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#### **What's on! Diary Dates**

June Long Weekend 8, 9, & 10.

**Visit Clayton Bay Boat Club** further details in this issue.

**Annual General Meeting** July 21 @ 11-00 am. To be held at GRYC Barrage Road Goolwa. Details will be sent separately.

**SA Boat Show** July 11 to 14.

#### **Clayton Bay Long Weekend**

##### **Saturday 8 June**

AM Launch at GRYC and sail to Clayton. Or launch at CBBC.

PM Lazy Afternoon Cruise

**6 pm Dinner at Sails restaurant you may drive up if you prefer**

2-course menu

|             |                 |             |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Main course | Steak           | } Salad Bar |
|             | Atlantic Salmon |             |
|             | Chicken         |             |

Desert Apricot Crumble or Fruit Salad

**Dress -Black Tie!!**

**RSVP Please by 31 – 05 – 2002 To Jan / Don Sheffield. Phone 8355 3252  
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**Sunday** Sail where the wind takes us. Evening BBQ at Clayton Club BYO.

**Monday** Good weather more sailing and journey home.

**River Cruising** Rosemary & John McKenzie hope these hints may be of use when planning your trip.

**Take:**

- 2-3 stakes-hammer
- 2 Hessian bags
- Plank
- Rubber boots
- Hooter to give 3 blasts when entering lock
- Plenty of pegs -they get lost
- Bucket -soap for washing
- Stretch straps to make clothes line between spreaders
- Extra fuel tank to carry fuel
- Extra water container
- BBQ equipment
- Folding chairs & table
- Gas light
- Tarpaulin to cover boom-rain or sun
- Paper for fire starting - matches
- Long ropes for reaching trees
- Mast step for lowering mast- pulley
- Porta potti & solution & shovel
- Back up battery if required
- Fishing equipment
- Tool kit- pliers, screw drivers wire

**General Information**

In one week coming downstream from Mildura to the Customs House - taking our time- we used 32 litres fuel- 4stroke engine- and probably we were rafting with another boat. We used 40 litres water.

Another trip from Mildura to Morgan took 2 weeks. We used 80 litres of water & 70 litres of fuel sharing half engine use while rafting another boat. We used four bottles of methylated spirits. We used 1 litre of fuel per 2.51 river mile. We had showers at Caravan Park

Mildura to Renmark NO SHOPS except for fuel and basic supplies at the Customs House at the Victorian border. Fuel pumps are at the river edge.

Car/trailer can be left at Renmark at caravan parks by arrangement or the Customs House, or probably any caravan park along the way.

Get River Murray Pilot books- usually at newsagents.

Below Renmark there are bridges at Paringa, Berri, Murray Bridge, so masts need to be lowered.

There are many good places to pull in, depending on the current water level. There are many places to go walking and to use a dinghy.

If cold take beanies, gloves, scarf, wet weather gear etc. If hot take shorts, hat, sun cream etc.

We did little sailing -the wind was usually in the wrong direction! We occasionally put up the jib - did not need the main.

Wentworth to the Customs House -120 miles Locks 10, 9, 8, 7.  
We used to average 10 mins. A river mile maker. New books are in kilometres.

When out of shopping range take an esky with everything frozen for 2-3 days hence and use ice-box/esky for current needs.

### **Good places above Renmark**

Can take a dinghy into creeks about 582 k marker 2 k's west of Ningle Nook Bend at 365 m sign.

At 372m sign can take a boat into creek, which we call 'Little Hunchee' Creek NOT the Hunchee Creek marked in the Pilot.

Can go well up into Chowilla Creek - very wide - and tie up at posts along the way - National Park.

Above Renmark the river is less populated with more banks and wood for fires.

Above Morgan Hogwash Bend is a great spot.

Above Mannum Big Bend is spectacular.

River towns generally have lovely lawns to tie up and good shops for supplies.

