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Coming & immediate past events:

General Meeting Monday, 17th November, 2003

If you didn't get along to see *Chris & Penny Morton's video on the Gaffer boats of the UK and Ireland*. you missed some very interesting craft. Thanks again Chris and Penny!

Piners festival Strahan

As recommended at the Seafarers Festival Guild members who attended the Piners Festival in Strahan just had fun! Our contingent consisted of, Noel and Noeline Hall, Millard Ziegler and Amanda, Ross Barnett and Dallas and myself. It was a beautiful weekend and the Teepookana looked very resplendent.



Wishing all Guild members, families and friends a happy and safe Christmas and New Year break.

Terra Linna Sub Committee:



The committee delegation plans to meet with Forestry Tasmania, late Dec. 03 to discuss opportunities for support. Hope to report at the February 2004 meeting.



photo courtesy G Hunt

There were many fun rows during the course of the day including singles (M & F), doubles (M&F) and so the list went on. At one stage I think I went in 4 races end to end without getting out of the boat.

We even competed against the Governor of Tasmania's wife in one race.

Now as for results Noel suggested we should rename the boat Fourth. But if the President didn't go crabbing in the middle of one race we might have improved our 3rd place. Sincere apologies Ross.

It was great to see 5 original Piners Punts on the water and another replica on the shore. It is apparent that the Piners Punt is an endangered wooden boat design/species. The Guild has a role to play in ensuring this important heritage wooden boat design of Tasmania is both culturally and craft wise kept alive.



One of the highlights of the weekend was that Teepookana was in great demand and was loaned out several times to ensure there was a full fleet of Piners Punts on the water. It was pleasing to see our youth enjoying wooden boats in the water.

It was a great weekend, our presence was greatly appreciated and we have an open invite to return to the next Piners Festival in 2005 (we think). May be we could do the Piners Festival one year and Muddy Creek the next?

President Dinner

On Thursday the 27th of November 2003 at the Bellerive Yacht Club we celebrated our Christmas function, the Presidents Dinner and our 10 year birthday celebration.

It was a great night and very well attended. Sincere thanks to (Sir) Lance for his most eloquent and diplomatic execution of MC for the night. Lance you did a great job and thank you so much.

The 10 year birthday celebration was highlighted by the presence of all past Guild Presidents talking about their impressions of the Guild's growth and community role over its first ten years. It is incredible to look back and acknowledge the achievements which auger well for future Guild activities.

Some of the highlights have been;

- the Guild's involvement in the commencement of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.
- The Building of the Piners Punt "Teepookana"
- The rescuing and implementation of the heritage yacht Terra Linna.

- Bill & Andy's International recognitions
- Rowing Days, and
- Sailing weekends when members ventured out in their larger craft.



Ian, Bill and Ainesley cutting the Guilds 10th Birthday Cake!

Following dinner Andy Gamlin spoke to members and guests about his world travel with his Churchill Fellowship. It was a most interesting and informative discussion about the continuing art and craft of wooden boat building in Norway. He did touch a little on other USA, Canadian and European Locations as well.



Andy talking about his experience at Hardanger Fartoyvern Senter Norway.

Andy has just completed his Churchill Fellowship Report and has done an excellent job. Copies available at next Guild meeting.

In his normal visionary way he is recommending many challenges for the Guild and the State of Tasmania based on the culture, maritime heritage and business models he both witnessed and visited whilst overseas that he believes must be implemented in Tasmania..

Andy will present the Guilds copy of the report at the next meeting and then over several meetings discuss his findings in more detail.

17th January 2004 Rowing day

John and Victoria have agreed the Guild have its



Members enjoying the Dinner discussions



Members @ Strahan Bar-B-Q

first Rowing Day for 2004 at their property on Saturday 17th of January 2004. The destination is Bullock Pt, Wattle Grove which is (43° 10.66 S, 146° 59.02 E or 498,600m E, 5,219,280m N) [is this a test John?]. John goes on to advise, it may be better to launch the boats via the ramp at Glaciers Bay (~ 200m from the ex-apple shed – now house – over the water at the south end of the Bay). This is ~ 4 kms up stream from John and Victoria's house. Their address is 923 Cygnet Coast Road, WATTLE GROVE TAS 7109 (see map). If we get lost John also provides their email address as

bishop@tassie.net.au

Some other useful advice comes from Grahame Dudgeon who suggests we can put the boats in at the Wooden Boat School at Franklin or Pt Huon and Row over (see bearings above).

It is planned that we will be at John and Victoria's for a BYO bar-b-q lunch and drinks.

ETD from Glaciers Bay 10.00 hrs on 17/1/2004

ETA at Wattle Grove 12.30 hrs on 17/1/2004.

ETD from Wattle Grove ???hrs on ??/200????

John doesn't want anyone to lose their compass before returning to either Glaciers Bay, Franklin or Pt Huon..

General Meetings

*3rd Monday of each month, inc. public. holidays.
EXCEPT JANUARY 2004*

*The next meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon St
Battery Point at
7.30 pm*

The Committee meet at the same venue and date at 6.00pm.

Monday 15th December 2003

The President will talk about "why he has a passion for Wooden Boats".

*following the December meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
16th February 2004*

*Don't forget (or get lost!) John and Victoria Bishop's Bar -B-Q lunch and
Rowing Day Saturday 17th January 2004 Details (a plenty) above.*

The following is a map from Whereis <http://www.whereis.com.au> to help with John's navigation test.

