



Presidents report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

Daylight savings is back....that's rightit gives us more time to enjoy our water bound pursuits....sorry Cheryl....and the gardening of course. How remiss of me to forget that most important issue!

After a nice sail down the Derwent the other day with crew member Jim, *Maori Lass* is now in North West Bay on her own mooring, not far from *Whimbrel* so with any luck I'll be able to complete my much over due maintenance programme....yes Cheryl....after I do the garden!

I am hoping that in the 'fullness of time' the Guild will be able to hold two or three 'big boat' outings each year instead of just the one at Barnes Bay. We've got larger vessels in the Guild and we should be enjoying them the same way as we enjoy our smaller vessels.

Last months meeting was another good one with George Burrows giving us a great talk on Pond Yachts, their designs and how they were sailed on ponds and the Derwent. He was also kind enough to bring along some of his un-rigged antique models for all to see what he was talking about. Thanks George it was most informative. Wouldn't have minded a couple of them for my humble collection!

The Tamar River event was a cracker, great company, great weather. We could not have asked for a better weekend. A full report later in the Skeg.

The Terra Linna 'Team' were at the Zinc Works the other day and the Guild now have a 'truck load' of timber for the project, again, thanks 'Team' and there will be more on this later in this edition as well.

Has everyone booked for the **Presidents Dinner** at the Bellerive Yacht Club on **Friday November 23** if not, please ring Cherelle or Robin ASAP to confirm on **03 6243 9033**

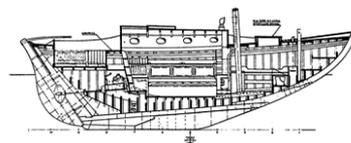
Keep an eye on the 'Calendar' in the Skeg as there is plenty happening between now and the end of the year, starting with a visit to **Dodges Ferry**, Sunday 21 October with Graeme Hunt the trip leader. Cherelle and Robin are drawing up rosters for those available to man, or should I say, person (doesn't sound right) our stall at both the **Seafarers Festival** Bellerive, Sunday 28 October and the **Huon Show** Saturday 17 November and **A Celebration of the Piner's Punt** on the weekend of 17-18 November in Strahan.

As I said, there is plenty happening, and if you can't attend one particular outing, it doesn't matter, there is always another one next month.

See you at the next meeting on **Monday 15 October at 1930hrs** and as always, bringafriendalong.

Yes Cheryl....you really are my bestest, bestest friend....no not *Maori Lass* (gulp)

Roscoe



Tamar River Rowing Day

22-23 September 2007

When I visited the Low Head Pilot Station a month or so ago before this weekend it was pouring rain and the wind was blowing so hard, that to keep upright I had to lean at what seemed to be 45 degrees into the wind....great I thought. The manager, Howard Nichol assured me that it wasn't like that all the time. Oh really! I'll have to keep my fingers crossed that it's better for the Guild's visit.

And what a fantastic day the Saturday turned out to be, and Sunday was just as good as well. Thank you Huie!

The Barnett's started off well with little *Bumtickle* trailing behind on a trailer that should have had it's wheel bearings replaced before the trip. But no, as usual Barnett ran out of time. Guess what? Stopped in Perth for a dunny stop to find that one of the wheels had 'shat' it-self. The trailer has those 10" wheelbarrow type wheels with the bearings in them.

Fortunately the trailer has a spare and while I was doing the change over, I thought we were out of sight, in front of the dunnies but who should spring me covered in grease....but the Smiths. Just as well because Ainesley and Ros were of great moral assistance and humour and then followed us to a couple of bearing suppliers who, of course, couldn't supply what I needed. And the supplier that could closes at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. We were there at 11.20am!

Everyone was running a little late and all bar the Barnett's eventually arrived at the Bass and Flinders Centre in George Town for their guided tour. Jim Tayton will kindly elaborate on this, as the designated Trip Leader missed the whole show.

