

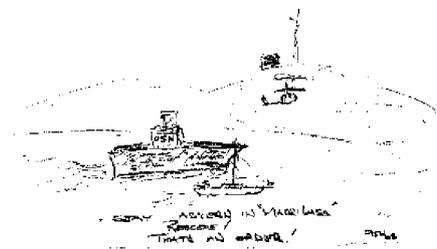


Presidents May report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

Thanks for a cracker Skeg last month Peter, it was a beauty.

You may all be pleased to know that *Maori Lass* is back on her much altered mooring in Northwest Bay, Howden (after being escorted down the River Derwent by the *USS Tarawa*, so as she could not get into anymore trouble!) with all the repairs complete and a freshly anti-fouled bottom. Thank goodness. As 'Bigsey' who did the salvage and repairs said "100 metres either way and she would have been match sticks".

Now all I have to do is prepare her for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. It's a good thing that these Festivals come along every two years as it makes boat owners get, or keep their vessels in good condition; keep the varnish and paint work up to scratch and so on. They all need to look great on the day!



Maori Lass, keep astern of USS Tarawa! That's an order!

Preparations for the AWBF are coming along nicely with many of the Guild Members being on the organising committee and don't forget if you feel like becoming a volunteer at the Festival, just speak to one of us. We will also have our Wooden Boat Guild stand at the Festival as we always do, and of course will need Members to man this stand.

My 'new' sailing dinghy, *Lovett Bay*, still has not arrived from Sydney, but in reflection it is probably a good thing as I can't keep up with what I've got on my plate now! I even missed the last *Terra Linna* working bee, sorry. There will be a report on this later in this edition.

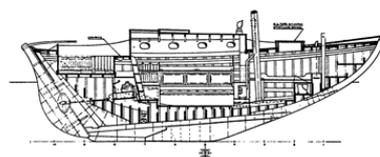
I have spoken to many members and been told that the Green Island rowing day was a beauty. Missed that one too but I'll be able to catch up when I read Roly's report. For those who missed out, there are plenty more rowing days coming up and the next one at the Wooden Boat Centre should be a good one with a trophy on the Centre wall waiting to have a new 'winner' on it....say no more, I'll leave it up to our trusty Wooden Boat Centre trip leader Mr Dudgeon to explain all.

It is very encouraging to note that we have had quite a few new members who have joined the Guild in recent months and some of them joined after attending the Wooden Boat

Rally in Launceston earlier in the year. It just does go to show that there are many, many people out there who are really interested in wooden boats, how they're made, their history and their preservation. This is where the Guild can hopefully help by facilitating discussion and some hands on experience with the *Terra Linna* restoration.

What's that I hear you say Cheryl....derogatory comments about *Lovett Bay*? Wash your mouth!

Roscoe



"Green Island" rowing day.

Hosts, Roly and Kate + Rupert put on a super day and the weather was just great also. Many proceeded through the RED Flag at gay abandon but I stopped and phoned first! Only to be laughed at when I arrived at the Boat Shed come Shack!



Green Island Paradise

Photo Peter Higgs

On the way through one could not help but duck and weave as we drove through Army Nissan constructions. We could do with one of these for the

Terra Linna restoration. I could do with one for my own boat work at home.

How well set up Kate and Roly have this site, a real credit to them. Just having a peak inside Kate has one of the best lantern collections I have seen for a long time. Then I made it to the shed?? I thought with my Stuart Turners, Blaxland and Seagull I wasn't doing too bad. Bloody hell, Roly's got a whole shed full of old marine outboards, seagulls and all!!

Feeling a little shell shot (just made it through the battle field entrance to see such wonderful collections) I thought I would have a poke around outside at some of the old wooden boats. What an array? Top of the shelf though, tucked around the back corner was a beautiful (estimate) circa 1890 whale boat, an original. Still in great condition with restoration and stabilisation work commenced by Roly.

While all this was going on Kate was catering to every ones needs with tea and coffee and an array of morning tea biscuits and cakes. This was



View from Paradise

down to the waters edge. There we met Frank Lazenby, Mayor of Pipeclay Lagoon. He had rowed and motored around from his landing further up the lagoon area.

It was not long before all craft were in the water as we set out for a row around Pipeclay Lagoon with a stiff nor westerly at a bout 10 knots!! This knocked a few of the would be oarsmen around a little but all soldiered on until we reached the Cre-morne end of the Lagoon.

Photo Peter Higgs
 setting out to be a rowing day in heaven!!

