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DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2 WEDNESDAY Exciting activity to be arranged. **Details to be on the website farrsa.com**

VENUE JOHN & ROSEMARY McKenzie's 138 SIXTH AVENUE ROYSTON PARK.
BYO DRINKS AND A PLATE OF FOOD. RSVP 8362 3566.

NOVEMBER 26th & 27th FARR FUN RACES AT GOOLWA YACHT CLUB

DECEMBER 11th SUNDAY CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT GOOLWA REGATTA
YACHT CLUB 12-00PM. WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS.

MARCH 11,12 &13th 2006 BLACK TIE LUNCH AT THE COORONG MORE
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

CRUISING NOTES.

A river cruise from Clayton to Narrows & beyond is being arranged by Don Sweeney starting on November 7th. If you are interested in joining them please telephone Don on 83384599. They plan to be away for about a week. Email dsweeney@sachariot.net.au
David and Libby Murphy will be sailing on the Gippsland Lakes in the first week of January 2006. For more information please telephone David on 88339 7676

Welcome to new members

Peter and Jane Mitchell and their Duncanson
Peter and Barbara Stace and their Farr 5000

**SUBS ARE DUE PLEASE FILL IN MEMBERS FORM AND RETURN TO
TREASURER WITH THE MONEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Cruising the Gippsland Lakes April 2005

Written by Rosemary Sage and Libby Murphy in the car on the journey home.

Metung is a twelve to fourteen hour drive from Adelaide if one is not towing a boat and for a change a small group of Farr members decided to leave their faithful Farr's home and to charter boats from Riviera Nautica. Two boats were chartered, a Catalina 320 for Brad Briggs and Rosemary Sage (*FarrSpring*) David and Libby Murphy (*Cloud 9*). The Roodhouse's, (*Waituna*) McKenzie's (*Loafarr*) and Kutcher's (*Cabochon*) joined forces and chartered a Dufour 36. Linked into this intrepid odyssey were two Farr sixes the Sheffield's, *Farrlap* and the Nefiadovis's', (*Farthing*). As the fleet explored the lakes the sixes were the zippy little ducklings gliding around the two bigger mother boats.

This report of the trip is told through the rose coloured glasses of those sailing on the Catalina 320 *Pure Adrenaline*, a most appropriate name considering who was sailing on her! (Rosemary, Brad, David and Libby)

We arrive very late on the Saturday night, having driven all the way from Adelaide and all we had to do was unload our supply of red and white wine disguised as essential luggage and tumble into our bunks. The boats are prepared, ready and waiting, no matter what time one arrives. After a great night's sleep, we were woken by the ringing calls of the bellbirds, which echoed so clearly across the waters of Chinaman's Creek. A quick shake down by the staff of the Marina saw both boats sailing to Paynesville to buy more essential supplies and to catch up with the little Farr "ducklings" who were launching from there.

Pure Adrenaline the Catalina 320 is a spacious luxurious craft, handles "comfortably" but is not a racing boat. No one told this to Brad and David consequently they raced every boat in the lakes system despite the fact the other boats had no idea they were in a race! Four on board is comfortable; she has a well-appointed saloon and a spacious galley with adequate storage, which can be easily adapted to various needs. Rosemary and Libby amused the staff member showing us over the boat as we had converted a neat little waterproof space into a nifty icebox for white wines. It appears out "ice box" was designed to be a larder for tins! Never mind we didn't have many tins but we had white wine, which must be kept cool. One wonders what the boat would be like with more than four on board as the manufacturers claim it is built to accommodate seven. Squeeze perhaps.

