



Presidents Report – “Roscoe’s Ravings”

Thank you David and Sally for your marvellous DVD titled ‘Mucking about in Boats’. It was great to see people enjoying their pride and joys and the “Festival” footage was also excellent.

I missed the Bishop’s rowing day because of work commitments but I believe it was a success, even if the weather wasn’t too flash to start off with - more in the Trip Leaders Report later in this edition.

As you may have noticed in the April SKEG, we now have our calendar mapped out until the end of the year. It all looks pretty exciting and a little bit of something to suit everyone.

I had a magic sail a couple of weeks ago in Terry and Vicky Lean’s beautifully presented Carmen, *Carefree*. There should be more of it. *Maori Lass* is still incomplete but now that the shop move is finally complete, and my other workload is dropping off, I should be able to spend much more time on my proper project and get it finished.

Speaking of projects, the *Terra Linna* sub committee have, I think, made some progress and Peter will reveal all at the next Meeting on Monday 21 May.

Recently I received a ‘phone call from a gentleman in New South Wales who was in the process of splining his H28 and was requesting information from me on how I achieved my goal on *Maori Lass*. Easy I said, it’s all done with mirrors

After much discussion I established that he had gleaned the original information from one of our SKEG’s, which he had accessed on our web site. So there, our web site is alive and well and being used for the purpose it was designed for – to disseminate information.

Yes, I agree with Peter that the web site is well worth looking at and the photo gallery is wonderful too. Congratulations to our Webmaster – Brian Marriott.

I will be unable to attend our next General Meeting because of work commitments. Unfortunately, I’ll be on Hamilton Island – working!

Our next outing will be our Orford Rowing Day or come for the weekend. There is plenty happening. The Trip Leader will be **David Gatenby** – so if you want any information give him a call (0428 391 432) or email

jigsawinvolvements@yahoo.com.au or be at the next

Meeting.

What’s that Cheryl – you’d rather a weekend at Hamilton Island than Orford. Don’t be silly. I’ll be working and not mucking around in boats!

Roscoe



Bullock Pt Rowing Day



Trip leader Jim Tayton returning from *Sylvena* on the right in *Jo Dwyer* & *Solveig* to left. Photo Graeme Hunt

After months of expectation the day finally arrived. Yes, John Bishop **was** there after arriving home on the Thursday evening after crossing Bass Strait in *Solveig* just in time to join Victoria in hosting another rowing day at their wonderful waterfront home at Bullock Pt. on the Huon River.



Have you seen John B—well yes! Photo Graeme Hunt



Trust me Judy, Victoria's got everything under control so we can just go sailing! Photo Graeme Hunt.

Jim Tayton had done a great job as trip planner and Peter had managed to get the instructions around with a supplementary e-mail or hand-out at the meeting.

"Meet at either the Northern ramp or the Southern ramp" were the instructions. I had arranged to meet Graeme Nichols at the Northern ramp but as I did not get there at the appointed time we met on the road and proceeded to the Southern ramp (beach). Peter Higgs phoned and asked where we were we replied at the Southern ramp and then we all met there. Brian Marriot and friends also arrived. Jim Tayton and Barb Murphy arrived by water in Jim's Tender Jo Dwyer. We helped launch Graeme's centerboard dinghy *Scorrebraec* and Brian's dinghy. They went for a sail and a row out past the fish pens whilst *Mystic* and Victoria's newly acquired Derwent skiff were launched from the sandy beach below Bullock Pt.



John and Judy Launch *Mystic* with the Derwent Skiff in the foreground. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Where are we off to Brian ? Over there Liz. Photo Graeme Hunt

Lunch was on the menu. Peter and I were both post-flight viral casualties so *Teepookana* stayed on the trailer.

Meantime Brian Walpole and his wife Liz arrived and

launched their delightful boat *Piccolo*.

Peter had reported an unmanned clinker dinghy waiting at the Northern ramp as he went past. Soon all was revealed to those with binoculars or a zoom lens. It was Robyn and Sherelle sitting amidships being chauffeured by that well known vigneron Erick Phillips from that great vineyard "No Regrets".



