

# Bilgewater Nov 2020

A photograph of a man and a woman in a boat on a river. The man is standing on the left, wearing a dark polo shirt, light shorts, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses. The woman is sitting on the right, wearing a blue hoodie and jeans. They are surrounded by tall reeds in the foreground and a dense line of trees on the bank in the background. The water is calm and reflects the sky.

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Tuesday 3 Nov at Henley SC  
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**Cover** — Graham and Kathy Barrett aboard their new boat *Donde* in Ral Ral Creek, 2020. Remember they lost their previous boat in the KI Bushfires! **Above** — Crew member Mark Watts helming Rob Hutson's *Silver Gull*.



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# President's Report

I could be wrong but I sense that there is a renewed interest in owning a trailer sailer and getting involved in the type of things that we do as an Association. Cruising around locally, whether off the coast or up a river, is definately an option for families during times of restricted travel. It's not impossible to purchase a reasonable second hand trailer sailer for less than \$10k, spend a few dollars making it safe and comfortable and be on the water for under \$15k. This can be much less than a caravan or camper trailer.

Recent interest in our river cruises over the winter period has seen fleets of up to 14 boats take to the water at any one time. These numbers remind me of the times when Lorraine and I and our two boys started joining TSA cruises in the 80's. It's important to me that what we do on our river cruises is sustainable in the long term. I'm pleased to report that our activities have not impacted on the environment along the Murray. Our campfires are smaller these days and almost everyone brings a bag or two of wood from home, even though it's not needed in most cases. Fortunately, the sites that we have been using for years have remained unchanged.

KI farmers and new members Graham and Kathy Barrett recently joined John and Karren Hunt's cruise from the Custom's House to Cobdogla. Kathy has written an excellent account of the trip, which starts on page 4 of this publication and flows all the way through to the minutes of our last General Meeting. On the afternoon of day six our group of 12 boats split into two groups. Kathy's group of 5 boats stuck to the main river (reference her article) and the group that we joined took a shortcut via Bulyong Creek to Renmark. There wasn't room for my account of the latter in this month's Bilgewater, so keep a lookout in the December edition for the afternoon of fun that 7 boats had on the same day.

Just a tip. When cruising and likely to tie up nose-in to the bank, always have a long stern line available for quick deployment. The lines should be at least 25m long, cleated at the stern, run along the side of the boat outside of any lifelines or sidestays, then coiled at the bow within easy reach of a land based helper.

It's difficult for anyone to make plans this year, but it's reasonable to assume that Goolwa and the Lower Lakes are likely to be a focal point over the Christmas/New year period. If you are looking for company on the water please contact our Cruise Coorditator, Roy Martin or myself to see if a group can be formed.

See you on the water. Trevor Hamlyn



# TSASA Murray River Cruise Border Cliffs to Cobdogla September 2020

## Phrase for the trip “What could possibly go wrong”

As this is the first time *Donde* has cruised with TSA our report will be as bull shit free as possible.

It appears that there is always someone in any group of travellers, on or off the water that feature more prominently in the mishaps and this trip is no different.

11 Boats arrived at Customs House by Saturday 13th September once all on the river a meet and greet along with short introduction and the introduction of the new members from *Donde* was held on the river bank. Roy gave a demonstration on his latests camp chairs with all returning to boats just as the first drops of rain started to fall.

Sunday 14th saw the cars and trailers driven to Cobdogla. Roy had a close encounter with suicidal emus and lost a roller from his trailer on the way. A quick stop at a camping store in Berri where a few last minute purchases were made (include some of the chairs demonstrated the night before). With cars and trailers secured a return bus trip had been organised. A leisurely short trip to the overnight camp spot at Nelwood Gun Club where some campfire cooking was done. Peter gave some interesting points about the Murray system and his wealth of knowledge was greatly appreciated.

Early Monday morning *Donde* did the return trip to Customs House to look for a missing mobile with no success, on return it had been found on the bus now located in Berri. Crews from *Donde*, *Dazza's Heaven* & *Interlude* did a side trip in the dinghies to



Isle Of Man, with much wildlife and fish for David to photograph, Roy would have loved to explore further but the women ruled otherwise. The group departed aiming to reach lock 6 by 1pm. A lunch break and all 11 boats went through the lock together without incident then headed to Chowilla Creek as the planned next overnight stop.



