



# The Jones' Girl

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## Dining Out In Your Boat!

**W**e all know how enjoyable it is to get out amongst it in our boats. It is our favourite pastime! Summers rolls around and it's time to head out for longer days, weekends and even weeks (if you are very lucky!).

It's terribly exciting planning an extended trip out with your boat, and a major component to enjoying yourself in comfort, is the planning of the food and drinks.

No one likes to go hungry or thirsty after a hard day's yakka of fishing or swimming!

For most of us with a small trailer boat, the stove, fridge etc, is not built in, such as in a caravan. We therefore, have to improvise and take the relevant items along. So just what should we all take?

It can be as simple as a well stocked esky, with bags of ice, (which are quite heavy though). This method is very effective, providing



This is the life! Al and Sal camping on Straddie with the Oztent. Note the little butane stove on the right, complete with the kettle, ready for a cuppa!

you can replenish the ice! The slurry gets a bit annoying. However, for a day or so, it's probably the easiest answer.

In "Gizmo", we are lucky enough to have stainless steel frames under the seats. This means there is space for a 70 litre esky to comfortably slide under each seat. We purchased a couple of Techni Ice white poly

eskies and simply strap them in place.

We also sit non-stick under them and they do not move! I put a cushion on top of each, secured to the top of the esky with velcro and it's made an extra two seats. One esky contains Techni Ice packs – (these are brilliant) and the food and drinks. The other one contains all our

**Left Below:** Our Waeco CF-50 fridge, complete with thermometer and light! The travel cover not only protects the fridge, but insulates it and ensures it runs just that little more efficiently. **Below Right:** The fridge connected to the RAPS 36 Coolpower battery pack. It will run this fridge continuously for 2 full days without a re-charge.

