



## Presidents report-

July 2009

Can you believe half of 2009 has gone already? It is just over 6 months until the Kettering Wooden Boat Rally and 18 months until AWBF 2011. The AWBF Board is busy planning and organising and Rob McGuire has agreed to stay on as Festival Manager. We are hoping to have more than one "village" highlighting the local wooden boats, food and culture from overseas and from within Australia.

We had another great wooden boat rowing day at Snug for the winter solstice. Thankyou to the trip leaders, Robin and Cherelle. Our kayak got wet again! Judy had a relaxing paddle while we rowed to Conningham. Graeme Nichols kindly let me help him row in *Scorrybreac* and while over there we had a look at the ex-scout boats he had arranged to be taken over by Mission Afloat. Alastair Martin and his team have them looking great on moorings. It's nice to see wooden boats being recycled to new uses for young people.

Photo Judy Hunt



Graeme N letting Graeme H row *Scorrybreac*



Ex scout boats now with Mission Afloat

Photo Graeme Hunt

Talking of generous people I would like to thank Penny on behalf of the Guild for the unsolicited photos she quietly gives to members at the various events. Thanks Penny.

David Gatenby has returned from a trip to the UK and from my brief conversation it sounds like he had a great

holiday, including sailing in the Norfolk Broads. David will make a presentation at the Orford weekend. David has asked that we move the Orford weekend from September to early October because the September date clashes with the AFL Grand Final and it would be a bit rowdy at the Pub on the Saturday night. I think he has Bently's Boatshed lined up again for another fabulous wine tasting as well. So the September Rowing Day will be in the first weekend in October!

The President's Dinner is earlier this year and also a mid-week event. We have arranged to experience the hospitality of the students at Drysdale. Put Wednesday 28th October in your diary for another great evening of fun and wooden boats. Watch out for the Master at Arms and his dastardly donation bucket!

The Wooden Boat Association of Victoria celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. Congratulations are extended to our old and new friends at the WBA of Victoria on behalf of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc.

Colin Wragg has submitted a brief report on the Rowing Day at Port Sorell for this issue and it includes a list of who is building what at the moment. I would like to hear from other members who are building or restoring a boat at the moment. It's a bit wet and cold for me under the tarp at the moment.

Graeme



## Secretary's report

Well....it hasn't really been good boating weather....but then again, it is the middle of winter and from my observations, the Midlands have well and truly benefited from all the rain that we have experienced over the last month or so. Mind you, a few clouds and a little rain won't deter us Wooden Boat Guild members from 'mucking about in boats'.

### June meeting

The June meeting was pretty straight forward with no real issues, other than our ongoing need for alternative storage space. We received a reply from Kingborough Council informing us that they had no premises available for

the Guild to store 'stuff' in their municipality. So, that now means that none of our local councils can help us out. As secretary I told the meeting I would follow up on a couple of leads that I had, but, if any Guild members out there have any thoughts on where we might find a shed, boat shed, free container (with somewhere to store it close to town) please let me know (0438 300 229). The new committee is currently reviewing all other 'works in progress' as well.

The President's Dinner has been confirmed and will be at Drysdale in Collins Street Hobart on Wednesday 28 October, more information to follow. There is also the possibility of a rowing day/weekend being planned for Recherche Bay....check out the Calendar in this edition for the remainder of 2009.

There was also discussion on *Ninie* (which I had incorrectly spelt in my last report....sorry) and Bill Foster spoke to the meeting regarding the condition of the vessel, which he had inspected and that the owner would like the vessel to move forward with someone that would be capable and had the finances to complete the restoration.

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

Planning for the Kettering Wooden Boat Rally is well under way. More information will be made available as it comes to hand.

It was also noted that Ben Marris, a Guild member and the Vice Chairman of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival received an OAM in the recent Queen's Birthday honours....congratulations Ben.

After the meeting and our usual light refreshments (remember, we are still looking for a Mess Officer), the guest speaker for the evening was Jim Bonham who gave us an insight on how he built, over a two year period his beautiful little Oughtred designed *Velella*. Crikey....to have a workshop that clean and tidy! Thanks Jim.

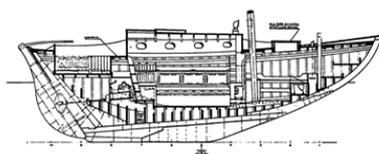
**Last month's question was:** A vessel anchored at night must: (1) show port and starboard lights (2) show an all-round white light (3) show a stern and masthead light?

**And the correct answer is:** (2) show an all-round white light.

**This month's question;** A north Cardinal Mark (showing safe water to the north) is indicated by: (1) double vertical black cones pointing up (2) double vertical cones pointing down (3) two cones pointing away from each other.

No Cheryl....this month's question has got nothing to do with the Church....

