



Presidents report-

June 2009

My turn apparently. After dodging being President by taking on the job of Treasurer 6 years ago I can't get out of it this time. Not that I want to. I am looking forward to representing the Guild as President. I hope to have more time without work getting in the way too much. But the way the world is going time is such a precious commodity, which is why it is so important to set our Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania program with enjoyable outings, interesting meetings and productive working bees.

Firstly a big thankyou to last year's Committee and welcome to this year's Committee. Funny, they seem much the same but are sitting in different seats. We need to do something about that. Next year it would be nice to see some new faces and some fresh ideas. Thank you to Robin and Cherrille our erstwhile Mess Officers who are taking a break. We need a new Mess officer or officers to complete the new Committee, so if you would like to volunteer....thanks.

The new Committee is: Graeme Hunt, President; Roscoe Barnett, Secretary; David Barnes, Treasurer; Brian Marriot, Senior Vice President; Jim Tayton, Vice President;

Peter Higgs, Flag Officer and *Terra Linna* Subcommittee. Committee Members are Noel Hall and David Gatenby.

My role as President is to keep the Guild on the successful course charted by my predecessors. Thanks to them and our members the Guild is in fine shape. Our *Terra Linna* project is coming along well and I believe Noel has another apprentice (Robin) now to assist him and Noelene. The working bees get a lot done in a short time and are a great occasion to get to know fellow members and talk all things wooden boat.

Last Rowing Day on the Huon was great and many more interesting outings are planned by the Committee. The next event in June was planned to be a return to the Coal River in Richmond but the extremely low water level has forced a change in venue.

When you think about it there are not many places we have not been within a reasonable distance of Hobart. See elsewhere in the Skeg for the venue for the rowing day on the 21st. Remember, meetings are on the third Monday and Rowing Days are on the following Sunday.

The Guild has joined with the Kettering Sailing Club to plan a Wooden Boat Rally next February long weekend – the “off” year from the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Early plans are for all boats to be on the water and a number of events for yachts, gentlemen's launches, off the beach sailing boats and canoes and kayaks. More information as it develops.

We have also been in contact with our friends from Strahan and all going well we will have another Piners' Punt rally there. I would also like to visit our friends at Port Sorell again this year. So much to do....

Graeme



Secretary's report

I thought that once my term as President had come to an end I would no longer have to write a monthly report and furthermore, I would not have Peter, the editor of the *Skeg* on my back reminding me of the editorial deadline....

AGM and May meetings

Well, the fifteenth AGM has been and gone and a new team has been elected to look after Guild affairs, congratulations to all. They are as follows:

President:	Graeme Hunt
Senior Vice President:	Brian Marriott
Vice President:	Jim Tayton
Secretary:	Ross Barnett
Treasurer:	David Barnes
(with assistance from Brian Marriott)	
Flag Officer:	Peter Higgs
<i>Skegg</i> - Brian Marriott website	
Mess Officer:	This position
was not filled and the meeting authorised	
the incoming committee to co-opt at a later date.	
Comittee Members:	David Gatenby and Noel Hall

Terra Linna Project Managers: Peter Higgs and Graeme Hunt

The President, Secretary and Treasurer submitted reports (as per *May Skeg*) which were all accepted, and the implementation of "The David Murphy Memorial Award" as it was set out in the *Skeg*, is to be instituted. The Committee will work on the finer details of this award. There was no general business and the meeting then moved on to the May General meeting with the new President, Graeme Hunt in the chair.

There were a couple of matters that came to notice; one being the need for more storage space. Our previous Secretary, Peter wrote to several local councils without much luck, I will endeavour to follow up on this as a priority. We had gathered a substantial amount of gear in the front room of the Mariners Cottage and the CYC made comment, and rightly so, as it was almost impossible to get to the bookshelf. Cheryl and I cleared and sorted as much as we could and the balance is stored at the 'dinghy farm' Tinderbox.

The *Terra Linna* project was discussed and will be reported on by Peter later in this edition.

