

← WHERE WE'VE BEEN



Fun
Racing
A barbeque
Nosh
Knots
Laughter
Information
No worries!

Terry Lean and his Dad receiving rapt attention from Grahame and Amanda (and lots of other WBG members) at the Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin



Canoes and kayaks, clinker and carvel, piners and paddlers ready and waiting to start the race



Still waiting ...

(Which way are we supposed to be going?)

They came big



.... and small



Photographs: opposite

Grahame leads Terry (David defeats Goliath—temporarily)

above (from top) Ainesley (without tow rope); Brian Marriott;

Roscoe and Rob the would-be piners pulling away

President's Dinner



Photographs: above (from top)

1. Cheryl, Victoria, John, Caroline
2. Rob, Roscoe, Jim, David
3. The President and his Lady (aka Peter and Dallas)

Photographs: above (from top)

1. Ross on the lookout
2. Cherelle and Robin (daring to show what's under a Scotsman's kilt.)
3. Ursula Bethry with Victoria and Caroline

EMOH RUO-BATTERY POINT



Judy with hat and Hon. Treasurer; Mary King and Amanda propelling photographer Millard, Terry Lean and new project, Peter with Henry, Penny et Al., ... hope you can work out the rest!



What some members get up to!

Graeme Nichols joined the guild last year when he decided to build a new boat. Long time friend the Treasurer (the one who has been in hiding) had some influence over this decision. Graeme has been to several meetings since but not to any rowing days. As you can see from the photo he will be participating next year. Graeme's boat, built with the help of his two loyal assistants, is a Highlander 14 and we look forward to the full story from Graeme soon.



The President glances over the stern for 2005

Well ... 2005 has been an exceptionally busy year for the Guild considering the wake behind us. Our normal January

break was punctuated with working bees in preparation for the 2005 Australian Wooden Boat Festival - All worthwhile activities considering the success of the Festival: new friends were made and old acquaintances renewed by Guild members. One of the Guild highlights for this festival was our hosting an evening at the Mariners Cottage for visitors to the AWBF from like organisations around Australia and overseas. A second highlight was the hosting of three forums by members of the Guild. This was then topped by our record merchandise sales.

This event was followed by our annual Bruny trek to the 'Duck Pond' in Barnes Bay. The 2006 one is not too far away. Soon after this we conducted our first 'Tamar Raid', which turned out to be a great social event as well as a great on-water experience. Again members renewed acquaintances and made new friends on the Tamar whilst sailing, rowing and quaffing the great Tamar vino! One great bonus on this trip was the attendance by one of our members from Pt Sorrell, Brian Templar.

We also enjoyed a rowing day at Tinderbox but much to Roscoe's chagrin Tinderbox experienced its worst winds for some years. The only rowing that took place that day was when Roscoe rowed his Piners Punt on the trailer in his drive whilst many onlookers cheered him on. Not long after this we took off for

our biennial rowing day and dinner at 'Muddy Creek', Port Sorell. It was great to catch up with Brian again and also with Colin Wragg and other local "woodies". What great work these guys do with their wooden boat building activities.

In June the Guild had three visits to the Huon. First to some great wooden boat building activities at the Wooden Boat School and The Living Boat Trust in Franklin, then to view two great craft being constructed at Cygnet. The knowledge gained on these visits is just great. Soon after that Penny and Chris organised a great lunch at the new Cygnet Yacht Club. Somewhere I think we will return to on future occasions. Soon after this first Huon visit some of us returned to the LBT where we witnessed the launching of the "Argonaut" project's Piners Punt. What excellent boat building skills were both learnt and applied on this project. It was a great credit to Adrian Philips the boat-builder.

Soon after this we returned to Orford for another great rowing and sailing weekend ably organised by David. Gatenby. It was great to see our intrepid traveller Brian Templar there. Great success has now cemented this one into the events calendar. Then we were back at it again selling models, glasses and anything else we had as well as promoting the Guild at the Annual Seafest at Clarence. It was only possible thanks to members who attended working bees in between events to ensure we had ample stock. Another very successful event socially and financially.

Not long after this we returned Franklin and the Wooden Boat School, hosted again by Terry and his great team for another day of skill and skulduggery on the water. Thanks so much Terry for a very memorable day of fun and also the great opportunity to see the skills you instil in your students emerging in the form of another great wooden craft!

Lastly we had our Annual President Dinner at the Crown and Anchor in the city. The event was well organised again by Penny and Chris, whilst Robin stepped into Lance's big shoes to MC the function. Well done Robin. But not to be outdone our "Sargeant at Arms" ensured members paid dearly for their sins and oversights. This event was soon followed by the Annual Christmas Bar B Q and rowing Day at the Mariners Cottage.

Thanks to all members for a great and memorable year.



The Skeg

The next issue will be in February, prior to the meeting. With no official Guild activities scheduled before then, the Editor looks forward to contributions from any members who are out there doing it (in wooden boats) over Summer. It would also be great to have some more descriptions and photos for the 'Your Boat' section.

Written and pictorial contributions about anything of interest to members can be given to me or another committee member at a meeting **or** 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.

A. Stark (editor)

Summer Short Courses at the Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin

Starting in February 2006, The Wooden Boat Centre Tasmania expands its program to include a range of new short courses in boatbuilding

- * The Boatbuilders Tool Chest
- * Keep your Dinghy Shipshape
- * Introduction to Static Power Tools
- * Introduction to Boat Design
- * Build a Ply and Epoxy Dinghy
- * Build a Simple Clinker Dinghy
- * Making a Boatbuilder's Half Model
- * Introduction to Mariner's Rope Work

For more details see their website at
http://www.woodenboatcentre.com/summer_school.htm

Terra Linna Project

Colony 47's Argonaut Project has successfully re-located to Lenah Valley and arrangements are well under way to ensure project participants experience some basic training in carpentry and joinery skills which will lead to them undertaking more wooden boat building. Our letter seeking sponsors for the much needed Terra Linna Materials has been approved by Colony 47 so with just a few tidy ups we can get that out to start attracting some sponsorship. This will lead to a launch of the sponsorship program by handing over the model of the Terra Linna (competently made by member Noel Hall and rigged by Noelene Hall) to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania. It is hoped we can make this presentation in the presence of the ABC and their Sunday radio show. More about this soon.

Peter Higgs (President)

For photos in this issue our thanks go to Dave Lahm, Graeme Hunt, Peter Higgs, Millard Ziegler and Amanda Stark.

*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 19th December 2005

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

Calendar of Events 2006

Monday 20th February - First general meeting -

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

Sat. 11th to Mon. 13th March (long weekend)

- Barnes Bay Big Boat Bash, Bruny Island

Monday 20th March - General meeting

Monday 17th April - General meeting

Monday 15th May - General meeting

Monday 19th June - AGM & General meeting

...and that's just for starters!

WHERE WE'RE GOING ↗

Maritime Museum at Bellerive - Sunday 26th February, 2006. John Sargent is kindly offering WBG members the opportunity the visit his private museum. **Please email or call Chris and Penny Morton ASAP on 6295 0278 to register your interest.** They will need to confirm numbers at least a week before the visit, which is planned to be from 2.30 to 4pm. Final arrangements will be given in the February Skeg.

Barnes Bay - March long weekend. This is now considered our major annual fixture and occurs on the same weekend as the official Clean Up. The idea is to sail, row or tow a boat to this lovely part of Bruny Island and then have a pleasant time socializing. We also aim to contribute to the Clean Up in that little corner of the world.

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