



## ← WHERE WE'VE BEEN

### Clarence Seafarers' Festival

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Once again the WBG participated in the Festival at Bellerive. After a run of miserable weather days it was a great relief to be blessed with some sun and no rain. The on-water activities centred on various races including Dragon Boats and the Trans-Derwent Cutter Race from Domain Slips into Kangaroo Bay lagoon. There were also remote controlled yachts, novelty activities, a Rotor Lift helicopter "rescue" and a Clifton Surf Life Saving Club rescue demonstration. Guild members launched our piners' punt, *TeePooKana*, which had been cleaned and 'spit polished' for the occasion. For the land-lubbers there was a great assortment of live music and dance. Thanks to WBG stalwarts we sold some of our merchandise, including the model boat kits that a number of members have created during working bees this year. Members who volunteered for the roster for our stall performed a great service in helping to promote the Guild to the general public.



Our stand at the Clarence Seafarers' Festival. (Photo MZ)

## !!!STOP PRESS!!!

**Our next event is the rowing day - this coming Sunday - 13th November.**

See details on page two.



*TeePooKana* and Roscoe's piners' punts at the Clarence Seafarers' Festival. (Photo MZ)

### Galway Hookers

If you weren't at the last meeting then you missed wonderful words and pics by David Murphy on the enigmatic Irish Galway Hookers. The hooker, built of oak frames and larch planking with its distinctive curved lines and red sails on a single mast, were used for fishing and for transporting cargo such as turf and livestock in Galway Bay and around the Connemara coast in the 19th century at a time when the sea was the main means of transport and communication for the coastal communities. Read more at

<http://www.galwayonline.ie/history/history2/hookers.htm>

*Thanks David*

### Woodcraft Fair

Ross Barnett single-handedly steered us into the recent Woodcraft Fair at the Derwent Entertainment Centre by displaying the *TeePooKana* and providing information about the Guild, piners' punts and the *Terra Linna*.

*Thanks Roscoe.*

## WHERE WE'RE GOING ↗

### President's Dinner

on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>

at the Hope and Anchor Inn.

The President's cum Christmas dinner will be at The Hope and Anchor Inn - 65 Macquarie St. (opposite and down the street from the Museum) starting at 6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

The three course meal will cost \$38 per person. Please pay at the venue. Drinks and coffee will be extra. Vegetarians can be catered for.

We **hope** that some of our far-flung members will be able to drop **anchor** in Hobart with us for the night.

*Penny and Chris Morton*

**Please confirm attendance with us at**

oldgaffers @bigpond.com.au

or telephone 62 950 278

or 0422 644 808

**no later than Monday,  
21st November.**



For the President's Dinner there will be three courses with a choice between two dishes per course, as follows.

#### Entrée

Seafood Chowder *or* Parmesan Crumbed Chicken

#### Mains

Grilled Fish *or* Suffolk Lamb Shoulder

#### Desserts

Chocolate and Raspberry Mousse *or*  
Orange and Cinnamon Crème Brulee

Please let Chris and Penny know in advance if you'd like vegetarian alternatives.

## BUT FIRST .....

### **Before** the President's Dinner

**This Sunday - 13th November.** Terry Lean has invited us to visit the Wooden Boat Centre at Franklin for a **rowing day and barbeque**. While Terry is kindly supplying the venue, everyone needs to provide their own food and drinks - and boats, of course! 'Big' boats are also invited to join in the fun with the smaller fry. Terry has extended the invitation to anyone interested in wooden boats, so please spread the word among enthusiasts who aren't WBG members.

As this is **before our next meeting** please note that the gathering time at the Centre is 10am on Sunday.

..... and **after it .... life still goes on!**

**Sunday 4th December.** End of year barbeque and rowing day at the Mariners' Cottage. 10am onwards.

### "Small Craft Dunnunda -- A Tasmanian Boat Tour"

Announcing the latest in John Weiss' photo essay series on

#### Traditional Boats of the World

John Weiss is a member of the Traditional Small Craft Association, Inc., which is based in the USA. He visited the Wooden Boat Festival in February this year and has now posted an excellent photographic essay (amongst others) on Tasmanian small craft at

<http://www.tsca.net/articles.html>





## Ros and Ainesley's Boat— *King Billy*

I heard about *King Billy* through Mike Sampson of Kettering.

