

**Reporter : Wayne - Time Out**

Well a late destination change from Eildon to Martha Cove, Port Phillip Bay due the Victoria bush fires turned out to be one of the best boating weekends on the bay that the Taylor's had experienced.



Arriving at Martha Cove on Friday night around 7-00pm with Time Out for the first time was exciting since we had never been there before, only to find that the 4 lane concrete ramp was completely empty as was the car park with the exception of Daren and Tracy Cain's car and trailer who had arrived shortly before us.



Martha Cove is a new, spectacular canal living development approximately 30% complete. However, the marina development is almost fully complete leaving plenty of space, however few on-land facilities.

We made our way from the ramp to the marina to stay for the night. Once settled, a few drinks on the Cain's boat (Chill Pill) were the order of the day and gave us all a chance to wind down.



The next morning we were joined by the Malone family and Zero Tolerance. Once settled, and all families fed, we were off to take advantage of the great weather we had been dealt. At the Southern end of the bay we experienced very little wind, which made for comfortable boating.



Our first stop was to be checking out the seals on the South channel marker, which were unperturbed by us circling there habitat. Once under way again the decision was made to stop for a fish and chip lunch at Sorrento and what a great discission it was with some of the best we had ever had.

The tide was running out, and guess what? I hadn't been keeping an eye on it and Time Out was in trouble on the sand. With help from my crew and a passer-by we pushed her off the sand and into deeper water.



We then decided to head further South around past Portsea and within close view of the Port Phillip Bay Heads where we found a nice beach to pull into and spend the remainder of the afternoon swimming and taking in a few rays before heading back to the marina for the night.

BBQ's on the back of the boats where the order of the day for dinner and a leisurely night.



The next morning we were greeted by the Fisher family and Bay Cruiser who had launched at Patterson River and travelled up the bay.

We decided to head in the Northerly direction for a change and ended up pulling into the main beach area of Mornington, where we stayed for the day.

More relaxing and swimming was the order of the day with very calm waters and high 20's temperatures.



Late afternoon it was time to head back to Martha Cove to pull out and make our respective way home.

A great weekend was had by all.

Crew of Time Out