### **Glascraft Farr State Heats**

These were held on May 11, due to lack of entries we decided to hold 3 races on the Saturday, the first at 11-00 with a break followed by 2 back to back. We had 3 x 7500's and 3 x 6000's.

The 7500's consisted of Quadrifoglio Phil Stump, Cloud Nine David Murphy and Blind as a Bat Flip Phillips.

The 6000's Waituna Peter Roodhouse, Farr Out Jacqui Woodhead and Boojum Mick Edgar.

The Racing in the 6000's was fast and furious with very close finishes spinnakers were used which added to the spectacle. Each of the boats won a race. The final outcome was

1 Waituna  
2 Farr Out  
3 Boojum

The 7500's did not use spinnakers there racing was dominated by Quadrifoglio the racing was close and everyone enjoyed it. The results were as follows

1 Quadrifoglio  
2 Cloud Nine  
3 Blind as a Bat.

Neil Dickins from Mount Gambier bring his 5000 Luana 11 to join in the racing he started with the 6000's and followed us around the course. The association thanks Rick Elleyard for being OOD for the races and GRYC for hosting the event.

**ENCOUNTER March 2002**  
**Spencer Gulf Part 1**

by Pandora

I have been asked by Jan Sheffield to write something about our gulf trip. I have done very little sailing myself and what I have done has been out on the lake so when I read about the last gulf trip, I thought I would like to give it a try with my partner who has been sailing for many years. As the time grew closer I started to feel anxious, but I kept telling myself “don’t let fear of the unknown stop a chance of a lifetime”. That is how I saw it, to be able to sail with the tall ships WOW, how many people get to do something like that?

We departed on Friday 1-3-02 and arrived at Port Broughton around 3.30pm. Bev & David Gambling (Rhapsody) were there & invited us on board for coffee. By late afternoon there were six boats in the launching park. We were all introduced and in a short time we all decided to walk to the hotel for tea. There were about 20 boaties in all and we chatted, laughed and ate the night away. This is something we did often!

Saturday 2-3-02 - We launched with plenty of help from others, which was the case throughout the trip. We walked around town, relaxed and got to meet lots more people that afternoon. Port Broughton has a real charm. By late afternoon most of the boats had been launched so it was off to the hotel for tea. The air was full of excitement. We were given name tags, T-shirts, mud maps and a briefing on radio skeds. These skeds were to be done every three hours.

Sunday 3-3-02 - The big day. We awoke to gentle winds and brilliant sunshine. The Apex Club was cooking bacon and eggs on the jetty for all. By 8-30am we were on our way, being waved off by the townspeople. After leaving the channel we hoisted the sails and headed for Woods Point. This was easy sailing with the wind aft the beam. We trailed the lure and within minutes had a snook on the line. Later it was dinner YUM. Our days sailing and fishing had been very enjoyable.

Monday 4-3-02 - We were up early ready for the long trip across the gulf. The sun rising over the Southern Flinders Ranges was a beautiful sight. We were rugged up for the start of the day, but by early am we were down to shorts and T-shirt and well on our way to our anchorage MERNINNIE. Later we sat on the bow of our boat for happy hour, dinner and watched the sun set.

Tuesday 5-3-02 - We slept late as we had a shorter trip to COWLED LANDING. By mid morning we had the autopilot set and we sat under the shade of the mainsail – perfect sailing weather. We arrived late am and anchored in crystal clear water—on with the bathers and in for a swim. By the time we had eaten lunch the tide had gone out, the boat was grounded, so off we went for a nice long walk. It was like a meeting ground for boaties – we chatted and gathered razor fish for tea. When we returned the tide was coming back in. We went over to Farrlap for happy hour using their dinghy. By the time we returned it was dark so we were able to have a shower in our cockpit. It had been a perfect day again.

