



Presidents October report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

Daylight savings is back....that's rightit gives us more time to enjoy our water-bound pursuits. I think I said the same thing last year! Sorry Cheryl....how could I forget the gardening, the fire wood, at least we won't need that now that summer is on the way....not....and the painting of the house and all those other chores....of course!

Don't you-you worry about a couple of coats of paint and the all important varnish for the Presidents poor old *Maori Lass*, who has to be ready, spick and span for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, that is just around the corner and don't worry about poor little *Lovett*, my 'Winter' project....ha! Winter has been and gone and I've done nothing except talk about it. Oh well, at least I've done something.

I've been busy since the last meeting, firstly with work, which is a necessary pain and secondly I went to Sydney to deliver a vessel back to Hobart. It is a beautiful 60 foot Huon pine, the planks are 2 inches thick, if you don't mind, ex Cray boat that has been converted to a long range cruiser....very nice, built in Tassie of course, in 1983 by Ray Kemp in Woodbridge.

We were berthed at the Cruising Yacht Club in Rushcutters Bay hoping that the lap-top would give us some good news, but no. Earlier the weather forecast looked encouraging but as time went by it started to turn to....well, you know what I mean. The only window of opportunity to duck across the 'puddle' was lost. So, when the wind is on the nose, and it's not looking at all flash, the best way to go to windward (in this case) is in a 737 which we did. We'll try again next month when the weather settles down.

The President's Dinner which I could have missed out on, if I had been caught



Nautical hat winner David Barnes & admirers

Photo Cherelle Gadge
 half way down the coast, was a ripper! Some of the silly nautical hats were fantastic....one

of our more senior members turned out to be a real 'flasher', there were paper hats made from the boating

Photo Cherelle Gadge



Ainesley & Penny in their nautical hats

section of the Saturday Mercury, a real Yankee sailors hat and of course there was Poo Bear....oh, sorry Ainesley, it was *John West*, the one that....oh that's enough. And there were plenty more. If you were there you'll know what I'm talking about.



Photo Cherelle Gadge

Our SVP as a sophisticated pirate

but I think Mr Foster was the winner after he recited...."*The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea in a beautiful pea-green boat: They took some honey, and plenty of money wrapped up in a five-pound note*" I think that's right!

Seeing as this was my last Presidents dinner I was chuffed. Thank you all very, very much.

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What else would the ex Commodore wear!

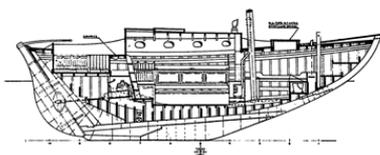
Our next outing was a rowing day on Browns River. Another beauty and more about that later. And of course, check out the 'Calender', we have the Bellerive Seafarers Festival on Sunday October 26, not to be missed and the Huon Show on Saturday November 15, always a fantastic day. Don't forget, we need helpers **for both** of these occasions. If you can spare some time to help man the stall, let us know at

the next Meeting or just contact any one of the committee.

I don't wish to finish on a depressing note but the economy hasn't been really flash of late but at least today as I write this it's looking a little better here in Australia, at least. I wish I could say as much for the poor old Murray River. I was at Goolwa for their Festival Last year and the 'tide was out' a little then. I have just read an article in The Australian and things are looking very grim indeed. Boat sheds closing, staff being laid off and boating almost coming to a standstill in the lower lakes through the lack of water. As with the global financial problems I hope there will be a solution found for both...soon.

See you at the next meeting, and don't forget to bring a woodenboatfriendly along.

Yes Cheryl....I know I've got far too much on my plate....just hand me a larger one!



Roscoe

September rowing day Browns River.

The weather wasn't very flash to start the day and the last half hour or so was a shocker, but, as they say in the classics, 'no pain, no gain'. The rest of the day was a real cracker.

Photo Cherelle Gadge



The President unravels the painters to start the day!

We started the day by watching Bryan Walpole arrive in *Piccolo*. He had sailed all the way from Sandy Bay to join us. More people arrived and boats were off loaded into the water ready for the row up the river. There were more people than boats. Some members had looked at the weather and decided that it wasn't a boating day. They were nearly right.

