



President's message 2006

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and pleasant time over the Christmas and New Year break! It has been great to have some summer this year which should have provided some idyllic boating days for you all.

Terra Linna sub Committee/Project

The Terra Linna Project is moving along, albeit rather slowly. Just prior to the Christmas break Colony 47 approved our 'Sponsor Program' letter for potential donors to the project, including that donors would be entitled to a tax benefit as Colony 47 is a legitimate charity.

Due to the timing and our desire to launch the Sponsor Program through the media it was not possible to organise anything until after the Christmas Break. We have now contacted Chris Wisby of the ABC and he has agreed to:

- The Guild handing over the model of the *Terra Linna* to the Maritime Museum Tasmania
- Launching the Sponsor Program
- Discussing the history of the *Terra Linna* in an attempt to gain more information

on his Sunday Morning Program. It is possible that the show will be staged at the Maritime Museum. I will advise more as the dates and time firm up.

The new Coordinator of the "Men's Shed" and "Argonaut Project" Jonathon Bedloe will attend the next General Meeting of the Guild to talk to members about the project's progress. Jonathon would also like to discuss possible Guild volunteers to assist where possible at the "Men's Shed".

Peter Higgs

Barnes Bay "Duckpond" visit and clean up Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2006.

Note the date change as of the December meeting. This decision was made to have our visit coincide with the Clean Up Australia day and allow members to participate in the Cygnet Regatta on the previously advertised date.

Following the decision after the last Duckpond trip that we make this an annual event to coincide with Clean Up Australia Day we have registered the site with the national organisers. They will provide us with bags and arrange for the council to collect them on the Monday after the event.

So ... all we need now is plenty of members to come along with gloves etc to have a great boating weekend and help with the clean up. Bring along both big and little boats and join in the fun. For those coming in little boats you can camp at the "Duckpond" or check out some B&Bs nearby.



Members' boats at the Duckpond 2005



How to get there - North Bruny Island

Where some of us have been ...

A dinghy on davits at Low Head

I was visiting the maritime museum at Low Head recently when I spied a dinghy on davits at a nearby jetty. I was a little concerned that such a nice looking boat was hung out to dry in the heat of our summer and thought that it would not last long if (when) all her timbers shrunk.



I was also intrigued by the apparent doubling of her bottom planks. I do not know whether these were added afterwards for strength or whether they are repairs. Here are some pictures. Are there any comments from anyone about the prevalence of this practice?
Millard Ziegler



WHERE WE'RE GOING ↗

Maritime Museum at Bellerive - Sunday 26th February

John Sargent is kindly offering WBG members the opportunity to visit his private museum. ***Please call Chris and Penny Morton ASAP on 6295 0278 to register your interest or email them: oldgaffers@bigpond.com*** They will need to confirm numbers at least a week before the visit, which is planned to be from 2.30 to 4pm.

Meet at the museum at 28 Victoria Esplanade by 2.30. The Guild will provide tea (gold coin donation always welcome). Parking should be available in the street.

March — a busy month for some of us, with the Barnes

Nautical Notes

Plain Sailing

Current meaning—anything that is straightforward and easy.

Origin—Plane charts of the sixteenth century were drawn on the assumption that the earth was flat, even though by then all navigators knew it was not. Use of these charts was known as 'plane sailing', often written as 'plain sailing', and since the use of this kind of chart did not involve any calculations to convert departure into distance of longitude, it was obviously easier for the navigator.

Show a Leg

Current meaning—get a move on (get up and do something)

Origin—traditional call of boatswain's mates in a British warship when all hands were called to turn out in the morning ... and thereby hangs a tale (which may be told another time).

Sale of Models

I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members Robin Singleton and Roscoe Barnett for their work to engage a Salamanca Market stall holder to sell the model boats on behalf of the Guild. Robin finally engaged the services of the Peregrine School and sales are going well. It just means we have to have another working bee to make some more. We have also been informed that Huon Pine is the most sought after model. We have pretty well exhausted the Guild's supply of Huon, so if any members have any lying idle in the shed or under the house we could use it to make some more models. Donations would be gratefully received.

Many thanks to the school for supporting the Terra Linna Project and the Guild. Peter Higgs

Our presence at the Sydney "Classic Boat Show" 2006

Ross Barnett has requested permission to take the *Teepookana* to the Sydney Classic and Wooden Boat show this year on Sunday the 5th and Monday the 6th of March 2006. Permission was granted at the December General meeting. The purpose is to promote The Guild, the Wooden Boat Centre/School and the next Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart. Well done Roscoe and if anyone knows of any possible sponsors Roscoe would like to have a chat with them.

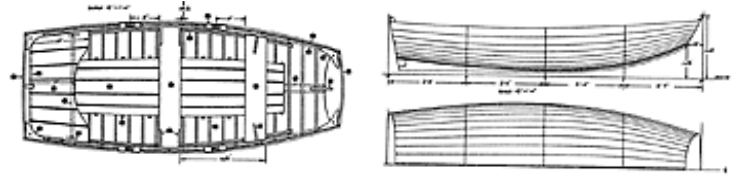
A Brace of Shakes

... as in "I'll be with you in a brace of shakes".

Origin—As the ship came through the wind onto a new tack the sails would shake momentarily. The expression denotes a short time, that is: the time it took for a mainsail to shake twice.

More President's Meanderings

This week for work I had to travel to Launceston, Devonport and Burnie and overnighed in Devonport. In the evenings I thought I would call in and see what our members from Port Sorell were up to. My first visit was to Brian Templar and I found him busy in his shed on a new boat. Brian had on the hardback and mould a "Dulcibella" Norwegian pram.



She is a Jordan designed Pram measuring

Length overall 10'

Beam 4'2"

Hull wt. 120 lbs.

Crew 1 - 3

Brian is doing his usual work of art on the construction and I arrived just in time to help roll her over. Brian told me that Colin Wragg had finished his Adirondack canoes and had just started on a new Snapper Boat. So guess where I went to next?



The 2nd completed Adirondack



The Snapper Boat and proud builder Colin Wragg of Port Sorell

So you can see these blokes don't sit around drinking coffee all the time. Great work guys—keep it up. Brian and Colin send their regards to all members of the Guild.

Peter Higgs

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 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)



For Sale: Halvorsen 36' wooden classic cruiser *Taroonga*. Excellent condition, meticulously maintained, oregon hull, teak coach-house, Queensland maple interior, two separate staterooms, shower, toilet, lounge/ dining/ galley, navigational extras, digital plasma TV. Full headroom, Original features throughout. Experience the pleasures of a grand cruising era. \$145 000. Phone Ken 0416 048 600

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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 20h February 2006*

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

Meetings calendar for 2006

20 th February	20 th May
28 th March	19 th June (AGM)
17 th April (Easter Mon)	17 th July

Calendar of Events 2006

Sunday 26th February . Visit to John Sargent's private maritime museum at Bellerive. 2.30-4pm

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March Barnes Bay "Duckpond" visit and clean up .

The **Nautical Notes** in this edition are taken from "The Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea", as displayed at the interesting Maritime Museum at Low Head.

If anyone knows where I can find a copy of the book, please let me know.

A. Stark (editor)

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