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Terra Linna Sub Committee

The yacht "Terra Linna" circa 1890
Courtesy "100 Years Sailing" RYCT



The Guild has agreed, given conditions that will be set out in our "Deed of Agreement" with Colony 47, that the yacht "Terra Linna" will be part of the "Argonaut" project. This will provide some funding access for the restoration project and more importantly the skills of a qualified shipwright to supervise work, under Guild direction, during the restoration.

The Argonaut Project will also provide labour to work with the shipwright through Bethlehem House to work on the restoration. A meeting will be held at Margate where "Terra Linna" is currently housed in the near future to discuss and develop a "Build Plan" in collaboration with Adrian

Philips of the "Living Boat Trust" for the restoration work. Members will be advised of the date and time so that you may join the committee and the Argonaut Project in this critical planning process.

Robin Singleton and Ross Barnett have offered to work with Peter Higgs and Bruno Van Arken to establish a "Materials Sponsorship Program" that will hopefully secure funding and donations that will offset materials expenses in the project. Any suggestions from members of prospective sponsors would be most welcome.

In the mean time the Guild has made application to the "Small Craft Association Inc." of USA to access funding through the "John Gardner Grant Program" to contribute to the restoration work. The application was encouraged through our meetings with John Weiss, Secretary of the Puget Sound (USA) Chapter of the TSCA Inc when John visited us during the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. We will advise the outcomes when they are known.

The work has commenced on the construction of Piners Punts at the Living Boat Trust Franklin. This work will be a forerunner to the restoration work on the "Terra Linna". Guild members are encouraged to attend the "Living Boat Trust" to witness and advise on the wooden boat building work being carried out. The Trust shed is open most days and some evening now.

If the information is correct a contact from Victoria has been made with some original family connections to the "Terra Linna". If this contact and ensuing information proves to be correct we stand to

gain some further valuable information about the yacht's history. More about that when responses to correspondence are received.

Last General and Committee Meeting outcomes

Further consideration was given to and approval granted for the inclusion of the "Terra Linna" restoration as part of the Colony 47 "Argonaut" Project.

Treasurer says "lets get financial for 05/6"

Well it is fast approaching that time of the year when it is time for the "changing of the watch", that's right **the AGM is fast approaching**. It will be held on 20th June commencing at 7.30pm at the "Mariners Cottage" Battery Point. This is our normal General Meeting night so there should be no surprises. However, all nominations will be gratefully accepted. We hereby give notice that there are some pending Constitution changes, which could include;

- The inclusion of a Communications Officer and a Social (Mess) Officer
- Setting of the subscriptions
- Any financial members motion/s for which due notice has been provided.

Members and Committee welcome new members Keith Stedwell and John Wooley.

"Duck Pond", Bruny Island, March 5th and 6th 2005.

Once again we set out on a rather overcast cool day for our annual Bruny Island big "Wooden Boat" cruise from Kettering. This included Noel and Noelene Hall, Judy and Graeme Hunt, Dallas Manning and yours truly Peter Higgs all aboard the Hall's "Farewell". What we were unaware of was the aborted departure of Roscoe in his "Maori Lass" when some how the rudder and prop was fouled at Kettering. Not letting this get in his way Roscoe joined forces with Terry and Vicky lean on "Carefree"

In the meantime Ros and Ainesley Smith had boarded the Bruny Island Ferry with "Eliza" in tow together with Lynn and Grahame Dudgeon and Chris and Penny Morton. The Dudgeons had Grahame's canoe "Fantine" with them. This contingent had wisely booked themselves into a Barnes Bay "B&B" and even convinced the hostess to join the Guild/ Welcome aboard.... Graeme and Judy Hunt sailed across in the Hall's yacht "Farewell" but decided to camp on shore. More about that later!



A shot of Noel and Noelene at the wheel of Farewell

When Farewell reached the entrance to Barnes Bay we encountered Barb and David Murphy aboard "Whimbrell" sailing in fine form and looking very smart with the preparation for the AWBF still look



Teepookana & Noel's tender in tow



Barb and David onboard "Whimbrell"

- ing splendid.

Once anchored or launched into the Duckpond immediate past President Ainesley Smith informed us he had brought along gear and bags for us to do a clean up. Ainesley rightly pointed out it was "Clean Up Australia Weekend" so there we were cleaning up the landings and water environment. There was one spot however, we refused to touch due to it misuse by others and us not being quite prepared for the refuse left behind.

Part of the cleanup included the gathering of firewood for the nights traditional on shore bar-b-q which went down its usual treat except for Roscoe and Terry going AWOL for some 2 hours?? The moonlight row back to the anchored boats proved to be a delight once again.



