

Adventures of Aussie Vikings

PETER Hansen has been on the water for 13 months.

For most people that would be more than enough, but the enthusiastic skipper of *Iron Maiden* plans to be on the water for a while yet.

Peter, who has been moored at Inverloch since November, plans to begin a journey to Tasmania past Flinders, Hogan and Deal Islands.

The ocean lover is keen to set about wronging those people who may just think this is too dangerous for the average man.

"We're not just blasting off. We're going to go during the calmest and safest time to go," Peter said.

"I'm hoping to show that this isn't

extreme - anyone can do it. You don't have to be Bear Grylls or anyone like that.

"I've got nothing to prove by going out and hassling the ocean. We'll be watching the weather and making sure that we're safe."

The only similarities Peter will share with the English adventurer will be that his voyages will be filmed in the hope of educating people at home.

Adventures of Aussie Vikings, as the film is entitled, will show Peter's experience on the water, where he will be teaching - and learning the ways of the water.

"I'll be learning too. We're hoping for it to be educational, with a little bit

of history about the places, some fishing, cooking and all that stuff," Peter said.

This won't be the first time the enthusiastic outdoorsman has followed his passion. He has opened up his own surf wear label - Rock Lobster.

Peter is also studying a New Enterprise Interactive Scheme course at Chisholm TAFE in Wonthaggi, hoping to increase his business potential.

"I'm hoping to get four half hour programs put on to DVD and have them sold through tackle shops," he said.

"And if it works - which I think it will - I'll just go out and do it again."

So will Peter make a triumphant return to the land when he is done with

his journey?

"I don't think I'll ever live in a house again. On the water you can move around, there's no traffic. It's so calm and peaceful," he said.

The water lover has kept his boat moored at Inverloch, where it has often been wrongfully accused of being stuck.

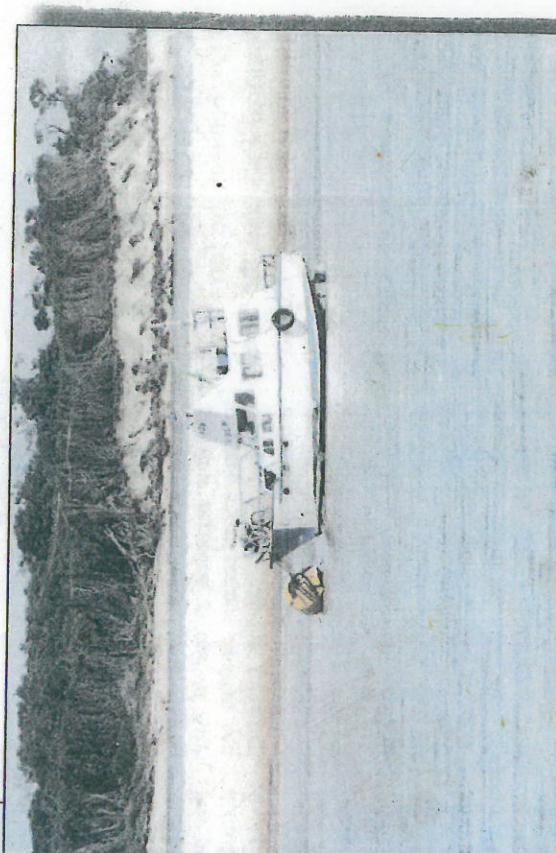
"It's never been stuck; I knew what I was doing. It was intentionally put there and I won't have a problem moving it," he said.

Peter is currently looking for anyone with film experience, who would like to travel and spend time on the water.

For anyone who would like to contact him, his number is 0418 304 088.



Goodbye: Peter and Michelle on the way out to the boat. Peter plans to live on the water for the rest of his life.



The vessel: Peter's boat - *The Iron Maiden*, which has wrongfully been accused of being stuck.

Left, Trip of a lifetime: Peter Hansen and partner Michelle Heaney will be travelling the ocean to create a film experience that everyone can enjoy.