**Roscoe**



## Secretaries Trivia

Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice In Antarctica.... where do they go?

Wonder no more!

It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

The penguin is very committed to its family band will mate for life, as well as maintaining a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

The male penguins then gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing....

## "FREEZE A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

**Roscoe**

## Snug Rowing day 21/06/09 report

Sunday the 21st of June was a beautiful day.

Snug is a great venue with a good launching ramp, lovely sandy beach and clean BBQs and facilities.6 boats and a kayak launched and gathered on the beach



Members enjoying lunch

Photo Robin & Cherie

before heading the 2kms or so to Coningham. Most rowed in a relaxed manner but there appeared to be a bit of competition entering into things from time to time. It is not recorded who reached the destination first but everybody landed on the beach of an unnamed (?) cove. It was claimed and named for the WBG by Cheryl. The only discordant sound was from the President who from time to time could be heard crying "has anyone seen Mrs. Hunt?"

Meanwhile Judy was enjoying the beautiful quiet calm day drifting about in their kayak that was until an out-board motor disturbed the peace.

Eventually people decided it was lunch time and raced (oops) rowed

Photo Graeme Hunt



Has anyone seen Mrs Hunt?

back to Snug and some more of Cherelle's yummy gluwain and a BBQ.

By 3pm the day started to cool down so boats were loaded onto trailers and people headed for home. What a lovely day and so much fun for the 20 or so people at another great rowing day.

Photo Graeme Hurt



A Snug WBGT landing!

## Robin and Cherelle

### Next Rowing Day– Bryan Walpole's event at Marieville esplanade Sandy Bay 7005

All would make for easy launch and recovery with a 10-1200 start, say lunch at my place (on short beach) with dinghy pulled up, then a pm row either round the Garrow, through the moorings/marinas RYCT DSS and back, or to constitution dock and back depending on weather and willpower...finish 15.30-1800 women/crew can lauguish in my backyard if they don't want to be on water.

Trailers easily parked by the Rowing club.

Bryan Walpole  
8 Marieville esplanade  
Sandy Bay 7005  
Tasmania.  
03 6224 8815  
0439359950

## Terra Linna Report

Work is continuing with the main contributors being Noel, Noelene and the Masters apprentice, Robin Singleton. Since retirement Robin has been spending some days with Noel getting more planks steamed, bent and fitted.



Murray & Noel check the drawings and Build

Photo Peter Higgs

Many thanks again to the stalwarts of the project.

During this month Murray Isles has visited to look at what we are doing in regard to his task of calculations on a number of requirements.

This month will see us let the tasks of

- Spar making
- Rigging
- Sail Making

After running around and getting the copper square nails for the batten seam planking so far. To this stage we have been clenching the nails. Noel asked me to source the roves for some of the ensuing tasks where we will use them for other fixings. It was calculated that we need some 3 Kg of 12 mm roves. Our local source is \$168.00 for a kilo at a 20% discount for trade.

Any other known sources would be gratefully received so we may be able to try and get a better deal. Please let me know on 0419803317 if you know of suppliers,

Due to weather and the time of the year re health issues the last working bee was not very well attended. Members are encouraged to come along to the next working bee on Sunday the 9th of August 10.00am.

## Peter Higgs

### From the Editors desk

#### Wot's in a name?

Following the last General meeting the Secretary contacted the Editor of the SKEG (or should it be the SKAG?) to query the spelling of our Piners Punt the Tee-poo-kana. The Secretaries query came from the name plate on the stern reading Tee-poo-kana.



Given the complexities of this subject "names" which is even more complex when it comes to the names of boats and ships I decided it best to call in the expert. So I contacted the Guild's resident academic, Millard Ziegler, who is also our librarian. The following is the result of Millard's research into this topic.

*"Wot's in a name? - she sez ... An' then she sighs,  
An' clasps 'er little 'ands, an' rolls 'er eyes.  
'A rose," she sez, "be any other name  
Would smell the same. ..."*

*(from The Play by C J Dennis - which is about:  
"The drarmer writ be Shakespeare, years ago,  
About a barmy goat called Romeo.")*

**Teepookana, Tee-poo-kana or Tee poo kana;** that is the question.

The original spelling of the name of our piners' punt was "Teepookana" but sometimes we revert to "Tee Poo Kana" or "Tee-poo-kana" because a chap in Strahan, who spoke with an air of authority, reckoned that it should be three words.

In searching some original word lists about Tasmanian Aboriginal vocabulary compiled by early 19<sup>th</sup> century researchers, I find that "Tee" and "Poo" do not exist as separate words. "Kana" by itself can mean a Pool or Lagoon or it can mean full (as in a vessel filled) but when it is part of a word it is mostly an ending as in Pookanah (= Albatross) or Pokana (= Rain) or Tokana (= Heel).

So the name of our boat should be spelt " Teepookana ".