The Trip Leader and his offsider were on the other side of the Tamar at Kelso inspecting a beautiful little 11' King Billy dinghy built in 1960 by A.E Jack and Son that was in desperate need of a new home....say no more....just as well Roscoe's truck has carry bars!

The Barnett's caught up with the rest of the gang back in George Town just in time for lunch at the pub. Wasn't bad either. Then we all made our way up to the Low

Head Pilot Station where Howard got us settled in to our accommodation. Later in the afternoon Howard entertained us with stories about the Pilot Station and an extremely interesting tour of the Museum. I would recommend a visit to the museum to anyone who visits the area.

So....now it's that time of the afternoon, 'fivesies', we needed one of the Guilds 'come and have a drink pennants', well, we didn't really. Howard had set us up in the boatshed with tables, chairs, cutlery and a BBQ, what more did we need. It was a fantastic evening, plenty of delightful food and needless to say plenty of "Red" to wash it all down, and as you could well imagine plenty of polite chit chat along with

Photo Penny Morton



Howard Nicholls welcomes members to Low Head Pilot Station



Members enjoying the "Boat shed" Bar-B-Q with GH the birthday boy centre

Photo Penny Morton

all the lies from the boys about whose boat has got this and that. No one had to drive; we just had to negotiate the quadrangle.

Mrs Tayton just happened to have in her esky) for Graeme Hunt who had his #*!?!th birthday. A great Guild evening and a big thank you to Carol for a most delicious chocolate cake.

Sunday morning bright and early we all headed down to a small launching ramp behind the Boatshed. There was the Guild's *Teepookana*, the Hall's *Deb*, the Higgs *Eltin Ronan* and the Barnett's *Bumtickle*

Photo Penny Morton



Guild and members boats assembled

along with the Smith's in the borrowed *King Billy Dinghy* off Roscoe's roof racks which hadn't been in the water for 3-5 years. While Ainesley rowed, Ros was seen to be doing quite a bit of bailing! But that's always the case I overheard someone say. Really, it wasn't bad considering how long it had been out of the water.

We rowed round to Lagoon Bay, not too far but far enough....beautiful clear water with a beautiful sandy come rocky bottom. Graeme and Noel had sped ahead in the delightful *Deb* and gone ashore and planted the Guild burgee firmly in the sand claiming the beach as ours....well you get the picture!

Then it was a brisk row against a slight headwind back to the Pilot Station so we could all get up to the Low Head Lighthouse for the 12 o'clock Fog Horn demonstration. **Awesome**. The brochure on the Fog Horn

reads...."During still nights and days, when sea and river fog encompassed the area the roar of a thousand elephants would be heard for distances of up to 20 miles." It truly is one of those 'must do' things. So, after having our hearing rearranged it was back to the Pilot Station to load all the dinghies onto trailers and vehicles and of course, lunch. Again I can highly recommend the Coxswain's Cottage Café for a light lunch.

Photo Peter Higgs



Early sketch of the Low Head Light House in the Pilot Station Museum holdings

Time was marching on and the Halls, the Mortons and the Higgs along with Graeme Hunt all headed off back to the big smoke, leaving the Barnetts, the Taytons and the Smiths who finished the afternoon off with a sight seeing trip to the Beaconsfield Mine where we enjoyed their marvellous museum. I had no idea that the mine was so old.

The 6 of us had a brilliant slap up dinner in the Pilots Cottage, sorry Mrs Tayton, but it was good and would you believe another couple of glasses of "Red"....this is where the story ends because I can't remember any more!!

No, that's not true. We had a very enjoyable evening. The next day we all headed back to Hobart. I had planned a 9am meeting with Don Mackrill from the Bass and Flinders Centre in George town to discuss an up coming event there, but unfortunately Don was unable to attend. The Barnetts, stopped at all the bearing outlets on the way, finally getting the bearings in Launceston although the spare got us home in one piece.

I felt a bit guilty at this stage, while we were still in holiday mode some of the Guilds tireless workers were sorting timber at the Zinc Works (Nyrcstar). Well-done team.

