



WELCOME

Welcome to the March 2008 edition. If there is any information you would like to share with your fellow members please email djbenda@internode.on.net

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

As our President has been enjoying an overseas holiday with Angela we have no report for this month. However I would like to let you know of a few changes to the published calendar.

As you are all no doubt aware the low water levels being experienced in the lower lakes has meant that the GRYC – Cruise to Narrung 15 March 2008 had been cancelled, a lack of interest in travelling to the Gippsland Lakes has meant that this to, is off the calendar and an incomplete boat ramp at the Port Adelaide Sailing Club has meant that this to, has been deferred.

As the water level continues to fall in what is our traditional cruising grounds the Committee is looking at organising more “off water” functions and is keen to hear from members details of events they would like to participate in.

One of those events is the upcoming Friday evening meal and talk from a member of the crew of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2008

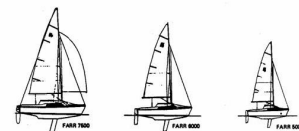
Coffin Bay Cruise	5 th April
Farr Association Dinner	2 nd May
FARRavaners Weekend	6 th October
St Kilda Cruise	TBA
Glenelg River Cruise	TBA
Tooperang Trout Farm – Picnic	TBA

COFFIN BAY CRUISE IN APRIL 2008

With a lack of starters for the Gippsland Lakes planned for April, Peter and Angela Roodhouse, Bill and Valerie Kutcher and John and Rosemary McKenzie are confirmed for a cruise on Coffin Bay.

The trio of boats will be leaving from Adelaide for Coffin Bay around the 5th, 6th or 7th of April (oh to be retired! - Ed) and are hoping that others would like to join them for the drive over.

They plan to spend around 10 days cruising those deep clear waters, where I’m told you can actually get a sail in without fear of running aground every



few minutes. And by the way Peter is reliably informed that the fishing is good.

If anybody else is interested in joining these intrepid folk please contact them above.

CRUISE TO THE COORONG 19TH - 20TH JANUARY 2008

Brad Briggs and Rosemary Sage in 'Off Spring' and Peter and Jane Mitchell in "Crew's Union' launched at Beacon 19 on Friday evening for the short cruise past the Murray Mouth to moor at Barkers Knoll.

When the pair arrived Flip and Jan Phillips were already setup, camped just above the high water mark overlooking a lovely stretch of water. They had launched at the Mundoo Boat Ramp in their runabout 'Blind as a Bat Jr' preferring this to the other option of getting their Farr 7500 over the other side of the Barrage.

We launched Preferential at Mundoo Channel on Saturday morning, at a very busy boat ramp as it is only one of two accesses to the Coorong with lots of day trippers lining up at the ramp. For those who haven't used this ramp before it's recently been improved with an excellent concrete surface and sealed car park with an overflow area across the road where you can leave the car and trailer (as we had to). As we were staying overnight leaving the car and trailer across the road, it was a bit of a concern as we were unsure of the security of the area but with houses close by and activity around we were happy to return the following evening with everything intact.

Once we set off, we found there is plenty of water as long as you stay close to the jetties and houses and don't cut straight across to the entrance of the Coorong National Park. If you do opt for the shorter route you won't get far. Once into the channel it does get shallower in parts with our boat kicking up the rudder when we strayed from the markers.

Doesn't seem to worry the power boats" as we had several go around us without a problem including the Coorong Explorer.

We moored at Barkers Knoll, a great sandy beach with even a long drop toilet just down wind, far enough to not be intrusive while being decidedly useful.

A welcoming champagne on arrival by those already there delayed us the setting up of camp but who are we to complain. Brad and Peter helped with the beach ground tackle and local knowledge of how far to set the boat off the shore so we weren't grounded the following day (although still managed to get a little stuck).

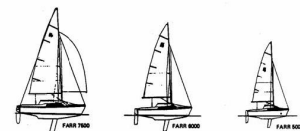
The rest of the day was spent relaxing and chatting with the rest of the group with our boys Sam and Tom spending time swimming, digging in the sand or popping in and out of the boat.

David and Libby Murphy arrived later in the afternoon on 'Cloud 9' and quickly settled into the rhythm of the group that was established now of chatting, snacking and drinking.

Flip offered to take the boys and I out fishing by the Mundoo Channel and shortly after dropping anchor the fish were biting. However, it was a game of catch and release because it seems the big ones just weren't hungry enough.