However, a small diptera in the nard is that one government document says that Tasmanian aboriginals prefer all their words to be in lower case so perhaps we will need to spell it "teepookana".

"Teepookana", by the way, means kingfisher (specifically *Alcyon diemenensis*).

And now for something different.

From where does the name "**Terra Linna**" come.?

Despite Terra Linna appearing to be Latin because terra means earth or land, the word Linna is not in Latin dictionaries.

The tribes around Bruny Island, Recherche Bay and the South of Tasmania called Eagle Hawk Neck "Teralinna" (spelt with one r by the original language researchers).

Although "linah" or "lina" means water, there is no separate meaning for "Terra" or "Tera" in any Tasmanian Aboriginal language. Sometimes "lina" or "linah" is attached as part of a place name such as Tahune-linah (= Huon River) and Kuta linah (= Jordan River) but "lina" on the end of a word may not mean an association with water; for example rawlina (=wind) or palina (= nest).

Now, the trading ketch built by Purdon and Featherstone and launched in 1922 was named "Terralinna" ... one word. So I'm suggesting that the source of the name is Southern Tasmanian Aboriginal, that the boat is named after Eagle Hawk Neck, "Teralinna" and, since other

tribes from Oyster Bay to Pittwater called Eagle Hawk Neck "Teeralinnick", one 'r' only should be retained to encourage a pronunciation with the long 'e' sound rather than the short 'e'.

But then "Wot's in a name?

... be it Juli-er or Juli-et,

'E loves 'er yet."

### Millard Ziegler

Many thanks Millard and I like you, look forward to continuing debate on this topic but I will stick to the current spelling of both *Teepookana* and *Terra Linna*!

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

I didn't think when I used this title and photo as a bit of a "stocking filler" that it would generate much interest. But, out of the woodwork came our old salt Lance with a myriad of questions so as a good editor thought I should offer some more information which I found, of all places, on Wikipedia so you can go there if you want more information.

Stad Amsterdam

Photo Peter Higgs



Stad Amsterdam

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stad\\_Amsterdam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stad_Amsterdam)

The **Stad Amsterdam** (literally: City Amsterdam) is a three-mast [clipper](#) that was built in [Amsterdam](#), the [Netherlands](#), in 2000 at the [Damen Oranjewerf](#).

The ship was designed by Gerard Dijkstra who modelled her after the mid-19th century [frigate Amsterdam](#), but she is not a replica. A major difference is that the hull is made of steel. The owners call the ship a "modern extreme clipper in historical perspective", meaning that the construction method is a combination of the best qualities of clippers of the past, outfitted and built with modern techniques but with a classic 'look and feel'.

The ship is used for training and as a charter-ship for guests. The crew are mainly from the [Netherlands](#) and [Denmark](#) and the official language on board is English. Her home port is Amsterdam.

Specifications:

- [Full-rigged tall ship](#)
- Deck Length: 60.5 m
- [Length Overall](#): 76 m

## Calendar 2009

- 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 South Arm Rowing day TBC
- 13th September Working Bee *Terra Linna*
- 21st September WBG meeting
- 3rd & 4th October rowing day Orford trip leader DG. Shifted from Sept on request of DG
- Wednesday 28th October Presidents Dinner at Drysdale, Collins St Hobart.
- October/November potential trip to Strahan for Piner' Punts TBC
- "Henley on Mersey", Latrobe, Tas. Rotary Club. Contact David Jones 03 64247822
- February 2010 potential trip to Muddy Creek for rowing day TBC
- Geelong Wooden Boat Festival 6,7 & 8th March 2010. Further information, contact RGYC [info@rgyc.com.au](mailto:info@rgyc.com.au) or Bob Appleton at RGYC on 03 5229 3705.
- March 2010 Roly and Kate (eds apology for error Kate) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. July 2009*

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

## Guest Speaker, 20th July 2009

The July meeting will have a presentation on *Museu Maritim Barcelona* and Spain by Peter and Dallas Higgs

Presenter/s or practical demonstration required for the August meeting

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.

## Officers of the Guild contact list

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

- [Beam](#): 10.5 m
- [Air draught](#) (height): 46.3 m
- [Draught](#): 4.8 m
- Sail area: 2200 m<sup>2</sup> (29 sails)
- Crew: 32
- Water displacement: 1083 m<sup>3</sup>
- Tonnage: 723 BRT
- Engine: 749 kW (1014hp)
- Speed under engine: 11 knots
- Speed under sail: 16.5 knots
- Passengers for daytrips: 120 max
- Passengers multi-day trips: 58 max
- Cabins for 2/4 persons: 13
- Cabins for 3/6 persons: 1

Building cost: approximately €10 million

She'd be great for one of your cruises Lance! I can just see you sipping a G&T as the breeze picks up and the sun sets on the Med!

