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The AGM

At the Annual General Meeting of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. held on Monday 20th June 2005 at the Mariners Cottage, Battery Point, Hobart, the incoming committee was elected as listed above, including two new positions : Mess Officer/s (social activities) and Flag Officer (communications). The AGM did not raise annual members' fees (hooray). The treasurer reported that we had \$8696 at the end of May and that his trip to Bermuda was imminent. The treasurer also acknowledged the donations made by Noel Hall to the Terra Linna project.

Terra Linna Project

The Guild has agreed, given conditions that will be set out in our "Deed of Agreement" with Colony 47, that the yacht "Terra Linna"(circa 1880) will be part of the "Argonaut" project. Briefly, the conditions are that the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania will manage the restoration process, with the Living Boat Trust treating the WBGT as a customer; the WBGT remains the owner of "Terra Linna" and the WBGT reserves the right to withdraw from the "Argonaut" project if required.

Robin Singleton and Ross Barnett have offered to work with Peter Higgs and Bruno van Aken to establish a "Materials Sponsorship Program". This process has commenced and it is hoped it will secure funding and donations to offset materials expenses in the project. To date:

- Lew Garnham has secured Oregon Spar material sufficient to complete the mast. This was formerly the flag pole at Goulburn St School.
- Ian Johnston has offered to provide all sealants and adhesives for "Terra Linna".

Thanks go to those involved for their generosity. Letters requesting support will be sent to sawmillers, businesses and potential donors.

The Guild and members of both the Argonaut Project and the Living Boat Trust will meet at the Margate "Terra Linna" site in early August. Date and time to be advised.

P. Higgs

The yacht "Terra Linna" circa 1890

Courtesy "100 Years Sailing" RYCT



El Presidente says.....

- "Bouquets" to the newly elected Committee of the Guild including the new Coms Officer Amanda Stark and the Mess Officers Penny and Chris Morton.
- Great to note the AWBF write-ups in the "Wooden Boat" and "Classic Boat" magazines. The latter gave accolades to two members' boats: Chris and Penny Morton's "Old Captivity" and Lew Garnham's "Latura". In the opinion of the author, Nicky Perryman, "Latura" was "the best restoration at the AWBF". Well done Lew and the Mortons! Also see the latest "Australian Amateur Boat Builder" magazine for Penny Morton's account of the AWBF. Good on you, Penny!

WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Huon ahoy!

On the last Sunday in June members of the WBG visited the Huon area to inspect boatworks.

Despite the icy roads and foggy start about 30 members, families and friends turned up at the Living Boat Trust's shed at Franklin. We inspected the new piners' punt being built by clients of the Argonaut Project. There was also a 16' clinker dinghy under restoration.

Next door at the Wooden Boat Centre we saw the Cloudy Bay 30, which is already half planked by the students of the Wooden Boat School. Here the planking was from top down and bottom up which again raised questions about different methods.

With an ample morning tea boosting our energy levels we made it to Cygnet Yacht Club for lunch. The new facility is magnificent: a Goldilocks' place - not too big and not too small, but architecturally just right! Great value for money, a great venue and what a superb site for a future rowing day!

Well victualled, we clambered over the nearby large and brilliantly appointed Benford 45 being built by Neil Cameron. The hull construction was interesting, being strip planked with triple diagonal veneers. There were no deck beams but the 3 x 10mm ply deck completed the monocoque construction. The interior work and attention to detail are a great credit to Neil.

Finally, we inspected the Herreshoff Mobjack being built at the Wilsons' shed. Since our previous visit there have been substantial fittings in the deckware, engine and electrical departments. The exterior finish and interior joinery were of exceptional quality.

Many thanks for organising a wonderful day with weather to match go to:

- Penny and Chris in their new role for organising lunch and the afternoon inspections.
- Grahame Dudgeon, Roscoe Barnett and Terry Lean for their organisation and input to the Wooden Boat Centre part of the visit.
- Members of the Living Boat Trust for showing us through their boat-shed and particularly for the work-in-progress report on the Argonaut Project piners' punt.