Soon it was time to get into the water so Roly got the ever faithful Fergie out and hauled every craft that had arrived

that Roly had butchered on Thursday and cranked up the barbie. What a feast. Truly Kate and Roly this was superb.

There were many tales told over lunch and a few beers or wines and most of us were thinking of the Pres who had to work that day, such bad luck!! Oh well someone has to do it.

The time had come and Lyn Dudgeon got out her oyster shucker, forks and Tartare sauce. However, in introducing the visit to the Oyster Hatchery he advised that we would see many oysters today but none of an edible size. Lyn was not the only one a little disappointed. But I think deep down we all knew that we would not get to taste any oysters that day.

Photo Peter Higgs



Lyn fossicking for her Oyster shuck!

Roly and Rupert joined me and crew In the Terra Linna. It was not long before Roly was telling us the yarns of his family 's and their neighbours and friend exploits around Green Island and Pipeclay Lagoon over the many years they have lived and farmed there.

Photo Peter Higgs



Whilst on the water Roly spoke of the history of Green Island

Some set out to row across to the hatchery and others decided to make it across there in some of the cars around the camp.



Roly introduces us to our guide

Photo Peter Higgs

What an eye opener when we arrived. We were met outside by the manager of the day who advised what he could show us and then invited us into the first shed. Inside we

David saw fit to hoist his sail for the return trip and sailed back in fine form whilst the rest of us rowed or paddled back. Back on shore many tales were told of the tough row but it was not long before members were sharing their boats and canoes around so members could try out other members craft. Some members chose to just rest on the shore under the umbrellas and shaded

areas provided by Roly and Kate.



Lunch is on!

Photo Peter Higgs

Soon it was time for lunch and the salads members brought were set up on the outside table and Kate got the lamb out

learnt that this hatchery supplied 90% of the baby oysters to Australia's oyster farmers. The technology and QA processes used inside wer just incredible.

Photo Peter Higgs



A baby is born

After going through the first shed and laboratories we headed up to the big new Poly House where more oysters were bred as well as a new venture in growing algie , sea grasses and kelp for feeding the young oysters. A truly amazing visit and thanks so much for organising the same Kate and Roly.

Back to the boat shed and shack and it was time to retrieve the boats, do the dishes and tidy up.

Photo Peter Higgs



Note the burgee and which direction Noel is rowing in!

Roly, Kate and Rupert your hospitality and genuine interest in maritime heritage, wooden boats and your families history at Green Island was a very entertaining but valuable lesson for all who attended. May I take this opportunity to thank you both for your great efforts and a wonderful day! May we enjoy your special place another time next year.

Secretary's and Terra Linna report

Well it certainly has been a very busy month WBGT wise and things are really getting under way for the 2009 Australian Wooden Boat Festival. So if you have not got your boat/s entered yet you had better go to the AWBF site and register them as applications are flowing in fast.

<http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/>

The AWBF has now set up a new office in the top level of the Salamanca Arts Centre off Wooby's Lane. Its official street address is So if you can't get to the web for your entry you can go to the office and register your boat/s. It might pay you to ring first as the office is not always occupied. **Festival Office: 03 6223 3375**. Space 229, Salamanca Arts Centre, 77 Salamanca Place, Hobart Tasmania 7000

How to find the AWBF office: Space 229 is on the top floor of the building which houses Mezethes Greek restaurant on the ground floor, at the corner of Wooby's Lane and Salamanca Square. The door to our staircase is in the back right-hand corner of the Salamanca Arts Centre courtyard, which can be accessed off Wooby's Lane, or Salamanca Place, through the arcade.

AGM. Well it is fast approaching the time for the next AGM of the WBGT, see the Calendar in this issue. So it is time to be thinking of elections and nominations for the AGM. Importantly it is also time to be thinking of any amendments that might need to be made to the Guilds Constitution. The Committee is currently considering some small inclusions of duties for committee officers to ensure we have a Registrar of Members. This will more than likely be a role fulfilled by a current officer of the Guild.

We also want to upgrade our reporting requirements to issue an annual report that includes a written Presidents Report, Secretaries Report, Members Registration list (yes and Boat Year Book entries), Treasures report to ensure we are reporting sufficiently. This has been raised given that we are making approaches to corporate and community bodies for support for the *Terra Linna* project. It is not anticipated at this stage that the changes will require a Constitutional change but we are looking into this.

Please see the members application form attached as all members must be financial for 2008/9 to vote at the AGM.

