



Roscoe's Ravings

Thanks Graeme for taking charge of the last meeting. It was only my second meeting and I wasn't there, I'll bring my note next Monday. Also apologies about the lateness of the SKEG and to those who normally receive theirs by email. It's very hard to organise a SKEG from Canada! Thanks Peter and Dallas. And thank you Brian for helping out while Peter and Dallas are away.

What a great morning we had at the Maritime Museum with the ABC. Thank you to all the members who were in attendance. Thanks to Noel, Noelene and Andy for having a chat to Chris Wisbey and Robin and Cherelle for bringing along Jessie Luckman who also spoke with Chris as well. I'm sorry that Peter couldn't have been there as he has worked tirelessly on the Terra Linna project.

The main thing now is that the beautiful model that Noel and Noelene built is in the hands of the Museum and we can get on with our fund raising. We have applied for another MMAPPS grant from the Australian National Maritime Museum, which had to be in by the end of August. As soon as Peter returns from his leave the Terra Linna Sub-Committee will be back into full swing and we'll try and "get some runs on the board", as it were, or even better still, funds in the bank and a management plan so we can move forward.

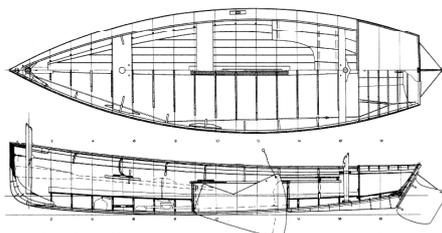
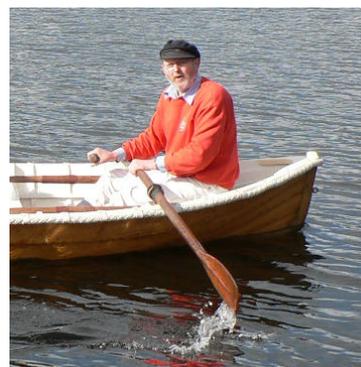
Thanks to all those members who returned to the Mariner's Cottage after the Museum presentation to work on the completion of the Boat Models Kits. It was wonderful seeing all the girls there as well, thank you. I bet all you girls thought that when we go out to Peter's, we just all sit around and talk boats, not so.

The Cygnet rowing day was a beauty, but more about that later in this edition. It's great to see so many turning up for these days but most of all to see so many beautiful wooden boats of all shapes and sizes.

That, of course, is why we are all here....so we can muck around in boats....

See you at the Tinderbox rowing day on Sunday 17th and the meeting on Monday 18th.

Roscoe, el-Presidente



All Had A Good Time

Cygnets Rowing Day, 20 August 2006



1. Our meandering fleet.

Six boats, with motley crews launched at the Port Cygnet Sailing Club's ramp on a cool, sunny but reasonably calm Sunday morning and dawdled around the moored yachts before heading across the bay to Crooked Tree Point.



2. John gallantly assists Victoria.

Penny & Chris greeted the fleet with delicious mulled wine fortifying us all for the return journey. "Mystic" and crew enjoyed a good sail.



3. Noel, Noelene & Chris mull wine.

Returning, many meandered around before tying up at the jetty where around 30 people enjoyed the Club's comfy premises, bar service and BBQ.



4. Guilders & food are seldom apart.

During the formalities, Roscoe and Terry introduced the Wooden Boat School's new head tutor, Dean Marks.



5. Dean (centre) is introduced.

Thanks to the PCSC for a warm welcome, and to Geoff for tending bar. It was good company and a great day.



6. Barbara & David in "Daisy."

Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

Notes from the August committee meeting

- Our model boats are now being sold at the Salamanca Market.
- Do you know a prospective member? Let one of the committee know and we'll send them a copy of *The Skeg*.
- The new Sullivans Cove Management Authority has invited submissions on the use of the Cove. The meeting agreed that we would respond highlighting a need to maintain a strong focus on traditional wooden boat activities, design and building. We will also point out the need for short-term facilities for small craft to dock and enjoy the port.
- **MESS:** The Cygnet Rowing Day was a great success. We thank the Cygnet Sailing Club for their hospitality and have made a donation to the club as a measure of our thanks. The Mess Officers were thanked for their efficient handling of the Cygnet Rowing Day. See the full report on page 2.
- **FLAGS:** in the absence of Peter Higgs, Brian Marriott volunteered to put out the next 2 SKEG editions.
[Anyone with concerns about this issue of *The Skeg* will be regarded as a volunteer – Ed]
- The President's Dinner will be held at the Hope and Anchor Hotel on November 11th with the usual Menu and welcome drinks.
- Lionel Lewis addressed the Guild members in regard to the repair work currently being conducted on the Lady Nelson. Lionel appealed to members and the Guild to assist. Lionel will work with Graeme Nicholls offered to assist Lionel with advice on a Tasmanian Community Fund application for some possible funding.
- Noel Hall addressed members about past member, the late Roy Innes' partially-completed 26ft boat which is now up for sale. Members wishing to enquire can do so with Noel.

The Derwent Skiff

Following the August meeting, members were given a presentation by Andy Gamlin and Alan Witt about the Derwent Skiff design.

Allan Witt's design for a 5.5m rowing skiff is the winner of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival's Derwent Skiff Design Competition. A prototype will be built soon and the first-off-the-line boat will be built during the Festival (from the 9th – 12th February, 2007).

Allan Witt won the design competition over sixteen other entries. These entries will also be on show during the Festival.

The design for the skiff is based on a smaller 4.7m boat designed for Allan's wife, Jackie. The competition boat is a longer 5.5m (18') version to accommodate heavier rowers. The skiff has a sliding seat rowing position like a racing skull but handles

choppy seas well. It runs easily, is light and easy to row and is also light to car top.

