

Updates from the Journey of Muzz

Day 3



Well I have had it up to here with my crew - too slow, doesn't listen..... if I could only trade him in for a better model.....

So, after much consideration, I decided to jump ships! They are all under my command anyway, so why not. Perhaps I can get some better crew support.

Much more exciting on this boat. It is called Cloud 9 and is skippered by Graham & Jill Rainbow. It is a beautifully prepared boat with much lacquered timber work in the true riverboat style.

Today we motored to Turrumbarry Weir, where we have moored for the afternoon & night. It rained for most of the day but that didn't affect our travel. The river speed slows as you get closer to the weir, so we averaged about 8km/hr for this section.

We were visited by Maritime Services as we were travelling & they stopped two of our boats (Muzz was very excited to speak with the officers, who are much like the police of the river) and they inspected the safety gear - life jackets, fire extinguishers, licence, registration, anchor, paddle etc... the list is long but needed. There is no way to be sure of the issues which may arise along the way & you cannot expect assistance as if you were on land.

If you got a chance to view the lock 26, you will know that it allows us to move from the high (upriver) side to the lower level side(downriver) using a series of pumps / pipes.

We have booked with the Lockmaster to travel through the lock at 9am tomorrow & I will try to get some good pictures of the lock entrance / exit.

You will note the flag in the background (now a part of my Cloud 9 Playground). There are two main flags for the River Murray, the Lower Murray Flag & the Upper Murray Flag. **Can you tell which one this is?**

Being an Admiral, I have both flags, so that I can wander where ever I choose.

We have passed several regulators as we travel & there will be many more along the way. These help us to maximise the environmental benefits of the Murray Darling Basin Plan - but that is a chat for another day.

Here's hoping you value & enjoy the beautiful Stirling Environment

All the best
Muzz the Greatest

