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Graeme & Ainseley rowing *TeePooKana* on the Rubicon (MZ)

← WHERE WE'VE BEEN

Port Sorell and Muddy Creek

A dozen Guild members from Hobart and the East Coast joined locals at Port Sorell for another terrific weekend on the **20th and 21st August**. After arriving at various times we checked out the local scene at leisure before meeting up on Saturday night for dinner at the Shearwater Country Club .

On Sunday we crossed the Rubicon (well ... rowed on Muddy Creek). Despite the gale force winds we were able to share our piners' punt with enthusiasts from around Port Sorell—who in turn let us try out their creations. Bruce Tyson had his 15'4" Bolger designed "Spur II", a light weight glued ply clinker pulling boat. Brian Templar brought along his new "Acorn" Oughtred dinghy. After braving the blustery conditions on the water, we gladly retired to the land again and inspected Charles Ritchie's restoration of the "Coralyn" as well as Colin Wragg's nearly finished pair of Adirondack skiffs. Brian Templar's hospitality warmed us up again as we wrapped ourselves around hot food and drinks. With reports of roads closed by snow, those staying on for a few more days had reason to feel smug.



Inspection of the workmanship of the *Coralyn* (GH)



Brian Templar with admirers of his *Acorn* (PH)



Amanda holds on while Millard rows against tide and wind in Bruce Tyson's Bolger designed "Spur II" (PH)



Admirers cluster around Colin's Adirondack skiff (PH)



The President is dazzled by it (MZ)

WHERE WE'RE GOING ↗

Orford and Spring Bay

The Wooden Boat Guild will again be visiting Prosser River at Orford and Spring Bay on the weekend of **24th and 25th 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 anddon't forget the dinghy !

Note: "Weather permitting" can be added to plans for outdoor activities (very pertinent after our Port Sorell experience!).

If you are staying on the Saturday night then you are reminded to make your own accommodation bookings. Here are some possibilities with prices for a double or twin room:

Seabreeze Holiday Cabins - 6257 1375 - \$65

Island View Motel - 6257 1114 - \$85

Blue Waters Motel - 6257 1621 - \$66/\$88/\$110

Eastcoaster/Louisville - 6257 1172 - \$115

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Two colourful characters caught on camera at the creek. (GH)

OUR BOAT

Penny and Chris Morton *An Old Captivity*

We built our Mark Smaalders design, 29-foot, 5.4-tonne timber gaff cutter over six and a half years, on our front lawn in Cabarita Beach, northern N.S.W. Naming her after a Nevil Shute novel, we launched her in November 1998 at Runaway Bay, Gold Coast.

Her keel was cast in place; the hull built inverted over it. Structural timber is spotted gum with cold-moulded hull; inner layer half-inch Oregon strip planking, three outer layers of 3mm. western red cedar, sheathed with a layer of fibreglass and bright finished.

The coach-roof is traditionally canvassed. Chris made patterns for silicon bronze deck fittings and we learnt dying nautical skills to make blocks, deadeyes and mast hoops, also doing leathering, worming, parcelling, serving and slushing.

Interior fit-out is of jarrah with a silver ash overhead. Brisbane classic sail maker Clive Allwood sewed her sails (main and stays'l of tan clipper canvas from the U.K.), hand-sewing bolt-ropes. Foresails are roller furled and tops'l aboard for light airs. Standing rigging is galvanized, hand-spliced; auxiliary power a 22h.p., three-cylinder marinised Kubota diesel.

Below decks to port is head compartment, galley with fridge, sink, drawers and two-burner alcohol stove, with nav-station and u-shaped dinette to starboard. A roomy v-berth sleeps two, with dinette table lowering to a double berth when necessary.

After two years sailing the shallow Broadwater, we moved *An Old Captivity* up to Brisbane's Manly Boatharbour, where she relished the sailing conditions until retirement time, when Chris and three friends sailed her down to Tasmania. She's now moored in Lymington, near Cygnet, having proven her seaworthiness on the 1,135 nautical mile voyage.



Chris and Penny - proud participants in the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in February 2005 (PM)

YOUR BOAT

This is a special spot in the *Skeg* for boats owned by our members. Many thanks to Penny and Chris for the detailed account and photograph of their captivating vessel.

I'd like to include as many members' boats as possible: from dinghies to schooners. Size doesn't matter, but being the WBG it would be good if they're made of wood! If you're happy to have your boat included, please provide a summary of its history and features. A photograph or two would be welcome. Please contact me or another committee member or else bring the information to a meeting. Contributions for this section, or anything else of interest to members can be emailed to: mziegler@bigpond.com

A. Stark (editor)



Examining the *Corahyn* - side view (MZ)

Photographs in this issue are by PH = Peter Higgs
MZ = Millard Ziegler, GH = Graeme Hunt.

The Social Side



Ros, Peter and Dallas at the Port Sorell dinner (MZ)



Brian, Noel and Rob at the Port Sorell barbeque. (PH)



Helen and Colin admire Noel's Terralinna model (PH)

General Meetings of the WBG 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 19th September, 2005*

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

Meetings calendar for 2005

19th September 21st November
17th October 19th December

The next meeting on Monday 19th September will include reports on the Terralinna project and the visit to Port Sorell. We will be making final arrangements for the East Coast visit next weekend (24th and 25th September) and we may have time to bag a few of the models prepared by the working party last weekend.

Calendar of Events


East Coast visit, Orford, Saturday, 24th September with a row and barbeque on Sunday 25th.

Working Bee Sat 22nd Oct. at Peter's shed

Bellerive Festival of the Sea, Sunday 23rd October

President's Dinner, Saturday 26th November .

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