



Presidents October report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

December.

Well....it's almost Christmas. Time really flies when you are having fun.



I would like to wish all our members and their families all the very best for Christmas along with good health and good sailing for the New Year.

It's been a very busy time for many of our members. I for one have been working flat out on the docking plan for the AWBF and as usual we have more boats than we can handle. We moved the cut off date forward, but still we have over five hundred vessels both ashore and on the water. I'll have it complete by the festival....I hope.

The Huon Show was well attended with plenty of helpers and plenty of boats to make our display look really good. Cherelle and Robin excelled themselves once again with another great raffle. Thank you both. There were plenty of people in attendance at the show, although the weather did take a nose dive in the latter part of the day and we had to pack up our gear in the wet. We can't have it good all the time! Thank you everyone for your assistance.

I returned to Sydney to do my delivery trip to Hobart in the Cruiser - a great adventure not to be missed if you ever get the chance to do so. It took ten days because of some pretty lousy weather but in actual fact we were only steaming for five days. One day from Pittwater to Sydney Harbour, then two days waiting for the weather. Another twenty four hours steaming to Bermagui, then four days there trying to keep ourselves amused while we again waited for the seas to abate after a fairly strong southerly. We finally departed Bermagui at 1400hrs on Tuesday exactly one week after departing Pittwater and continued to steam for three days arriving in Hobart at 0200hrs on the Friday.

There were some beautiful sights coming down the Tasmania coast, the working birds, and the dolphins day and night, seals, pods of pilot whales and we had the opportunity to observe a Southern Right Whale (I think) and her calf at close quarters breaching and tail

flapping. It looked as if Mum was teaching junior all the tricks – absolutely fantastic.

Steve Knight - AWBF Chairman, Colin Denny - Maritime Museum President and I attended a meeting with Premier Bartlett last week to discuss the Hobart waterfront and re-development of Sullivans Cove. I thought it was a very positive meeting with no promises but the Premier is well aware of our maritime heritage, the AWBF's waterfront restraints and the need for the Maritime Museum to eventually acquire larger premises.

A few days later the Mercury had headlines of "Bartlett's cove vision"...."greater focus and waterfront space given to the Wooden Boat Festival and Maritime Museum". Sounds good, we'll see what eventuates!



November

May I wish you all a very safe and enjoyable Christmas and New year on behalf of Cheryl, the Committee and myself.

Thank you to all the helpers at the recent Bellerive Seafarers Festival. It was a great day and we raised plenty of dosh which I'm sure the treasurer will tell us about in his report. It was great to see Guild members out and about on the water in their respective craft and to be involved in the 'row past'. Thanks also to Cherelle and Robin for another great raffle which, by the way, was won by one of our members.

Photo Peter Higgs



Graeme Hunt working in the stall

Sorry I missed the *Terra Linna* working bee but I've had my head down and bum up frantically working (with Cathy Hawkins) on the docking plan for the coming Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Entries were to close on 15 October when we had something like 450 regis-

trations but the Festival Manager decided to close at the end of that week to give any late comers a chance....and now we have ended up with 511. We'll find somewhere to put them all....just be nice to me or you'll end up berthed somewhere in Bellerive!

The Huon show is coming up (now its been and gone, many thanks to all who attended and helped out) on Saturday 15 November, as usual we need helpers and a couple of boats to display. It's always a great day out in the country and fresh air.

The Guild has been donated a 10 foot clinker dinghy by Harvey Gibson, who has no further use for it. It appears to be in pretty good nic....it actually floats and hardly takes any water....but it is in desperate need of a coat of paint and some repairs to the keel, gunwales and thwarts. Nothing the Guild couldn't handle after the *Terra Linna* project! (or perhaps at the same time as the *Terra Linna* as a fill in job!) So at the moment it is in storage with all the 'others' at the dinghy farm in Tinderbox.

