



## “Roscoe’s Ravings”



One may often ask “who is doing all the work Roscoe?”

A good turn out for the AGM and only a couple of changes to the management team after the election of office bearers. Again, thank you to the outgoing members and welcome aboard to the incoming. I trust that we, as the Committee, will be able to guide the Guild through another very successful year and keep spreading the wooden boat ‘word’ as it were, encourage new members to join us and experience the great times we have messing about with wooden boats and start work on our major project, the Terra Linna restoration.

As far as boating weather, or weather in general for that matter goes, it has been absolutely abysmal, but then again it is winter and I suppose...well what can one say! We enjoyed a wonderful winters sail on the Lady Nelson for our June outing along with a sun-lit although chilly’ish BBQ. Where were the rest of you? How’s this for dedication. One of our members sailed his boat to Kings pier, went on the outing on the Lady Nelson, sailed home, then rode his bike back to the BBQ, enjoyed himself and a home brew!

In May, I was invited as Guild President, to the official opening of the Port Arthur’s Dockyard and was accompanied by one of our committee members Jim Tayton. It was an extremely enlightening afternoon with a speech from The Chair of the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, Hon (Pick-a-box) Barry Jones AO and the Honourable Paula Wriedt, MHA, Minister for Tourism, Arts and Environment (who increased the sponsorship to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival by \$100,000) thank you very much.

Would you believe that the bloke who started the slipway using only convict labour, to not only build the slipway but also to build the ships, the largest of almost 300 tons, was one John Watson...who is he, you might well ask?...well he was the gentleman who later built, lived in and developed a ship building business in front of the Mariners Cottages in Battery Point....where

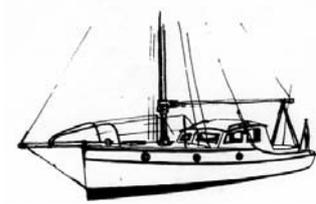
we now have our meeting rooms. We always thought the cottages were special, now we know they really are.

Another excursion of late, was to Forestry Tasmania at their Melville Street offices. Again, as Guild President, I was invited to the Chairman’s Inaugural Midwinter Open House and Corporate Function. Extremely interesting. You would be surprised at how much they do in the research department, mapping, strategic planning and so on, and what they try and achieve.... a balance? No, trust me, well.... I am just as cynical as many others, but we must not confuse them, Forestry Tasmania, that is, with other organisations who are involved with forests/trees and the ‘value adding’ thereof. That’s another debate entirely. We’ll go there another day.

In September, I’m the trip leader for the Tamar raid and I would like everyone who is interested to make their booking asap because it’s ‘gunna be a beauty’. Read on.

See you at the next meeting....and bring a wooden boat friend, or just a friend.

What’s that I hear you say Cheryl....never trust anyone who says ‘trust me’



Roscoe

## “Lady Nelson” Outing

The day dawned crisp and clear with temperatures below freezing, but with brilliant blue skies once the fog cleared. Those hardy souls who braved icy roads to get there assembled on the pier, all in high spirits (even before refreshments were served). We had a good roll-up, with a few last-minute dropouts, but still enough to contribute to the “Terra Linna” project coffers. It was heartening to see a few new faces along with the familiar ones, plus a couple of young ‘tars’ out for their first sail.

Once all were aboard, we motored out around the sea wall and upstream beyond the Tasman Bridge. The crew jumped into life, giving a well-rehearsed performance of traditional seafaring activity. Conversation

was drowned out as orders were bellowed and sails were lowered from the yardarms (prompting one member's wife to comment that it was refreshing to hear a woman giving the orders!) Sails billowed above, filling with the northerly breeze for a magnificent downstream run. We had a clear view of snow-capped Mt. Wellington and adding to the scenario was "Windeward Bound", also under sail, (and also under female? command) as she headed towards the Eastern Shore with a load of tourists.



**Lady Nelson Prepares**

Time to break out the refreshments and warm everyone up. Out came the thermoses and the foam cups as we imbibed in a wee tot of (no, not rum) gleuwein, a Guild tradition initiated by Peter and Dallas a few years ago one cold July day on the Coal River in Richmond. It was well received, as was the hot chocolate for the younger ones; Robin brought along two of his grandchildren, who seemed to enjoy the day as much as the rest of us.

One of the crew, a local historian, took small groups below-decks to tell us the history of the original "Lady Nelson", built on the River Thames and launched in 1798 for Colonial service. She made a voyage to Port Jackson in 1800 (the first ship to sail through Bass Strait from west to east) then made many voyages, including bringing settlers to Australia from Norfolk Island. In 1825 she was plundered, burnt and the crew killed near the island of Babar.



