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*June / July Newsletter*

Welcome to 3rd issue of Cruising News, a newsletter from the cruising section of the Fremantle Sailing Club.

With all of the season’s cruises behind us, news is a bit light on. With this in mind, this news letter will only be published bi-monthly until the new sailing season kicks-off.

What is on the horizon? Well, there’s the monthly JaM sail that Cruising now runs. We’ve been fine tuning the sail and think that we should now have a successful and interesting format. There’s also the topics nights that continue to provide informative sessions.

The next major event is our cruising AGM and Dinner which is coming up very soon on July 17. The food and entertainment for the evening is Indian (of the sub-continent variety) which promises to be very interesting. Full details of this are available on the back page and cruising section notice board.

After the AGM and Dinner, the next on water event other than the JaM sails will be the progressive dinner in September then the first cruise of the new season over the long weekend at the end of September.

While winter isn’t our busiest time of year the weather often turns on some magic weekends for an overnight get away at Garden Island or other local spots so maybe we’ll see you out there.

*Girls can do it better - Website of the month*

If you are looking for something interesting to read and admire the determination and achievements of the likes of David Dicks or Jesse Martin, then take a look at the following website; [www.youngestround.com](http://www.youngestround.com)

This is a website following the attempt of a 16 year old Australian girl named Jessica Watson to be the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop and unassisted around the world.

Like Jon Sanders, David Dicks and Jesse Martin before her, Jessica will be sailing an S&S 34 in her attempt to set a record.

I’m sure this will attract a fair bit of mainstream media attention once she gets under way so here’s your chance to be well informed before it becomes a media circus.

Special points of interest:

- A different take on “my boat” as Terri McClure tells us about Moonraker
- Cruising Section takes on Sunday JAMs.
- Bonus My Boat.



## June JAM

### Second cruising JaM an outstanding success

The second Cruising JaM was an outstanding success with close to twenty yachts taking to the water in near perfect conditions.

Boats of all shapes and sizes waited patiently for Yanda-nooka—the “rabbit boat” to sail past to start the JaM. Soon it was boats helter-skelter with some of the seasoned “racing” sailors off on a mission. Some of us were still only half way

through the course by the time the lead boat rounded the final mark, triggering the about face and bolt for home for the rest of the fleet.

First past the finish was Andrew and Jacque Farrar on *Gulnare*. Close behind was *Defiance* then *Celeste*.

Some have made the observation that the lead boats didn't have a chance in hell of catching the “tail end Charlies” (I was one of them) before they got to the finish. We are giving this some thought to ensure every-



*No Tim, an MPS isn't a Jib!*

one is suitably looked after.

Let's hope July serves up some equally good weather and that we see as many or more boats out for a great afternoon sail.

**Next Jam is Sunday July 5th.**

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## My Boat - Moonraker

By Terri McClure

Have you ever fallen in love, had a desire to spend all of your time working on a project. Spent all of your money on making it just that bit better, sat on the bow with the wind in your hair and thought how blessed you were that this being came into your life. Then this is my story...

I had been working so hard that there was little time for living and no time at all for friendships out of a working environment. When suddenly I woke up one day and said to myself “I am going to buy a boat...” I had no idea what to buy or no idea what I needed and the research I had done had lead me to Queensland. So in my haste I rang a girlfriend and said “if I go to Queensland to buy a boat can I at least come and look at yours to see what questions I should ask...” her response was “why don't you come down and buy mine?” That was the beginning and end of my deal. I came down to the Fremantle Sailing Club climbed my way on board and seeing that the boat had been used as a work shed for the past several years it was difficult to even find a place to sit. She was on a list and when I asked could we start the en-

gine of course the answer was “No... the prop needs cleaning...” Not a problem I thought if I change the paint and of course the curtains the boat would be just perfect for what I needed.

This is where my stupidity kicked in and the deal was done. I had no idea what I was in for and how much this boat would change my life. We set about fixing her up and working on every inch of her and the saying that you have to crawl over every inch of your boat before you know her was now a reality. I was suddenly dirty, tired and overwhelmed with the challenge but the simple joy of sitting on the hardstand and watching a sunset in the distance made me start to dream.

So much so I finished working in my business, sold my farm and decided to spend as much time on my boat as possible. The boat was finished by Christmas and I was even married on her bow. I am not very good at marriage and stupidity had been my forte these past few months so that too ended in tears. But that's life and you take the good times with the bad. Since I have been sailing I have learnt marriage is a bit

like sailing, some good times and some bad times.

Moonraker was now ready for sailing and the for the past few years I have spent learning how to be a sailor, mechanic, upholsterer, carpenter, cook, cleaner, plumber, painter, navigator, astrologer and meteorologist.. All of these tasks I never imagined would even be on my horizon.