As our boat was called *Pure Adrenaline* we decided to live up to its name, break away from the fleet and make a long day sail to The Narrows for the night, stopping at Lock Sport for lunch. The four expert navigators on board calculate this journey to be about twenty-four nautical miles. Wind was on the nose at 20 to 25 km and we soon discovered this type of boat was not happy sailing "on the nose." Brad made references to barges and tubs, while David muttered things about 'crummy blown out sails.' That was when the dual captains decided to observe rule number one of sailing. "Gentlemen do not beat windward." The ladies on board had absolutely no argument with that rule! A 180 degree turn saw *Pure Adrenaline* running down wind to overnight at Bunger Arm, marked on the map as an ideal sheltered mooring in the type of winds we were experiencing. By now

the winds were gusting to 30 km. The waters in Bunger Arm behave just like the waters of our home port of Goolwa in strong winds, blow back out into the lakes and cause a two to three foot drop in water levels. *Pure Adrenaline* finally retreated, with a little outside help, to overnight by the jetty at Ocean Grove. This mooring provided its own entertainment in the form of a Bull's Motor Cruiser carrying a group of 12 young men complete with kegs of beer, slabs of Bundy and Coke and various inflatable toys one would not necessarily use as a life buoy! While we were being entertained by the antics of our neighbours we heard the rest of the Farr fleet had returned from their sail to Rotamar Island and were sheltering in the very protected waters of Picnic Arm.

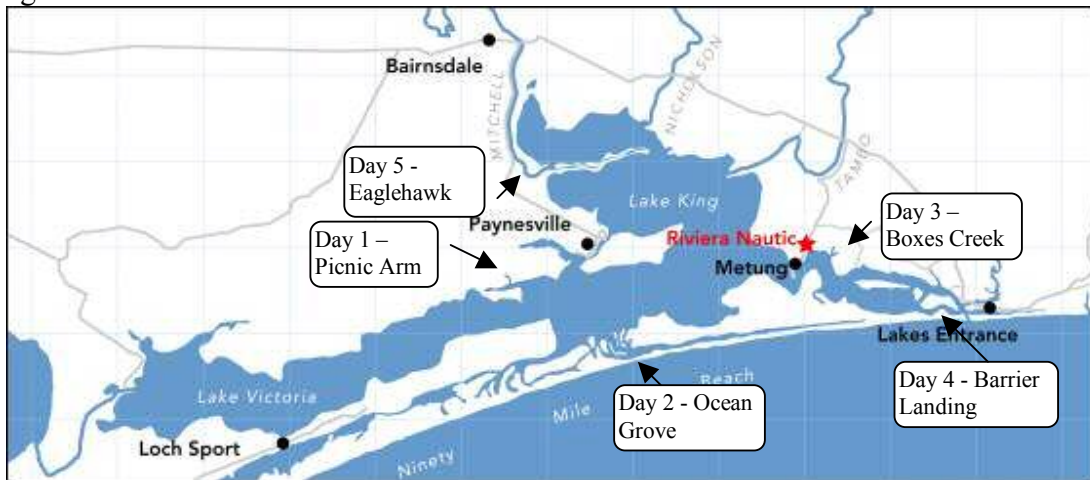
By the next morning the gale had blown its self out and we sailed sedately in warm sunshine with gentle zephyrs to Box Creek for a late, leisurely, long lunch. The rest of the fleet joined us there and lunch seemed to simply roll on into afternoon tea, pre dinner nibbles, drinks, and barbecue dinner. Some had an early night while others partied on board *Ciel-dete*.

Day four dawned warm, sunny and perfect once again. A fleet meeting decided the winds would take the whole fleet to Barrier Landing. After navigating the beautiful channel we disembarked to take a long walk on the Ninety Mile Beach to the Lakes Entrance channel and watch the ocean fishing fleet return from several days fishing. The entrance is quite narrow and washed with very strong tricky tidal currents. Most interesting to watch the tough little boats negotiate the narrow swirling entrance. The walk back to the boats was timed to coincide with the Captain's Cocktail Party (not sure which captain as there seemed to be many of them on each boat!) on the jetty. This gathering was held in usual Farr style, very quiet, sedate, hushed voices, with only a modest amount of food and drinks! Peter Roodhouse entertained us all with his rendition of "Staying Alive" in the companion way. There were a number of other boats moored on the jetty and later several of their crew accompanied Valerie fishing. We could all see the fish leaping out of the water hoping to be caught, but none were successful.