The camp fire at night!

Day break saw the on shore preparation for the



Breakfast in the morning!

traditional eggs and bacon breakfast whilst we listened to the tale of the treasurer, "Graeme Hunt" telling us how he was awoken in the night



The Farewell crew heading home

to the sound of clanging bottles and a shuffling dragging noise. Aha! Must be some one pinching Graeme Dudgeon's canoe or Ainesley and Ros' boat or perhaps some one disposing of a body! To the rescue Graeme Hunt to discover a big water rat dragging one of the rubbish bags collected in our clean up into the water. Old rat catchers die hard!!

We did decide over breakfast though that we revisit Duckpond on every annual "Clean Up Australia" weekend and do our bit. So looking forward to seeing more of you next year.

What a great trip!

"Tamar Raid 2005"

If you didn't make this trip in 05 you had better consider it for the next season it was a ripper!

Members who participated included Barb and David Murphy, Victoria and John Bishop, Noelene and Noel Hall, Ros and Ainesley Smith, Graeme and Judy Hunt, Dallas Manning and yours truly. We also enjoyed the company of John Philp and his wife andand his wife from Port Sorell.

We mustered at "Tamar Marine" at Gravelly Beach at 10.30 am on the Saturday morning and spent 3

hours just wandering through boats and the boat shed there and just down the road with John Philp. It was very interesting to see, dare I say it, a plastic plug for a “Whitehall” in the shed. So if anyone wants a hull to finish off with our bright Tassie timbers this would be an option, just contact. Ken Jones the resident shipwright. I can hear and feel the daggers now!!



A Murray Ilse pocket motor sailer

We also saw a near complete “Murray Ilse” shoal draft pocket motor cruiser which had a certain and unique appeal. Ken was also replacing the keel on a “Jack” yacht which was quite informative to see as a work in progress.



Dallas and Noelene eagerly inspect the new keel

We also caught up with Brian Harvey of “Ponrabbell” dash fame working on repairing his motor sailer “Chiquita”. Brian also brought along some very interesting photo albums of times gone by for Guild members to view. Thanks again Brian.

John Philp took us around to his home to show us his current project where he is restoring a sea scout

dinghy that he built many years ago himself. His workmanship was that of a master. John also proudly showed us through his workshop (this was a classic work shop fitted out to a tee) and garden. The garden was very interesting and apart from typical horticulture species I think we counted several other hulls and at least 6 motors such as “Stuart Turners”, “Chapman”, “Wing” etc. What a collection John and thanks so much for allowing us to share your wealth of knowledge and skill.



The “Jack” boat ready for the new keel



Brian at the helm of “Jess” what a beautiful boat !

Time to move on so we all went in various directions and checked in and I think the accommodation, no matter where, turned out to be first class. A quick bite to eat and back down to the “Gravelly Beach” boat ramp and into the water. It was slightly overcast but it did not seem to dampen any enthusiasm. Brian Templar soon had his boat doing the rounds of about a 2 mile section of the river with Noel, Noelene, Dallas, Ros and his wife aboard and I would be sure if they did not have to drive to Smithton that night for Brian’s wife’s birthday

celebration all would still be happily navigating the Tamar.



The “Master” John Philp talking about current work Meantime, “Teepokana”, “Mystic” and the president’s tender were all launched and proceeded on a

After this it was off down to the Exeter Hotel for dinner. Suffice to say the company was great and the dinner well perhaps next time we might explore a bit more so.

Again only talking for the crew who checked into “Norfolk Ridge” awaking to the breakfast, that was included in the tariff, was just quite scrumptious and filling. Those who partook of the cooked breakfast generally had to share it with others because it was just a little on the large but delicious side.



Mystic under oar!

2.5 k row. All enjoyed this afternoon immensely proving that the Tamar is a great spot to visit.



John convincing his crew they should sail



Presidents punt in action

We were booked into the “Iron Pot” winery for tastings at 4.00pm and the wines and cheeses were just beautiful. However. These were topped by the stunning views of the Tamar from the tasting rooms looking down through what was obviously a very old and well established garden area. This primed one part of the crew for continuing drinks and nibbles at “Norfolk Ridge”. It is amazing what people seemed to be able to find in their “ports” (cases/bags).

We headed off down to the Deviot Yacht Club by 9.30/10.00am and launched “Teepookana” and “Mystic” and set out for a row up stream to arrive at “Marions” Winery by 12.00noon. “Teepookana’s” crew rowed whilst “Mystic” decided that the wind was brisk enough to be first at “Marions” jetty by several 100 metres.