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On Tuesday morning dinghies and a few boats ventured up Chowilla Creek, there may have been an issue with a dingy and a flood regulator. A stop at Chowilla Woolshed, Graham spent a little time explaining things shearing shed related as in the past he had been a wool classer. The group left in 2 groups with the second group leaving the bank like a well choreographed dance. A short trip into Amazon Creek to spend the night with *Grey Nurse* marking the entrance. *Moonwind* joined the group just on happy hour taking the group to 12 boats and 20 people, he arrived with gifts including the missing mobile phone that he had

### Graham, Kathy, Mignon and Roy in the Isle of Man Lagoon





picked up from the bus company in Berri. The crew of *Silver Gull* Rob & Mark enjoyed a five star steak and veg meal under the stars and Kingsley excelled with his tender roast chicken dinner.

Wednesday morning Jeff on a paddle board and Kathy & Graham in the inflatable kayak explored Amazon Creek discovering the old sheep bridge and continuing on through to Huncree Creek, on returning they met with 3 dinghies which made it to the sheep bridge. After many altered plans and discussions all left in dribs and drabs to make way to Woolshed Brewery for a very enjoyable and relaxing afternoon and evening. John and Karren were thanked for the efforts with planning the trip so far. A quiet night tied up in front of the Brewery.

Thursdays departure was at 9 am with a stop to investigate the WWII Internment Camp, a cricket pitch, baths, paths and remnant of old structures were discovered. After lunch it was a few km to the entrance to Bulyong Creek with the intention of getting through to Ral Ral Creek. *Moonwind* took the lead, *Donde* and *Bliss* were next to enter with *Donde*

deciding to retreat covered in broken branches and rejoin at Ral Ral Creek, *Prophecy*, *Interlude* and *Majestic Blue* also decided not to enter *Silver Gull* entered and was turned around by *Alegria*. *Donde* spent the night in Ral Ral Creek, with *Majestic Blue*, *Interlude*, *Silver Gull* and *Prophecy* staying at Whirlpool Corner. The rest of the fleet met many challenges on their way through at one stage Peter Stace was seen using his boat hook as a machete to untangle himself from the foliage. John Hunt had to get into the dinghy and act as tug, *Dazza's Heaven* lost the radio aerial, many touched objects minor damage occurred. The fleet entered Ral Ral Creek quite late *MacSea* joined the main fleet for the night taking the number of boats to 13.

Friday morning *Donde* joined the main fleet which had been camped only 15 minutes away. Roy managed to lose his prescription glasses over the back of his



**Donde in Lock 6**



**Graham and I in Amazon Creek**





*Donde, Majestic Blue, Prophecy and Iona in front of the Brewery*



*Silver Gull in Lock 6*



*Our group enjoying refreshments at the Wilkadene Brewery*

boat, some time was spent with a dab net and extension poles searching for them, John suggested that Roy should strip off and dive for them but he declined. *Dazza's Heaven's* dinghy unhooked itself and to continue Roy's run of bad luck for the day he dropped his wallet outside of the Renmark Hotel but luckily found by TSA members. All boats tied up to the pontoons in front of the Renmark Club with *Farrnarkle* joining the fleet. *Interlude* pulled out as planned at Renmark spending the last night in the Renmark Hotel. After resupplying and cleaning all the twigs and sticks off the boats we all headed for a meal at the Hotel. Trevor said a few words of thanks to John and Karren for all they had arranged so far for the trip and also welcomed the boats that recently joined and goodbye to the crews that were departing over the next couple of days.

Saturday morning saw some enjoying a cooked breakfast off the boats, with a looming weather system we attended a morning talk. Jackson Wickham gave a very informative presentation about Woolanook Internment camp and paddle steamers. We were all very appreciate of his insights as he showed so much understanding and confidence in his presentation for a 21 year old. He was presented with a bottle of wine and stubby holders as a show of appreciation. Roy again had trouble keeping track of his possessions leaving his phone in the hardware store. The rain set in and much time was spent on boats or in the Club.

Sunday morning departure time was planned for 9.30 but *Insatiable* had motor problems. *Dazza's Heaven* and *Silver Gull* stayed behind and between them they thought they had rectified the problem, all others went through lock 5 and waited around the corner hoping the remaining 3 boats would make the morning time schedule. Arriving at the lock at 11.30 they were able to make it through. *Dazza's Heaven* went straight to Berri as Mignon needed to return to Adelaide. *Silver Gull* lead the rest of the fleet to Pike River for the next overnight stop, with *Farrnarkle* as tail end Charlie. Another camp cook up watching the lightning of an approaching weather system.

Monday saw the exploration of Pike River by most, the fleet headed to Berri in dribs and drabs with strong winds. *Insatiable* had continuing intermittent motor issues on the way, *Bliss* and *Donde* achieved successful hat retrievals during the course of the day.

