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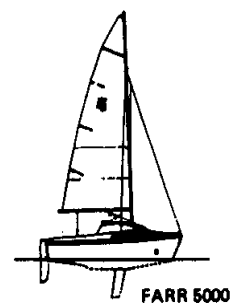
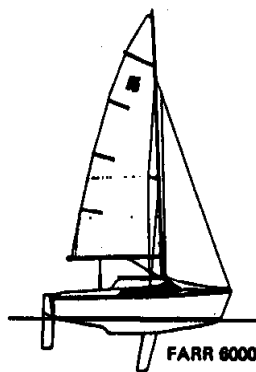
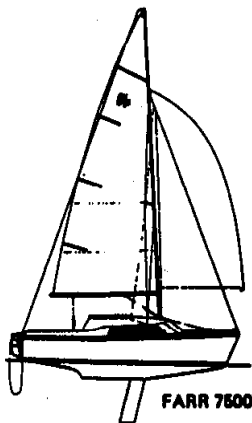
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on July 18th at Goolwa Yacht Club. The attendance was down due to the flu bug striking some members. Those that attended enjoyed the company the excellent lunch with tasty meat supplied by Mike Schapel and salads and sweets provided by members. Many of the old committee were happy to be re elected as were members to re elect them and members were particularly pleased that all Office Bearers were willing to continue for a further year There were some new committee members elected they were Jon Gilbert, George Nefiodovas and Don Sweeney. The committee thanked retiring members Jan and Don Sheffield who had provided some memorable cruises over the last few years as well as offering their house as a venue for meetings. Thankyou Don and Jan Presentations were made to members who were the first Farr in their respective divisions in the Milang – Goolwa race.

Prizewinners were Division 2 Barry Hawkes, Division 3 Peter Roodhouse. Division 4 Bram Fynnaart. Division 5 Bill Offler

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Farr Regatta

The numbers of people participating in this activity was so poor that the 6000's did not have enough entries to hold a race. There were only five 7500 it was decided that 7.5's would race for the fun of it and some of the 6000 skippers and crew would help on the boats, which was fun to do. Close racing prevailed with three different winners out of four races. One Farr owner needs a book on tying knots after his boat drifted all the way to the bridge after untying itself at GRYC marina. It was brought back by some friends of the skipper!

As the numbers participating in State Heats were down suggestions for future State Heats from the meeting were as follows

Run the heats as a race from Clayton to Milang as part of the Goolwa Milang race

Have a race where experienced sailors crew on boats with less experienced sailors

Have the race as a round rat island race

The committee would like any ideas to generate more interest so please contact any committee member

SAILS DINNER

A great dinner was held at SAILS restaurant at Clayton on May 22 approximately 30 members attended with the theme as come in a hat representing a song title. The hats were great with the eventual winner judged by Sally being Valerie Dobie "Norwegian Wood" the prize being a dinner for two at the restaurant. It was good to meet new members as well as catching up with old ones the meal was delicious thank you Sally and Ken. A few intrepid sailors sailed up but the majority sailed their cars, which was a good way to come as well

FUTURE EVENTS

A few of us are travelling up the river from the Customs House in the September Holidays. This is the quietest and loveliest part of the river and we hope to progress as far as we can towards Wentworth Let us know if you want to join us We reprint the list provided by Rosemary McKenzie which is a useful start to packing for river cruising. Contact Peter Roodhouse if interested on 8278 3439

WINTER ACTIVITIES OF FARR MEMBERS

Some members are sailing cruising in Mediterranean waters as we write this Bon Voyage to Brad Briggs and Rosemary Sage as they cruise in the Greek Islands and Turkey hard to take!!

Jan and Don Sheffield are off to the Whitsunday's although before this those of you visiting the Royal Show may see Jan as a steward in the produce hall

You will certainly see Margaret Coggins name (a long-term member of the Farr Association) as she exhibits beautiful painting on china in the craft section.

If you are up early in the Belair National Park you may see whizzing past at a vast rate of knots Bill Kutcher Val Dobie and Paul Dobie Angela and Peter Roodhouse who have exchanged boats for bikes The incentive being a cappuccino at the end Biking is certainly harder work than boating except when going downhill

New committee member Jon Gilbert certainly has luck going his way winning first prize in the Sailability raffle at the Burnside Symphony Orchestra fundraiser

NEW and old BOATS

This few months has seen a turn over of boats
Barry Hawke's 7500 Buccaneer has gone to Noosa. Don Dobie's 7500 Finito has gone to the Gippsland Lakes. Barry Hawkes has bought 7500 Reality.

EASTER CRUISE RENMARK UPSTREAM



Settled in for the night.

