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### **Diary Dates 2003**

#### **Always Check the website –[www.farrsa.com](http://www.farrsa.com)**

April 5 & 6 Farr State Regatta Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club

April 12 - 25 Gippsland Cruise Victoria

April 18 to 21 Easter Cruise at Goolwa leaving GRYC

May Long Weekend cruise using trailers destination St Kilda or Wirrina Cove.

June Long Weekend 7,8,9, Cruise to Clayton dinner at Sails on 7<sup>th</sup> and cruise around the area on 8 & 9 & return to base.

July 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Lunch and presentations Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club.

### **Milang – Goolwa Race.**

The first FARRS in each division were-

Division 2	Farr 7500	David Howard	Vintage Red
	Farr 740 SP	Tony Colliver	Cachet
Division 3	Farr 6000	Mick Edgar	Boojum
Division 4	Farr 7500	David Murphy	Cloud Nine
Division 5	Farr 6000	Ray Mylius	Macro- jay

See the photo's on the website [www.farrsa.com](http://www.farrsa.com)

## OH REALLY O'REILLY

Farr 740's performed really well in the Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic in the River Murray Lakes in South Australia on the January (Australia Day) long weekend. This is the premier long distance trailer sailer event in SA and one of the tops in Australia for numbers competing with about 300 sails on the water.

Five 740's started and five finished in what was a heavy race with 25 knots southerly and squally rough conditions.

Here are the top 20 results (from 42 finishers in class) in the Fast Racing Class (with spinnakers). I provide the 20 to show the level of competition on the day. There were more Elliott 780's etc that did not make in to the top 20.

Two Farr 740's made the top ten, Slartibartfarrst (T. Gluyas) 4th; and Oh Really! (M. O'Reilly) 8th; followed by Betta Bi Farr (T. Colliver) in 11th. Cachet (W. Cornell) 32nd and Aqua (J. Woodhead) 34th. See also that a Farr 7500 Vintage Red (D. Howard) was 10th

Additionally, in the Friday night invitation only "Go For Gold" dash for the 24 fastest boats/skippers - pre the Milang to Goolwa weekend, Oh Really! Missed out on the Gold Bullion by a slim 1 sec. from a dead heat first between a local race-tuned riverboat Dolphin (J. Veenstra) and Blaze, an optimised Blazer (D. Smallacombe).

Finalists included trendy new carbon fibre rockets like Elliott ESPX 780, an Elliott 780 Escape, Spider 22 and other such light and fast boats. Another Farr 740, Aqua, made it through to the final but was not in the top finishers.

Against the odds in dropping light airs and a troubled start, the Farr 740 Oh Really! Steadily passed half the fleet over the next 40 minutes - making the most of a brand new Doyle Fraser spinnaker delivered from Brisbane that morning!

Regrettably in Sunday's long distance race there were no spinnaker legs due to wind direction - with a blasting 25 knot southerly! But the 740's loved the heavy going and 2 finished in the top 10.

Five fully active 740's means we should race the class in this year's Farr Titles.

Your 740 correspondent Mike O' Oh Really!

# Weather Bureau Trip

There were 20 plus members and friends that came to the Weather Bureau at Kent Town on October 17th. The evening was very informative they use a laptop to show real time charts as well as pictures to explain other weather phenomena. We went to the forecasting area on the first floor to look at the various pieces of technology that are used to forecast what is happening and what might happen over the next 4 days, the further they extend the forecast the more unreliable it becomes! The weather Bureau web site is a very useful tool [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) check it out.



**Well we all made it! Well dressed eh.**

After an informative couple of hours most of us adjourned to a restaurant on The Parade at Norwood to have a meal and some drinks amongst friends. If you missed out this time I am sure this visit will be repeated in the future.

## NEED A SHINE

DULL AND CORRODED BRASSWARE on your boat E.G. Clock, Barometer and other fittings. **Solution** LOAFARR sought the help of Windsor Electroplaters, 26 Tania Ave Windsor Gardens. Phone # 8261 3546. John and Rosemary were very pleased with the result.

**Gulf Trip 2003 March 15 to 29 Details phone 8667 2390.**

**Easter Trip to the Gippsland Lakes Victoria.** Leave Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> return 25<sup>th</sup> If you are interested in joining the group that are going and find out what is happening. Contact **John or Rosemary McKenzie Ph 8362 3566.** It is an excellent cruising area.

## So! You think the weather is bad where you are?

If your feeling a little sad because the weather of late has not been too good for boating or weekends away, spare a thought for one of our readers who sent me the weather forecast for his sailing area of Skagway, which is situated right on the Canadian / Alaska border. Their forecast was for Northerly winds at 25 knots, easing to 20 knots overnight. Seas of 1.5 metres easing to 1.2 meters the next day. Snow falls were expected with a temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius (25F) and a wind chill factor of minus 11 degrees! (12F) His name is Boris and he has to drive down out of the mountains in Canada, from a town called Whitehorse, where the temperature on the same day as the above forecast was minus 23 degrees Celsius with an expected top of just minus 18 degrees Celsius.