Dinner in the Berri pub where all discussed the conditions of the day with most not enjoying getting some spray over the boat. Peter had other friends for company for dinner who offered some local knowledge regarding our next planned stop. Patricia joined Ken on *Moonwind* and Len and Pam slept in their camper on the hard.





Our fleet moored in the Lagoon at the Berri Public Boat Ramp



Camp site near Loxton



# **TSASA GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Website :** [www.tsasa.net](http://www.tsasa.net)

**Monthly General Meetings** are held at the Henley Beach Sailing Club at 8pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month (except January, when no meeting is held).

**TSA SA MONTHLY MEETINGS** (No supper unless noted otherwise)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November : Roy Martin** will speak on a variety of boat and trailer maintenance items, hints and tips and about useful items etc. to have on board the boat. Everyone of them will be based on real life experience with trailer sailers.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December :** Our December meeting will be a wind-down for the year to give members more time to chat and plan for the Christmas period and the year ahead. We will not have a guest speaker. Supper may be possible but it will be different this year due to COVID requirements—more details later on how that may work.

## **TSA EVENTS 2020**

**21/22 November : COMBINED EVENT WEEKEND** - see P.11 opposite for details of the events at the Garden Island Yacht Club.

**Sunday December 6 : TSA Christmas Picnic** – to held at **Roy's Waterworld** on Hindmarsh Island. See P.14 for details

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Stephen Hall and his partner Sue Foster**, members at the Garden Island Yacht Club, joined the TSA in early October. They have a Gem 550 called *Dodgem*. We hope to meet up with Stephen and Sue at the GIYC in November.



Left: Congratulations to TSA Members Trevor and Laura Jenzen with children Dallas and Amelia who won the Novelty Prize at the St Kilda YC Opening Day Sail Past in *Farr Beyond* on Sunday 11 October.



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## COMBINED EVENTS WEEKEND

\* 2020-21 Opening BBQ

\* Trophy Presentations

\* Rosebowl Race

**21-22 November 2020**

**Where:** Garden Island Yacht Club—Lot 204 Garden Island Rd, Garden Is.

**Saturday:** Launch boats using the club facilities then tie up in their marina.

**Saturday Evening:** Bring your own meat and salad and join TSA members for a BBQ dinner using the club courtyard and dining room.

**Saturday Evening:** TSA trophy presentation for season 19/20 prize winners.

**Sunday Morning:** TSA Rosebowl Race to be held between the St Kilda Channel Entrance and the Silt Marker.

**Sunday Afternoon:** Join TSA members for a post race wind-down in the club rooms. Retrieve boats.

**Bring:** Your own meat and salad. COVID-19 Regulations will prevent the sharing of food. BBQ Facilities will be available to cook your own food.

**Bar Facilities:** The Garden Island Club Bar will be open on Saturday for the purchase of drinks at very reasonable prices. No BYO drinks please during this time.

**More Details:** TSA members will need to contact the GIYC Mooring Master Dan Larson on 0417 874 498 to gain access to the site and/or berths. More details will be published in the Bilgewater & on our Website closer to the event.

Please come along by car or boat to launch our season of cruising and sailing and support last year's prize winners.

A lazy start to Tuesday as we waited for Elizabeth the new crew for *Silver Gull* also Mark from *Insatiable* and Mark from *Silver Gull* departed. Mac Sea left the group as they had other commitments. Ian spent some time working on *Donde's* radio as it had not been working properly from the start. It was found that some wires were not connected properly this was corrected and it worked well from that point on. The wind was building most of the day so departure was postponed until 2.30. A short trip into Salt Creek with *Insatiable* having a few more issues with his motor just as he was going under the bridge. After a few attempts the 12 boats were secured by 4pm. With a campfire and dessert supplied by *Alegria*. Crews from *Majestic Blue* and *Donde* had to hike through the bush and reeds to get to and from the boats. *Alegria* and *Majestic Blue* purchased bug zappers from the Berri camping store and John decided to see how water proof it was, after it hit the water the dab net was needed to get it back, it was put next to the fire to dry out and proved to have a mind of it's own turning on and off at will. It has caught 4 mozzies by this time at approximately \$10/ mozzie maybe not the best investment.