M. Ziegler and P. Higgs



Inspecting the Cloudy Bay 30 at the Wooden Boat Centre



Checking out the new piners' punt at the Living Boat Trust



Grahame and the mob in the workshop at the WBC

RARE CREATURES CAPTURED

Unfortunately this Winter's trapping program for the seldom seen Homo Sapiens Modelensis has not been quite as productive as expected. The June date was postponed until Saturday July 9th, when Peter Higgs' specially constructed shed was set and baited with some fine lengths of dowelling and celery. Despite these temptations, only two males of the rare species were captured.



(see photo). They were joined briefly by a female, but she soon discovered an open door and escaped. Fortunately, the two males were fine specimens and were put to work as planned with pleasing results, including the completion of many spars. They were only temporarily deterred by the cold conditions and their energy levels were significantly higher after a feed of venison sausages, hand-crafted to suit their sensitive digestive systems. With concern about the ability to attract more of the species next time, consideration was given to a captive breeding program, but this was disallowed for ethical reasons and eventually the endearing creatures were set free.....until next time!

Late news

An exciting newsflash has just revealed that four more males of the rare HSM (model-making) species made a late dash into the trap and were only released after they'd completed the work begun earlier. The chief animal wrangler reported that they "worked their butts off" to ensure all sixty hulls were routed and another twenty shaped and sanded. After apologising for possible confusion which led to an extension of the one-day program, he summarized the two days by saying "things are well under way". What a relief! The chief wrangler is already working on an improved trap for next time, and hopes to get all the rare creatures into it on the same day!

A.Stark



Model members at work

Rob Wallis (right)

Millard and Peter (left) with Amanda behind the camera.

David Barnes (below)



Photos by P. Higgs.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Port Sorell/Muddy Creek visit

Members are reminded that we will be visiting Muddy Creek on the **20th and 21st of August, WHICH IS NOT FAR AWAY!**

We will renew acquaintances with Charles Ritchie who is restoring the "Corralyn" and Brian Templar, who joined us on the recent Tamar Raid.

Members are reminded to make their own accommodation bookings. Generally members will be staying at the Shearwater Country Club, which can be contacted on 64286205. Their accommodation is reasonably priced and comfortable.

Guest Speaker on 18/7/05

Bruno van Aken will speak about the Argonaut Project and will present slides of the building of the piners' punt at our next general meeting at 7.30 pm at the Mariners Cottage, Battery Point.

??An enquiry – Can you help??

I have been tracing my family history and have found that my grandfather, August "Chips" Grönfors", went to Tasmania on three occasions. He was a boat designer and builder of some renown and built many launches, skiffs, yachts etc. between 1911 and 1960.

Having arrived in Newcastle NSW from Finland as an illegal immigrant in 1909, he went to Tasmania for about 12 months before going back to NSW and building boats there. He later went back to Tasmania during 1924-5 and on a third occasion around 1927-8.

Would anyone in your organisation have any information or knowledge about him? I believe that he an association with Charles Lucas at Battery Point.

Hoping that you may be able to assist me,
Mr Craig Gronfors

Please direct replies to the President.

YOUR BOAT

In future we hope to have a special spot in the *Skeg* for boats owned by our members. If you'd like to have your boat included, please provide a summary of its history and features. A photograph or two would be welcome. Please contact the Editor or other committee member or bring the information to a meeting.

More Huon Day Photos



Penny, Rob, Peter and Robin at the new beaut Cygnet Yacht Club



Grahame, Jim and Des discuss the finer points of boat building.

*General Meetings are on the
3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays.*

*The next 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 18th July, 2005*

*There will be a committee meeting held at
6.00pm prior to the general meeting.*

*Following the July meeting the next Guild meet-
ing will be on Monday, 15th August, 2005 at the
Mariners' Cottage.*

Meetings calendar for 2005

18 th July	17 th October
15 th August	21 st November
19 th September	19 th December

Calendar of Events

1. Port Sorell visit 20th to 21st August.
2. East Coast visit, Orford, Saturday, 24th Sep-
tember with a BBQ on Sunday 25th
3. Working Bee Sat 8th Oct. at Peter's shed
4. Dates to be confirmed are

Strahan, 20th November. The Festival will not occur this year but some are suggesting a visit to Strahan and invitation events for Piners Boats.



Neil Cameron, builder of the Benford 45, shows Cherelle a thing or two