There has also been correspondence with Dianne Coon from Strahan regarding a re-visit to the West Coast to hold another 'Piners Punt' weekend in December of this year. The last visit to Strahan in 2007 was thoughly enjoyed by all the Guild members (and locals) who attended. The need for the Guild and Punt owners to ensure that the Piners Punt is recognised as an iconic Tasmanian vessel, and celebrated accordingly, is extremely important. Watch this space for further information.

Jim and I reported on the proposed Kettering Wooden Boat Regatta to be held on the Regatta Day long weekend in February 2010. This does not clash with the Launceston Rally which will be held on the following weekend. The KYC will be the overall event managers organising 'round the buoys' yacht races, berthing and other social functions while the WBGT will look after 'off the beach' events for rowing, dinghy sailing and possibly a 'gentlemen's launch' event. These events would take place on the Sunday, allowing Saturday and Monday for participants with larger vessels, time to travel to and from Kettering.

Other Bits 'n Pieces

WBA NSW's June *Scuttlebutt* mentions that Otter (nails) have ceased producing Copper Boat Nails last year and there is a shortage. *Scuttlebutt* suggests that nails and screws are available from Drive Marine Services (Sydney) 02 9533 5470 or email Bote-Cote@optusnet.com.au I'm not sure what the situation is like here in Tasmania but I know that nails, and especially Silicon Bronze screws are available from Mike Staples on 0408 202 206 or 6295 1009.

I've been informed that the Launceston Wooden Boat Rally will be on again 13-14th February 2010, the weekend after the Kettering Wooden Boat Regatta and the Whyte Just and Moore, Geelong Wooden Boat Festival will take place on the weekend of 6, 7 and 8th March 2010. For further information on the Geelong Festival, contact RGYC at email info@rgyc.com.au or Bob Appleton at RGYC on 03 5229 3705. February – March 2010 is going to be a wooden boat lovers treat....if you are that way inclined of course....but isn't everyone?

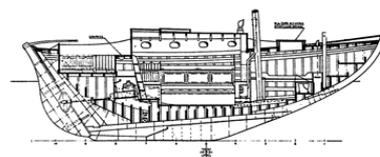
I have been contacted by the new owner of *Nina* (spelling?) the half restored vessel that was in a shed in Moonah and auctioned some time ago. This gentleman is unable to complete the project and is prepared to give the vessel to someone who is capable of fulfilling the restoration task. He does not want it broken down or someone with 'rose coloured glasses' to have it. If anyone is interested I can put you in touch with this owner.

Question: A vessel anchored at night must: (1) show port and starboard lights (2) show an all-round white light (3) show a stern and masthead light?

Answer: Will be in the next edition.

Yes Cheryl....I know what I said....!

Roscoe



Secretaries Trivia

One more and betting you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations.

However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls

would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys'. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.' (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)

Roscoe

Terra Linna Report

Well Spain was great and so was the weather. Saw some great wooden boats in the Museu Maritim Barcelona where Millard and Amanda visited some time back. I will put together a presentation so you can have another view of wooden boats and the maritime heritage of Catalonia, Espana and yes I have agreed to include some of the Barcelona landscape.

On with the *Terra Linna* report!

Between working bees Robin Singleton has been helping Noel for half a day during the weeks. Well done Robin your effort is much appreciated and hope you and Cherelle had a good time in you break on the *Island of the Long White Cloud*. A well deserved break for both of you given Robin's recent retirement.

On the 7th of June David Long and myself attended



Photo Peter Higgs and assisted with the fixing of the first of the 5th plank on the port side. Prior to the working bee, despite the shocking weather of the previous week, Noel and Noe-

The 5th plank up on the *Terra Linna*

lene had steamed and fitted the first of the 5th planks to both the port and starboard sides. However, with the weather the way it was Noel could only shape and prepare one for fitting.

So if anyone has a bit of time I am sure Noel would gratefully accept any offer to fit up the starboard side 5th plank.

On Tuesday 9th of June the *Terra Linna* sub committee together with Bill Foster, Project Technical Advisor met to discuss the Spars calculations and design work. The Guild commissioned Murray Isles to do this work to ensure we restore the *Terra Linna* in a way that is authentic whilst meeting modern technical requirements.