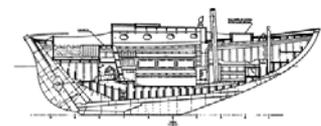
All in all it was a Cracker weekend. The members had a great time and as well as boating, sight seeing, eating and drinking we chatted to interested members of the public, one of whom, John Smeeton the designer of many boats along with the *Feather Dinghy* has applied for membership. It's always great to get new members on board.

Thankyou to all who attended but yet another great Guild function.

What's that I hear you say Cheryl....NO more dinghies?Well I am the President you know!

Editor note: Many thanks to Roscoe and Cheryl for all of the planning and particularly such a wonderful weekend of boating, good friends and plenty of cheer—well done!

Roscoe



Bass & Flinders Centre Visit

The first item on the agenda was a visit to the Bass and Flinders Centre at Georgetown. The group drifted in at intervals, and there were some who didn't make it at all! So we got going somewhat late, but were treated to a most enthusiastic and comprehensive talk and tour of the Centre by Don Mackrill. Don and the rest of the team have done a remarkable job in setting up the Centre, which opened its doors to the public less than 12 months ago.

The replica of the Norfolk and of the Elizabeth (a replica of the whale boat that Capt John Kelly sailed round Van Dieman's Land in 1815) are the highlights of the display, and have been set up fully rigged. These vessels, created by Bern Cuthbertson, have been used to re-enact voyages of Bass, Flinders and Kelly. Members may recall that Graham Dudgeon crewed on the Elizabeth on a voyage



The replica "Elizabeth" now installed at the Bass & Flinders Centre. For its re-enactment ably crewed by member Dr Grahame Dudgeon who served as ships doctor also.

At the time of our visit there was also a display of English motorcycles. Many thanks to Don and his crew for their welcome.

After the tour, all those present moved across the road for lunch at the pub, where we were joined by the president and Cheryl. The dining area had a great view across the Tamar, and we all enjoyed the food and company. A post luncheon inspection of a clinker dinghy mysteriously acquired by the president on his way north was followed by a short drive to the Low Head Pilot station.



Georgetown Hotel lunch stop

Photo Dallas Higgs



The "Norfolk" replica now installed at the Bass & Flinders Centre

Photo Peter Higgs

from Westernport Bay to Sydney. As well as numerous smaller exhibits the Centre also boasts a Tom Thumb-like dinghy, and exhibits related to the Tamar Area. These include a Tamar class sailing dinghy and a clinker sailing vessel previously used by the sea scouts at Launceston.

Photo Peter Higgs



Members receiving a lesson on the replica "Norfolk"

Photo Dallas Higgs

More on this later.

Jim Tayton

Secretary's & "Terra Linna" report

Well what can one say that will top the preceding 3 reports this month. Thanks to Cheryl, Roscoe and Jim for making my job easier. The visits and tasks achieved over the last month are indicative of the value and friendship the Guild provides for its members and friends.

In regard to the "Terra Linna" Project we seem to be slowly but surely edging our way toward getting on with the real stuff for the restoration. Much of the timber has been donated by Nyrstar (formerly Zinnifex) thanks to them awarding us a Community Grant.

Photo Peter Higgs



Noel sorting and selecting suitable timbers at Nyrstar

Monday 24th September the Eastern Shore annexe of the WBGT went to Nyrstar to select the timber donated to the Terra Linna Project. They collected and stacked 4212 super ft of King Billy, Cellery Top & Oregon, starting at 9.00am and finishing at 2.00pm including the compulsory Nyrstar Induction.



Stacking the 4,212 super ft. of timber at Nyrstar 6ft X 4ft6in X 12ft (average) including timber of the following dimensions 8X3, 8X2, 4X3, 6X2, 4X4 and 6X5 assorted King Billy, Cellery Top and Oregon.