Sherelle waves to the onlookers, Erick keeps course and Robin has the kite ready to fly. Photo Graeme Hunt

Meantime John Bishop had enlisted help to wash down *Solveig* from *Mystic*. "Where is that John Bishop?" Victoria was heard to ask. John had been out rowing with colleagues since about 9:00am.

The BBQ was fired up and an enjoyable lunch was had by all including a number of members and guests who had arrived by car while the boats were being launched. In total there were 30 people there- what a great turn up! Had the Eastern Shore Restoration Brigade not been deterred by dire black clouds over Kingston we might have had a record.

Well I had to mention the weather eventually of course! Yes it showered and it occasionally got a bit windy but it was also sunny and calm at times. Far better than last time we were at Bullock Pt. when it rained a lot and was quite cold.



Robin decided to keep the kite up for lunch. Photo Graeme Hunt.

After lots of talk and socializing some had to leave to catch planes and others headed off to load up. When most had gone the real action began. Millard and Amanda arrived late? Judy took up John's offer to row in Victoria's *Derwent Skiff*... and she loved it! Graeme sailed *Scorrebraec* around the corner and they met mid stream and compared notes. Brian Walpole also put up

his sail and headed across river. John and Judy then launched *Mystic* to sail down to check to see if anyone needed help at the boat ramp.

The photos tell the story best. I hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed the day. Thanks again to John and Victoria. Yes we will be back!

Graeme Hunt and Jim Tayton

(Trip leader John Bishop; written by proxies Graeme and Jim)



Graeme Nicholls at the helm of *Scorrebraec*. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Brian M and crew, Jim Bonham & Wendy Auchincloss observe Graeme's beautiful *Scorrebraec*. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Barb Murphy enjoying a row in Carolyn Tayton's *Jo Dwyer*. Photo Graeme Hunt



Judy Hunt getting the feel of sculling in Victoria Bishop's *Derwent Skiff*. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Judy Hunt sculling in Victoria Bishop's *Derwent Skiff*. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Liz and Brian with *Picolo* under full sail. Photo Graeme Hunt.



Jim Tayton returning home in *Sylvena*

Secretary's Report

Not attending the last General Meeting there is not much for me to report. However what I do need to bring to everyone's attention is that **the next meeting of the WBGT Inc. will be the AGM. So if there are any notices of motion in regard to the forthcoming year members are reminded to raise the issues at this months General meeting so due notice can be provided to all members.**

All positions other than those that are of a 3 year term will be declared vacant **so please be prepared to nominate and be nominated as we always look forward to new office bearers and committee members stepping up to the wheel.**

I would like to wish David Murphy a speedy recovery as he has been on the sick list of late. From all of us at the WBGT Inc. David and Barb thinking of you both and looking forward to you both back on deck on *Whimbrell*, at out outings and meetings when it suits you both.

Terra Linna sub committee report

The sub-committee has mutually agreed to place the Terra Linna at Noel and Noelene Hall's house so that we can now proceed with our restoration work. There has been some discussion about building a replica. The sub committee has discussed this and our decision is that we will restore/rebuild Terra Linna as it is believed to be more conducive to ensuring some of the original material remain part of the vessel.

In the Classic Yacht Association of NZ publication *"Practical Guidelines for the restoration, preservation and use of Classic Boats"* they describe this as follows; *"Each vessel should be considered as a physical record of its time, place and use. The removal of historic materials, or alterations of features and spaces that characterize a vessel should be avoided. Examples of craftsmanship that characterize the vessel should be preserved"*. The publication goes on to define restoration/rebuilding as; *"The process of making the vessel suitable for practical and safe use. This can involve the replacement of structural components to a major degree so long as the designers original theme, shape and construction methods are used."*

For work to proceed we are going to work with Terry Lean, Bill Foster and John Philips as technical advisers. All of whom have contributed significantly to date with advice and planning needs.

