

Yaringa Mariners Club Cruising Division

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Report of Day Sail Sunday 11 January 2009

Seven boats left Yaringa at about 11:30am and headed east past Crawfish Rock. As it was close to high tide a couple of boats sailed directly SE off the end of the Yaringa channel, straight over the mud banks there. The wind was very light, less than 10 kts, from the south so after passing Barrallier Island we motored into Chicory Lane. We took advantage of Skye's anchor (thanks Mal) with two boats rafted up each side and two other boats on separate anchors positioned off Skye's stern about 50 metres away. After we finished lunch the tide started to run out and as we were preparing to break-up the raft we noticed that the two boats anchored separately were passing the boats in the raft! You guessed it; the outgoing tide was too strong for the five boats on Skye's anchor, which was dragging.

The five boats in the raft were:

David and Jenny in a Careel 18 "Small Mercies"

Martin and Pam in a Sonata 7

Tony Woollcombe on the Jemma "Sadara"

Mal on "Skye", a Roberts 25, with Michelle and granddaughter Daisy, aged eight!

And Howard and four friends on "Spindrift", a swing keel Jemma.

The two anchored boats were:

Mike and Mary Duffy in their Sonata 7 "Aquarius"

and Clive McCullough in his Jemma "Slow Hand".

After lunch the wind improved and we sailed back to Yaringa in a freshening breeze of 10 to 12 kts.



Weekend Sail - Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February

This will be the first overnight sail for the year, and it looks like there will be enough boats, sailors and crew to make it a great weekend. All we need is some reasonable weather!

The approximate tide times at Yaringa on the weekend are:

<i>Sat 31</i>		<i>Sun 1</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0530	2.82	0550	2.81
1120	0.67	1155	0.54
1800	2.63	1825	2.69
2315	0.66	2355	0.71

To catch the outgoing tide we will need to leave Yaringa early in the morning. For slower boats, a departure time of 9am will give us a couple of hours of tidal assistance and should get us to Stony Point by low tide. Faster boats could leave up to an hour later. If the weather is fine we could go ashore at Sandy Point for a picnic lunch, then sail across the north shore of Phillip Island with an incoming tide to our mystery destination. OK, let's not beat about the bush, if the wind is in the right quarter, we are aiming to stay overnight at either the new floating pontoon at San Remo, or the recently extended marina at Newhaven Yacht Squadron. It may be that keel boats might prefer the pontoon while trailer sailers would prefer the protection of the marina.

The new pontoon at San Remo is quite extensive, and easily seen on Google Earth. It is shown here on the left. It has room for at least eight boats on each side, with shallow draft boats probably favouring the inner side, closer to the shoreline. Because the San Remo (swimming) Challenge is being conducted on this weekend Parks Victoria requests that we arrive at the pontoon no earlier than 6pm. This suits us fine, as it is about our projected arrival time. Any boats that do arrive earlier will need to keep clear of swimmers, probably north of the San Remo bridge until 6pm. This is very close to high tide, as the tide times are about the same as at Yaringa, by coincidence. High tide is also a good time to be entering the Newhaven Yacht Squadron marina.



Anyone planning on sailing with the Cruising Group on this weekend is asked to respond by email to howkinns@tpg.com.au (note the new email address) as details may change as we get closer to the weather forecast for the weekend.