

Voyaging on MaaMalni - 2008-2009



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On 1/9/09 Mike & Suzan wrote:

Bird has prominent place in main salon. Things have improved since arrival. We are leaving for Tasmania soon. Will cruise with 6 boats from the Cursing Yacht Club of Australia, club is organizer of Sydney/Hobart race. For cruise the club insists that cruising yachts must comply with same regulations as race boats...needless to say, MaaMalni being a foreign vessel we do not comply in many areas as Australia has become absolutely paranoid as pertains to safety..not all bad but an example is our LP gas is installed to USA and European standards, a single run of gas hose from tank to cook top, Australia requires that only ridged line can be used even though ridged requires 3 separate fittings from ridged to flexible thus making for more points of failure...go figure.



A week after getting the above email, I spoke with Mike on the Skype internet phone network. All is well with them. Their trip to Tasmainia was delayed due to weather conditions. They plan on flying to the US in June-July for a visit.

Mike's computer which contained many stories and pictures from this trip has been repaired. He indicated that they will soon be providing more log entries for events that have not been reported to the world regarding this wonderful adventure.

Craig