

JOY

(Jeddas and Other Yachts)

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Sailing This Weekend

At this stage the weather forecasts for Saturday and Sunday are not good for sailing. Saturday's forecast is for thunderstorms and rain, while Sunday's forecast is for rain easing to showers about midday. Of course, both these may be wrong, or exaggerated! Provided nothing changes too much I will be sailing on Sunday for a few hours around midday. If you would like to sail with me, please be ready to leave Yaringa by 11am. If you want confirmation of the planned sail, phone me on Sunday morning on 0427 313 689.

Recent Day Sails

The weather has not been conducive to sailing lately, either not enough wind, or too much, or too much rain. Two day sails have been undertaken recently, although one turned out to be a motor out and motor back. On that day Mal and Andrew on Skye, Tom on Nita and Howard on Spindrift motored to a spot north of Eagle Rock, about half a mile off Quail Island. Because there was little wind or tide, we rafted the three boats together, after Nita and Spindrift had furled their sails. Skye's sails were kept aloft and no anchor was used, so we sailed slowly like a giant trimaran while we had lunch.

On a previous occasion Skye, Raconteur (Martin and Pam Britten) and Spindrift sailed to Tankerton pier where we tied up. After a short time ashore, including a visit to the eco-loo toilets near the pier, we returned to the boats for lunch. It was very close to low tide, and there was adequate water only in the immediate vicinity of the pier and in the entrance channel which is marked for the ferry. Be warned!

Keeping the Metal Clean and Shining

Carly of *Carly's Specialised Boat Cleaning Services* at Yaringa recommends the Autosol metal polishes for keeping the metal parts of your boat looking first class. Autosol market a stainless steel product, and a general metal polish. Both cost about \$15 for a 3.3oz (100ml) tube. The latter can be used on fibreglass as well as chrome and stainless steel. Once your stainless steel is clean, I can recommend Viva stainless steel polish wipes. A quick rub over with an impregnated tissue and stainless steel will keep its appearance for weeks, if not months.

This Advertisement Appeared Recently in an eBay Ad.

For sale Cal 14 yacht
I don't know much about this boat
All I know is it's been sitting in our yard for 18mths and not sailed
I've had enough
Ask any questions & I'll try to find out
Signed - Mum

New Members

Duncan Ross, a new member of the JOY group, has purchased the Jedda Kismet III from Yaringa Boat Sales. Kismet III is a swing bilge keel Jedda with a two cylinder Yanmar diesel motor. The boat, previously owned by John and Virginia Wiles, is well known to the Yaringa cruising community, having been previously owned and sailed frequently by Doug Lucas. Duncan has done quite a bit of work on the boat, and it is in seaworthy shape now. Work is proceeding on the trailer.

Our second new member is Robert Perry, who sails a Boomerang 20 Nalanda. This boat was previously named Mellow Yellow and is recognisable from its bright yellow hull. Welcome to the JOY group, Robert. We hope to meet you sailing in company with us soon.

Peter Silis, owner of the Sonata 7 Tagestraum, is well known to the cruising community at Yaringa has also joined the group. Welcome Peter, we hope to see you on the water soon.

Remour has it that Andrew Taylor who sails frequently with Mal Bowmaker on Skye has purchased a yacht which he considers trailable, and which he would like to keep in the trailable yacht storage yard at Yaringa. Stefan has recently changed the rules about how heavy and long a boat can be and still be considered be trailable, and Andrew is having trouble coming to an agreement with Stefan. An image of Andrew's boat is on the next page. More news on this story as it develops.

Entering Waypoints into a GPS

There are three ways commonly used to enter a waypoint into a GPS receiver. The most common is to sail over the location and press the Mark button on the GPS. Another way is to copy waypoint information from a printed list, or another person's GPS, into your GPS.

A third way, which is very useful, is to use the Maps function of Google. Click on Maps near the left end of the black menu bar, then use the Google search and navigation functions to display the point you want waypoint. For example, you may wish to waypoint the entrance to Tortoise Head Cove. Locate the mouse pointer on the exact point you want to waypoint then click right-button on the mouse. A short list of options will be displayed near the green arrow. One option will be What's here? Move the mouse pointer just to the right of this option and click the left mouse button. A down-pointing green arrow will appear on the display and the lat/lon coordinates of the location will appear in the search box. In this case, they will be something close to -38.405901,145.264553. Enter these coordinates directly into your GPS, and the waypointing will be completed.

There are many other waypoints around Western Port that can be entered this way. For example, Spit Point at the north-east corner of French Island, Sandy Point opposite Tortoise Head, both ends of the Cut in Middle Spit, the entrance to Chicory Lane channel, and more.

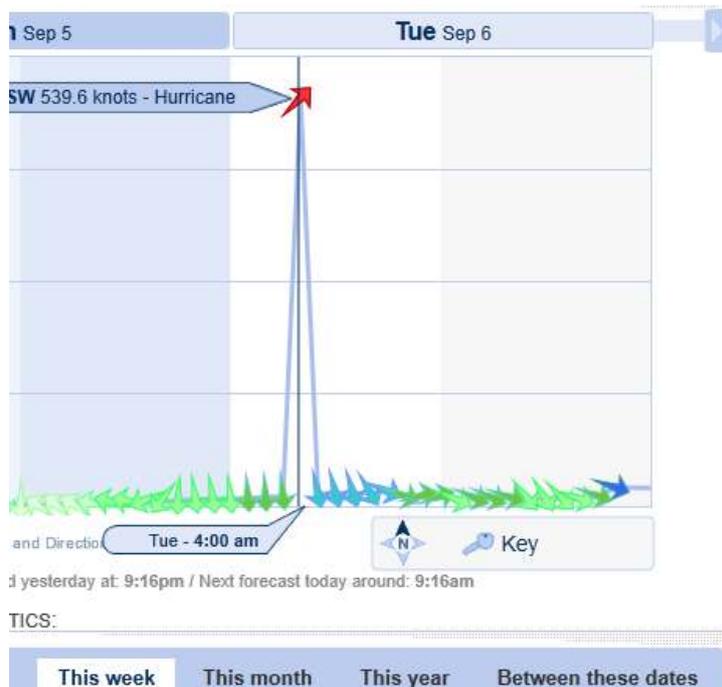
Andrew Taylor's Yacht



Only joking, folks. This is an image of the replica sailing vessel James Craig sailing off the heads near Sydney. There is a connection with Andrew – he sailed on the James Craig recently and sent me this image.

Can You Trust Internet Wind Forecasts?

The image below is an actual forecast for the wind strength and direction at Eagle Rock on Tuesday September 5th, 2011. Needless to say, it was not even close to accurate!



Noah's Ark

Have you ever wondered what Noah's Ark might have looked like? The image of the vessel below, from a distant relative in the USA, is a replica of what is claimed to be the remains of a vessel found by Christian evangelists at an altitude of 4000m near the peak of Mount Ararat (no, not in the Grampians!) in Turkey in the early 2000s. The location is kept secret, but many doubt that the remains exist at all. The glass windows and the deck-house are no doubt a modern addition.

