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## **The Terra Linna Project**

Work is progressing and we are now about to distribute letters to prospective donors to assist with the supply of materials to commence the restoration of the yacht *Terra Linna*. Any information from members in regard to the names and contact details of prospective donors would be most appreciated. Think of any one you know also that may be hoarding timber or bits and pieces away for the day they may commence their own boat building experience. Just by chance they may now want to donate the material to the project.

The "Terra Linna" sub committee will be meeting with Argonaut Project members to conduct a "build plan" so that we have a more detailed Restoration Plan this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 1.30pm at *Brookvale*, Margate. All members are welcome.

*P. Higgs*

**The yacht "Terra Linna" circa 1890.** Photo courtesy of the State Library Tas.



## **The Argonaut Project**

The Argonaut Project is moving along steadily at the Living Boat Trust at Franklin. The first Piners' Punt *Argo Hercules* was launched at noon on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at the Living Boat Trust's Franklin boat shed. The CEO of Colony 47, Sue Ham christened the boat. Colony 47 also presented Certificates of appreciation to all the participants who worked with Adrian to build the boat, as well as to The Living Boat Trust and the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania for supporting the project.

Argonaut has been built and finished to a very high standard. The skills and knowledge gained by Colony 47 participants in the process of building piners' punts places them well to be working on the restoration of our heritage yacht "Terra Linna".



CEO Sue Ham about to christen the Piners' Punt



The finished product, a punt of exceptional quality.  
(Photos and report by Peter Higgs)

## ↩ WHERE WE'RE GOING ↪

### Port Sorell and Panatana Creek (Muddy Creek) visit

The Wooden Boat Guild will again be visiting Port Sorell on the weekend of **20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August**. We had such a good time there during the last visit that we want to do it again. We shall be meeting first on Saturday night at 7:00 to 7:30 for dinner at the Shearwater Country Club.

We'll be renewing our acquaintance with Charles Ritchie who is restoring the "Coralyn" as well as with Colin Wragg and Brian Templar whose superb creations you may have seen at the Wooden Boat Festival earlier this year.

On Sunday we will meet at the junction of the Panatana and Rubicon Rivers (at the Muddy Creek launching ramp) at 10:00 a.m. for a row on the Rubicon. After this we will have a lunch time barbeque (weather permitting). BYO steak and dinghy.

Members are reminded to make their own accommodation bookings. Many members will be staying at the Shearwater Country Club, which can be contacted on 64 286 205.

### Guest Speaker on 15 Aug 2005

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

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### !The Great "Punctuation" Debate?!

Do you feel strongly? If so, let us know.

Do you have any historical evidence to support a particular version?

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## East Coast visit

The Wooden Boat Guild will again be visiting Prosser River at Orford and Spring Bay on the weekend of **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September**

We will meet first at Orford near the bridge (Southern side) on the esplanade on Saturday at 10:00 to 10:30 for launch into the Prosser River. From there we will row up river to the old convict station. Bring your lunch. In the afternoon we will return. We may have a lantern-light row around Prosser Bay in the evening.

The main event will be on Sunday. We will meet at the Triabunna launching ramp at 10:00 to 10:30 am, then row across Spring Bay to Ian Duguid's place where we will have a lunch time barbeque. Bring your steak, fish or vegieburgers plus salads and liquid refreshments and .....don't forget the dinghy!

If you are staying on the Saturday night then you are reminded to make your own accommodation bookings.

**Note:** "Weather permitting" can be added to plans for outdoor activities!

Final details will be confirmed via the September meeting and *Skeg*.

### Model Making ... \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ ... for money!

The **working bee** to complete more model boats to raise funds for the *Terra Linna* will again be at Peter's shed (and what a shed ... you must come and see it.)

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September** 185 Berriedale Road, Berriedale .

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### *Mots de la Mer (words of the sea)*

**Boulevard** Bolvard (bolvaerd) from Danish = wooden side of pier (bulwark)

When you are next wandering down the tree lined boulevards of Paris contemplate that they were not always so. The Danes introduced the term to France during the attack on Paris by hundreds of Viking ships, leading to the term boulevard being used to describe the wooden walls or defensive bulwarks along the Seine that the French erected to help defend the city. When they were no longer needed the space between the walls and the land was turned into arborous avenues.

**Bolveark matros** = bulwark sailor ie: one who stands on shore and puts the rope on the post.

= would-be sailor.





thick, so the boats could sit on the hard and some with a much deeper keel for fishing in Bass Strait.

David obtained the boat reasonably intact except for fire damage to the blackwood frames. She was planked with  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Kauri. He first named the boat *Wide Load* since that was the lettering discovered on the transom after judicious sanding. The frames were replaced with laminated (not glued) spotted gum.

After the rebuild, Anastasia rigged the boat and they spent 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  weeks preparing for their voyage to Tasmania. David's account of the crossing of the Strait to Goose Id., through Banks Strait, past Eddystone to Wineglass Bay and then through the Dunalley Canal to the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival made an exciting tale. Who'll be following in their wake?

## The Cousta boat *Pelican*

At the last meeting of the WBG David Golding spoke about the building of his cousta boat *Pelican* and his and partner Anastasia's subsequent trip across the ditch and down the east coast to Hobart.

David was first involved in the restoration of the *Waitangi* and then moved on to various rebuilds and restorations including *Sayonara*, a 60' Fife design built in 1897 in Adelaide.

David's 24' by 9' by 3'3" cousta boat was originally built by Ted Higgs of Geelong (yes, distantly related to our Pete) in 1951 and consequently had many of the Higgs' features including iron eyebolts for lift-



ing the boat off the Lorne Pier and a bronze end piece on the keel. She was one of the last sailing cousta boats built. It was very interesting to hear David talk of the local differences in the Victorian cousta boat fleet ; some with only 2'3" draft for crossing the bar, some with 2' draft for netting in Port Phillip Bay, some with 14" width of keel, 4"  $\frac{2}{3}$

Many thanks to David Golding for the interesting presentation and photographs.

## **EMOH RUO**

The Committee held a special meeting recently to discuss our home of the past few years. Major changes in the position of the National Trust have resulted in a reorganisation of the lease arrangements for the Mariners' Cottage. The implications of these changes will be considered at the general meeting this coming Monday.

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## **Your Jumper? (Found Property)**

A **jumper**, pure wool, v-neck, left at the last WBG meeting at Mariners' Cottage. Is it yours?

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## **YOUR BOAT**

We 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 another committee member or else bring the information to a meeting.

Shown here is the 16' *Tom Thumb* which was built at Smithton by the late Renton Millard Ziegler: none other than our Millard's dad. The plans were modified from the *Pioneer* published in the *American Rudder* in the 1940s. It has recently been repainted and refurbished—a credit to the current owner as well as to the builder. Look out for it at Muddy Creek. There'll be a prize on offer for the best photograph of this little beauty.



*Tom Thumb* at Muddy (Panatana) Creek, 2004

Photograph and information—M. Ziegler..

*General Meetings of the WBG are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15th August, 2005*

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

## **Meetings calendar for 2005**

15<sup>th</sup> August                      21<sup>st</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> September                19<sup>th</sup> December  
17<sup>th</sup> October

## **Calendar of Events**

Port Sorell visit 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August.  
Working Bee Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. at Peter's shed  
East Coast visit, Orford, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September with a row and barbeque on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Working Bee Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. at Peter's shed  
Bellerive Festival of the Sea, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
President's Dinner, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November .  
Boating and Barbeque, Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December

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