Photo Peter Higgs



AWBF Media manager Lois Ryan sculling in the Derwent Skiff

There was a guest appearance from the Australian Wooden Boat Festival's Marketing Media & Sponsor-

ship Manager, Lois and her husband Nick, Allan Witt with his Derwent skiff, along with members of the Vintage Boat Club. The Commodore of the Vintage Boat Club, Graeme Broxam took control of the *Teepookana* with a fellow member, for the row up the river to our destination at Allister and Jill Martin's home. The Martin's are also members of the Vintage Boat Club and their back yard backs onto the river and has a very convenient little wharf where we

Photo Peter Higgs



Allister Martin welcomes Graeme Hunt and Alan Witt

all moored our boats.

Allister and Jill had done a wonderful job setting up and decorating their back yard. There was even a three-hole golf course and a little vintage something in the shed for some of the boys to talk about. No, it wasn't a boat, it was a car.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Bryan Walpole and Robin Singleton arrive at the brightly decorated Martin home

"What a change from boats" one wife was heard to say! We drank glu-wine, ate nibbles and cooked our lunches on two BBQs and sat around in brilliant sunshine. Again Allister and Jill were there with ice creams and tea and coffee for all.

Photo Peter Higgs



Roscoe shows Graeme how to golf!

After lunch there was a flurry of golf players, putting around the back yard and then it was down to the real stuff of mucking about in boats. Allister had set

up a slalom course with little green floats which were to be used later for a treasure hunt. Lois rowed the Derwent skiff up the river. We splashed our way through the slalom without hitting any of the floats and rowed up to the foot bridge where Roscoe couldn't resist the urge to pluck half a dozen golf balls out of the water. After a briefing from Allister we headed back down the river, for the treasure hunt. All Allister wanted us for was to re-



Photo Dallas Higgs

WBGT and VBC boats assemble for the slalom race

trieve his little green floats, no, that's not quite true. Each float had a coloured weight on the bottom and you had to try

we are no where near as financial as we were. A glance at the bank balance could look OK but be aware that \$25,000 of our bottom line is Tasmania Community Funding specifically for the *Terra Linna* spars, rigging and sails. No I am not complaining that we have over spent but I am informing members that we do need to take advantage of the forthcoming Bellerive Seafarers Festival, Huon Show and the 2009 Australian Wooden Boat Festival. So when you read and hear of our call for assistance at these events which are usually very kind to us in regard to fund raising please help out where you can!

and retrieve two of the same colour. I'm still not quite sure who the winner was. Although, I think we were all winners having the opportunity just to be there.

Photo Dallas Higgs



Alan Witt in his Derwent Skiff rounds the slalom course closely followed by Allister Martin and crew.

At the Bellerive Seafarers Festival next weekend there will also be an opportunity for members to have a row in the opening event after lunch to usher in the Surf Boat and Out Rigger races. That is right, we are not competing against the faster boats this year but just having a row amongst ourselves as the opening event before the faster craft get under way.

So bring along your boat, get it wet and have some fun!

This coming meeting we will have the pleasure of hearing from **Julian Robertson** who has successfully built his own Alan Witt designed Derwent Skiff and then rowed Bruny Island in it. In preparing Julian's presentation I have seen the photos and video so we are in for quite a treat. So come along and enjoy.

As always, all good things have to come to an end and, as well as that the weather was about to get very nasty - so off we all went. On arrival at the river mouth it was raining and windy and all the boat handlers got a tad wet. Bryan opted to leave his boat under the big Pine and was picked up, along with his oars, spars and sail by his wife. Bryan returned another day and was able to return to Sandy Bay by water.

The *Teepookana* has been entered in the 2009 Australian Wooden Boat Festival and I hope you all have entered your boats as entries closed on Wednesday the 15th October. There are already in excess of 400 boats entered.

If you missed out you can still put a late entry in at the AWBF Web site. You will need to pay an additional late entry fee and may possibly be put on a "wait list" particularly if you are wanting a berth in the water.