One consideration for the Guild is that the *Terra Linna* had attracted public funding for this component of the restoration work. As such, the Guild has a responsibility to ensure that every effort had been made to have this critical component designed to calculations that would with stand scrutiny in the event of any untoward outcome on or off the water.

The Guild was alerted to the need for technical calculations by two of the suppliers, one in the Sail and the other in the Spars construction businesses. The calculations indicate that the main mast be 145 mm and hollow to ensure the lightest yet strength compliant mast aloft. Our drawings indicated an 80mm mast!

After much deliberation and technical input from Bill the *Terra Linna* sub committee decided unanimously to proceed with the design and calculation outcomes.

This has meant that all suppliers have now been requested to re-consider their quotations to meet the new design and calculation requirements. The suppliers involved in this process are;

- Bakers Sails for sails and rigging
- Andrew Denman for spars
- Storm Bay Sails for Sails
- Mike Seeney for rigging
- We have also asked the Wooden Boat Centre to quote on the spars.

One re-considered quotation has already been received confirming no change in the quotation.

I thank all suppliers for

Photo Peter Higgs



Noelene, Noel's apprentice, doing her bit!

their patience and perseverance whilst the calculations and design work has been completed and their willingness to re-consider their quotations.

It is also hoped in the near future that Murray Isles will meet at Bellerive to inspect the *Terra Linna* to allow him to complete the ballast calculations.

Peter Higgs

Joint Project Manager with Graeme Hunt

Huonville Rowing Day

**trip leaders Graeme Hunt and David Morton,
author Judy Hunt**

The day was promising with a maximum of 19° forecast. Not bad for late May. There was only a slight breeze when we arrived at the Huonville Esplanade with *Teepookana* in tow. We were rather surprised to see a long row of cars with roof racks and not a WBG member in sight. About 50 fit, mostly young, kayakers were in the midst of an event which provided entertainment for our members as they arrived and launched their craft.

Photo Graeme Hunt



David, Sally and Barry in *Topsy* very quietly showing a nice turn of speed under electric propulsion.

The river had recently been in flood and there was still quite a strong flow. Des and David set off upstream with Des rowing and an outboard in reserve. *Topsy*, crewed by David, Sally and Barry, also headed off



Des and David

Photo Graeme Hunt

took Graeme H. in *Mystic* while Rosie borrowed the resplendent, newly painted red Derwent Skiff *Proto* for a workout.

The gluhwein was to be offered from a small jetty just above the bridge, but it turned out to be a "Private Jetty" with a substantial lock on the gate. It was decided that I would scramble down and stand rather precariously on a small patch of riverbank while Penny handed the glasses down to me.

Photo Judy Hunt



Jim, Carol and Barb in *Jo Dwyer*



Photo Judy Hunt

John and Victoria give the new Pres a lift big floods.

Once refuelled, the rowers continued upstream with John and Graeme debating the existence of an island nearby. Yes, there was an island! Graeme remembered it from his very early childhood, before the Scott's Peak Dam, when the Huon had

Not far upstream Rosie alerted others to a magnificent sea eagle. As boats glided silently up to it, another eagle was revealed nearby. What a bonus! Rosie rowed further than anyone, but all craft made it almost to the first rapids. A slight breeze had

Photo Graeme Hunt



Rosie in the Derwent Skiff

Topsy hoisting a sail but it was not a lot of help.



Sea Eagle

Photo Graeme Hunt

Meanwhile, on shore, Eva provided the main entertainment after a large ant bit her in an awkward spot. Eva knew the remedy, so I dashed across to Huon Manor to ask for a piece of raw onion! Eva demonstrated how effective the treatment was, much to the amusement of Noelene, Lynne, Ros and her dog. Poor Chris and Noel didn't

know which way to look as the sideshow continued!

Thoughts turned to lunch which was a BBQ for some, fish and chips from the Punt for others. Barb went for a row in *Jo Dwyer* and Brian took Eva for a row upstream.

Photo Judy Hunt



Lunch & other discussions!



John Who ? Sets off in *Proto* cel out the tide.

