

# SKY HIGH

## THE 2007 OZEFLYIN

**THE THIRD ANNUAL OZEFLYIN WAS HELD IN MYPOLONGA, JUST OUTSIDE MURRAY BRIDGE IN SA, FROM FEBRUARY 9-11. ATTENDANCE NUMBERS WERE UP FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENT, WITH FOILERS TRAVELLING FROM RIGHT ACROSS AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS A CONTINGENCY FROM THE USA. EIGHT DEDICATED RIDERS EVEN MADE THE TREK FROM DARWIN AND ONE CAME DOWN FROM ALICE SPRINGS. WORDS PETE CHAMBERLIN**

The Ozeflyin is all about promoting the sport of hydrofoiling in Australia and encouraging all riders of any skill level to get out on the water and have some fun. This year, there was a broad range of skill levels, from first-timers, to seasoned professionals. The tricks came in thick and fast all weekend, with three different types of mobes (invert with a spin) shown throughout the weekend. There was also group riding and a big air contest (with a new hydrofoil wing from Foiltech Hydrofoils awarded for first place). A number of female riders also busted out inverts for the first time.

Most people bunked in houseboats along the edge of the river, which created a great community atmosphere and a lot of fun. The Ozeflyin crew put on a roast dinner on the Saturday night and put on a presentation and raffle to win prizes donated by sponsors. Special prizes were also awarded to the most improved rider and the best crash.

The Ozeflyin crew would like to thank Foiltech Hydrofoils (owned by Garry Griffiths of Adelaide) for hosting the event and the Mypolonga Aquatic and Waterski Club for the use of their facilities on the Murray River, as well as their help during the event and on the Saturday night. Thanks to Matrix Boats for supplying the official tow boats for the event and Cinch Max Hydrofoil Products for donating some performance belts, releases and foot stays. Thanks to Ozeflyin.net for hosting the website and Australian hydrofoiling forums. A big thanks to the rest of our sponsors Mypolonga Traders, Pacific Marine and Aluminium Dynamics - without their

continued support, the Ozeflyin would not be nearly as successful.

If you're interested in some pictures and videos from the event, visit [www.ozeflyin.net](http://www.ozeflyin.net) for all the footage and general info on the Australian hydrofoiling community.



## Just Cruisin'

One of our contributing Florida photographers, Zenon Bilas, sent us this photo of him barefooting in Sanibel, Florida.



He's footing behind a Rinker 400, a 40ft cruiser with twin stern drives. He's way back in the wash on a 120ft line.

"In the deepwater starts, it felt like being in a washing machine filled with salt water. I got a lot of salt water up my nose during the starts!" Zenon said.