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This month's General Meeting of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held at;

Venue: Brookfield Vineyards , 2198 Channel Highway Margate (See map).

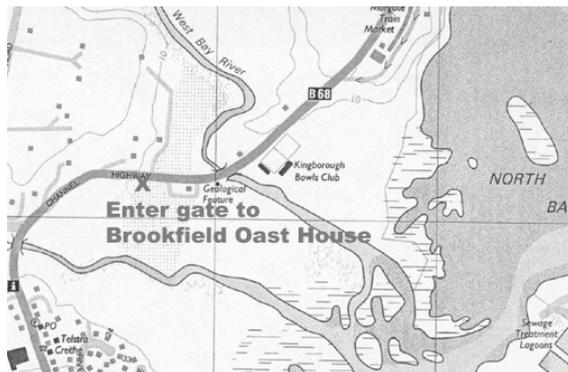
N.B. Please access the site from the Northern most gate where the old Hop Kiln Shed (has the Brookfield sign on it) is and drive up around the back way to the shed. Peter & Helen Lindsay have let the property out at the top of the entrance we usually use and don't want us to use that entrance.

Time: Starting at 6.30pm

Purpose: To acquaint or re-acquaint members with the yacht Terra Linna and plan to "Sail Her Again."

Bring: Bar-B-Q food if you want to eat
Seats
Drinks

A Bar-B-Q will be provided.



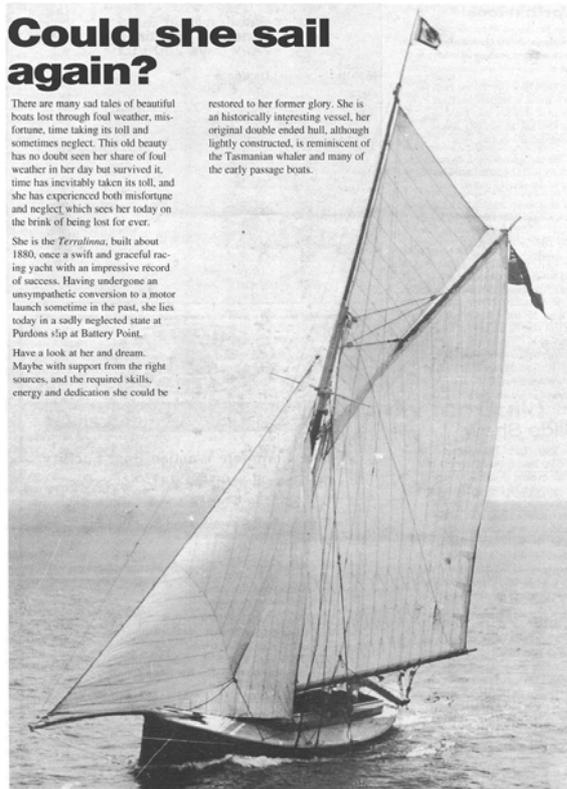
Could she sail again?

There are many sad tales of beautiful boats lost through foul weather, misfortune, time taking its toll and sometimes neglect. This old beauty has no doubt seen her share of foul weather in her day but survived it, time has inevitably taken its toll, and she has experienced both misfortune and neglect which sees her today on the brink of being lost for ever.

She is the *Terrallona*, built about 1880, once a swift and graceful racing yacht with an impressive record of success. Having undergone an unsympathetic conversion to a motor launch sometime in the past, she lies today in a sadly neglected state at Purdons slip at Battery Point.

Have a look at her and dream. Maybe with support from the right sources, and the required skills, energy and dedication she could be

restored to her former glory. She is an historically interesting vessel, her original double ended hull, although lightly constructed, is reminiscent of the Tasmanian whaler and many of the early passage boats.



An excerpt from her history

Introduction

The yacht “*Terra Linna*”, was built in Sandy Bay, Hobart by boat builder and horticulturist George Luckman during 1880 for H. W. Knight, they shared ownership until 1883/4. She was built to compete in the 28 footer class on the Derwent Estuary as a registered yacht of the now Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Hobartⁱ.

One hundred and twenty years later she lay on the waterfront at Battery Point, stripped of many planks, most deck, her rig gone covered by remnants of a plastic sheet - a forlorn and sad state of affairs for a boat that has a significant place in Tasmania's maritime heritage.

The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc applied to the Australian Maritime Museum for funding to document the history, lines and details of this valuable boat and was subsequently successful through the Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme for 2001-2002. The Guild's vision is to restore the yacht *Terra Linna* to sailing condition.

Photo Courtesy of “100 Years of Sailing”



History excerpt from “Sailing On”