**Sails billowing**

The full-sized replica ship was built in Tasmania in 1987-8 by the Tasmanian Sail Training Association and launched at Woodbridge. She spent many years plying waters beyond Tasmania before returning in 1996 to commence a volunteer-based sail training programme. Tasmania's own Tall Ship, she participated in the 1998 Tall Ships Race from Sydney to Hobart, has made several commemorative voyages and has made three circumnavigations of the state.



**Robin & grandchildren Joe & Elsa**

After sailing past Sandy Bay and Battery Point, our outing concluded as the crew furled sails and we motored back to Elizabeth Pier. It was a lot of fun and appeared to be enjoyed by all.

We then headed for the Mariners' Cottage to set up the barbeque for yet another terrific BYO lunch and the customary Guild conviviality.

Roscoe and Cheryl's guest, Henk, had some interesting tales to tell, of Antarctica and other exotic spots. It was good to welcome Ron and Lillian Macdonald from Verona Sands, who are 'not very active' members and proud owners of lovely "Lily", moored at Charlotte Cove. David and Sally made the trip over from Primrose Sands, bringing along neighbour Barry, whom we remember from the Orford weekend as well as from their presentation on messing about in boats in eastern waters.

One member made an above average effort to be there. Brian Walpole not only arrived at the docks by boat, his delightful wee "Piccolo", which he later sailed home, but then proceeded to peddle up to the cottage on his bike! That's quite an effort

All in all, it was a successful day and a lot of fun. Thanks to those who braved the winter chill to join us.



**Brian Walpole arrives at the Bar-B-Q**

Article by Penny Morton and Photos by David Morton

P.S. For those who asked, here is the Gleuwein recipe.

## Gleuwein recipe

(12 serves)

1 1/2 cups boiling water

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 Lemon sliced

3 sticks cinnamon

3 whole cloves

1 bottle Red Wine (don't sacrifice quality)

Combine boiling water, sugar, lemon, cinnamon & cloves. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add wine and simmer for 20 mins (DO NOT BOIL AGAIN), stand and serve hot with a sprinkling of nutmeg. Hope I translated this OK!



## Well what does one do when they can't find much to do—Build another Boat!

Noel and Noelene Hall head of the Eastern Shore boat building chapter of the Guild found a need to build something to take on Guild rowing days. Noel also thought having a project like this would help Noelene convalesce after her hip replacement. So here are some shots of progress on what is starting to look like a pretty slick craft. Photos by Graeme Hunt.



Noel hard at work in his shed



If you can't pick her lines I am sure Noel will be only too happy to tell you more



You can't see it so well here but there aren't too many who can use the Blackwood Dining Table to support the moulds!

## The WBGT Inc Library

More books for the library, more grist for the mind

Chris Morton has kindly donated these books to the WBG.

**Gaff rig / John Leather** ; with drawings by the author

This is a handbook for those designing, building, rigging or sailing gaff rigged craft. It provides an insight into the design, history, techniques and developments of a rig which has evolved through the centuries. The author outlines the practical aspects of the masts, spars, sails, running and standing rigging, and contrasts the development of the gaff rig in Britain, America, Scandinavia and France.

**Coastal navigation / Jeff Toghill.**

The essential handbook for anyone wishing to learn the principles of small-boat navigation. Jeff Toghill provides comprehensive information accompanied by numerous charts and over 100 diagrams and photographs. Practical and easy to follow, **Coastal Navigation** is an indispensable guide.

Contents include dealing with charts and compasses, navigational equipment, how to plot a course, understanding the effects of winds, currents and weather systems, and correct harbour practice. In this 3<sup>rd</sup> edition there is a new chapter on electronic coastal navigation.

**Classic boat seamanship / Martin Tregoning**

A complete guide to sailing a gaff-rigged boat; this book takes the sailor from the appreciation of the rig, to getting under way, manoeuvring under power and sail, anchoring, mooring, mastering traditional helmsmanship, to returning the boat safely to her berth. Also included is a comprehensive glossary of sailing terms.

**This is rough weather cruising / Erroll Bruce**

Read this book on a nice calm day. If you need this book, it's probably too late to read it. In rough weather you are tired, wet, perhaps a little queasy, getting around the boat is dangerous and difficult. Bruce lays out clear and simple strategies for managing yourself and the boat in bad conditions. You can sail safely in dreadful conditions, as long as you know what you are doing. A good workbook for that bad weather.

**Handbook for Radiotelephone Ship Station Operators / Australian Government Publishing Service, Canberra**

Also Ainsley Smith has donated this book.

**Small Ship Manual / Published by Marine Board of Queensland, 2nd Edition**

This is *the* small boat safety and seamanship manual It includes questions and answers for examinations for certificates of competency.

And Millard Ziegler has donated

**One Hundred and One Tips and Hints for Your Sailboat / Jacques Damour**

... and there are; with good illustrations.