Photo Graeme Hunt

At days end the boats return to the mouth of Brown's river

We plan to have the *Teepookana* in the water this year as we have on loan from the Patston-Gill family of Franklin, the "*Argo-Hercules*" the 14 foot Piners Punt built by Colony 47. The project was designed to re-engage men in activities that would provide opportunity for character building whilst providing for skills acquisition. Project participants succeeded and most found employment beyond the project. This boat is a testament to their character, courage and skill.

We all thank Allister and Jill Martin for a great day, their warm hospitality and for making their home available to The Wooden Boat Guild and The Vintage Boat Club.

As the *Teepookana* will be in the water we can have *Argo-Hercules* on the hard next to our tent/stand at the Festival to display the beauty of the Piners Punt.

Roscoe & Cheryl Barnett, Trip Leaders.

We have been recently advised that we can have the same site again so let the preparations begin.

Secretary's and Terra Linna report

The Terra Linna Report

On the Secretarial front the Guild is progressing and achieving our commitments. However, it is important that members realise that with the *Terra Linna* project

Well what a milestone; the first garboard plank has been steamed and fitted to the Terra Linna. Many thanks to Noel for his continued efforts, skill, knowledge and guidance in getting us to this important mile-



Noel oversees the installation of the first garboard plank!

Photo Cherelle Gadge

- stone.

I know we still have a long way to go but this is a real motivator. It will hopefully breed the enthusiasm for the continuing work in getting the remainder

of the garboards on. Once this is done the remaining planks can be fitted with less effort as the garboards are the most difficult.

Other work that has been achieved is the continuing leveling and alignment of the frames as even though the keel was straightened considerably at the previous working bee some movement occurred. This was probably due to the rapidly changing

Photo Cherelle Gadge



Our struggle to get the garboard in place!

conditions we experience in Spring weather.

Following this there are two ribbands fitted close to the shear line. The frames and the shearline ribbands portray a very symmetrical and pretty shape that is now emerging as a physical outcome of our long dream.



Noel looking pretty happy with the fitting of the first garboard!

Photo Peter Higgs

So it won't be long before members are queuing to be part of her sailing crew. If you would like to be one of the crew it is suggested that you will need to participate in some way with the restoration work!

Since the last meeting Graeme Hunt and myself have met with Senior Constable Kim Smith of the PCYC to discuss youth members of the PCYC, under guidance, working on the *Terra Linna*. Their help could be of great assistance to the Eastern Shore campus of the WBGT mid week, just to keep things moving along.

We also discussed the potential for developing a Sail

Training program to engage PCYC youth in a sail training program once the *Terra Linna* is in the water. Jim Tayton has volunteered to become qualified as a sail training skipper to assist this part of the project. As well, there could be opportunities to collaborate with existing Sail Training programs.

We currently have received one quote for the sails and rigging from Adrian Baker of *Baker Sails*.

Adrian's quotation appears to be very reasonable with

several flexible options that would help us make our budget. I hope to have Adrian attend the Committee meeting next Monday to explain the options he offers.

We do have other Tasmania quotes for spars, rigging and sails for the *Terra Linna* project that are forthcoming



More running rigging and hardware for restoration

Photo Cherelle Gadge

to ensure we have the best options for high quality work within our budget funds.

Hopefully you all saw the article in

the Saturday Marine column so kindly edited by Jocelyn Fogagnolo. It has provided the public of Tasmania with an update of progress on the *Terra Linna*. With the following weeks correction the Tasmania Community Fund were acknowledged for their financial support of our project.

Peter Higgs

Photo Peter Higgs



Greg Bird and members working on the surf boat at last working bee

Calendar 2008

- **WBG T General meeting 20/10/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting**
- **Bellerive Seafarers Festival Sunday 26th October 2008 10.00am (set up before 9.00am) to 4.00pm. Water events included.**
- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 9/11/08 BYO**
- **WBG T General meeting 17/11/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting**
- **Huon Show is on Saturday 15 November and we have been invited to share the same area as we usually have with the Living Boat Trust.**
- **WBG T rowing day 23/11/2008 10.00am Venue to be advised.**
- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 7/12/08 BYO**
- **WBG T General meeting 15/12/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting**
- **WBG T Christmas bar-b-q and rowing day 21/12/2008 10.00am Mariners Cottage Battery Point.**

Next Rowing Day— Will be the Bellerive Seafarers Festival 10.00am 26/10/2008

Meet at the Bellerive site at 8.30 am to set up by 9.00am.

