

Roscoe's Ravings

My apologies to Andy....I had previously mentioned in my previous Ravings about the cracker Tinderbox rowing day and the fact that Andy had rowed all the way from Kingston....that was not true at all....the reason he had a blister and was a little bum-sore was that he had actually rowed all the way from *Hobart*! Sorry old clobber.

We had a good meeting last month with plenty of members in attendance along with a visitor, Robert Wishart, who was visiting us from the Shetland Islands. Unfortunately, Andy who was going to give us a talk on his adventure on the replica Viking ship *Havbingsten fra Glendaloughh* was called to an urgent AWBF meeting at the last minute. Hence no talk, but fortunately, Peter, who had just returned with Dallas from their Canadian holiday, was able to step forward and give us a tiny taste of their adventures. He will be giving us the full story in the fullness of time.

Thanks again Peter, especially at such short notice....like, about half an hour!

We are hoping to hear from Andy at the next meeting, which will be on Monday November 20.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with our application to the ANMM for another MMAPSS grant for the *Terra Linna* project. I guess we can't really complain, as we have already had a couple grants. The *Terra Linna* sub-committee is not going to let this dampen their enthusiasm to source alternative funding from other areas.

Many thanks to all the members who manned (and

ladies) our stall at the Clarence Seafarers' Festival, it was an excellent day and at least one member of the public went away a happier man after learning all about 'roving'....no, it's not just a part of the Boy Scout movement....it's all about holding wooden boats together....using a 'dolly', err, I mean 'doley'....and so on. May be I confused him just a little.



Roscoe resting at Bellerive, photo by David Morton

I'm still recovering from *The Presidents Dinner* last night, it was a real beauty.

Peter put on another one of his fabulous slide shows. I asked him when we first arrived what he had in stall for us all "oh, just the usual old stuff" he said!



A young Roscoe at the helm, photo by Dallas Manning

Well, was I in for a surprise....Peter, Dallas and Cheryl had been up to no good, playing around with old childhood photos of mine and the computer...I'll say no more. It was great fun. Thanks

Peter and Dallas. Thanks must also go to Chris and Penny and stand-in MC Robin. A good night, good tucker and most of all great company. Thanks to all.

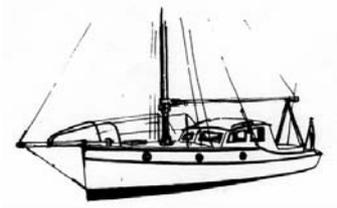
Oh! and by the way, a certain couple announced their engagement whilst on a very recent Canadian holiday...congratulations!

And of course, Saturday November 18 will see some of us down at the 60th Huon Show with another display, Teepookana, assorted dinghies and another one of Robin and Cherelle's fabulous raffles. It's usually a great outing, a real old fashion country show. Try not to miss it.

The Members Year Book Register forms have been coming in slowly, very slowly. Has everyone completed his or hers? If not, why not?

What's that I hear you say Cheryl.... have I done mine....well, err....

Roscoe



Arising from the last meeting

At the last meeting it was decided that;

- The Guild accept the invite of the Cruising Yacht Club of Tasmania to join them at their Christmas Function. We were first advised it would be on the 6th of December but since accepting we have been advised it is on the Saturday 9th of December at 10 Otago Bay Road. Otago Bay BYO everything. Please advise the Mess officers Chris and Penny Morton if you want to attend as we need to inform the CYCT.
- As a result of the first date for the CYCT Christmas function the WBGT set its date

for its Christmas function for the Sunday the 10th of December. As we intend going to the CYCT function the date for the WBGT Christmas Bar-B-Q at the Mariners Cottage will be re-considered at the next Guild General meeting on the 20/11/06.

