



Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Presidents Report – “Roscoe’s Ravings”

Well here we are again, it’s almost Christmas, the end of the year, a couple of days off, and we’re not ready for it, are we Boys and Girls? I’m not any way.

Christmas always seems to just creep up then ... bingo!

We had another very well attended meeting last month, there was standing room only and as well we had two visitors. Craig Strike from Victoria, who is the owner of the beautiful *Erica*, a Chris Craft style runabout and Graeme Broxam, author and Commodore of the Vintage Boat Club. Andy gave us an extremely interesting talk on his recent adventures in the replica Viking ship *Havbingstn fra Glendaloughh*. Thanks Andy.

The Huon show, as we heard at the last meeting was a wonderful success. It turned out to be a glorious day and our display, along with the Living Boat Trust, was a real cracker. Thankyou again to all the members who helped out and our trusty treasurer was able to deposit quite a substantial amount into the Guilds bank account.

Many of our Guild members are heavily involved with the Australian Wooden Boat Festival which last week launched the Derwent Skiff prototype in

Sandy Bay. What a great looking skiff. There was quite a large gathering of on-lookers, Guild members and a healthy contingent from the media. There was also an assortment of wooden boats, including our very own Tee Poo Kana.

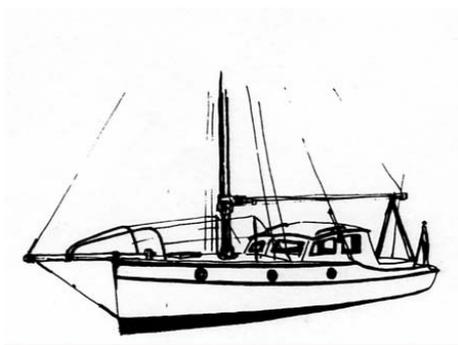
Last Saturday a handful of our members attended the Cruising Yacht Clubs Christmas party, a stinker of a day, but, that was countered by a glass of red in a nice shady corner and some interesting, yes you guessed it, discussion about *boats*, what else!

Speaking of Christmas parties....the Guilds is on this coming Sunday, the 17th, at the Mariners cottage in the park under the big oak tree starting 10.30 /11.00 to muck around in boats. 12.30 pm It’s the usual BYO everything, we will supply the BBQ but you have to cook your own tucker! If you so choose, you are welcome to bring your dinghy or canoe and have a row or paddle to work up an appetite.

So, on that note I would like to thank the committee for their assistance so far and wish all Guild members a wonderful Christmas and a cracker New Year with plenty of mucking around with boats.

What’s that I hear you say Cheryl.... Sunday 17th....it’s in the diary!

Roscoe



From the last WBGT General meeting

The last General Meeting of the Guild looked at the need to assess stock for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival Feb 2007 so we can again gain some additional funds for work on the Terra Linna.

We also discussed the year's calendar for 2007 and although there are not set venues or dates we appear to have a Wooden Boat Guild function including Rowing days every month of the year. Please see the calendar attached and check the WBGT Web site as the information will be updated.



Terra Linna Project report

The Terra Linna sub committee has reconvened and discussed options to get the project back on track. One of the first achievements has been to successfully have the yacht listed on the Australian National Maritime Museums register of Heritage Vessels.

This is quite a significant recognition of the vessels heritage value to both Tasmania and Australia generally. Having been through the process and recognizing that several members have vessels that would probably meet the registrations criteria I strongly urge those members to seriously consider applying to register their own vessels.

The Terra Linna sub committee has committed to the following;

- Writing to various Companies and Organisations to secure sponsorship in a variety of forms specifically for the restoration project. The requested pledges could take the form of materials or dollars so that we can engage a qualified shipwright to di-

rect work.

- As a result of having the Terra Linna placed on the register the sub committee is going to seek another session with Chris Wisby on the ABC Sunday Show to further promote the vessels heritage value and our restoration project.
- Make a recommendation to the WBGT that we commit a further \$2000.00 to the Terra Linna Project. This will bring our total commitment to \$7000.00.
- Encourage members to focus on our sales at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.
- Through the Australian Wooden Boat Festival we are going to convene and market an International Wooden Boat forum that can return an income for the project. We need a name if you can help. The theme will be about Dutch, Danish and the Australian Couta boats we hope and local Marine Art. How about "Art of Klogs, Kippers, Ketches and Couta's". More on this topic at the next General Meeting.