The then owners of the `King` lived at Woodbridge and had stopped at Mike's to ask him if he would like to buy *King Billy*. Mike didn't want another boat as he was already doing up two others, so he rang me with the details of her and a contact number. I went to have a look with the initial intention of referring her to a WBG meeting to see if anyone there was interested.

However on closer inspection I, and I must say Ros too, became very interested. Two days later the *King* was on her way to Sandford to join the Smith Flotilla.

*King Billy* is a 16' copper fastened clinker fishing boat, with a Sole' (Spanish) 8 Hp electric start diesel. She has a laid teak deck which has been copper nailed. She was on a mooring for some time at the Margate marina. The designer and builder are unknown. Any information about her would be greatly appreciated.

*A. Smith*

< Ros and Ainesley with the King on the Prosser



*King Billy* amongst the beached boats waiting for the crew to return from lunch at Iain Duguid's place, Spring Bay.

These photos were taken at the WBG rowing day at Orford and Triabunna in September this year.

(Photos MZ)



One of Colin's Andirondack skiffs. (Photo MZ)

## The Great Pronunciation Debate

Members who visited Port Sorell in August will have seen Colin Wragg's two beautiful Adirondacks. Looking at them was one thing, but try telling someone else about them and you're bound to be thrown into the great pronunciation debate. Which syllable/s should we emphasise? Is it

**ad**irondack ?

ad**ir**ondack ?

adiron**d**ack ?

adiron**o**ndack ?

My investigations have revealed a general agreement among people who have spent time in North America. They go for the last pronunciation. One friend explained that the proper way is to slur over the first two syllables, putting all the emphasis on the "on". Just in case you want an authoritative model to follow - ask Penny or Chris Morton to say "adiron**d**ack" for you.

*A. Stark*

## YOUR BOAT

Written and pictorial contributions for this section,(or anything else of interest to members) can be given to me at a meeting, posted to the WBG address or emailed to:

mziegler@bigpond.com

Items need to be submitted by the **first** Monday of the month (ie: a fortnight before our meetings) to allow time for editing, which can be a lengthy process, especially for longer articles and for selecting and enhancing photographs. If any of you have some artistic talent, illustrations (including cartoons) would be a welcome addition.

A. Stark (editor)

## Dinghy for Sale

A king billy clinker dinghy about 11 or 12 foot long plus oars : \$ 500. Also a 2 h.p. Seagull outboard : \$100 contact Mr. Ashby 62 441 784

## MV Olga is for sale

Barry Sherriff writes, "I own a classic huon pine motor boat, the *MV Olga*. As much as I would like to continue her restoration myself, my health will not allow it, thus I would like to sell her at a negotiated price to someone more able to complete the job. Her details are:

LOA - 30 feet, Beam - 8 feet, Shape - Wineglass with canoe stem, Construction - Carvel planked huon pine on celery top ribs "

"Timber for the new sponsons go with the boat plus capping machined from celery top pine. I have restored a 1943 20 h.p. Ailsa Craig. Some small things still need to be done but you can hear it running if you are interested"

Phone Barry Sherriff on 62 491 443



MV Olga slipped at Beedhams Bay for painting.

This vessel was built at Strahan in 1923. There will be details on the history of this vintage motor boat in the next issue of the Skeg.



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*The best way to cure seasickness is to sit*

*under a tree.*

*Spike Milligan*

*General Meetings 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 21st November 2005*

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

## Meetings calendar for 2005

21<sup>st</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> December

## Calendar of Events

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Franklin row/sail/motor

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November - President's Dinner

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Mariners' Cottage - row and barbeque

## 2006

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February - First general meeting -

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2006. Visit to John Sargent's private maritime museum at Bellerive.

## Officers of the Guild

<i>President</i>	Peter Higgs	03 62491695
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