The following day we enjoyed the benefits of owning your own smaller boat as it was the two Farr 'ducklings' who were able to take us to Lakes Entrance for coffees and a leisurely wander in the costal town. The bigger chartered boats were not permitted to venture into the channel across the entrance, but the captains of the Farr sixes placed no such restrictions on their boats! There are distinct advantages in having a retractable keel and being master of your own boat. It was enjoyable to cruise into the town of Lakes Entrance by boat and to see a big dredge working at close range was quite fascinating. The bakery at Lakes Entrance produced 'real' loaves of bread, baked on the premises the old fashioned way. Delicious.

Pure Adrenaline's navigators decided The Mitchell River would be the next port of call. Sadly there was no wind, but still sunny and very warm for April, so we charged the batteries by motoring to Eaglehawk landing up the Mitchell River for the night. This proved to be a delightful spot with plenty of entertainment as we were moored along side the Eaglehawk launching ramp. The evening was warm and very calm which meant drinks on the poop deck (again) while we watched the little fishing dinghies and tinnies

being retrieved after their days fishing. We tried to negotiate a deal with a Fisherman for a large Flounder and other assorted fish, which we thought might add value to our evening meal. Sadly his fishing licence did not permit sale of fish. Bangers and mash were the favoured alternative. What we didn't consider was the fact that these little boats would be returned to the waters the next day from about five am onwards! The crew of *Pure Adrenaline* started the next day to the sounds of barking dogs, backing cars, trucks and 'utes and two strokes asthmatic starts in the early dawn. This was our last day on the Lakes and it was with sadness and promises to sail again on these beautiful and interesting waters we returned the boat to its harbour and reverted to being landlubbers again.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF FARR TRAILER YACHT ASSOCIATION OF SA
 The 25th Farr Annual General Meeting was well attended as you can see on page 2 there were some new commirttee members elected. We had a Silver Anniversary cake, this was cut by Angela and Peter Roodhouse who have attended all 25 AGM's. Prizes were presented to the winners of the respective classes in the Milang – Goolwa race. They were Div 2 David Howard, Div 3 Peter Roodhouse, Div 4 Ken Durward and Div 5 Bill Offler. The lunch was up to the usual Farr standard. Thankyou to everyone who came and helped as well as your salad or sweet.

FARR FELLOWSHIP

On their recent trip to Queensland Farravanners John and Rosemary McKenzie were excited to see a blue Farr 7500 Farreaching in the caravan park at Noosa. Meeting owners Brian and Barbara Clements, we heard about their trip from Victoria to Queensland. They do this every four years. We shared experiences, remembering our trip with George and Marion Nefiodovas seven years ago, Brian and Barbara had seen SA Farr's at Gippsland and asked us if we knew Beth and Ray Mylius as they know Beth's brother David – small world!

Of course, their Farr is their pride and joy, we were happy to be invited aboard to compare boats and share stories

INAUGURAL FARRAVANNERS WEEKEND

Many Farr owners who love travelling and cruising on the water are now taking to cruising on land- hence this weekend.

Six caravans / campers converged on Blanchetown Riverside Caravan Park for the June long weekend, Peter and Angela Roodhouse, Bill Kutcher and Valerie Dobie, John and Joylene Stewart, Don and Joan Ovenden, John and Wendy Manuel and John and Rosemary Mckenzie.

Admiration of rigs, perusal of latest equipment and enjoyment of happy hours continued in the time honoured way. As we were riverside the little boats came out with two inflatable dinghies and the Porta-Boat used for fishing and sightseeing – even a spinnaker run with an umbrella sail!!!! You can't stop good sailors.

