

Mac on Mudlark

Yaringa Mariners Cruising Division

In 2002 a group of Jeddas owners who keep their yachts at Yaringa formed the JOY (Jeddas of Yaringa) Association. With Mac Craig & Howard Kinns at the tiller and under the patronage of renowned Shipwright Ossie Whittley who designed and built the Jeddas along with about 4,000 other vessels, JOY members enjoyed many happy days and several weekends cruising in Westernport including three overnight trips around French Island.

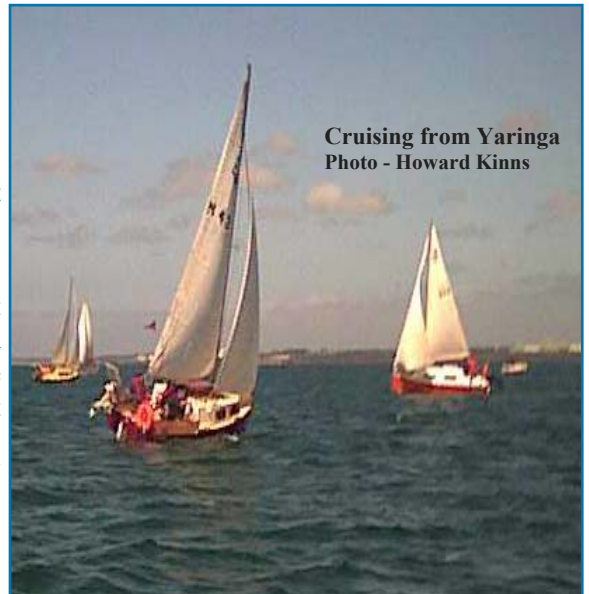
Valé JOY, welcome to the Yaringa Mariners Cruising Group

Following the AGM of the Yaringa Yacht Club this year JOY was disbanded in favour of forming a new Yaringa Mariners Cruising Group. All Yaringa yachts owners are welcome to join this group which is primarily is to give yacht owners opportunities to cruise in company with other yachts. One day & two-day sails are planned predominantly on Sundays to fit in with Saturday racing. Overnights will be on the water or at yacht clubs

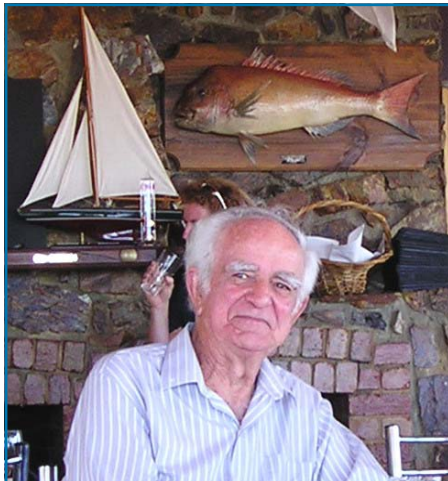
There are currently fifteen members in the group, with a variety of yachts including Jedda, Sonata 7, Couta Boat, Aquarius, Aloora, Cal 21 and Hutton 24. If you are interested in joining the group and being advised of planned cruises, please leave your contact details at the Yaringa office or contact **Howard Kinns** ph **9434 3280** or email to **howkinns@melbpc.org.au**.

JOY's last cruise coincided with the Cup weekend annual visit to Yaringa by twelve boats from the Hartley TS 18/21 Association. The combined fleets heading out the Channel made a most impressive sight. Not since the visit earlier in the year by a fleet of 20 keel boats from the Queenscliff Cruising Yacht Club whose members berth at yacht clubs around Port Phillip & Corio Bays has Yaringa hosted so many visitors at the one time.

One noteworthy incident occurred near Joe's Island on that last cruise. A fierce gust hit causing the leeward rail to dip, filling a Jedda cockpit with water. The skipper quickly rounded up into the wind, the Jedda stood up and the water drained away. It all happened so fast but skipper & crew were later thankful for Ossie Whittley's brilliant design! Pictured left is JOY patron and Yaringa's own legendary shipwright, the great 'guru' Ossie Whittley.



Cruising from Yaringa
Photo - Howard Kinns



Mast-up trailable Yacht storage at Yaringa Marina