Many thanks to Millard for his librarian work and to the donations of Chris Morton, Ainsley Smith and Millard Ziegler.

## Secretary's Report

Well we have been a bit out of circulation lately (Dallas and I) due to some very necessary renovations and maintenance at 36 Topham St before it could be rented out again. We are nearly there so hope to start enjoying the Guild outings again.

As Roscoe mentioned we have had the AGM and I too would also like to thank outgoing committee members and welcome the incoming. I am sure you will enjoy your time helping the Guild out.

### Some news from Interstate WBA.

Firstly remember that the Interstate WBA News Letters are presented to each Guild meeting after which you can borrow the same from the Library just talk to Millard about the same.

### The Log Qld

- More on the "Duyfken" Replica.
- Lake Cootharabah Camp
- Bribie and Caloundra Classics
- An interesting for sale column

### Scuttlebut NSW

- Bantry Bay Gathering
- Pittwater News and Views
- The "Dghajsa" traditional Maltese boat
- Sydney yacht with rocket history
- Hal Harpur Award nominations

### SA

Weekend Charity Regatta, Hindmarsh Island 20 and 21st Oct 2007. Nomination form available.

## Terra Linna sub committee report

Brian Marriott has now updated the Web site so that donations to the project can be made online so if any member knows of prospective donors please direct them to;

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

The Terra Linna sub committee has met this week and set the following Milestones for the project;

**Major Milestone** - Have the Terra Linna at AWBF 09

**Minor Milestones** - Sept 07; Temporary Shed Approval, Insurance negotiated, Timber acquired from Zinifex. By October 07 - Shift Terra Linna. By Mid November - Finish Temp Shed. December/January commence work on restoration.

Eighteen letters for potential sponsorship have been sent out and we have had 2 positive responses.

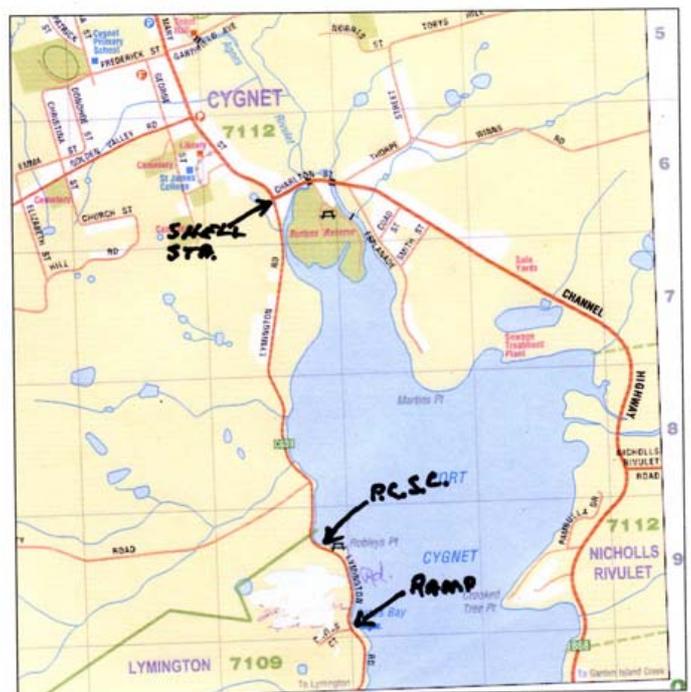
## Calendar 2007

- **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 Berridale. 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 places 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.

## STOP PRESS

**Whilst on about the calendar Chris and Penny Morton have asked that I draw your attention to the arrangements for the Port Cygnet Rowing Day.**



Port Cygnet Rowing Day, 22/7/007. Co-Hosts Chris and Penny, Robin and Cherelle

**Gather at the Port Cygnet Sailing Club (see map) at 10:30a.m.**

The on-site launching facilities include a gravel ramp, a sandy beach area a few yards to the left, and a jetty with a floating pontoon. There is a concrete launching ramp a hundred metres further down the road if you prefer, for launching off a trailer. The water is deeper there too.

The rowing possibilities include pottering around the club fleet for a 'sticky', Burton's Reserve bird sanctuary, see map, OR a row across to Crooked Tree Point where friendly natives will greet the fleet with a soul-warming libation, if you don't mind pulling up on a shore with more rocks than sand.

Port Cygnet Sailing Club will make their barbeque facilities available, **BYO food as usual**. The club room will be open so inclement weather is not a problem, and the jug will be hot. PCYC is a licensed premises and bar drinks will be available at quite moderate prices.

See you all there PCC&R

## **Roscoe's Sleeping Arrangements!**

Now he's got your attention Roscoe wants to enlighten you to his arrangements for the ;

**10.30am, 22nd and 23rd September 2007 TAMAR** River event. Trip Leader Roscoe Barnett

My intention is to stay at the Low Head Pilot Station overnight, probably have a meal in George Town, and on Sunday go for a row somewhere and check out the Bass and Flinders Centre where the Norfolk is now living.