Moonraker is a fifty five foot Ferro boat weighing nearly twenty five tonne. She is not everyone's cup of tea and most people would ask me when I am going to buy a plastic boat. But to be perfectly honest I would not part with my heavy girl for all the tea in china. I sail her with the pride she deserves and the love that I have found in her. She is big and roomy and a girls boat. Filled with lace curtains, art and there is even a crystal vase in the cupboard.

Sailing has become not just a part of my life but my life and I have enjoyed the friendships that I have made in the club and on the water. I have learnt that the friendships I have made whilst cruising have been strong and diligently communicative that

will last my lifetime.

I feel extremely blessed with my life and my boat and the lifestyle that I have chosen to live. I continue to learn and listen to the stories of boats, mates having fun and the kinship that forms amongst us. I love being a grotty yachtie and every chance I get to go feral I take it. It is such a difference to my life prior but then again I wasn't happy either. True Blue is written on my Genoa and if you asking why then have you heard the song by John Williamson “hey true blue, is it me and you....”

## *My Boat –Lizard*

By Bruce Beattie

Boat Name: *Lizard* .

Is there a story behind the name of the boat? *When it was with the previous owner-builder it was called the "The Lizard" after a famous lighthouse in England*

Boat make & model: *Radford 14 m*

Length & Displacement (Approximately will do).  
*Length 14 m LWL13.8 m Displacement 8.5 Tonnes*

When did you buy the boat / how long have you had it?  
*2002*

Why did you buy this boat?  
*Longest waterline I could afford*

Where have you sailed in your boat? *Biggest trip to Montebellos and back*

Has anything interesting or peculiar happened to the boat or the crew during a cruise?  
*We had a visitor on the last Abrolhos Cruise Photo Attached. Previous trips collected many cray-lines.*

Do you or have you raced it?  
*I do the Terry Fisher Two Handed Series*

What are your plans for the future with this boat? *Maintenance, Maintenance and do some longer short handed races.*



*A slippery visitor in the Abrolhos Islands earlier this year.*



*Making new friends in Monkey Mia*



*The catch from the Abrolhos trip 2008*

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**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING AND DINNER**  
**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**  
**- WARDROOM**  
**AGM at 7.00pm Sharp.**  
**Dinner at 7.30pm**

Another Cruising season comes to a close. With no more cruises scheduled between now and September, things will be a bit quieter.

A significant event in the meantime is the Cruising Section AGM and dinner on Friday July 17. This year we will be treated to something a little special with a themed night. Food and entertainment will have an Indian flavour which should be something to remember. Cost: \$40 per head including pre-dinner drinks. Bar will be open throughout the night. Please book through the club office. You can pay in person or by credit card over the phone (9435 8800 Mon-Fri 8.30 -5.00). Vouchers are acceptable on the night.

**Bookings are essential – Final numbers are required by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

The committee hopes to see you all at this event to round off another successful cruising year .

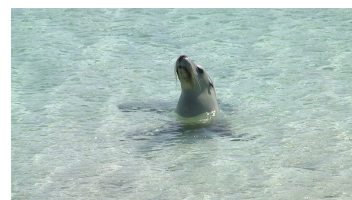
## *Contributions sought*

This newsletter is for our cruising community by our cruising community. Please send any worthwhile contributions to the editor.

Photos of boats, locations and people from recent or distant cruises are also welcome. The dimensions of the photo are not import, but please try to keep the file size reasonable (no bigger than 1mb). I can resize the photo to fit the space available.

If you have an album on the web somewhere, for example a Picasa webalbum that you'd like to share, let me know and it can be listed here for others to enjoy. If you'd like the link to be added to the cruising website, please tell me and I'll pass that onto our website manager.

The Cruising Helmsman magazine frequently has articles written by cruisers relating their travels. If you have a cruise or experience you'd like to share with us along these lines, by all means write it up and send it in.



*Tell us your news*

And don't forget, if you have something to sell or something you need, let me know and it will appear in the ads below.

## *Buy, Sell & Swap*

### **For Sale**

#### **12 Metre Pen**

Floating 12M Pen in Hillarys Yacht Club

With lease until 2012 and first option for a further ten year lease.

Contact Mark or Cathy

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### **FOR SALE**

#### **Dolphin Battery**

**Charger, 12V, 20 amp,** 1.5 years old, perfect working condition. Get all specs from <http://www.reya.com/English/Catalogue/batterychargers.pdf>

Sell for around \$495.

Contact Ralph on 0419.191.565

### **FOR SALE**

**Water Maker: Katadyn Power Survivor 40,** includes the extended cruising kit (excluding the filters)

**Asking \$3400** (replacement cost \$4550), unit is 18 months old and has run for 74 hours.

Contact Steve on

**0409 792 071**

## *Useful Tips*

**TIP:** Even if you might be tempted to sail with a dirty hull, don't forget to give your prop a regular scrape or you could be caught out with a boat that won't push into a breeze or be able to stop under power...

**Growth on you prop renders it almost use-**