8.30 departure was planned for Wednesday. John had to turn his dinghy into a tug again to pull a couple of boat out of the reeds while Bliss also did the same. *Moonwind* left and headed back to Berri, *Dazza's Heaven* rejoined the fleet as they came out of Salt Creek taking the numbers back to 11. We reached Lock 4 and were all in just after 9am. It was quite windy and the lock master didn't have enough ropes organised so caused a little bit of stress for several boats on the Port Side. A short exploration of Katarapko Creek by a few boats before a stop over opposite Kaesler's Lodge for lunch. After lunch we continued on until reaching the overnight camp spot at just past Loxton. *Donde* managed to stop on Proud's Sandbar on the way down (may have been looking at the wrong map). Another campfire with scones for all made by the *Farrnarkle* crew. Vanessa thought her boarding plank was wider than it was and ended up with wet feet when she slipped off. She said that was her 3rd incident with a cut on her head and bruises on her leg after a couple of misjudgements so she didn't anticipate any further incidences for the remainder of the trip.

7am Thursday Bliss left with the intention to make it all the way back to Adelaide by the end of the day. 8am saw the departure of *Majestic Blue* and about 8.30 *Insatiable* in the company of *Grey Nurse*, planning to retrieve boats on Friday morning. 7 Boats had a leisurely breakfast and departed around 10am. There was a discussion with Rob from *Prophecy* explaining that the alphabet can be read in reverse and it makes the Murray River Pilot easier to follow. All 7 boats headed into Katarapko Creek from the down stream end and found the water level was quite low with *Farrnarkle* retreating after touching bottom, half way back he lost forward gear in his motor, he managed to get to the bank and get the motor into forward gear but



no others. A tow off the bank by *Donde* saw *Farrnarkle* mobile again and continued down stream through rain and wind with the skippers getting quite wet. Karren announced over the radio that there would be Minestrone soup for all on arrival at the overnight camp spot at Raine's Bend . Once the 6 boats were secured to the bank *Farrnarkle* cruised in without incident. A campfire was quickly made soup for all was greatly appreciated *Farrnarkle* again made scones for

afternoon tea. *With Silver Gull* starting to make a fresh loaf of bread, with a small amount of discussions from his advisors. A storm was threatening all afternoon with everyone returning to the



One of the delicious snacks that John and Karren shared



Ian and Vanessa—*Farrnarkle*

boats at around 5pm as the front hit with rain and strong winds. Roy slipped down the muddy embankment requiring a change of clothes so a grab line was set up from the top of the bank to the bottom to stop any further mishaps. After the front went through the bread was saved and a perfect focaccia presented to all along with another batch of delicious scones provided by the team work of *Farrnarkle*. While around the campfire John decided to test the efficiency of his all weather jacket by manually inflating it. Looking like an orange incredible hulk it was time for deflation which was over dramatised making him look like and escaping out of control balloon, putting everyone into hysterics.





You're invited to

# THE TSA CHRISTMAS PARTY



at Roy and Mignon's **Waterworld** on

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 63 Batson Avenue, Hindmarsh Is from 11 am.**

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**All members past and present are welcome**



## **What to Bring:**

- Shade tent if you have one please
- Table, chairs, plates, cutlery, drinks etc.
- All your own food (no sharing this year due to COVID)
- BBQ equipment supplied
- Strawberries and ice-cream supplied, tea and coffee available.



On Friday we were greeted with grey skies and wind, options were looked at and Farnarkle made a mandarine tea cake at the crucial time another rain storm including hail hit with Vanessa and Karren braving the conditions to make sure another near perfect cake was ready for all once the front went through. A discussion on the bank where all skippers decided it was time to head to Moorook. A hurried pack up with John in his dinghy needed to pull *Farnarkle* off the bank. Tip, check the motor has enough fuel before you try to be a tug! John had to raft up to Donde to refuel. All left the bank safely and headed on down with looming storm clouds. *Donde* as tail end charlie just managed to stay ahead of the rain. Prophecy may have taken a power nap and went around Nynes Island on the incorrect side (luckily without issues) or maybe his map was upside down again. All arrived at Moorook which had great facilities and the evening meal at M.A.D was well worth the stop. There may have been some discussion regarding interpretation of signage relating to fires but the farmers of the group smoothed over the locals the following morning, perhaps they should have listened to their advisors the night before!

Saturday morning saw Roy fall off *Silver Gull's* boarding plank but with the agility of a cat he managed to land on the bank and not in the river. 4 boats headed to Cobdogla to retrieve while the other 3 were doing some more exploring, planning to pull out on Sunday. *Farnarkle* successfully managed a man overboard drill after losing a hat. *Dazza's Heaven*, *Iona*, *Farnarkle* and *Donde* got on their trailers without incident.



All parted company hoping to see each other on the water for another TSA event.