Sunday morning dawned and while we had a peaceful enough night with only a gentle rocking of



the boat it all seemed very still when we realised that we were actually on the bottom with the skeg well buried. With the rest of our fellow campers enlisted we rocked Preferential back into the water and got on with relaxing.

The afternoon saw all of us, except Phil and Jan who were lucky enough to be able to stay, start the task of packing up and heading for home.

We decided we would motor for a while down the Coorong, as this was our first time here and were greeted by a pair of dolphins that swam either side of the bow - a fabulous sight!

The trip back to the ramp was uneventful and once loaded up we made our way home hoping that we would be back to the Coorong soon. A special thanks to our fellow travellers that made our stay a great one.

David, Barbara, Sam and Tom Benda

GUEST SPEAKER & DINNER AT BSYC FRIDAY 2nd MAY 2008

Although our sailing may be limited at present, come along to hear Mike Marshman recount his experiences of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Club Race.

With our last outing at the Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club being so memorable and the delicious food, it has been decided to hold another of these evenings.

Friday 2nd May 2008
Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club
6.30pm for 7.00pm for Dinner

If you are coming along please let Rosemary or John McKenzie know on 83623566, 0409675361 or email at jandrmck@bigpond.com a week or so before the 2nd May to assist the caterers.

AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND GRYC REGATTA

With the abandonment of this years Milang to Goolwa Freshwater Classic, the GRYC presented a series of races in Goolwa using the typical twilight/summer series courses for 3 divisions: Dinghies, Cruising and Racing.



Under difficult racing situations club members Peter and Angela Roodhouse in Waituna, Farr 6000 and Brad Briggs in Flying Squad, Flying Fifteen, took out first places in Division 2 and Division 4 respectively.

Brad took first place in his division in each of the 4 races that made up the series with Peter and Angela finishing in the top 2, except one.

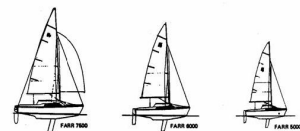
Other Farr Association members who did well were David Howard in Vintage Red, Farr 7500 with a 5th overall, new member Locky McLaren in Farrlap, Farr 6000 had a DNF in the first race but finished well in the other races to register a 14th overall and Colin Burgin in Dynasty, Farr 6000 missed one race and still managed 15th overall.

Another Farr 7500 was Tauwitcherie who also competed in Division 2 and finished well with an 8th overall.

Angela tells me that with low river levels conditions were very tricky for racing with a narrow channel leading to lots of tacking and calling of water but all enjoyed a lovely weekend and great camaraderie.

"People should not give up on sailing at Goolwa just yet as long as you stick to the channel, its OK. Farr's are a very nifty craft and turn quickly and the beauty of a trailer sailer is the ability to wind up the plate so are particularly suited to the river".

Angela would also like to thank the McKenzie's who once again ably assisted our Farr members.



Peter and Angela Roodhouse sailing Waituna

SAILING THE NET

After the last newsletters article on Internet sailing I was reminded by email of a couple of other sites that are worth a visit.

John Woolat, YSA Executive officer, provided the following;

The Yachting SA website provides local sailing information and news plus links to many valuable sailing websites.

These include links to all SA clubs and classes, SA sailing program, Yachting Australia, ISAF, racing rules info, sailing games and many more sailing sites.

YSA website = www.sa.yachting.org.au

Peter Roodhouse is a fan of the Sailing Networks site; www.sailingnetworks.com. This site has a worldwide focus and covers just about every area of sailing that you could imagine.

Once registered, Sailing Networks will add you to its mailing list and email out a monthly newsletter with the latest information from the site.

Another site that has been recommended by the skipper of Farr 6000, Artemis is <http://www.trailersailerplace.com.au>

This site caters for anyone interested in trailer sailer's and hosts a number of forums, links and photos.

If there are other websites that are favourites of yours and you would like others to know about, drop them in an email to the editor and I will publish in the next newsletter.

EMAIL DELIVERY OF THE FARR CRY



On an Internet related matter, if you want to do your part for the environment and receive your edition of the Farr Cry earlier than those who have it posted to them let the editor know at djbenda@internode.on.net.

And we will arrange to have your copy sent to your email address.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Looking to sell your Farr yacht or any other unwanted sailing accessories?

Paul Dobie can assist by placing a classified advertisement on the Farr Trailer Yacht Association site.

Please contact Paul at 4sale@farrsa.com for current pricing.