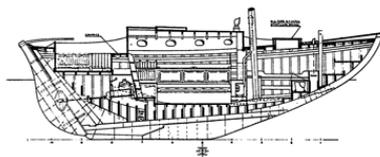
I have to go to Sydney shortly to attend a Wake for an old sailing friend of mine who recently passed away, and then on a brighter note make another attempt at delivering my friends 60' converted Cray boat back to Hobart. I'm really looking forward to the trip down the coast.

Christmas is next. Crikey....where has the year gone? Don't forget the Guild's Christmas BBQ on the lawns of the Mariners Cottage at Battery Point. Bring your dinghy for a row and bring woodenboatfriendly along as well! The next major outing after that is our wonderful Australian Wooden Boat Festival, and again we will need members to man our stall, so at the next meeting, please put your name down on the roster even if it is only for a couple of hours.

Don't forget our monthly meeting on Monday 15 November (now been and gone) and the 15th of December at the Mariners Cottage.

....who me bring home another clinker dinghy?....what's that I hear you say Cheryl....

Roscoe



November rowing day.

Our November rowing day was conducted at the Bellerive Seafarers Festival. The Guild as well as setting up a stall committed to doing a row past which became a handicap race.

Photo Dallas Higgs



Some of our boats in the row past

We succeeded in putting a good number of boats on the water.

These included;

- Roscoe's "*Bumtickle*"
- Bryan Walpole's "*Piccolo*"
- Brian Marriotts "*Cats Cradle*"
- Noel's "*Deb*" - warm up by Noel raced by Robin Singleton (winner)
- The "*Teepookana*"
- And yours truly "*Eltin Ronan*"

What a great effort considering 2 Seafarers festivals ago we were not on the water at all!



Photo Peter Higgs

Visitors admire woodenboats

We have since received a letter of thanks from the Clarence City Council thanking us for our participation.

Interestingly we also managed to raise in excess of \$300.00 from our

stall. What a great effort from all concerned. Particularly a big thankyou to Cherelle and Robin for their commitment to the stall and the raffle. Great effort Cherelle and Robin.

Photo Dallas Higgs



Piccolo foreground & Teepookana row past



Photo Dallas Higgs

Teepookana, Eltin Ronan & Derwent Skiff

Assemble at Bellerive



Secretary's and Terra Linna report

To all members and families have a happy and safe Christmas and New year.

Firstly from Dallas and myself apologies for not being able to get to this years Christmas Bar—B—Q but we will be in Adelaide for my son Chris's wedding and also celebrating the birth of our second Higgs grandchild, Ela born to my daughter Emily and her husband Gen. So it will be a busy time.

I just can not keep up with the speed that this year has moved along at. It only seems like last week we were celebrating the 2007 Christmas Function. So much has happened for the Guild least of all the commencement of the boat building work in the Terra Linna project. More on that later. To all members many thanks for the years work and support for the Guild, it is a credit to you all.

It is now only about 6-7 weeks and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival will be here again. I know many of you are busy preparing your craft for the Festival whilst others look forward to just attending and enjoying wooden boats and making both old and new acquaintances.

It was interesting reading the News Letter, Ash Breeze of the Traditional Small Craft Association from America of their efforts in attending the Mystic Seaport Wooden Boat Festival. It was all the same drill, setting up stalls, selling gear for fund raising but more importantly admiring the past years work on wooden boats and making old and new acquaintances. So if it happens in other countries we can't all be mad!

Just some notes about the AWBF;

- **WBGT Welcome Bar-B-Q for visiting WBA members to the 2009 AWBF, Thursday 5th at 6.00pm Mariners Cottage Battery Point. Members required to set up at 5.00pm**
- **Yes there will be a roster for the Guild's stall at the Festival and all hands will be appreciated.**

And one for after the Festival

- **Don't forget the Launceston Wooden Boat Rally on the 21st and 22nd of February. To enquire phone 0419307557**

Whilst on about new arrivals in the Higgs family I should tell you about our latest acquisition called Seaspray. Yes I have undertaken to get rid of 2 other boats to make way but that will certainly be worth it.

Seaspray is a 8.53 m X 2.59 beam X 1m draught motor sailer built in 1926. She is Huon on hardwood with hardwood keel. Round bilged with a tumble home.