Wednesday 6-3-02 - Our destination Whyalla and another day of good sailing weather. We arrived early afternoon and were greeted by several dolphins as we entered the marina. After mooring we all headed for the hot showers (sheer luxury) Whyalla really turned it on for us. We were taken by car to do any shopping we needed. Beautiful meals were provided by the yacht club. We were also taken for a free tour of the city and the maritime museum, which included a tour of the HMAS WHYALLA. The bus returned us for lunch, which was provided by the Mayor of Whyalla. A most enjoyable day again.

Thursday 7-3-02 - We departed Whyalla at 7am. The seas were 1-1.5m and the wind about 20k and I must admit I was scared for the first time on our trip, but within an hour I had settled into the motion and started to enjoy it! By mid morning we were off Point Lowley and had sighted the tall ships. What a wonderful sight, it stirred our emotions and was so exciting. By mid afternoon we were alongside them taking photos and talking to the crew. There were dolphins swimming all around us – what an experience. We sailed into BLANCHE HARBOUR – a good sheltered anchorage.

Friday 8-3-02 - We departed 7-30am and motored over to view and video the tall ships. The weather was beautiful and we sailed most of the way to PORT AUGUSTA. Here we rafted to newly erected pontoons. Shower facilities were just a short walk up the ramp. We spent two days at Port Augusta, most of the time spent looking around the town. On the Saturday the sailing club provided a long lunch, which lasted most of the afternoon. There were 300 plus guests and a good social afternoon. Unfortunately Captain Bill was having problems with his knee and could barely put any pressure on it, so sadly this was the end of a most memorable trip. It has opened a new world for me and we have been talking about our next trip on the ocean. I can recommend it – don't let fear get in your way. Sandy Elton PANDORA

## **Spencer Gulf Part 2 Farrlap**

A few boats retrieved at Port Augusta including Narina F6 (Don & Patricia Sweeney). Port Augusta of course is as far north as we go.

### **11-3-02**

We departed south at 6:45am. The tide is running out with a strong south wind causing very uncomfortable chop. Farrlap does not make much progress so we motor, keeping near the western shore all the way to Blanche Harbor. We hear via 27meg there are 35k winds in the gulf. As the tide runs out we settle on the bottom, but we know we will float later. The nearby crew from Gin & Tonic F6 trudge over for a visit. The sludge is knee deep and black. We sing Happy Birthday to Helen on Osprey F7.5. We have been doing so for three days but today is the Birthday.

### **12-3-02 Destination Port Pirie**

We depart at 6:45 am following a keel boat. An hour later we watch the trailer sailors glide over the sand bar and catch up to us. Conditions are very uncomfortable again with the tide against the wind. Mid am the wind dropped and we enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the quiet water. Quite suddenly at 1pm the sea breeze blew at 27k plus. The seas were choppy and we still had to round Ward Spit. Once around we were on reach to the

Port Pirie channel. It was quite a thrill to be overtaken by the One and All. The boat club provided roast dinner for \$9 – block ice was available nearby.

### **13-3-02**

About 20 of us took advantage of a bus trip to Laura for \$15. We had a treat. The driver allowed us time to stroll through attractive restored shops that line the wide main street, the most unique being the boot maker, where leather shoes are handmade. Most of the group partook of lunch – quiche with salad at the Possum Park café. John Steggles, owner of the Laura Brewery (now converted to a fabulous B&B) directed our group on a conducted tour for a couple of hours. The brewery is a sturdy stone 3-storey structure. Operating as a brewery from 1863 – 1893 at its peak it produced the equivalent of 2,000,000 stubbies annually. Laura being a major service center. Between 1810 – 1840 there were 1,000 breweries built in Australia. We sampled Trend drinks, which were once manufactured here and are now at Gladstone. We also sampled Golden North Ice Cream. John then led us as we visited Joan McDonald's studio. Joan is an artist and sculptor and happily showed us her studio, home and garden. Her specialty is horses as can be gauged by her paintings. We journeyed back through a scenic outlook. Our driver pointed out the Gladstone silos – the largest silo holding in the Southern Hemisphere.

