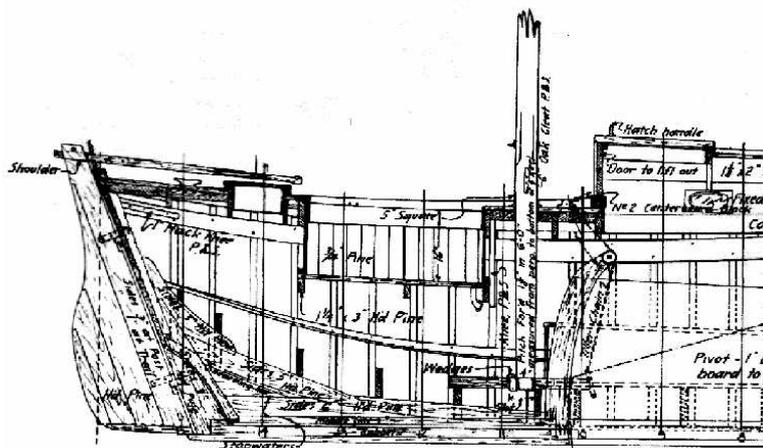


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Newsletter of the

Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

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The W B Guild will next meet on **Monday 12th August 2002** at the *Mariners' Cottage*, Napoleon St., Battery Point, Hobart, at 7.30 pm. At the meeting Rob Nolan will give an account of the building of the *Shearwater*, a Norwalk Island sharpie designed by Bruce Kirby.

Wandering in Victoria's Waterways

At the last meeting of the WBG at the Mariner's Cottage, Ross Murray gave an illustrated talk on cruising in a 1953 ex-naval 14 foot gunter rigged dinghy. (These clinker dinghies are heavily built and displace more than 200 lb. Although there are few of this type in Victoria, eleven remain in Tasmania.) Victoria has many cruising grounds suitable for dinghies at, for example Port Albert near Wilson's Promontory, Westernport and the Gippsland Lakes. In particular Ross' account of the voyage from the inland port of Sale down the Latrobe River to Lake Wellington and onto Lake Victoria was entertaining, colourful and inspirational.

Rowing on the Rubicon

About twenty Guild members, partners and friends enjoyed a very relaxed weekend at Shearwater Country Club at Port Sorell on the weekend of 27th and 28th July. Dinner on Saturday night included Peter's Power Point presentation of Guild members at play and Charlie Ritchie's talk about the re-discovery and restoration of the *Coralyn*, a naval pinnace built by his father in the early 1900s. Charlie's boat was inspected on Saturday morning

before hands took to the oars for the Rubicon Rowing Challenge with three dinghies; Charlie's beautifully restored 16 footer, a local original pinner's punt and our own TeePooKana. (The outcome was not officially recorded.)

A couple of local boat building enthusiasts offered impromptu visits to inspect their latest creations; wooden dinghies which are likely to appear in the next Wooden Boat Festival. Brian Templar has just finished an Ian Oughtred *Grebe* to a superb standard. This 13 foot dinghy has celery and King Billy varnished interior with laminated knees and stem and a clinker plywood hull. A second *Grebe* in the workshop has its hull almost completed. Colin Wragg is also completing a Oughtred *Mole*, a plywood clinker pulling boat. This also is being built with meticulous attention to detail. This boat will be built alongside Colin's two other completed dinghies in his workshop.

The hospitality of the locals rounded off a delightful weekend which was superbly organized by Peter Higgs. Thanks Peter!

The new broom(s):

President	Ainesley Smith
Senior Vice Pres	Peter Higgs
Vice President	John Bishop
Secretary	Grahame Dudgeon
Treasurer	Graeme Hunt
Committee	Robin Singleton
	Andy Gamlin
	David Murphy



Extracts from the Terra Linna Project Business Plan

The Purpose of this project is to restore the heritage yacht Terra Linna to be a sailing ambassador for Tasmania's maritime skills, heritage and resources.

The Project was initiated by the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania, Incorporated (WBG) subsequent to the offer of the hull of the Terra Linna to the Guild.

The Terra Linna was one of the first pleasure yachts built in Hobart...She was built circa 1880 for Mr H Knight, a founding member of the now Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. She was successfully raced for a number of years, was later altered by raising the hull and adding a motor, and finally ended up as a derelict hull back near the Battery point boatyards. The heritage values of the Terra Linna are established in *100 Years of Yachting* and other historic books and documents.

The hull of the TL was offered to the WBG by the last owner Gerard Willems. The WBG surveyed, analysed and researched heritage values. The design of the boat is very interesting. She has similar characteristics to the well known passage boats including amongst others Matilda, Olive May and Fancy but is smaller and resembles a Tasmanian whale boat in her lines and construction.

The progression of early design and construction methods appears to have come from the early whale boats through the Terra Linna to the passage boats. Passage Boats are a clearly identifiable Tasmanian boat type and are clearly recognised and acknowledged as part of Tasmania's maritime heritage. Terra Linna has an exceptional place in our history and is worthy of restoration.

It was recognised by the Guild that the restoration of the Terra Linna was an opportunity to further a number of the Objectives of the Guild. These included opportunities to develop and pass on rare skills and further the education, training, and employment opportunities of new boat builders.

The Project is complementary to the courses offered by the Shipwrights Point Wooden Boat School.

The WBG examined the capacity and capabilities of the Guild to initiate, steer and contribute to such a large undertaking and determined to make TL the Guild's next Project. The Guild's previous project was the construction of a traditional pining punt. The Tee Poo Kana was designed, laid out, constructed and finished by Guild members over the period 1996 – 2000. The process met the Guild's Objectives in that skills and knowledge were passed on from senior Guild members to other members and the traditional skills and methods were showcased at the Australian Wooden Boat Festivals over that period. Tee Poo Kana was launched at the 1998 Festival and has since appeared at other maritime festivals and been made available to the public.

Money matters

Annual subscriptions are now overdue. Full member / family \$25.00 ; Concession (Student, Pensioner) \$10.00. Please make Postal Orders, Cheques, payable to "The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc." and post it to the above address.

President's Dinner

-will be on **Friday 30th August** at the **Derwent Sailing Squadron's** rooms, Sandy Bay. An á la carte menu will cost \$30 / head
The WBG will provide free pre-dinner drinks. Participating members and their guests will be entertained by a visiting speaker. ***Please inform the secretary on or before 12th August of the numbers in your party***

Tent for hire

Available for hire for members' use is a portable tent/gazebo with a strong metal frame, easy and fast to erect.. The hiring fee is \$5 for a weekend. Contact Ainesley Smith 62 399 533

Meeting dates for 2002

... all on Mondays

12th August

11th November

9th September

9th December

14th October

Other dates for 2002

Friday 30th August, Presidents Dinner, D.S.S.

Sabot for Sale

Yogi, a plywood Sabot complete with sail, mast, centerboard and rudder needs a loving home. *Yogi* needs a little varnish and paint here and there plus a little TLC. It is for sale for \$595 o.n.o
Contact Millard Ziegler on 62 235 472

Articles are now needed for the next edition of the Rudder. Contact David or Barbara Murphy on 03 6267 2662