Driven by a Yanmar 20M20 marine diesel of 16.9 KW with a Yanmar gearbox of 2.2:1 ratio.

Also fitted with mast and boom, just in need of sails.

It is believed she was formerly known as Pandora and operated as a ferry on the Mersey river. Possible built by Woods ship yard on the Mersey. She is just beautiful, in need of some restoration but she is in the water and operational, as Terry said, "north of the bridge!"



Seaspray

The Terra Linna Report

Yes work is progressing and we now have the garboard and an additional 2 planks on either side. If you have not been able to visualize the lines of this beautiful craft take a look at the photos of Noelene and Noel. There not only The Master and the Apprentice in boat building but first class photographers also.

We won't have her at the Festival but for any visitors want-

ing to see her just get in contact and we will see if we can arrange the same for you.

Many thanks to Noel, Noelene and the eastern shore campus of the Guild for all of their between working bee activities. It is much appreciated.

Given the number of years Noelene has been an apprentice though Noel, I am sure her work is up to journey man status now!

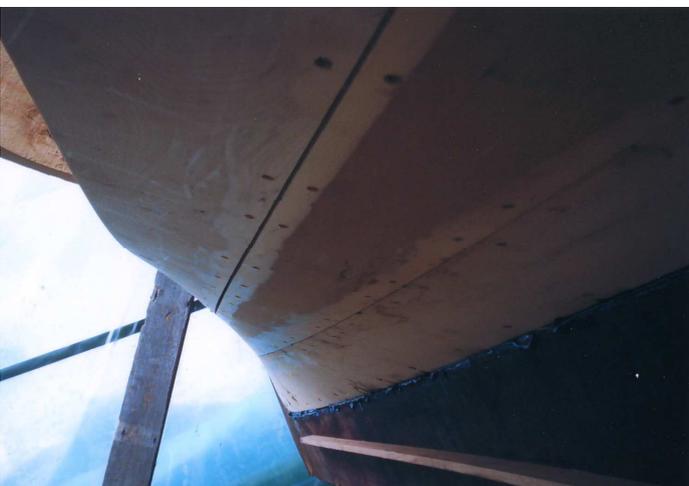
Peter Higgs

Photos that follow are by Noelene and Noel.

Huon Show photos by Noelenes and Noel Hall



The following photos have been submitted by Graeme Hunt and cover working bees of November and December 2008



Calendar 2008

- **Terra Linna Working Bee 10.am 7/12/08 BYO**
- **WBGT General meeting 15/12/2008 7.30pm—6.00pm Committee meeting**
- **WBGT Christmas bar-b-q and rowing day 21/12/2008 10.00am Mariners Cottage Battery Point.**

Calendar 2009

- **WBGT Committee meeting 6.00pm 19/1/2009**
- **WBGT Welcome Bar-B-Q for visiting WBA members to the 2009 AWBF, Thursday 5th at 6.00pm Mariners Cottage Battery Point. Members required to set up at 5.00pm**
- **AWBF 6th—9th February Hobart waterfront. All members are asked to be on hand to assist. Roster to be distributed.**

Next Rowing Day— Will be at the Christmas Bar-B-Q

Meet at the Mariners Cottage at 10.00 am to launch and set up the Bar-B-Q by 11.00am.

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 1st 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 1st 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 17h. November 2008

There will be a committee meeting held prior to the meeting commencing at 6.00pm Being the year of the AWBF the Committee will meet in January 2009

Guest Speaker, 17th November 2008

Jim Tayton will show a film (1st 1/2) of the Tug Boat Victory crossing Bass Straight.

The December meeting Millard Ziegler will show a video of the 2008 Brest Wooden Boat Festival in

Bretton, France.