The crew of “Teepookana” set out with a long and steady stroke and watched “Mystic” tack and tack then tack again over the stern. Needless to say “Teepookana’s” crew had time for several “Giggle Skins” at “Marion’s” before “Mystic” berthed. John was heard mumbling something about inexperienced crew at one stage.



Teepookana heading towards “Marions”

Members were then [entertained] by Mike and Marion of “Marion’s” talking and drinking “Giggle Skins” as we meandered through the vineyard, gardens, olive groves and Californian Redwood Forest. This is quite a unique winery that perches above a beautiful section of the Tamar and enjoys a northerly aspect nestling into its own western Tamar micro-climate. “Marion’s” can boast the most authentic Cab Sav grown in Tasmania due to this climate. Yes I will probably regret that statement at some time but will stand by it for now.



Mike far right spins another “Giggle Skin” yarn about the serpent train coming up the Tamar! Look at the amazement on David and Judy’s faces.

After much wandering, “Giggle Skins” and Mike’s wild and very animated stories we settled down to a platter of Marion’s Anti-Pasto which was just superb, particularly washed down by spiked drinks by none other than John Bishop. It was time to depart for Deviot via the Tamar again and John bragged again about beating “Teepookana” back to the Deviot ramp as he had coaxed his crew and spiked the “Teepookana” crew. We set out with

us rowing north to Deviot and John taking Mystic on what appeared to be a Southerly tack pointing in the direction of Launceston. We battled on into the head wind but continued to watch “Mystic” again tack and retack over the stern.



John readying his crew and “Mystic” for the race home

Well some hour later whilst tying down the “Teepookana” on the trailer “Mystic” arrived at the boat ramp requesting assistance urgently as they had broken the mast.

Victoria had claimed in the “Teepookana” that John must have encountered some trouble but declared he would be OK and not need our assistance!

After loading up we set off for Strathlyn Wineries Restaurant for coffee, which was enjoyed by all before we headed home. Come along next trip and you will have a great time. Oh by the way Ainesly and Ros set off for Devonport that morning to survey another yacht. Hope we hear the outcome soon.

The eagle overlooking “Marions”



Calendar of Events

The following events are listed as Guild events for all to enjoy.

1. Tinderbox/Howden (dependent on the weather) Rowing Day followed by a Bar-B-Q at Barnett's "Tinderbox" residence. May 29th 2005. row/sail to commence 10.30am. Roscoe to advise start. Location.
2. 10.30am row Visit to the Wooden Boat Centre, Living Boat Trust and other Huon Boat Building activities June 2005. Date TBA.
3. Re-Visit "Muddy Creek" Sat and Sun 20th and 21st August 2005. Members to make own accommodation bookings at Shearwater Country Club

Whew!!! Sounds a lot!! But should be fun.

Meetings calendar for 2005

21st February

21st March

18th April

16th May

20th June AGM

18th July

15th August

19th September

17th October

21st November

19th December



Ken Wright Shipwright Gravelly Beach Marine.

General Meetings

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

*The next general meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will be held at the
Mariners Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point at
7.30 pm*

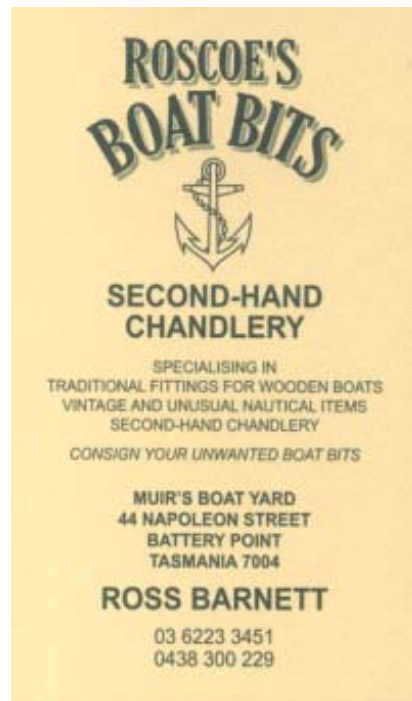
Monday 16th. May, 2005

There will be a committee meeting held at 6.00pm prior to the General Meeting.

*Following the February meeting the next Guild meeting will be on
Monday, 21st June, 2005. (presenter required)*

Mariner's Cottage, Battery Point.

*Presentation on the 16th May will be by Graeme Hunt who will bring along a Dinghy for survey by
Guild members*





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Membership Application

I / We

(preferred name)

(surname)

and

(preferred name)

(surname)

Hereby apply to continue my/our membership of The. Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. for the membership period 1st May 2005 to 30th April 2006.

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Signed