We walked to lock 1, across the old bridge, on to a Winery, and also looked at the many shacks along the river. We had cuppas in vans, John and Joylene cooked some scones for afternoon tea in the camp oven, John Manuel smoked fish and Calamari for everyone to try.

Moral – When the weather is too cold for sailing try land cruising!

John & Rosemary McKenzie.

WAITUNA'S 25th BIRTHDAY

We pulled Waituna out of the water to do some much needed maintenance, varnishing the woodwork that means going back to the wood in some cases and putting on 3 to 4 coats of varnish. The halyards were replaced with Spectra ropes instead of the old wire rope with a rope tail. The thing with using spectra etc is you can use a 6mm rope, the disadvantage is that if you have old rope jammers they may not hold the new rope. Mine did not so it was a double Spinlock XAS jammer which is a thing of beauty and works well (it is made in England) pommie ingenuity.

The other thing you might like to think about is the pulleys on the centre case that is used for the wire to run on and the one for the keel lockdown. Mine had seized up and the wire had worn well into the pulley. I had to get a machine shop to make a new one and replace it in the housing. The lockdown pulley was ok needed some lubrication.

The rigging was checked and replaced on looking at the old ones the wire was going hard and some strands had broken. The problem if you leave your boat fully rigged either on hard stand or in the water is that you do not check it often enough.

Other ropes were replaced as they were showing signs of wear. The hull and deck were polished with a good fibreglass polish this will keep the fibreglass fed and make your boat look good. Waituna is about 27 years old!

Farr's keep their value so it is worth investing so money and time in keeping them shipshape.

Note from Angela Waituna has been pampered. Farr sailors do have their priorities right – you should see our house!!

Peter Roodhouse – Waituna.

GOODS FOR SALE.

Burke wet weather jackets 1 x Red with white trim Medium.

1 x Aqua with white trim Large. Both have fleece collars
& stow away hoods \$75 each

1 x brand new Trojan galley pump \$15.

1 x portable gas heater that fits onto gas bottle 3/8 BSP left hand thread \$30.

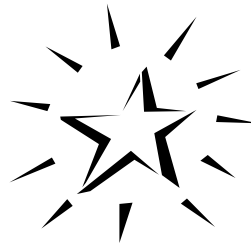
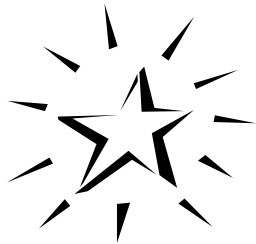
Magna S/S BBG with accessories \$180.

1 x green shower tent complete with shower rose and pump, and 1 x canvas shower bag
with rose new \$85.

For more info contact Kay Laing 85551996. Email kaylaing@chariot.net.au

Bay of Islands New Zealand

Interested in a sailing holiday in New Zealand? Next Easter 2006 a couple of Farr members are going to the Bay of Islands sailing. Peter and Angela Roodhouse Brad Briggs and Rosemary Sage have hired a boat for the week. If you want to find out more please telephone Peter on 8278 3439 or email proodhou@bigpond.net.au



FARR FUN RACES NOVEMBER 26th & 27th

Where GOOLWA REGATTA YACHT CLUB GOOLWA
BARBEQUE SATURDAY NIGHT MEET UP WITH OLD FRIENDS AND FOES
GIVE RACING A GO YOU MIGHT WIN A PRIZE.

Contact Peter Roodhouse if you are interested Phone 82783439





FARR NIBBLES PAGE

Happy hour is an essential part of cruising wether on land or water. Rosemary Mckenzie made these on our trip to the Gippsland Lakes. The boat tasted delicious. The boats are available from Coles supermarket in the bakery dept filled with French onion dip and cream cheese, or whatever takes your fancy. The sails are corn chips. Make plenty as they sink very quickly.

If you any recipes for the nibbles corner send them to the editor email proodhou@bigpond.net.au

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