Launch of the "Derwent Skiff" + AWBF news



Derwent Skiff Launch

As our President indicated in his "Ravings" some members attended the launch of the "Derwent Skiff" designed by Alan Witt and built by Mark Singleton. At the launch many had a row including Cameron Wurf, one of our Tasmanian Olympic oarsmen who commented that it was a delight to row and very responsive in a similar way to racing craft. So there you are it sounds like a worth while project for individual members to try their hand at building one.

Plans will be available at the AWBF.

Members interested in a row will find the Skiff at “Errol Flynn” reserve Battery Point this Sunday.



Cameron Wurf puts the Derwent Skiff through her paces!

Bill Mearns Exhibition at Richmond



Bill Mearns (right) and Bill Foster at the Exhibition Launch

Bill Foster and Graeme Hunt took time to attend the Marine Art exhibition of Bill Mearns at the Richmond Gallery. Bill Foster was responsible for opening the exhibition, well done Bill. Bill Mearns attention to detail has always been a hallmark of his art. However, he has also commenced venturing into marine landscapes which is showing another dimension of this highly acclaimed and talented artist.



Shirley Foster and Sheila Mearns with Marine Landscape works in the background

Huon Show

What a great success the Guild’s presence at the Huon Show was. Much of the success can be attributed to sharing space with the “Living Boat Trust” with a very worthwhile display of wooden boats from both organizations.



The President contemplates at our site



Noel, the model master with his display

Information required re boats

Whilst at the Huon Show and the Bellerive Seafarers Festival the Guild received two enquiries seeking our assistance.

1. P Jackson of Cambridge has a Canoe measuring 12’ X 3’ made of Huon Pine ribs and King Billy Stringers. Available for the taking. Has a slight curve in the keel and needs re-canvassing. If you are interested phone 62446186
2. Katrina Sage (Reg Fazackerleys’s Grand Daughter) PO Box 40 New Town 7008. Ph 62286934 or mob 0409543332. Katrina grew up helping her grand father making his famous dinghy’s. She can recall seeing two or three of

the craft in various stages of construction at the one time. Reg claimed it was more efficient to have two or three craft on the build at the one time! Something we often hear about.

Katrina wants to hear from members if they can inform her of the whereabouts of any of the Fazackerly's dinghy's? She knows of the one at the DSS and the foyer of the Marine Board—but where are the rest?

If any one knows of the dinghys please let Katrina know and it would be great for the Skeg to know also so we can inform members and keep it on record.

CYCT Christmas Celebration

As Roscoe mentioned a small contingent from the WBGT attended the CYCT Christmas function in Otago Bay last Saturday afternoon. The food and company was just great.



Roscoe doffs his hat



Cheryll and Dallas enjoying the day

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 18 December 2006*

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

Meetings calendar for 2006/7

18 th Dec	16th April
No meeting Jan 07	21 st May
19th February	18 th June
19th March	16th July

Guest Speakers, 18th December

Peter Higgs and Dallas Manning will talk about their visit to Canada particularly the "Victori BC Classic Boat Show".

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Possible AWBF project

Roscoe is currently negotiating with the owners (a Guild member) of a beautiful boat at Kettering as to the possibilities of the Guild acquiring the boat to assist with the vision of the Guild “ To foster and maintain the art and craft of wooden boat building and our maritime heritage ”. If we are successful we may use the boat as a raffle at the AWBF. One of the conditions set by the owners is that the boat must go to someone who cares for her and is passionate about wooden boats. If sold at the AWBF we should be able to ensure that it goes to someone who meets the criteria and then the proceeds would go towards the restoration of the Terra Linna.



Chris Morton inspects the boat at Kettering

Don't forget :

WBGT Christmas Celebration at the Mariners Cottage this

Sunday 17th December 10 for 11 “muck about in boats”

12.30pm Bar –B—Q lunch BYO F &G

Calendar 2007

- 14th January 2007 bar-b-q and Terra Linna model presentation at Margate where the Terra Linna is stored at Peter Lindsays “Brookfield”. Will confirm. BYO everything.
- 9th-12th February 2007 Australian Wooden Boat Festival—all members required to staff stall. Roster will be distributed.
- 3rd and 4th March 2007 Barnes Bay “Duck Pond” rally and clean up.
- 22nd April 2007 Bishops Rowing Day
- 26th and 27th May 2007 Orford Rowing Day