



Melbourne Whittley Cruiser Club Inc.

Mallacoota cruise post Lakes Entrance cruise.

Attendees

- ConKiki Peter and Audrey Nicolopoulos
- Surreal Brad and Karen Jones
- TK Tom Totsos and Karen Phillips

Monday March 8th

We left Paynesville after saying goodbye to the rest of the crews and headed to Orbost to spend the night. Hot showers and happy hour was enjoyed.

Arrived at Mallacoota Tuesday launched and headed to Allan Head. Spent the afternoon fishing and Brad caught the first flathead, and as he lifted it out of the water it fell off, No fish for dinner.

Wednesday morning and the boys fished with no decent size caught.(they lived for another day). After lunch we made our way to Gypsy point and Karen made fresh scones and baked in the bbq (oven). Yum Yum. We then went to Cape Horn for the night. Tom spent most of the evening zapping wasps(they were everywhere). Karen cooked another batch of scones for dessert.

Thursday morning we headed for Goanna bay, there were boats already there so Tom and Brad went for water refill at Karbethong, ConKiki went to cemetery bight and took shelter under the trees and waited for the rest to arrive. We spent some time fishing with no luck. A little tinnie arrived with some crazy men on board, it was lucky Phil (a friend) and he had a slab of fresh tuna which was sliced nice and thin and all enjoyed sashimi.

Friday morning and Peter was up early and fished. This was the first time that Peter has caught a fish before Audrey at Mallacoota. He was very happy. Brad went off fishing and slowly drifted and returned with fish. Later that day Brad showed Tom how to fillet flathead. Fresh fish for dinner.

Saturday morning we went into the narrows and fished a bit more and tied up in the little jetty for lunch and a swim. After that we headed back to the main wharf and again filled the water tanks with fresh water. A cool change was expected with strong winds. The change came late in the afternoon and did it blow hard, really hard, about 40 knots and then a loss of electricity for the whole town, it must have returned some time in the night. We had ordered fish and chips for dinner, luckily we picked them up just before the blackout. We ate dinner in the tin shed.

Sunday we waited until the wind died down, then headed to the narrows jetty for the night. Fished for a while with no luck. Brad pulled out his prawn light and his new net which he bought at the tackle shop the day before.



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Question: How many Whittley owners does it take to catch 1 prawn?

Answer: 5

Tom used it as bait and left his line in overnight. Tom caught a decent Flatty.

We left the narrows early in the morning as it is so protected that the sun does not offer any warmth until late in the day, so off to Cemetery Bight we went, it was so flat that we thought it would be ideal for the girls to practice their docking skills, well done girls. We spent the day there and Tuesday.

Wednesday was retrieve day, we left the bight mid morning with no wind and a lovely cruise back to the main wharf. By the time we got the trailers from storage the wind decided to pick up and we now had a 15/20 knot cross wind to put the boats on the trailers. That's always a fun time! All done successfully and time to go back to Orbost for the night and on the next day to Melbourne.

All 3 crew arrived home with no issues.

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Trip report prepared by the crew of ConKiki.