We arrived at the Renmark Caravan Park where we launched the boats and stored the car and trailers at the caravan park for a moderate fee. The participants were Angela and Peter Roodhouse John and Rosemary McKenzie, George and Marion Nefiodovis, Don and Jan Sheffield, Bill Kutcher and Valerie Dobie, Kevin Hewson and Sally, John and Joylene Stewart. Some of the crew arrived a couple of days before and had headed upstream. The rest of us did not get away till around 3-30 and headed a short way upstream. Next day we headed off to find the others which we did and had morning tea with everyone. We then motored for the lock, which was negotiated with no problem the lockkeeper was very helpful throwing the ropes down for us to hold while the lock filled up. Always let houseboats go in first as they might run into the back of you if you go in first! We stayed at the beach shown above it was a beautiful warm day so most of us took a dip in the river which was warm. The weather was so warm in the evenings that we did need have campfires; but as with all Farr cruises enjoyed pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. A couple of nights we had the communal BBQ which everyone enjoyed, but we all forgot to

take a suitable lamp for use onshore so meal times were interesting when we could not see the plates very well.

The next stop was The Old Customs House on the border there is a small store there and fuel is available, one disadvantage is that you have to climb up a steep bank from the river.

After replenishing stores we went a little further just around the bend to a great sandy beach within walking distance of the Customs House. Various rubber duckies and the Porta-Bote went exploring the river went motoring interstate to Victoria.

We then headed to Lindsay Cliffs and tied up on the bend on the sand, the group stayed a couple of days here relaxing swimming etc. George made pancakes for everyone one evening. Kevin and Sally-Anne left us and returned to Renmark. The Sheffield's and Nefiodovas's headed further upstream to explore the river and the rest of us headed slowly back exploring various creeks on the way. Below is a photo of the cliffs near Hunchee Creek. We explored Chowilla Creek and stayed the night after much hunting around to find a suitable spot. Hunchee creek was explored in our auxiliary tenders some people motoring, others paddling and rowing.



The Sunset from Hunchee Creek

On the trip back we rafted up that is Waituna, Cabochon and Loafarr running two motors at once with one person steering this led to interesting manoeuvres when coming into the bank to moor. It is a great part of the river and well worth a visit. Waituna is returning in the September school holidays for further exploration launching at the Custom's House. Photographs in colour on **farrsa.com**

Your answers to the quiz in previous newsletter

Answers to Staff Book Week Quiz

1. Daniel Defoe
2. Alexander Selkirk (rescued in 1709)
3. The Southern Ocean
4. 90%
5. The Robert Burns poem is "Tam O Shanter" and a cutty sark is a short skirt
6. A warm current that flows across the Atlantic
7. Sir Henry Morgan
8. Thomas Doughty
9. Herman Melville
10. Masses of floating weed or sea grape
11. Gibraltar and Ceuta (a rock opposite Gibraltar)
12. Duke of York
13. A region of calms north and south of the equator which slowed the progress of sailing ships
14. Samuel Plimsoll to ensure ships were not overloaded
15. The African Queen
16. Leif Eiriksson, the son of Eric the Red
17. To raise the anchor from the water
18. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
19. Edward Teach
20. Sir Francis Drake, set sail 1577 and sailed into Plymouth 1580
21. West to East
22. Freshwater
23. Flotsam = floating wreckage from a ship disaster, jetsam = floating material that has purposely been thrown overboard
24. Henry Newbolt and the possession was Drake's drum (which still exists today)
25. To assist the crew in efficiently fulfilling different chores aboard the ship



YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FIND ENCLOSED MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM AND POST WITH CHEQUE TO THE TREASURER.

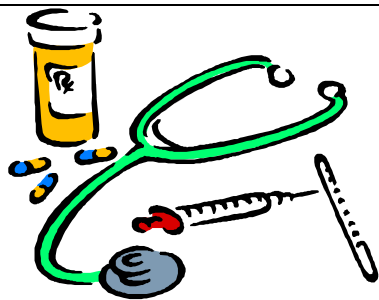
River cruise requisites by Rosemary Mckenzie Loafarr

Features:

- Beautiful scenery and cliffs
- Lovely creek areas to explore with dinghies
- Riverbank walking and campfires
- Chowilla Station and the Customs House
- Pancakes, and mulled wine!

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 and 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
- gaslight
- tarpaulin to cover boom-rain or sun
- paper for fire starting - matches
- long ropes for reaching trees
- porta potti & solution & shovel
- back up battery if required
- fishing equipment
- wood



ON THE MEND

Bill Ofler is on the mend after heart surgery, see you on the water soon Bill.

Rosemary McKenzie fractured her shoulder and is improving.


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