht Association and took part in many of their cruises.

Ken and Joan enjoyed many holidays in Saffarri such as the trip to Tasmania with the TSA when they towed and took the ferry to Devonport. Ken said that he spent years in speedboats till he saw the benefits and cost savings of sail. Ken died we imagine doing what he loved, cruising on the River Murray. Ken was an enthusiastic sailor who used his boat to the fullest and was always willing to share his experiences with fellow members. We will miss you Ken. The Farr Trailer Yacht Association extends our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Joan and the family.

Peter Roodhouse – President

## FARR ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The annual Christmas lunch was held at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007 at 12 noon. 40 members joined in the celebration feasting on a selection of ham, turkey and lamb with traditional plum pudding along with a fantastic range of salad and desserts.



Peter Roodhouse was Master of Ceremonies for the day and Graham and Lyn Roberts, Commodore of the GRYC Inc were invited to join us. Graham Roberts announced the Milang-Goolwa Yacht Race has unfortunately been cancelled for 2008 due to low water levels. Graham advised the GRYC are planning a three day yachting regatta on the long week end in January 2008 instead of the traditional Milang-Goolwa Yacht Race.

On a lighter note - Father Christmas managed to stop and distributed gifts to all. Thank you to the hard working committee and members for making it a successful day.

Barbara Wills

## GIPPSLAND LAKES TRIP APRIL 2008

At the FARRavaners weekend it was decided to publicise the dates of the Gippsland trip to see how many others were interested in coming.

The final dates are April 4 to 18, 2008. The last week of which coincides with the first week of the SA school holidays. Discussed was an option of staying a further week and possibly going to Mallacoota.

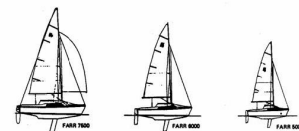
Patricia and Don Sweeney are starters and are looking to share a big boat from the charter company over there. If anyone is interested please give them a call. John and Rosemary McKenzie and Peter and Angela Roodhouse are definitely interested in going.

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There has been some interest in a Coffin Bay trip. Once again we would like to know who is interested and the dates that would best suit.

## MCHUMOR by T. McCracken





## SAILING THE NET

For those of us who would rather be out there on the water but for one reason or another can't get there, there is an alternative, "Sailing the Internet".

Whether it's checking out the on-line boat yards or chandlery sites or following another's big adventure through on-line "blogging" there is no excuse for missing out on your favourite passion.

I have listed a few sites below that you can "Sail" from your armchair or office. There are countless more that can be explored with a few well chosen words into your favourite search engine but I have to warn you that once started you may never get back into the boat.

As most of these sites listed contain a lot of graphics they are best viewed via a broadband connection (ADSL) unless you are happy to sit and wait for the pictures to load.

<http://www.sailing.org/>

The official website of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). The aim of the ISAF website is to present the excitement of the sport of sailing, provide key statistics and make it easier and quicker to find the information you want to know about the sport.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/>

The Royal Yachting Association, the UK's national organisation representing the interests of everyone who goes boating for pleasure. The RYA was founded in November 1875 as the Yacht Racing Association (YRA). Its primary purpose was to standardise the rules governing the measurement of racing yachts, so that boats of different classes could compete against each other.

<http://www.virtualskipper-game.com>

Virtual Skipper, the ultimate in nautical simulations, comes back with this new version called 32nd America's Cup – The Game.

Sailing fans can take part in thrilling regattas thanks to the new playable demo of 32nd America's Cup the first adaptation in a video game of the most prestigious nautical challenge.

<http://www.sail.magnify.net/>

The sailing videos channel. An ever growing and changing collection of video clips from sailing instruction to boating disasters.

<http://www.sailblogs.com/>

SailBlogs is the leading provider of blogging and map tracking solutions for the sailing community. From weekend sailors to ocean racers and cruisers, SailBlogs provides members with web-based journals (blogs), photo and video galleries and map tracking for their adventures.

<http://www.farrdesign.com/>

You won't find much for the trailer sailor on this site (although the 5000, 6000 and 7500 are still listed along with the original Sea Nymph brochures) but we all know those big boats ancestry.

<http://www.boatpoint.com.au/>

The Aussie marine website to search for and dream or buy your next boat.

So even if the water level is low and there are not enough daylight hours you can always get in a virtual sail. Enjoy.

David Benda

## Ramp extension for Goolwa

By MICHAEL SIMMONS (Extract from the Times, Victor Harbor, 7-1-08)

GOOLWA - The boat ramp at the Goolwa Aquatic Club is to be extended, thanks to an \$80,000 state government grant.

The Minister for Transport, Patrick Conlon approved the funds for the \$160,000 project from the Recreational Boating Facilities Fund.

The existing boat ramp will be extended to the bottom of the main Goolwa channel and allow access to the river for recreational boating and emergency services.

The project will include extending the ramp by 16.5 metres, dredging of the approaches of the ramp to the same depth as the channel and installing a new floating jetty in the middle of the boat ramp.

Alexandrina mayor Kym McHugh says the work will ensure the access to the river and lower lakes is maintained at all times and water depths.

"With the extension the ramp will be the only successful boat ramp in the lower lakes due to the low water levels.

The council has been pursuing the project for some time and already has components of the ramp ordered and contractors engaged to undertake the project.

Work is expected to commence in February and be completed by the end of March.