It is clinker planked with 6 mm ply on a stem, stern and three moulds, and fastened using epoxy glue and clenched copper nails.

The keel and the gunwales are made of King Billy, the stern is Huon and the knees are Boobyalla. The riggers are laminated King Billy and combine with the sliding seat support to make a rigid unit which stops the middle of the boat flexing but can be easily removed for maintenance, transport or stowage.

Members were shown plans of the hull and were able to handle the riggers and seat assembly. It is hoped to have a prototype available for members to see and even to try out at the Clarence Seafarers' Festival in October (See Calendar).

Noel's Terra Linna Model Presented to the Maritime Museum

On Sunday 27th August 2006 our President Roscoe Barnett presented to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania a detailed scale model of the



Yacht Terra Linna. The presentation was accepted on behalf of the Museum by its president, Colin Denny, in front of about 100 people and thousands listening in on ABC Local Radio to Chris Wisbey's Sunday Show.

The model was made by Guild members Noel & Noelene Hall. Noel was building model boats before he started his shipwright's apprenticeship and is still building them. He's long retired from commercial boat building, although he tells us he's building yet another boat for himself - a lightweight dinghy that he can use to accompany younger members on rowing days. Noelene made the sails and assisted whenever required to "hold this and hold that".

The model is 1/16th scale, so it's about 22" (56cm) long, plus the bowsprit. The planks are to scale, not only in width but in thickness. The 1/2" planks on the original end up



1/32" thick. Noel says that you could see the framing through the planks, before they were painted. The modelling is so precise that even the rigging blocks have separate, moving sheaves.



Rigging components

Many members would know that Yacht Terra Linna was

designed and built by George Luckman and launched in January 1881. She was a 28' racing yacht, based on the design of the Tasmanian Whale

Boat. She is Huon Pine batten seam carvel planking (9 planks per side) on Blackwood, including a Blackwood keel.

Terra Linna is now owned by the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania, having been rescued from the shores of Battery Point in a "sad state". She is dry storage awaiting a major restoration effort. A major focus of the Guild at the moment is raising funds to purchase materials for the restoration.



Roscoe Barnett and Colin Denny were interviewed about the Guild and the Museum. Roscoe pointed out that the Guild is a lot more

than a "bunch of geriatric nautical train-spotters"; that we work actively to preserve and pass on not only relics but also the craft. Colin talked of the Museum and of its plans for the future. In particular, the Museum will soon have custody of May Queen and will be offering guided tours on a regular basis.

Others at the presentation included Jessie Luckman and Philip Fowler. Jessie's late husband Leo was great-grand nephew of *Terra Linna's* builder, George Luckman. Jessie and Leo are more famous for their on-land exploits as early bushwalkers and

conservationists. Philip Fowler is himself a model boat builder and was instrumental at the beginning of the Museum. He spoke of his models and about the history of the Museum itself.



The day was a great success. About 850 people visited the museum on the day to see the display and, in particular, the new model.

Where We're Going

1. Sunday 17th September 2006:
Tinderbox Rowing day captained by Roscoe (el Presidente) and Cheryl. Ph 0438 300 229
Meet at the Tinderbox Boat Ramp. There's a BBQ on-site, fresh water and facilities. Roscoe will provide an extra BBQ and table. In bad weather, we'll retreat to the Barnett's house: 26 Malwood Crt (off Fossil Cove Drv, seaward off Tinderbox Rd near Blackmans Bay).



2. Sunday 29th October 2006:
Clarence Seafarers' Festival, on the Boardwalk at Bellerive. We will have a display and some folks will be rowing to the Bellerive jetty.
Cherelle Gadge (6295 1668) is organising a roster of people to staff the display/stall.
3. Saturday 11th November 2006:
President's Dinner at the Hope and Anchor.
4. Saturday 18th November 2006:
Huon Show. We will have a display and a stall, sharing a "wooden boats" shed with the Living Boat Trust. The *Teepookana* will be there and a couple of other boats are required. Contact Cherelle (6295 1668) if you can help on the stall or with a boat for display.
5. More events — dates to be advised:
 - Christmas BBQ with CYC at Mariners' Cottage
 - Australian Wooden Boat Festival 9th – 12th Feb 2007 (registrations close 31st October)
 - Pre-AWBF event on Thurs 8th Feb 2007
 - Wood Workers show DEC in March 2007



*General Meetings are on the
3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays.*

*The next general meeting of the
Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
will be held at the Mariners' Cottage,
Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing
at 7.30 pm
Monday 18th September 2006*

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

Meetings calendar for 2006

18th September 20th November
16th October 18th December

Wanted

Graham Dudgeon is retiring from the job of co-ordinating the Class Sailing Dinghies at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival and no one has yet surfaced to take over the task.

Is there anyone from the Guild who would have an interest in this group of boats? I think it's a great display — so many people can relate to the boats and sailing them in their youth. A lot has already been put in place by Graeme and all the contacts are there.

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MEMBERS YEAR BOOK AND REGISTER FORM

Please fill in and bring to a meeting or return it to PO Box 28, Battery Point 7004

BOAT NAME.....

CLASS.....

DESIGNER.....

BUILDER.....

YEAR BUILT.....

WHERE BUILT.....

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION.....

LENGTH.....BEAM.....DRAFT.....DISP.....

LENGTH OF BOWSPRIT.....RIG TYPE.....

ENGINE TYPE.....HP.....No CYLINDERS.....

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.....

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MEMBER NAME.....DATE.....

SIGNATURE.....