Calendar 2007

- **10.30am, 22nd April 2007** Bishops Rowing Day Trip Leader John Bishop or Jim Tayton. See map in Skeg. **What a great Success and many Thanks to Victoria for her never ending hospitality. We extend this to John also for his obvious skills in boatmanship and just mucking around in boats!**
- **Time TBA, 26th and 27th May 2007** Orford Rowing Day Trip Leader David Gattenby
- **24th June 2007 Sailing Day on the Lady Nelson.** There is room for 30 passengers only who will get a chance to assist sailing the vessel whilst on our 2 hour cruise around the harbour. **"First in best Dressed"** so place your bookings with **Chris and Penny ph 62950278 or oldgaf-fers@bigpond.com** . Cost is **\$25.00 per head including tea and coffee.** Members are invited for a meal after the cruise, more detail later.
- **10.30 am, 22nd July 2007** Cygnet Yacht Club Trip leader Chris and Penny Morton
- **10.30am, 26th August 2007** Browns River Kingston Beach. Trip Leader Graeme Nichols & Graeme Hunt
- **10.00 am, 1 September 2007** Model Working Bee 185 Berridale Road Berriedale. Host Peter Higgs
- **10.30am, 22nd and 23rd September 2007** TAMAR River event. Trip Leader Roscoe Barnett
- **10.30am, 21st October 2007**, Dodges Ferry. Trip Leader Graeme Hunt
- **Time, Date and Event TBA, Piners Festival or WBGT Inc gathering, Strahan.** Trip leader Peter Higgs
- **10.30am, 2nd December 2007** Rowing Day and WBGT Christmas Luncheon, Mariners Cottage Battery Point.

Trip Leaders responsibilities; the Trip Leader is to confirm meeting paces and times (including maps) for the Skeg edition prior to the event. Skeg closing time is 2nd Monday of every month. Following the event the Trip Leader is to provide a short story and photos of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg. Thanks to Jim Tayton and Graeme Hunt for being John Bishops proxies to get this months Trip Leader report in.

Whilst on about the calendar Chris and Penny Morton have asked that I draw your attention to the Lady Nelson day. Please contact them to make your reservation.

VALE—Ross Murray, WBGT Inc. member

It is with sadness I advise members of the passing of Ross Murray. Ross resided in Victoria and we were notified by a member of the WBA Vic. Ross joined the Guild when he was employed in the University of Tasmania's Oceanographic section. Ross became known as the "Underpants Man" when assisting to move the "Terra Linna". At one stage of the task some one was required to be in deeper water so Ross stripped to his undies and waded in without any hesitation. After leaving Tasmania Ross maintained his membership with the Guild and still attended many functions arriving on his beloved bike. Ross passed away following a long illness.

Roscoe's Sailors Quiz corner

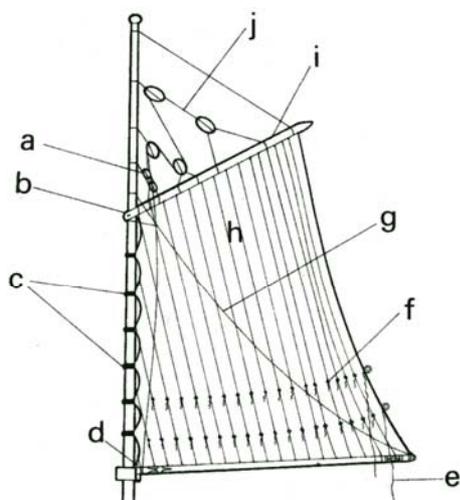
Answer to last months quiz; Illustration 1. was the correct answer.

Roscoe's May quiz

You never know there may be a prize for the most number of correct answers at the President's Dinner. So Keep your answers with the dates of completion countersigned by a JP.

Taken from "The Yachtsman's Quiz Book", Martin Muncaster, 1982, published David and Charles London.

Can you please provide the names of the various parts of a Gaff Rig?



General Meetings are on the 3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays, but not in the month of January.

The next general meeting of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. will include our AGM and will be held at the Mariners' Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing at 7.30 pm Monday 18th June 2007

There will be a committee meeting held at 6.00pm

Guest Speaker/s, 21st May 2007

At the meeting on the 21st of May Tony Lee will provide a DVD on the 20th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. This will probably take two meetings to view in its entirety.

Needed;

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Speaker/demonstration for next month**

Have you looked at our Web site lately? Its worth a look! Just ask Roscoe!!

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

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