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Coming & immediate past events:

General Meeting Monday, 15th December, 2003

If you didn't get along to hear **Peter Higgs' discussion on the evolution and history of the Australian Surf Boat**. you missed some very interesting design and boat building concepts and issues!

*John and Victoria's "Bullock Point" rowing day
Saturday January 17th 2004.*

Trusting you have all had a good Christmas and New Year break!

Terra Linna Sub Committee:



photo courtesy State Library, Tasmania.

The committee planned meeting with Forestry in December of 2003 did not eventuate and is planned for February 2004. More advice when available.

See note below about suggested twilight General meeting

Firstly sincere apologies for the confusing notice of the day. We did meet and row on the 17th not the 27th. I trust this did not confuse or inconvenience any member.

John Bishop arriving in "Mystic", the bearer of bad news!



photo courtesy C & P Morton

Most members arrived at 43° 10.66 S, 146° 59.02 E or 498,600m E, 5,219,280m N on time. There was much discussion and on the advice of John Bishop who had just sailed and rowed "**Mystic**" from Bullocks Point. It was decided that rowing craft should locate an alternative launching site closer to Bullocks Point. John reported severe gusts and squalls on the way upstream and considered it a bit risky for some of the small rowing craft to make the return journey.

This meant that John was going to sail back alone which didn't appeal to Andy. Amid discussions and reservations expressed by Yvonne, Andy and Yvonne decided they would sail *"Spirit"* back with John and crew. They were soon joined by Graeme Hunt, volunteering as additional crew.

Mean time guided by Victoria the rest of the contingent set off to locate another boat launching area south of John and Victoria's home so that we would have a shorter and safer row in the rather dubious weather.

Launching at the Salmon Farm ramp/beach



photo courtesy C & P Morton

We soon had all 3 boats on the water, that is the TeePookana (Guild's Piner's Punt), Rob and Penny's clinker dinghy and David and Barb's ply tender heading off for Bullock Point.

After a short but very enjoyable row upstream we arrived at Bullock Point and did a bit of a "reccy" around the bay, jetty and boat house. What a magnificent spot! And, John top job in clearing the beach landing for Guild members. A task much appreciated.

On arriving at John and Victoria's we found Des looking for the Launching site for his ply boat. We soon put him right and it was not long before he joined us. Des what a great boat you should come along more often.

Des's ply run-about



photo courtesy Graeme Hunt

Members, Noel and Noelene Hall, had decided to sail down in *"Fairwell"* for the event and then sail on in the Channel for the remainder of the week. Seems as though they found some good anchorages and really enjoyed Bullock Point.

"Fairwell" white yacht at anchor behind the jetty.



photo courtesy Graeme Hunt

We then moved the "on board" bar-b-q gear up the short track to John and Victoria's new abode. What a lovely house at what could only be described as "location, location, location". You both must be very proud owners. Certainly appeared that way on the day!

It was such a lovely spot relaxing and looking up stream to see if the two sailing dinghies were in sight. Alas for some time we could not see them. Perhaps it could have been better for the rowing boats to proceed downstream?

Members on look out for the sailing dinghies!



photo courtesy Graeme Hunt

It wasn't long before both boats appeared with much concern over who was in front. I don't recall that being resolved either.

One thing for sure though was all captains and crew were wet and shivering!

A great day was had by all and we must say "bouquets and roses" by way of a big thankyou to John and Victoria. It was a really great day and we may take you up your offer for a re-run again later in Autumn!

Wetting the inside Penny, John and Andy.



photo courtesy Peter Higgs

Members at "location, location, location".



photo courtesy Peter Higgs

Members with mine hostess, Victoria Bar-B-Qing



photo courtesy Peter Higgs

Squall arriving and boats leaving!



photo courtesy Graeme Hunt

2004 Rowing Days.

The next rowing days will be discussed at the General meeting on the 16th Feb 2004. We will be discussing;

- *Graeme Hunt's suggested Richmond to Dodges Ferry Row*
- *Montrose to Moorilla Winery and return with a bar-b-q to follow at Peter & Dallas's home Berriedale*
- *A return visit to John and Victoria's Bullock Point property.*

2004 TerraLinna activities.

I would like to know of members thoughts on the feasibility of running our March General meeting at Peter and Helen Lindsay's Brookfield property where we have the TerraLinna housed. Obviously we have to ask permission first.

The purpose of the meeting will be to re-acquaint members with the TerrLinna and maybe introduce some members to her for the first time. This would then inevitably assist the TerraLinna sub committee to plan her future works.

If members would like to hold such a meeting we may investigate making it a twilight meeting commencing about 6.00pm with a bar-b-q meal. Please let us know your thoughts.

General Meetings

3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays.

*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 16th February 2004

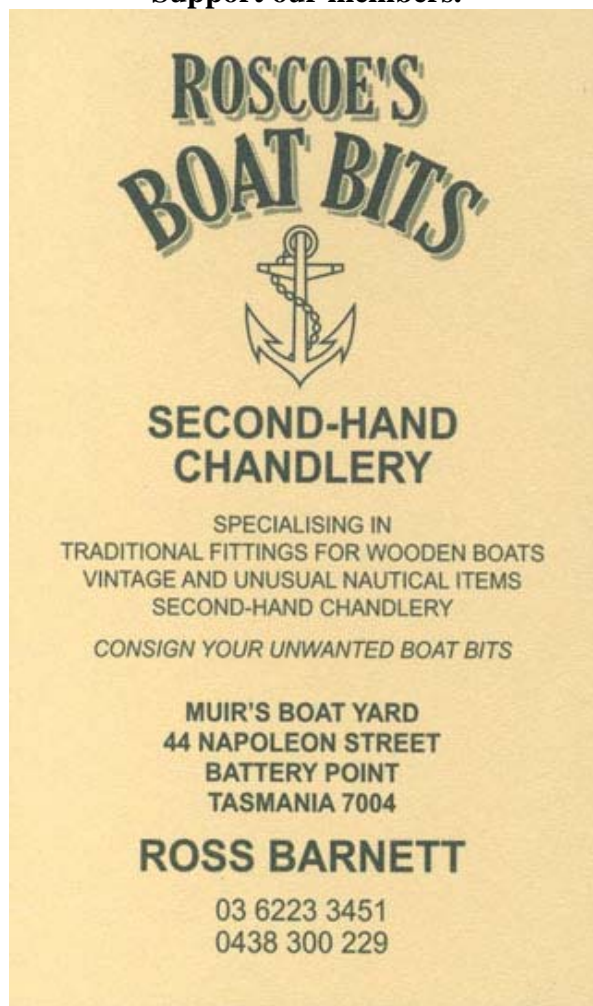
Activity

Millard may be able to finish his discussion on his world tour. Failing that Chris and Penny have another video they would like to share with us.


*Following the February meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday 15th March 2004.*

Depending on interest the venue may change!

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