Photo Peter Higgs

However, we will still need considerable supplies of Huon Pine for the restoration.

On top of donating the timber Nyrstar also hired a TOLL truck and delivered the timber to Noel's house for us on Friday 5th October. Many thanks to members who made themselves available to help unload at short notice.

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We have received information about some of the paint and other finishes being made available to us through Peter Johnston Ship Chandlers and one of their major suppliers. More on this later.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Unloading the timber at Noel and Noelen's

We have also been invited to apply for a new Forestry Tasmania Community Grant which we are currently investigating.

There has also been discussion with George Burrows in regard to his interest in financially supporting the "Terra Linna" restoration project but a little more planning is required to establish a mutually agreed outcome.

The next move will be to move the Terra Linna from Margate to Noel and Noelene's so that the real work can begin.

Also we have managed to run another model making working bee where we have completed 40 models apart from rigging. These will be sold at the Belerive Seafarers Festival and the Huon Show to raise funds for the "Terra Linna" project. Members will be asked to bag



Photo Peter Higgs GH's camera

A well earned tea break with many stories told!

some of the completed models at the next meeting.

Peter Higgs

Help Frank Moore unravel the "Runnymede" story

I have received an enquiry from Frank Moore of Western Australia who will be visiting us in late October. He writes

"I am tracing Frank's family connections His great grandfather was Thomas Moore , reputedly a boat-builder of Hobart, and Thomas' brother was Frederick Moore, boat builder of Launceston. We also have a beautiful oil painting of the Runnymede, a whaling ship of which Frank's great grandfather on the other side, was reputedly Captain. Also a very old notebook of his where he has worked out his longitude, etc."

"If you have any information on these gentlemen, I would be thrilled to hear it ...or if you can steer me towards any possibly useful archives. Thanks!" **Any responses to Millard Ziegler please.**

Got your interest?

"Wooden' Miss This For Quids!"

The 2008 Whyte Just & Moore, Geelong Wooden Boat Festival!

Labour Weekend, March 2008

Following the highly successful 2007 Festival, most of the planning for next year's festival has been decided.

Next year's event will be held during the weekend of 8th, 9th and 10th of March at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before as there will be no conflict Hobart or Goolwa.

Everyone at the club is looking forward to hosting a bumper 'crop' of Wooden Boats.



The 2008 Festival will produce a magnificent display of wooden boats of all shapes and sizes, from clinker built dinghies, large topsail cutter, putt putts, dories, classic speedboats, yachts, fishing boats, old ocean racers, harbour greyhounds, and ex-pilot launches!

Special shore-based displays of wooden boat building actually in progress will highlight the woodworking artistry of prominent boat builders. This will surely complement the fine assembly of our outstanding Victorian maritime heritage.

The Festival's Concourse d'Elegance, a cavalcade of sail and races close to the shoreline will put icing onto an incredible cake!

Something for everyone. The 2008 program will again include a Grand Parade of Boats and Cavalcade of Sail, a Concourse d' Elegance, racing for the Corio Bay Couta Boat Cup, the Corio Bay Classic Wooden Yacht Cup and the Passage Races from Melbourne and Portarlington.

The guest speaker at the 2008 Whyte, Just & Moore, Geelong Wooden Boat

Festival will be the Irish yachtsman and yachting historian, Hal Sisk. Who is Hal Sisk? I hear you say. Well for one, Hal Sisk bought the 'Peggy Bawn' in early 2003.

Another question? What's the 'Peggy Bawn'? OK let's drop back a couple or three years to the winter of 1893 - 94 (yes, 1893) when George Lennox Watson of Glasgow, Scotland, while at the height of his career, drew up the plans of this unique sailing yacht, the Peggy Bawn.

George Watson was at the top of his profession when the 'Peggy Bawn' came off his drawing board, and only one year before, he'd overseen the launch of the Prince of Wales's 'Britannia' and watched her near sister, Lord Dunraven's Valkyrie II, being beaten by the American defender Vigilant in the 1893 America's Cup. He then designed a third Valkyrie for a second attempt at The America's Cup and followed that up with the cutter 'Meteor II' for Kaiser Wilhelm II.