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 articles & photos: All members articles and photos are most welcome as contributions for the Skeg or other publications. For the Skeg members are asked to restrict their photographic 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.

We are getting an incredible number of photos so many thanks to all the enthusiasts but apologies if I do not put your favourite picky in the Skeg. We do have to have room for some words also.

All SKEG articles must be with the editor in a digital form by the 2nd Monday of the month.

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 20th. October 2008

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

Guest Speaker, 20 th October 2008

Julian Robertson will speak about his experiences in building his own Derwent Skiff and then rowing to Bruny Island.

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month. If the deadlines can't be kept the SKEG will be out late!**
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.**

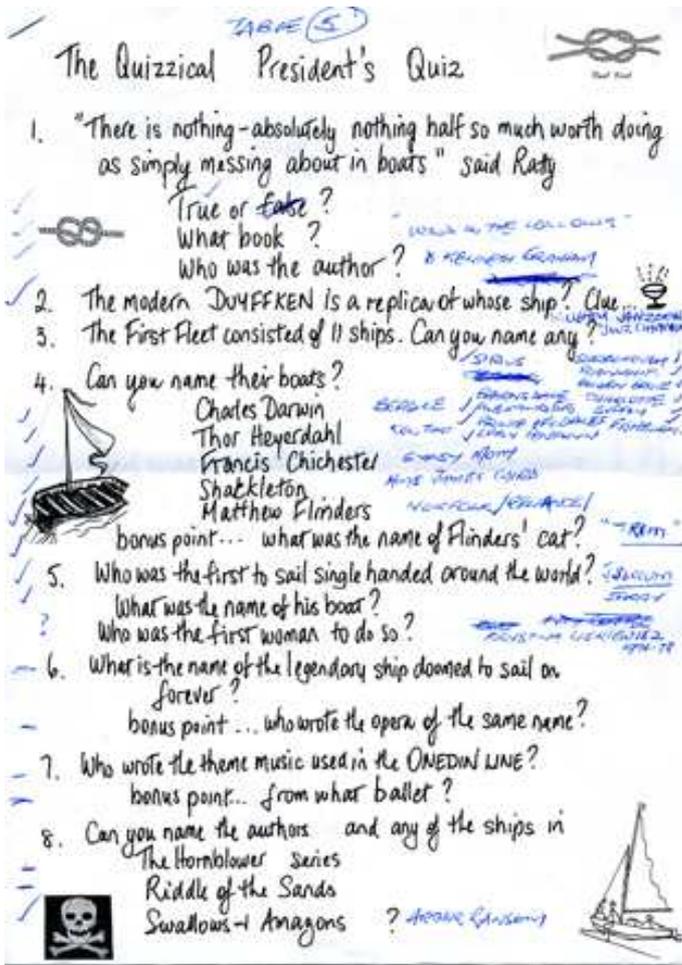
Try this link to our Web site to check our next function and the weather!

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More photos from this months events



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Photo Peter Higgs

Judy coaxes her golf ball to the hole!



Photo Cherrille Gadge

Judy rows the boys up Brown's river



Photo Peter Higgs

Allister watches as Cheryl tees off in the golf



Photo Cherrille Gadge

Robin sculling in the Derwent Skiff

Derwent Skiff for sale.

Allan Witt has refined his design of the Derwent Skiff. He has started building a new Derwent Skiff and is seeking an owner. First in best dressed. To encourage quick action and a \$4000 deposit, Allan will build in the additional bow and stern tanks without charge. These are valued at \$566. The finished boat, without oars, cradle or lengthy delivery is \$5,986.

Again, all this info is on the website. Contact Allan on Ph 61 3 6273 0254

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on the Skiff use this link

Dallas tees off watched by Judy



Photo Peter Higgs



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