The Low Head Pilot Station can provide the following accommodation:

a.. Pilot's House	Sleeps 8	(1 x Queen, 1 x Double, 2 x 2 singles)
b.. Boatman's	Sleeps 6	(1 x Queen, 2 x 2 singles)
c.. Boat Crew East	Sleeps 6	(1 x Queen, 2 x 2 singles)
d.. Boat Crew West	Sleeps 6	(1 x Queen, 2 x 1 single, 1 x 2 singles)
e.. Light House Keepers	Sleeps 6	(1 x Queen, 2 x 2 singles)

The first four cottages are located within 150m of each other at the Low Head Pilot Station the Light House Keepers Cottage is 900m by road to the north of the Pilot Station (5 m south of the cliff!!).

"First in best bedded" Roscoe.

*General Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 be held at the Mariners' Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing at 7.30 pm Monday 18th July 2007*

*There will be a committee meeting held at 6.00pm*

**For the AGM members are to be financial so please complete the attached membership form and bring it along with your subs on Monday night.**

**Nominations required also.**

## **Guest Speaker/s, 16th July 2007**

As of yet we do not have a guest speaker. All equipment will be available for some one who wants to speak.

**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!!**

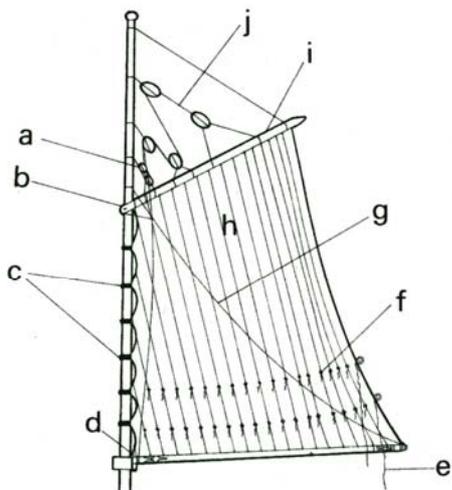
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## Roscoe's Sailors Quiz corner

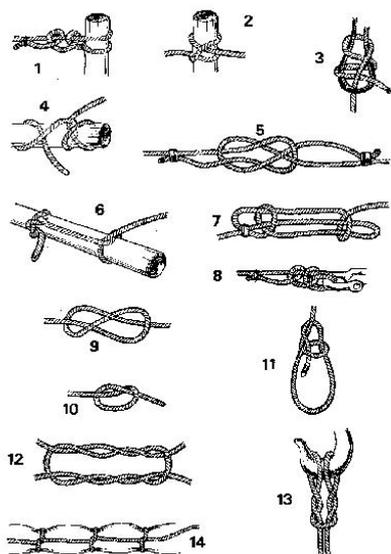
Taken from "The Yachtsman's Quiz Book" Martin Muncaster.



Answer to May's quiz;

- a. Throat halyard
- b. Gaff jaws
- c. Mast hoops
- d. Tack
- e. Reef pendants
- f. Reef points
- g. Topping lift
- h. Gaff mainsail
- i. Gaff
- j. Peak halyard

### May Quiz



From the May Quiz diagram name the knots, bends and hitches illustrated in 1—14.

Roscoe is getting quite nervous about this quiz competition as he now knows he is providing the prize for the most correct answers at the Presidents Dinner.

## Sylvena - d'Alpuget by Jim Tayton

I've been chasing up the history of *Sylvena* recently, and came across the following reference in the late Lou d'Alpuget's book *Yachting in Australia*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition (Hutchinson 1980), page 214. He is discussing the severe weather conditions often encountered in the Montagu Island Race, which was held in early October.

"In 1959 the three biggest competitors, *Kurrewa IV*, 65 ft; *Solo*, 57 ft and *Even*, 54 ft, sailed the course in light to moderate winds which swung into a south-west gale and brought the back markers flying home before it. Sid Moray's 38 ft *Sylvena* flew 60 nm too far and suffered what was officially described as a 'harrowing experience' off Newcastle Harbour. The sloop *Lass o' Luss*, 35 ft, was dismasted, and *Archina*, a 52 ft ketch, lost her mizzen. Further south, off Ulladulla, Phil Rudder's beautifully-appointed 45ft *Blue Waters* (formerly *Janet M*), crewed by youngsters from Avalon (Pittwater) Sailing Club, ran aground on a reef and was pounded to pieces when the southerly hit her. All the crew was saved."

Sounds like a good race to have missed! I will complete the full article for future inclusion in the Skeg or Rudder.



The Bar B Q scene after the "Lady Nelson" WBGT Sailing day