The 'Peggy Bawn' was badly laid up, suffered two aborted rescue attempts and was in a hay barn near Dunmore East, Ireland. She'd really endured many years of neglect. Her restoration looked to be a daunting task and Hal Sisk found this to be a much bigger task than he'd hoped for because the original drawings had been destroyed.

Hal is an expert at goal setting and patience and never lost sight of his goals, despite things taking longer than he hoped. The fact that he knew exactly what the boat was going to be doing was quite a motivator. For the team that Hal assembled for the project, launching day at Crosshaven in Co. Cork on June 16th 2005 was quite an emotional affair. Soon after, the 'Peggy Bawn' was cruising and racing on Celtic seas and beyond once more. On the helm, new owner Hal Sisk! A mere 111 years after her original launch at Carrickfergus in 1894! So, after more than 80 years, the 36ft long cutter yacht 'Peggy Bawn' is a remarkable survivor from a golden age of yachting style and craftsmanship. You'd be crazy to miss it! Why 'wooden' you put these dates in your diary? Contact the Royal Geelong Yacht Club

on (03) 52293705 or e-mail to info@rgyc.com.au

Calendar 2007

- **10.30am, 21st October 2007**, Dodges Ferry.
Trip Leader Graeme Hunt
- **Sunday 28 October 2007** Seafarers Festival,
Bellerive Board Walk.
- **Saturday 17th November 2007** Huon Show
- **Saturday 17th & 18th November 2007, A Celebration of the Piner's Punt. More detail in the next Skeg.** Trip leader Peter Higgs
- **Presidents Dinner 23rd November 2007** 6pm
for 6.30pm Bellerive Yacht Club
- **10.30am, 2nd December 2007** Rowing Day and
WBGT Christmas Luncheon, Mariners Cottage
Battery Point.
- 2008 Calendar dates and venues in next Skeg

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 for text and 1st Monday for photos 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.

Dodges Ferry Rowing Day Sunday October 21st

Sunday October 21st is the date of our next Rowing Day. Meet at the Dodges Ferry boat ramp at 10:30. It is a good double ramp beside a beach. Depending on the wind direction and tide we can row in either Pittwater or Blue Lagoon. It might be fun to bring a picnic morning tea to have on the sandbanks or on Little Spectacle Island. There are two BBQs but not much shelter at the Boat Park. The local Pub has a Sunday lunch so perhaps we could go there or the bakery or take-away if the weather is inclement. We will discuss this at the meeting.

To get to the Boat Ramp follow the Arthur Highway through Sorell to Forcett, turn right to Dodges, drive past the Dodges Ferry shops and take the first turn to the right (this could be Tiger Head Road). About 40 minutes from the city.



Low Head Light House & Fog Horn

Photo Graeme Hunt

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 be held at the Mariners' Cottage, Napoleon Street, Battery Point commencing at 7.30 pm Monday 15th October 2007

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

Guest Speaker/s, 15th October 2007

Graeme Nicholls will talk to the group about his experiences building "Scorrybreac".



Needed;

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
3. **Speaker/demonstration for next month**
4. **Volunteers Huon Show**

Try this link to our Web site to check our next function and the weather!

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

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**Presidents Dinner
à la Christmas**
Friday 23rd November 2007

Bellerive Yacht Club

Marina Room (downstairs)

6pm for 6.30pm

MENU

Nibble Platters at the BAR

CARVERY

Turkey with cranberry sauce

Ham with apple sauce

Baked potato & pumpkin with hot seasonal
vegetables

DESERT

Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce

Pavlova with fresh fruit and King Island cream

Cheese Platter

Tea and Coffee

\$40.00 per head

RSVP to Robin 62439033 by Friday 16th November – limited seats

More Low Head photos by
Graeme Hunt