Please accept this as due Notice for the 2008 AGM.

Terra Linna Report

The last SKEG reported the *Terra Linna* as falling off her perch. Three working bees later and she is now back on her perch and



Terra Linna from this to this!

Photo Noelene Hall

housed in a temporary enclosure made of poles from Ainesley and Ros's block and other timbers from Noels wood collection. The exterior is clad in Poly house cladding with some shade cloth protection. Many thanks to all who have had the

time to attend and help us get her back to working condition. Particular thanks to Noel, Noelene and Graeme Hunt for much of the organizing. Your efforts are much appreciated.

We now have the *Terra Linna* in a position and protected enough that work on her restoration can now continue with some comfort and protection from the elements.

Photo Noelene Hall



Terra Linna's new home

Noel has done a tremendous job of lofting all of the moulds and his team of Des and Dave have ably assisted with some of that and other work around the *Terra Linna* preparation. Many thanks to Kevin Hanson also for acquiring the timber for the moulds. Noel has also constructed a stair case and platform to access the yacht.

So it appears to be full steam ahead and we are just needing the Huon Pine for planking and ribs/frames to really get under way.

Martin LeMann retracing his families trout hatchery stocking days.

In recent times we have been contacted by a member of the Guild. Martin Le Mann who resides in Bowral NSW. Martins forbears were responsible delivering the first fingerlings to the Salmon Ponds at New Norfolk.

Photo Brian Marriott



Latura

Martin approached the Guild to see if we could provide a craft to re-enact the trip as part of a goal he had set himself in re-tracing the event. Lou and Liz Garnham came to the rescue and took Martin and his wife out in *Latura*. But Lou had forewarned Martin that they could not get beyond the Bridgewater bridge due to the disrepair of the lifting gear there.

Martin has since told me that he and his wife fulfilled their wishes and had a most enjoyable day hosted by Lou and Liz on board *Latura*. Martin asked me to pass on to the Garnhams many thanks for such a special gesture and such a beautiful day. Lou and Liz many thanks from me also.

Next Rowing Day—Wooden Boat School Franklin,

To the Members, Dear friends, I am very pleased to be able to confirm that the Boat Gathering can go ahead on Sunday 25th. May at the site of the Wooden Boat Centre in Franklin. A small complication is that the Peppermint Bay catamaran cruises re-commence that same day, when of the order of 120 visitors will be disgorged from the cruise at the School for a tour of the facility from approximately 1pm until 1.50pm. During this time the Guild members can take a lunch break on the School's own jetty [not in use by the Cat], where there is a shelter shed and a B.B.Q.. There will be ample time from a proposed start of, say, 10am, to launch and explore, during the morning and to develop a healthy appetite. From the last gathering at the School, members will recall that a handsome trophy was made available for the out-come of a race, and was narrowly won by Terry Lean in Princess from a fast-finishing Hereschoff canoe. This year's course is intended to be shorter than the last, following the river bank south from the school to round a small mud-island known as Rat Island at the southern end of the town, and return to a finish back off the School. This will be about a quarter of the length of the previous course. For those who would wish, there is an alternative trip through the Man-made canal to the Cradoc shore, and some may even choose to launch on the Cradoc side where there is a good ramp and jetty accessed from Ferry Road, near Duggans headquarters. Otherwise launching can occur from the foreshore just south of the Bowls Club, or between the Living Boat Trust and the Evaporators Factory. I look forward to a good turnout.
Grahame Dudgeon, Trip Leader.

A Guild members log of his round world voyage! Part 1 of a serial.

Robert Wishart and Keita

Photos copied from <http://www.keita.co.uk/spits.htm> Cold-shouldered on the 'cold coast' by Robert Wishart.



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Here's something about me (as at 26/1/01). I like to think I am tall, dark and handsome but at 48 (and three quarters) I am not too long (just average), what little hair I have left is pretty white and, according to my wife, I look a mess. I am managing director of The Shetland Times Ltd but have been playing around in boats all my life and regard work as an unavoidable distraction.

1st instalment

Sent: Monday, 21 January, 2008 12:23:26 PM
Subject: departed

From Keita, a few miles off the bottom right corner of New Zealand. 21st January.

Left Bluff yesterday in poor conditions. Light air, sun and a favourable tide but with horrendous hangover. Fell into bad company the previous evening with three tequila drinking Christians. Ended up on the rum which is always a recipe for trouble...