On occasions we have passed through Laura – we now realize it is a worthwhile stopover area.

Back in Port Pirie we find the local policeman had visited us and a note invited us to a BBQ at his home that evening. Graham is the skipper of Polorus Roberts 25 Keeler with his fellow city sergeant friend Bob as crew – they are keen fishermen and we feasted on crabs and BBQ snook/salmon. We were back at the boat club to watch the fireworks— especially for Encounter 2002 celebrations.

### **14-3-02**

The clubhouse was open early for our convenience. Much appreciated as our destination is anchorage Woods Point. Conditions are pleasant at first, but again when the wind did blow up it is on the nose. Dolphins are around us a lot today. There are 31 boats on the water. This trip began with 30 t/s & 14 keelers.

In Woods Point we dragged anchor for the first time this trip, but resettled and secure well before dark.

### **15-3-02**

We leave in company with fellow farrs Shiraz F6 & Dazzy Bobler F5.

Forecast SE 7-12k assured very pleasant sailing. We caught 2 snook and consumed them for lunch. Enjoyed a day on gentle water and tied up at Port Broughton wharf at 3pm.

The wind up dinner was at the hotel. Jay Em crew won the Best Log award and Whyalla won the Best Town.

### **16-3-02**

Blissful am in the bay at Port Broughton. Breakfast setting just divine on the foreshore. A trailer tray top 6X4 was fully set up for hot breakfast catering.

The shelter was decorated with red, white and blue balloons and streamers. Today was Matthew Flinders birthday and a flag raising ceremony and unveiling of sculptured leather busts in recognition of this event was to take place at 10am.

Most t/s retrieved here but we were amongst the 8 mostly keelers to sail down to Wallaroo. We felt reluctant to leave Port Broughton before the formalities, but tide always determines departure and the plan was to sail into Wallaroo with the tall ships.

We were in company with Shiraz F6 and experienced a dream spinnaker run in light winds – the water so clear the dolphins were a joy. It was a huge thrill within the first hour to catch a 55.5cm snapper. Following that we caught 5 large snook. This was our most successful fishing in two weeks. The Wallaroo marina was open for our use and we tied up to the plush new pontoons – immaculately maintained.

A few t/s towed to Wallaroo for the dinner at the sailing club. Assorted casserole dishes for \$5 pp – we thought the best value meal for the trip. Following dinner a walk was necessary. We could not believe the spectacular sunset happening with the tall ships silhouetted – a most beautiful finale to our trip.

### **17-3-02**

A passenger from the One and All stopped by our yacht and told us of his experiences. He was on board from Pt Pirie to Wallaroo. There were 26 on board – many of them volunteers. The bay looked enticing and it was going to be too hot to retrieve our boat so we enjoyed sailing and swimming off our boat.

Our only pressing need to depart was to get home with our fish! **Jan Sheffield Farrlap**

### **Coffin Bay Trip April 2002.**

In April Loafarr, Cabochon, Cloud Nine, Waituna and Farrthing went to Coffin Bay for a lovely 10-day holiday. We were accompanied by Alison and Malcolm Doley, John and Wendy Manuel and Lois and Barry Payne in their powerboats.

The holiday started off well with all arriving safely. The stop at Arno Bay was enjoyed by Loafarr, Cabochon, Cloud Nine, Waituna, Farrthing and the Doley's. We had the traditional pub tea and a morning walk on the beach. After restocking in Port Lincoln we arrived at Coffin Bay Yacht Club for a princely sum of \$20 per boat per week for use of showers etc. We had access to the best sailing and swimming in near perfect conditions. We visited Black Springs, Dutton Bay which has a new launching ramp and ladder up to the jetty, Long Mile Beach, Yangie Bay and Little Douglas. On non-sailing days we walked around Coffin Bay and went to Yangie Bay in the National Park. The teas at the yacht club were delicious and despite not being up to scratch with the Line Dancing we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. There were so many good times it is impossible to write them all down but the following stick in my memory – Pancakes at Black Springs dished up by George and his helpers, the shared dinner, Fish cooked over the fire, The ebb and flow of the tide stories The Dolphins, Valerie's Octopus, The mystery of the disappearing Weber lid, The Boy's lunch with extra's, The Mock Wedding and watching the Bill at the Whyalla Foreshore Caravan Park. A great holiday and as always great company. The only pity was it had to end. **Angela Roodhouse Waituna**