I can just imagine it. Getting out of bed in the morning, looking out the window and saying to yourself "Ahh, beautiful blue skies outside. It's only minus 23, I think I'll go sailing today!!" The photo is of Boris towing his boat down from the mountains to the coastal Alaskan town of Skagway. He is about to descend down a mountain pass which will drop 3000 feet over the next 10 miles! I hope the brakes are good Boris! I'll have a story about one of Boris' sailing adventures in an upcoming newsletter. The photo's will be spectacular!



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## MAY LONG WEEKEND 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>

Are you interested in going to the **St Kilda boat club** they have a new marina. Trail your boat around and explore the area (there is probably more water here). We have been advised we can stay at the maintenance pontoon. If you are interested contact Jan Sheffield for more information telephone 8355 3252. Mob 0419 841 614.  
Or we could go to **Wirrina Cove** Ring Peter if you are interested 8278 3439.

## **Milang – Goolwa race weekend.**

The forecast for Saturday was for 40c! We set off from Goolwa at around 9-30 the wind was hot from the North east the iron staysail was used to Clayton then we sailed just passed Riverside the sea breeze piped in and we had a good sail to Milang. The temperature at Milang was about 30 so there was lots of swimming to keep cool. By mid evening the south westerly had come in and was blowing hard and it blew all night sleeping was a trifle difficult especially when the helicopter arrived searching the lake for a lost boat.

We woke next morning to the strong winds. We decided a reef was required it was duly put in. The lake was very lumpy due to the wind and the depth of water. The sail across to Point Sturt was wet to say the least. There was not any time for a relaxed lunch. The wind started to moderate at Clayton and some boats shook out a reef and gained extra speed. The race was run in a fast time and boats were back in Goolwa for a late lunch – early afternoon tea!



Cloud 9 and Fretless at the finish line

# **Water water water**

Where has it gone the water level at Goolwa has dropped 150 mm below the normal level. Government sources expect the level to drop approximately another 350 mm by March – April this year. The GRYC are advising members to remove boats from the marina berths that will be affected. For further information ring GRYC or go to the government website [www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au](http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au) and follow the links.

## **FARR STATE HEATS APRIL 5 & 6 Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club**

Two races Saturday and Two Sunday. Saturday night BYO barbeque and salads at the club. Notice of race enclosed.

There should be enough water to race if your boat is out of the water you may have to launch on Hindmarsh Island from the Marina ramp. It will depend on the water level at the club ramp. Please contact Brad Briggs if you need sails measured. 0401 124 944

**Wanted** Farr 6000 Trailer Yacht Contact: Bill Walker Phone 8555 3952.

## **Christmas Party**

The festivities were held at the Goolwa Yacht club in early December that seems a long time ago. The day was warm and pleasant we had over 40 members attend which was excellent, it was great to see everyone. The salads and sweets brought by members were up to their usual standards and plenty of them. The cold meats were supplied by Michael Schapel and were well received by everyone.

After lunch Father Christmas arrived in the Rubber Ducky he was hanging on to his hat, he duly came ashore and handed out presents to everyone. He then left to go to his next appointment. It was an enjoyable day and thankyou to all that helped to set it all up.



Thankyou Father Christmas.

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## **Sailing At Goolwa**

One of the best sailing seasons for me has been the 2002 –3 season – not the most successful in the competition stakes but very satisfying. New experiences have been sailing GRYC's Flying Fifteen's fast and exciting sailing close to the water. An achievement to gybe the spinnaker whilst balancing on the bow of the boat without

falling off. I have never been as wet and the muscles felt used the next day, (that goes for the Editor as well). I would not have missed the experience.

The Milang to Goolwa was wild and windy no time to get bored, but lovely swimming off the boat on Saturday meeting sailing friends and acquaintances. Ports and coffee in the evening in the reeds are all part of the Milang – Goolwa scene.

Sailability has been fun and rewarding with an interesting championship in Port Lincoln with plenty of country hospitality and the chance to sail on Boston Bay in a 40 footer.

Weekend cruising to Deep Creek with friends overnight at a quiet mooring and a brisk reach back to Goolwa. I am sure the rest of the season will bring new experiences and despite the concern of the low water. I am sure we will continue to enjoy ourselves.

Angela Roodhouse Waituna.

### **Special Offer**

The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron is pleased to introduce a special subscription for first time members who are owners of Farr Trailerable Yachts.

For just \$662 (inc GST), Farr Trailer Yacht Association members can join the Squadron for 12 months and store their vessels in a hard standing berth on the premises.

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