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

1. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
2. **Speaker/demonstration (it can be a demonstration of a wooden boat building activity or problem) for next month are always needed so get your name and topic in.**

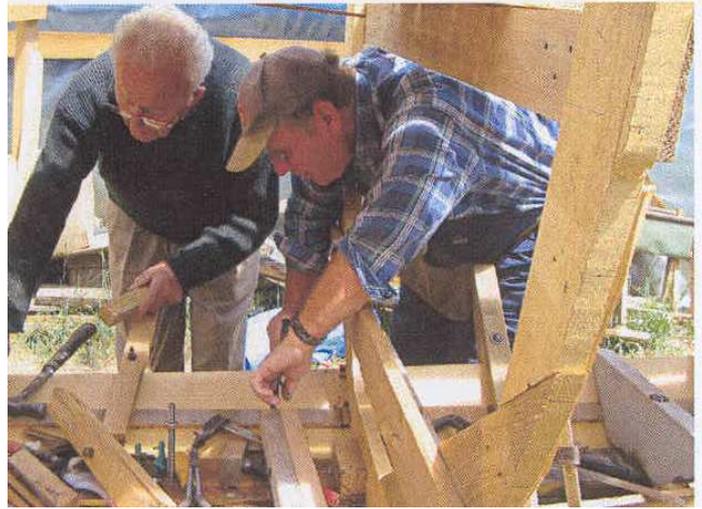
Try this link to our Web site to check our next function and the weather!

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

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For sale

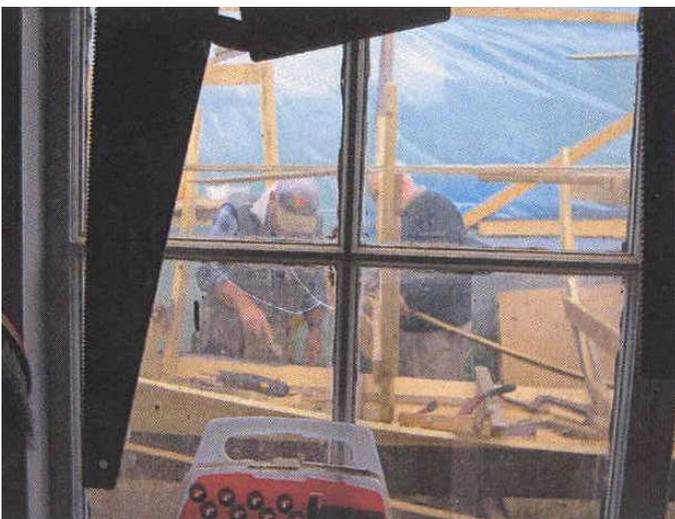
Tom Thumb is for sale ... a 16' motor sailer, perfect for pottering.

Darrel Rist is selling her for only \$5000. Ph 64 286 394.

I can attest that she is a good boat since I spent my youth fishing for cocky salmon from her, motoring to the beach on warm sunny Sundays, catching glimpses of kingfishers when creeping up creeks and venturing into Bass Strait to the islands for mutton birding. I can even remember my aching arms holding the dolly while she was rivetted and roved.

She was built from plans for "Pioneer", published in the American Rudder in the late 1940s. Although she was designed to be a trailer-cruiser to be built from that new and modern material plywood, Tom Thumb was made by my father in the more traditional way with caulked planks of King Billy and sawn frames interspersed with steam bent ribs.

She once had an inboard engine which was also built by my father (except for the piston which was out of an Austin seven). Now Tom Thumb is equipped with an out-board engine.





THE WOODEN BOAT GUILD of TASMANIA INC

Membership Application

I / We
(preferred name) (surname)

and
(preferred name) (surname)

hereby apply to join/continue my/our membership of The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. for the membership period 1st May 2008 to 30th April 2009.

My/our address for correspondence is:

Phone:

Street. (Home)

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Please send the newsletter by: email post

Areas of interest Boating excursions building designing
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Annual Subscription : Full member / family \$35.00
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I prefer to pay by Credit Card. Details: Card type (circle): MasterCard | Visa Expires:
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Name on card:

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Please make Postal Orders, Cheques, payable to "The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc." and Forward to:

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P. O. Box 28
Battery Point, Tas 7004

I / We agree to abide by the Rules of Incorporation and By Laws of the Guild

Signed

Date