### **Goolwa RYC dinner catered for by the Farr Association**

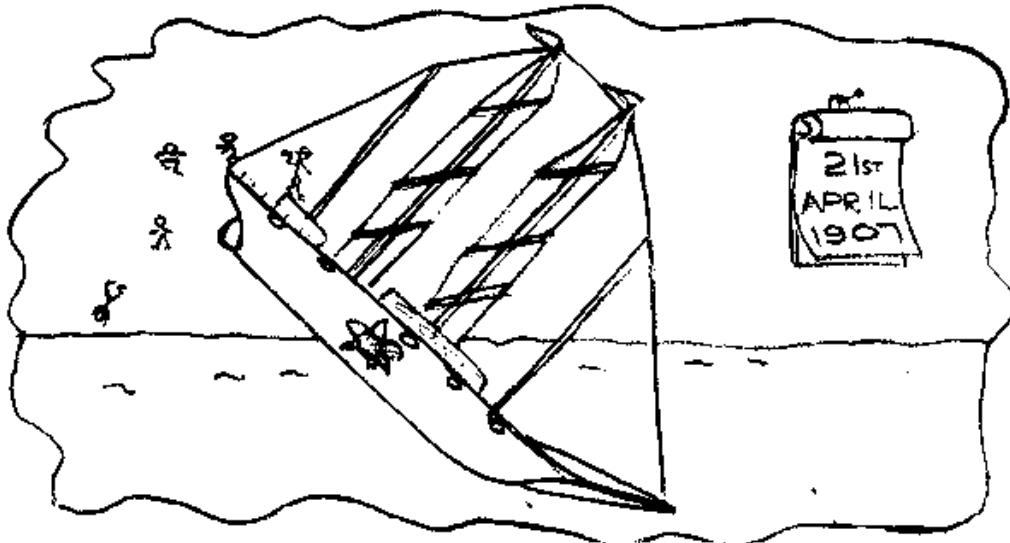
On Saturday May 5 the Farr Association catered for 50 people at the GRYC, as it's annual contribution to the club. The dinner was conceived and ably carried out by that creative trio Libby Murphy, Rosemary McKenzie and Jan Phillips, assisted by a number of other Farr members. The menu from memory of spicy soup, Beef and vegetables and a delicious sweet was enthusiastically received by all. In fact it was suggested that the group could do other GRYC functions, the weary trio declined the offer feeling that the occasion needed 12 months rest and recuperation! All who attended enjoyed the night.

### WRECK OF THE NORMA

The Norma, a four masted iron barque was loaded with bags of wheat and anchored about 4 km off Semaphore one night waiting for favourable winds and tide to set sail for England. Her lights were blazing and the good captain asleep below.

The ship the Arden Craig arriving from England during the early morning darkness, saw the lights of the Norma but misjudged the distance, and rammed Norma amidships. The captain, rudely awakened, was not amused. Attempts to stop the Arden Craig by dropping her anchor had not been successful and the crew watched horrified while the Norma sank quickly falling off their bow.

If that wasn't enough, later the same day a steamer the Jessie Darling in broad daylight hooting along past the now anchored Arden Craig bound for Port Adelaide. Unfortunately the fools ran into the sunken Norma causing their ship mortal damage. The crew abandoned the Jessie Darling which quickly sunk and settled on top of the Norma. The captain probably swam ashore and became anonymous. The Jessie Darling was later recovered but the Norma remained and is now known as the Norma wreck fishing ground.



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