Photo Judy Hunt

After all other craft were loaded, John B set off rowing *Proto* towards home on an incoming tide. The consensus was that the remaining "fresh" in the river would can-

Calendar 2009

- 15th June WBG Meeting
- 21st June rowing day SNUG river front and oval
- 12th July Working Bee *Terra Linna*
- 20th July WBG meeting
- 26th July rowing day (Confirmed) Marieville Esp TL Bryan Walpole
- 9th August Working Bee *Terra Linna*
- 17th August WBG meeting
- 23rd August Rowing day TBC
- 13th September Working Bee *Terra Linna*
- 21st September WBG meeting
- 26 & 27th September rowing day Orford trip leader DG
- October Presidents Dinner at Drysdale, Collins St Hobart, date to be to be confirmed once teaching staff back from leave
- October/November potential trip to Strahan for Piner' Punts TBC
- PH to pursue a trip on the *MV Egeria* for members TBC.
- February 2010 potential trip to Muddy Creek for rowing day TBC
- March 2010 Rolly and Janes rowing day at Cremorne TBC

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, articles are preferred to be in MS Word with no formatting. Members are asked to restrict their photographic submissions to 6 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs. No PDF's please! (I have not got this wrong, I am not talking about PFD's)

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 15h. June 2009*

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

Guest Speaker, 15th June 2009

The June meeting will have the pleasure of

Jim Bonham

to speak to the meeting about his recent build of *Velella*.

Next meeting possible presentation on Museu Maritim Barcelona and Spain by Peter and Dallas Higgs

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.**

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<i>Mess Officers</i>	Vacant	
<i>Committee</i>	David Gatenby Noel Hall	0428391432 03 62445583

Some of us headed south to Geeveston where the Mortons had invited members for afternoon tea. We saw their excellent home renovations but did not try out the hot tub this time! The chocolate cake was another matter. David had not been well enough to lead the rowing day as planned, but helped admirably to host the afternoon tea.

As dusk approached we headed home after another enjoyable day in the company of friends messing about in wooden boats.

Judy Hunt

Next Rowing Day

Sunday 21st June

Snug Beach, 10:30am start

Rowing Day Invitation for members and friends. You don't have to have a boat, come along and row the *Tee-pookana* or crew with other members.

Location: Snug Recreation Ground (Oval)

Let's hope for another lovely winter's day for our next rowing day at **Snug**. There is a good ramp in the creek and lots of sand for pulling boats and kayaks up on. Come for a row, sail or paddle. Row down to Conningham or up to Electrona. Follow the turnoff to the left in Snug to Beach Road and drive towards the Chanel veering to the left near the beach, the recreation ground is at the very end adjacent to the creek and if you go to the very end of Beach Road you should find the ramp... Barbecue on site or a bakery on the main road.

Whereis map and link

<http://www.whereis.com/?id=80E18644BDEA07>



Trip leader Robin Singleton 0439 839 033, Deputy Graeme Hunt.

Classifieds

For Sale

Geoff Winspear has his 18' motor-sailer for sale.

Contact Geoff at Port Sorell on (03) 6428 7327

Wanted: 2003 AWBF boat plaque. Contact Charles Burns wk 62311575

A note from the Treasurer

All membership fees are overdue now. Please complete the attached form and post it together with your cheque or card details to the WGBT Inc. Treasurer, David Barnes, PO Box 28 Battery Point, Tasmania 7004.

Extra special note

Please check your own records before posting off the Membership form and subscription. Some members have inadvertently paid the annual subscription more than once just because the form is attached to the Skeg!

Stad Amsterdam sails into Port Vell, Barcelona and ties up!

Photos Peter Higgs



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 2009 to 30th April 2010.

My/our address for correspondence is:

Street.
Town
State Postcode.....

Phone:

(Home)
(Bus.)
(Mobile.)
(Fax)

email

Please send the newsletter by: email post

Areas of interest Boating excursions building designing
(tick many) Restoring history rowing sailing
Motoring tools others

Annual Subscription : Full member / family \$40.00
Concession (Student, Pensioner) \$20.00, Amount remitted \$

I prefer to pay by Credit Card. Details: Card type (circle): MasterCard | Visa Expires:
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Name on card:

Credit Card Number:

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

Forward to:

The Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.
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