Kenny arrived as scheduled on Thursday evening and as we had got all the stores onboard – every locker is crammed and I am sure we have taken far too much as usual – had only a handful of jobs to do. This included yet another session up the mast as we have had a problem with the roller reefing gear but that is now sorted as we had some spare bearing blocks. Goes to show that the boat is overweight not only from too much fuel, water and stores but also as a result of all the extra bits and pieces which accumulate. Which is just a well.

Calendar 2008

- **WBG T General meeting 19/5/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Com mtg**
- **Wooden Boat Centre visit & rowing day 25/5/2008—Trip Leader Grahame Dudgeon**
- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 8/6/08**
- **WBG T General meeting 16/6/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Com mtg**
- **Trial Bay rowing day 22/6/2008—Trip Leader Jim Tayton**
- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 13/7/08**
- **WBG T General meeting 21/7/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Com mtg**
- **New Norfolk Rowing Day 24/7/2008 Trip Leader Peter Higgs—There is another New Norfolk rowing day we have been invited to earlier in the year. More info to come.**

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 up to 12 photos, sized appropriately, of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg.

Members wishing to submit photos: All members photos are most welcome as contributions for the Skeg or other publications. For the Skeg members are asked to restrict their submissions to 6 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs.

400 Pixels wide X 300 Pixels high, or

5.7 cm wide X 4.2 cm high, with a resolution of

180—250 pixels per inch

If you can not size a photo your system probably has a function that enables you to save it for email. This is also probably quite a good solution.

See last pages for Sunday 27/4/2008 Rowing Day at Green Island.

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 19th May 2008

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

Guest Speaker/s, 19th May 2008

Brian Marriott, Strip Plank Canoes

Many thanks to Rob Nolan who presented on Sardinia wooden boats at the April meeting

Needed;

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
3. **Speaker/demonstration (it can be a demonstration of a wooden boat building activity or problem) for next month.**

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

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

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The last few weeks seems to have vanished. We finally got clear of the fiords and spent a few days around the south end of Stewart Island. Lovely area and we got in several good walks in some refreshingly open countryside away from the trees. Don't get me wrong. The forests are splendid and the bright red of the flowering southern rata is very impressive but for walking and sightseeing forests are a bit of a waste. We did manage to come across a kiwi snuffling along an old tramway (timber rails) which is part of a short-lived tin mining venture. So we can tick that off the list along with a range of albatross and some rare penguins which frequent those part – yellow eyed or something. Watching them fly under and around the boat or “porpoising” is always a treat. So clumsy and silly looking ashore they accelerate, twist and turn underwater with apparently little effort and the barest wing movements. The story is that the penguin is one of only three or four examples of birds which have lost the use of their wings – whoever came up with that is an idiot.

Today is sunny and calm with just a trace of south east swell but there is the possibility of hitting the remnants of a tropical cyclone which is expected to swing across the south island tomorrow so we may get a bashing. Hopefully it will pass quickly.

So, just to let you know we have left Bluff and heading east. In an improving condition.

Robert

Instalment 1.1
2nd February.

52 27S and 165 33W

Lying ahull. That is, sail down and boat rolling around as she thinks fit. The weather is easterly - only a force four or so but in the wrong direction. We could easily be underway but our choice is to head west of south or maybe make a north easterly course. The former takes us away from our destination whilst the latter takes us towards a low which will give us more wind from the wrong direction and away from a northwest change which may come through in another 24 hours or so.

So no progress. Its been a poor trip so far dogged by an extra-tropical low which came south over NZ and a high pressure area which is more or less stationary east of us. It is going to be a slow passage “I reckon” but only 3700 miles to go.

All well onboard. Larry spends his watches watching birds and has logged a few petrels and albatrosses he thinks worth mentioning but they are all much the same to me. Amongst his entries in the log are VChatham albatross, light mantled sooty albatross, grey petrels (exciting apparently), little shearwaters, mottled petrel, grey-backed storm petrel, soft-plumaged petrel, white headed ... and so on. He shoots then with an enormous lens and sits with the book to “prove” he's onto the right thing. The usual sus-

pects no longer get a mention.

Seen of pod of killer whales, 25 or so long finned pilot whales (caa'in whales) (I think they should be called long flippered) and some southern right whale dolphins (finless), but not much other apart from a big brute which surfaced alongside in the dark and belched loudly – nearly jump out of my skin.

Anyway this is just to let you know where we are and that all is well in our little grey world, and we hope it is with you also.

Cheers
Keita and crew

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Date