- The WBGT agreed in principle to members being invited to be on a roster for the May Queen Tours. Rosters for the tours will be arranged by the Maritime Museum of Tasmania. Members of the WBGT interested in volunteering need to contact John Wedd at the Museum.
- The Terra Linna sub committee will re-convene to organise and manage the Terra Linna restoration. Reports and activities to be advised at future WBGT meetings.
- The WBGT will host a Welcome to AWBF Bar-B-Q for interstate visiting WBA members from other states. The Bar-B-Q will be held on Thursday the 8th February 2007 Mariners Cottage Battery Point. 4.00pm for 5.00pm.
- Year book entries are slowly coming in. We do also require photos of your craft so we can complete an attractive "WBGT Year Book" for the AWBF in February 2007.
- It was noted that the WBGT Library Collection is growing. Don't forget to have a look at the collection at the next General meeting and the arrange a book loan with our Honorary Librarian, Millard Ziegler, who does a sterling job. I don't think he has ever issued a fine! But labours away to ensure members have an interesting collection to borrow.
- Last but certainly not least a big vote of thanks to Brian Marriot for keeping the Skeg up and running whilst I was on leave. Great job Brian and many thanks.

WBGT Web site

The web site of the WBGT has been a sleeping giant. Thanks to the recent efforts and skill of Brian

Marriott it is gradually becoming an up to date reference for the Guild.

If you have access go to;

<http://www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboatguild/index.html>

You might even see your own photo there but more importantly you can check out the news and events link to check what we are up to. You can also down load recent and archived editions of the Skeg.

Thanks again Brian you are doing a great job!

“Where we have been”

Bellerive Seafarers Festival

The Guild once again attended the Bellerive Seafarers Festival and we all enjoyed ourselves whilst we took in excess of \$400.00 for the Guild.

What a great effort. Many thanks to Penny and Chris for their Mess officers input. Also though, have a look at what the raffle brought in, \$167.00. This is un-precedented whilst being the brain child of Cherelle Gadge and Robin Singelton. Thanks so much Cherelle a really great idea. I am not really sure what us “mere males” would do without our beloved females.

Also a personal thanks to Robin for joining me on a row to the Regatta Grounds to join the flotilla of WBGT boats that rowed and sailed back to Bellerive at 10.00am.



“Windward Bound” photo by Millard Ziegler

I think next year we should approach the organisers about a special row/sail by of Guild and members craft to showcase some special wooden boats. What do members think?

Presidents Dinner

Our new President, Roscoe, did himself and members proud at the Presidents Dinner last Saturday night at the “Hope and Anchor” Hotel. Once again a great night was had by all who attended even if we did embarrass the President. We can’t have a re run on the meals and drinks but when Roscoe agrees we will put the Power Point presentation on the Web Site so you can view the same.



Fthr Roscoe hearing Graeme’s tales, photo Peter Higgs

Don’t miss next years Presidents Dinner, it is a must attend annual event.

Canada

Yes someone has been to Canada, well yes two of our members went. One of the most interesting maritime finds was a craft very similar to (apart from some construction details) the Terra Linna! Yes that is right the Terra Linna. When Peter and Dallas arrived at the Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston, Ontario we noticed their Maritime Museum. We pulled up in the street and had been doing shops and Niagara Falls so decided to do a Maritime Museum. Alas when we got to the door it was closed. Not to be outdone we headed around the back on the shores of the lakes. Before our eyes was a smaller (but not by much) version of the Terra Linna. What an incredible find.

We have since been in touch with the Museum and have an offer of some collaboration in that we can exchange information and history.

Their boat is called a Mowat Boat. Not to be confused with the “Mowat Boat that Could not Float”. From the Museums Web Site I have gleaned the following; “the Mowat boat, a Mackinaw type fishing vessel, 26 foot long, 9 foot beam, that was re-modelled by the father of Farley Mowat into a sail boat with a small cabin and a sloop rigging. The original fishing boat was built as a two-mast schooner and it was very characteristic of the fishing boats in the Great Lakes in the 1800s.”

The Mackinaw type fishing vessel is supposedly of Celtic origins. Have we overlooked the Celts when we decide the Terra Linna was designed from a whale boat?

We hope to be able to give you more information later when we present on our Canada experiences. Research by members into either Mowat Boats or Mackinaw type fishing vessels will be greatly appreciated.



Mowat Boat restoration, Kingston Ca, photo by Peter Higgs

The launching of a canoe!

Well Graeme Hunt has launched his canoe! What a great job Graeme. If you have not seen this work of art yet it will be at the AWBF in February 2007.