Thanks to John and Karren for the effort they put in to make the trip such a success. We hope that this is the first of many trips for *Donde*.

Kathy

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## TRAILER SAILER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

### General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 6th October 2020 - Held at Henley Sailing Club commencing at 8.10pm.

**CHAIRPERSON** – President Trevor Hamlyn welcomed members and guests and outlined the format of meeting including the Covid-19 requirements

**PRESENT** 41 members per the attendance book

**APOLOGIES** 6 members tendered their apologies

**GUESTS** 1 guest – Stephen Koschella

**NEW MEMBERS** Stephen Hall and partner Sue Foster – Gem 550 'Dodgem'

**GUEST SPEAKER** Trevor Hamlyn – presented a slide show and report on the recent River Murray Trip from Border Cliffs to Cobdogla



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## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

It was moved and resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2020 as published in October 2020 Bilgewater be accepted as a true and correct record

Move to accept minutes

Ken May / Rob Price

## BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Trevor Hamlyn

Nil

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Anne Lewis

### Incoming correspondence

1. Centreprint – Invoice
2. SKBC – Haven
3. Australian Sailing – completed yearly rollover post payment
4. Sonata Association – Sonata Notes
5. GIYC – Beacon
6. GIYC – from Brian Lawrie requesting visit for the Rosebowl Weekend
7. Steve Koschella – Association general enquiry
8. GIYC – Opening Day invitation
9. CYC - Opening Day invitation
10. SKBC - Opening Day invitation
11. Stephen Hall – Membership application

### Outgoing Correspondence

1. Stephen Hall and Sue Foster – Welcome email sent, new members kit pending
2. GIYC – Approval to attend for Rosebowl weekend
3. Steve Koschella – from Trevor by phone
4. CYC - Opening Day invitation acceptance
5. SKBC - Opening Day invitation acceptance
6. Binks – Re agreement of sponsorship terms
7. Ian Rowley – Clarification of the TSASA's stance on a working with children policy in relation to renewal of his VHF Radio Operator Invigilator accreditation

## FINANCIAL REPORT - Treasurer – Lorraine Hamlyn

Lorraine reported that at the end of the 2 months of fees requests there are still 15 members who are not financial – Lorraine will now call those members to ascertain if they intend to renew

We earnt \$129 interest on our term deposit and it has now been reinvested for 9 months at an interest rate of .8%

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**SAILING CAPTAIN – Brian Lawrie**

Rosebowl details – Sat launch at GIYC, Sat night BYO (no sharing due to Covid 19 regs) BBQ and salad , combined with presentation of trophies, drinks to be purchased at the bar;  
Sunday Rosebowl race – all details will be published in BW and on the website

**RECREATIONAL BOATING COUNCIL John Evans**

Nil

**SOCIAL REPORT – Rob Price**

Rosebowl arrangements already discussed by others

**EDITOR - Chris Lawrie**

Please keep articles and other relevant content coming

**PROMOTIONS/CRUISING/VICE PRESIDENT - Roy Martin**

Promotions

Merchandise was on display and for sale. Roy suggested that hemp shirts might be more breathable.

Roy also sought suggestions for guest speakers (Natalie and Trevor both provided a suggestion) and Roy noted that he will doing a 'Hints and Tricks' session at the November meeting

**CRUISING**

Roy made many suggestions of possible SA cruises and asked that people consider volunteering to choose a timeframe that suits them and lead a trip

**WEBMASTER – Peter Stace**

Nil

**SAFETY & EDUCATION – Steve Lewis**

- Steve commended John and Karren Hunt for the great job they did with preparation and paperwork from the Border Cliffs to Cobdogla River Trip
  - Peter mentioned that there will be one last VHF Radio Operators Test facilitated before the expiry of his invigilator status – contact Peter if interested
- It was moved and resolved that the committee reports be adopted  
Moved

Ian Rowley / Natalie Wells

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Len Som de Cerff suggested doing a safety briefing on flares and utilising old flares for practice on the Opening Day/Rosebowl weekend – Steve Lewis responded that old flares were no longer allowed to be activated and that if we wanted to have a simulated session we would have to get permission to use new ones which could be costly – Trevor thanked Len for his suggestion
- Roy mentioned that it is not a prerequisite for a TSASA member to have a boat
- Trevor asked that trophies be returned to John Mate asap for redistribution on Presentation night
- Dick Schwer provided an overview of tick removal based on his military experience

**Next General Meeting** to be held **8.00pm Tuesday 3rd November 2020**  
unless otherwise notified due to C-19 regulations

Meeting closed at approx. **09.30pm** and was followed by tea and coffee



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