

Albany Trip
(Deliver of 14 metre vessel)

Friday Afternoon



Vessel ready to launch after antifouling, engine service, clean and polish and electrical check including radios.

Tip 1: Ensure vessel is fully serviced and all equipment checked including safety gear. VHF marine radio is highly recommended.



Fuelling up

Tip 2: Ensure you have sufficient fuel for trip and at least 30% extra. Research fuelling stations along your planned route. *There is no readily available diesel after Port Geographe.*



Capacity to carry an extra 1000 litres. Used during refuelling at Port Geographe. The trip from Fremantle to Port Geographe was used to determine fuel burn per NM and allow accurate planning for fuel requirement for remainder of trip.

Tip 3: Communicate – channel 82 VHF allows for seamless communications from Ocean Reef to Bussleton / Dunsborough.



Leaving Port Geographe at 0445 on Saturday morning.

We arrived at Port Geographe marina at 2100 on Friday night. Trip from Fremantle allow 5 – 5.5 hours (18 – 20 knots). We left early on Saturday morning to ensure arrival at Albany in daylight.



Sunrise – shortly after rounding Cape Naturaliste. 1 metre swell calm seas. Have now logged on with ACRUM base on VHF channel 80. They will relay our log on to Albany Sea Rescue.



OOPS:

We realised that chart card in GPS does not go beyond just after Cape Naturaliste.

Tip 4: Ensure electronic chart will cover area of trip.

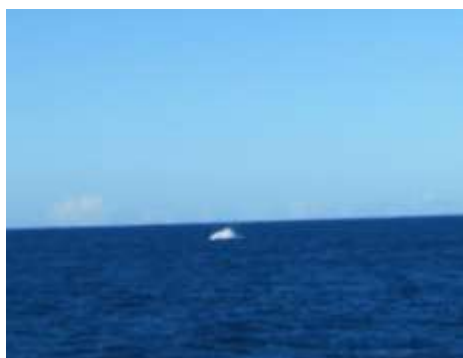
Thankfully we had paper charts and “Navionics Marine Charts” app on our phone.



Tip 5: Carry back up navigation aids especially paper charts.



Calm conditions and enjoying the spectacular coastline.



Several whales were spotted and entertained us on the way.



12 hours after leaving Port Geographe we tied up in Albany, walking distance to shops and sat down to a delicious meal at one of the local restaurants. Total trip time, if non stop, 17 hours. Definitely a worthwhile experience.