Swan Point Sea Trials

Well it is finally wet! Conceived on the Tamar,

gestated in Ian’s Shed, entered in three Wooden Boat Festivals, born in the Scout Hall, christened on the Huon River and finally launched at Tinderbox, the Swan Point Sea Kayak has proved it is not a coffee table!



In the water at last, photo by Judy Hunt

Last WBGT Rowing day I launched the kayak that has been the but of many snide remarks and constant ribbing. I am sure Ainesley and Roscoe thought it would never get its bottom wet. Well it did and it didn’t leak!

In 1997, (yes almost 10 years ago!), Ian Johnston, then Wooden Boat Guild President offered a kayak building class through Adult Education. The kayak was a Swan Point, designed by Patrick Livens, a Tasmanian from the Tamar River and a design that was very similar to the CLC Cape Charles.

Entered in the 1998 Australian Wooden Boat Festival as a primer-coated work in progress and virtually completed for the 2001 Festival exhibit in the Wooden Boat Guild demountable timber building, Swan Point was not brought out for the 2003 festival where I showed one of my two wood and canvas folding kayaks bought in the meantime from a work colleague. In 2005 Swan Point was back with a few more finishing touches.

Pressure on me to launch was building so I took the unusual step of having a proxy launch... of the epoxy kayak, at the Bishop’ Rowing day on the Huon in early 2005. I used a little wooden naval destroyer pond boat that I had made at school under the guidance of Keith Purdon in a bowl of water suitably coloured by the odd drop of Red, and standing in

the rain! Speeches, dedication and champagne- the whole lot.



The Proxy Canoe at launching, photo by Graeme Hunt

Crikey it's almost time for the 2007 festival. No more excuses about the little details that only I know need finishing! The Trial Bay rowing day was a possible launch date but the weather was foul – phew! Austin's Ferry Rowing Day, but the weather was not entirely pleasant. OK Roscoe, at Tinderbox, I promise.

By the time Judy and I arrived most of the rowers had headed off. A little help from David and Swan Point and the blue folding kayak were off the car and trailer and on the beach. After getting Judy underway it was climb in, wait for a wave and off we go. No fuss. It floats! The fancy inflatable seat cushion made me feel unstable so out that came and don't forget the skirt.

Well we were underway after all this time. Swan Point paddled well and the retractable skeg was brought into use straight away to counter the cross-wind. It works really well and she turns easily enough on the chines. Judy and I paddled off down the marine reserve and met the rowers on their way back. After sheltering in a quiet corner for photos we paddled back up the shoreline to the gathering for another convivial barbecue with friends. And the weather was brilliant for September.

By Graeme Hunt. Many thanks to Judy for her patience and understanding.



Judy is now allowed to paddle one of their folding canoes, photo by Graeme Hunt

“Where we are going”

This coming Saturday

- 18th November, Huon Show, Ranalagh Show Ground. We will have a stall in side an allocated shed with the Living Boat Trust. The *Teepookana* will be there and a couple of other boats are required. Contact 6295 1668 if you can help on the stall or with a boat for display.
- January Bar-B-Q at the Terra Linna site in Margate date and time to be advised
- AWB Festival February 2006
- March - Barnes Bay site, date and time to be advised
- April - Bullock Point site, date and time to be advised
- May - Orford site, date and time to be advised
- June - Lady Nelson site, date and time to be advised

Presenters are needed

At the next General Meeting of the WBGT Andy Gamlin has offered to talk about his recent experience rowing Viking Ships.

Do you have some thing you could present at a meeting to share with other members?

Some more photos of interest



Reverend Roscoe pontificating at the Presidents Dinner, photo by Peter Higgs



Ainesley and Ros Smith at the Presidents Dinner, photo by Peter Higgs



The President entertaining members at the Presidents Dinner, photo by Peter Higgs

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 20th November 2006

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

Meetings calendar for 2006/7

20 th November	19th March 2007
18 th December	16th April 2007
No January meeting	21st May 2007
19th February 2007	

Guest Speaker, 20th November

Andy Gamlin is to talk about his overseas experiences rowing Viking Boats across the oceans.

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