

Jeddas of Yaringa

5th April 2006

Report on Day Sail to Tortoise Head Cove

For those who haven't seen the images, the scene on the right is Tortoise Head Cove from the top of Tortoise Head. Slowhand is 50 metres or so off the beach, and Sadarar is on the beach. This view, with Cerberus in the distance, shows what a good spot Tortoise Head Cove is if the wind has an easterly component. There is plenty of sand to run the boat up onto, and only a short walk from the beach to Tortoise Head. Clive and Howard enjoyed a steady but not too steep climb to the top, although there was no evidence of any path.



Warneet Historic and Classic Boat Expo



The Expo this year was well attended by JOY members and their families - ten people in total. Only two Jeddas sailed around to the Expo, Slowhand with Clive at the helm and Howard on Sadara. Sadara is pictured on the left, tied up at the floating pontoon at the end of the Warneet pier. This and another floating pontoon near the boat launching ramp are two significant recent improvements at Warneet. A few other boats made the trip to Warneet but most came for the Sunday only and there were not as many visiting boats as at the Expo at Tooradin.

Ossie was there with his new boat, on the right, which he calls "his 19 foot Jedda". The JOY members in the picture are Clive McCullough and George Yule. The Grebe is a plywood boat built for towing behind Ossie's small car and weighs only 250 kg unloaded and without motor. The boat has swing leeboards instead of a centreboard or keel. Otherwise it is similar in shape to the Jedda and Kestrel, and has no side decks. It sleeps four provided the people aren't too big!



There was a display of boats on the lawn outside the Warneet Motor Yacht Club. There were a few unusual boats on display including a model of a catamaran that was driven by an electric motor. A wind turbine powered the motor. This arrangement allows the model boat to sail directly to windward. Inside the clubhouse there was a display of model boats. Many of the models had been built by Ossie, including a couple built since the last Expo.

ALDI Specials

If there is an Aldi store near you, there was a special advertised recently that might interest you. This item is not recommended, that is, it unknown to me, but ALDI products are usually good value. The item is a pair of binoculars for \$24.99. Specifications are:

- Magnification 10x-30x
- 100% optical glass lenses
- Blue coloured, multicoated lenses
- Foldable eyecups
- Includes carry case, strap and cleaning cloth
- Lens diameter: 60mm
- Light intensity: 4-36

Navigating by Depth Sounder

Imagine you are sailing from Sandy Point back to Yaringa and a sea fog rolls in. Visibility is restricted to 50 metres. What do you do? You know you have to sail back at a bearing of 10° magnetic to arrive at or near the entrance pile marker to Watson's Inlet. You have to allow a few degrees for leeway and for tidal influence, but you're not sure how much. Imagine that you aim directly for the pile marker, after making the guessed allowances, and after two hours sailing you notice the depth sounder showing 4 metres, but you can't see the pile marker. Are you East or West of the entrance to Watson's Inlet? You're not sure. If you had aimed for a point about half a mile West of the pile marker, you could be sure that you had met the shallow water somewhere to the West of the marker. You could then sail (or motor) East along the 4-metre depth contour until you see the pile marker of a channel marker. Bingo! You're home!

Member Needing a Standard Jib for a Jedda

One of our members, Peter Payne of Somerville, would like to purchase a hank-on, medium sized, jib for his Jedda. If anyone has a jib they no longer need, please contact Peter on 5997 3004, or leave a message and Peter will contact you.

Round French Island Weekend Sail

The weekend of 29th and 30th April has tides ideally suited to a clockwise sail around French Island. The high tide at the hump on Saturday 29th is over 3 metres at about 3pm. If you would like to accompany me on this sail please let me know by return email. I plan to stay at Newhaven Marina overnight on Saturday, but other options are available, for example, we might decide to stay at Rhyll or the Parks Victoria mooring buoys near the Cowes Yacht club. Arrangements will have to be made if we decide to stay at Newhaven. No firm commitment is asked for at this stage, but please let me know if you are a possible starter for this weekend on the water. My phone number is 9434 3280. A final decision whether or not to sail will be dependent on the weather forecast closer to the time.