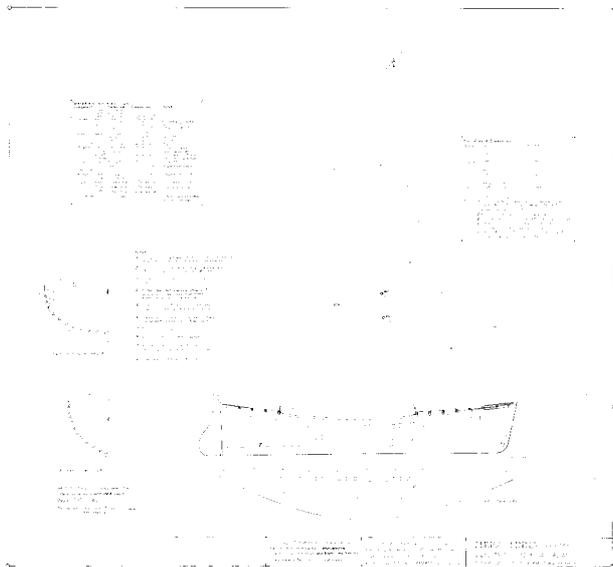
“In March 1886 the now Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania conducted a race to Port Esperance for 28 footers with a sweepstake prize of 10s. per boat. Entries included F Turner's *Sunbeam*, Mr Calder's *Magic*, Mr Knight's *Terra Linna*, Mr Lewis's *Milly*, Mr Cheverton's *Mabel*, and Mr Maddock's *Myrine*. The race was started in a light westerly breeze. With the assistance of spinnakers and topsails good progress was made to the Grange, where the breeze fell light and hauled off shore. Light baffling breezes persisted until the fleet was off Browns River where the *Magic* had gained a comfortable lead. At the entrance to D'Entrecasteaux Channel a westerly breeze freshened and topsails were lowered. *Magic* still led *Sunbeam*, and *Mabel*. Near Peppermint Bay the breeze came off shore feather white with a roar and sail was again shortened. *Terra Linna*, renowned for her stiffness, went flying ahead at Kinghorn Point; *Magic* well snugged down was in second position. *Sunbeam*, *Myrine*, *Mable* and *Millie* made for the lee of Shepherds to bail out water. The usual lull under the Long Bay shore enabled those left in the race to house their topmasts and be ready to face the Huon River where a good ducking awaited them. Beyond Three Hut Point a very heavy sea was met; with the furious breeze that was blowing it was astonishing that any headway at all was made. It was do or die and through it they went. After working up under the lee of Huon Island the leaders made a fast passage to Blubber Head where the breeze fell much lighter and sailing was smooth and pleasant. The *Terra Linna* dropped her anchor first, 35 minutes ahead of *Magic*. She [*Terra Linna*] had won the hardest and longest race ever sailed by this generation of boats.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Other yacht's recorded as 28-footers listed in *A Hundred Years of Yachting* in the same era as the yacht *Terra Linna* were *Myrine* Maddox Bros; *Mable* George Cheverton; *Magic* Arthur Williams; *Edith* Gregory Bros; and *Millie* K W Lewis.^{iv}

By the late 1880s, however, she was superseded by more modern vessels and during the 1889-90 season made only a single unplaced start in club events which attracted 13 vessels in the class. ⁱⁱ Little more published material on the yacht *Terra Linna* has been located until the mid to late 1900's. One such entry was made in the Mercury 3/7/91 when a historian, Paul Drinkwater of Gloucester U.K. came to Tasmania in search of information about crew photographed on the *Terra Linna*. His finding of the yacht *Terra Linna* moored at Granton "in a poor state" confirmed for Drinkwater that he was looking for the trading ketch *Terralinna* built by Purdon & Featherstone in 1922.

What we would like to discuss at the meeting:

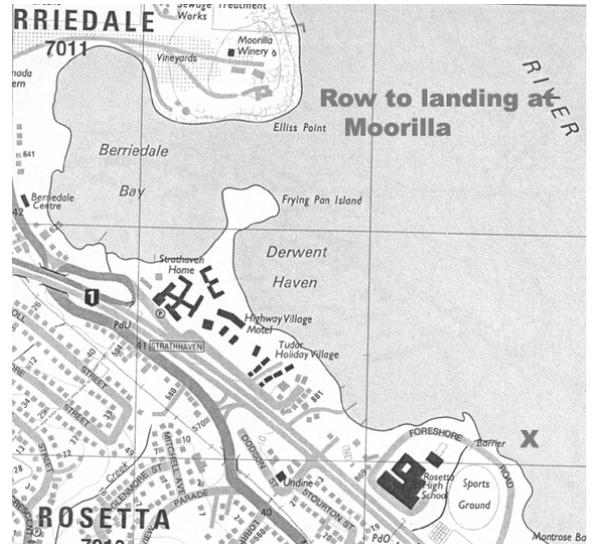
1. **How the Guild could answer the question "Will she Sail again?"**
2. **The Business Plan so far**
3. **Fund Raising needs and how?**
4. **The actual work to be done. Refer to John Philp's letter of recommendations.**
5. **The next step for the Guild**



Next Rowing Day will be Sunday 25th April 2004

It is planned that we will meet at the boat ramp opposite the Sports Ground of Rosetta High School at 11.00am. We will row to the landing in the river for Moorilla Winery tying and rafting up behind it. We will then partake of wines at the Winery before heading off to row back to Montrose.

Following this there will be a Guild Bar-B-Q (BYO) held at Dallas's and Peter's home 185 Berriedale Road, Berriedale 7011.



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General Meetings

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

***The next meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
Brookfield Vineyards***

***Take the northern entrance to the Brookfield Oast House building then
drive up to the shed where the Terra Linna is housed.***

6.30 pm

Monday 15th March 2004

***Following the March meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday 19th April 2004.***

Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.

ⁱ *"Sailing On"*, A History of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, published by the Club 1980

ⁱⁱ Graeme Broxam, *"Those That Survive"*, Vintage & Veteran Boats of Tasmania, Navarine Publishing ACT1996

ⁱⁱⁱ *"Sailing On"*, A History of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, published by the Club 1980

^{iv} *"A hundred years of yachting"*, published J. Walch and Sons 1936