### How does the Dutch government protect its traditional fleet?

I don't intend making the column from the Editors Desk this long but could not miss out on commenting on this article in the May 2009 Classic Boat magazine. It makes a very interesting read. It was also good to note that one of our guest speakers at our AWBF 2007 Forum Thedo Fruitof has been instrumental in this initiative.

Its origins commenced from a small band of Dutch traditional and working boat enthusiasts who formed clubs to share their enthusiasm for the boats and their countries maritime heritage. For more information see <http://www.fonv.nl> for more on these fantastic boats see <http://www.vaartips.nl>

I strongly commend this article to your reading list. But it leads me to a more local question of...

### How does the Australian government protect its traditional fleet?

Certainly not on the same scale but this model started from a "top down" theory opposed to the "bottom up" model used by the Dutch. I am talking about the Australian Register of Historic Vessels instigated by David Payne of the Australian National Maritime Museum (ARHV).

Well done David, this is a fantastic initiative!

Now I am not suggesting that it will happen but the benefits the Dutch receive would certainly be a welcome translation as benefits to the ARHV owners.

It is also worth noting that 2 of the Guild's members

boats we listed on the ARHV for 2009. Ainesley and Ros Smith's Lady Daphne and yours truly's Sea Spray. I encourage all Guild members and members of all AWBA's to consult the ARHV site and consider registering your boat if it meets the criteria. To see the register go to

<http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=53>

## Colin Wragg's Port Sorell Report

Well the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2<sup>nd</sup> Muddy Creek Rowing Day. A lovely North-Easter blowing made it all a bit average. About a dozen people and 4 dogs turned up. The dogs had the most fun.

Photo Peter Higgs June 09



Muddy Creek at sunset with Charlie Ritchey's dinghy and Corralyn in foreground

We had 4 boats in the water; Charlie Ritchey, Geoff Winspear, Russell Turner with his guide boat, and myself



Corralyn's new ribs by Charlie

with a new Oughtred snipefish [sliding seat]. We had a good but challenging row. Also we all had a good chat [as you do]. No one remembered the camera!

Who's building what?

- Russell Turner is well on with his grebe

- Bruce Tyson; a modified Bolger nymph [a tender for his recently launched 28ft lobster boat]

- Graeme Clarke; a 15ft inboard diesel launch [similar lines to one his family had in the creek many years ago]

I have just finished a 17ft Chesapeake sea kayak.

Photo Peter Higgs June 09



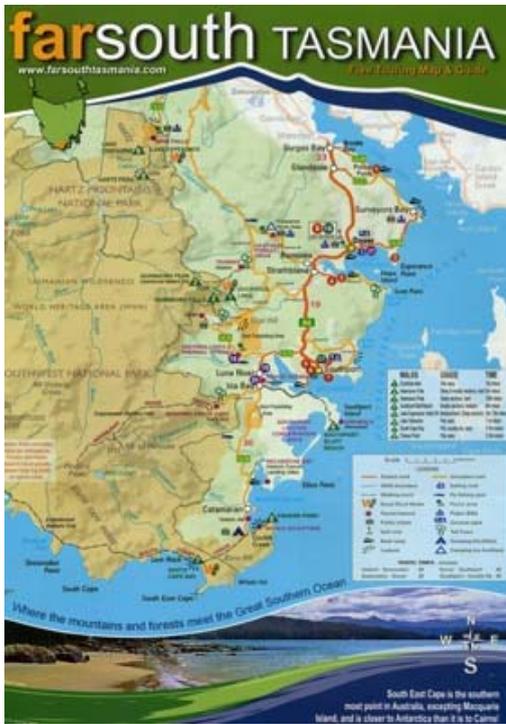
Aligning a stubborn plank in the Corralyn

## Colin Who would like to do Recherche?

This is the question David Morton would like answered. David has been beavering away trying to raise interest in Guild members to spend a weekend in our great "Far South" area of Tasmania.

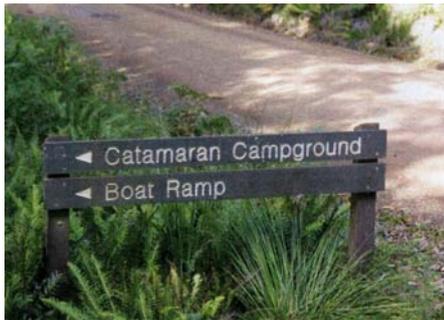
Discussions to date have seen a preference for a summer weekend. Considering this special time in the "Far

South” some members have indicated it would be better to visit once school has returned from the Christmas holidays. This would help with environmental management given the limited resources and the need to conserve the “Far South” environment.



Map courtesy of www.farsouthtasmania.com

David is hoping that the weekend could see a mix of small boat members attend either camping in Recherche or staying in



To Catamaran Campground

Photo David Morton nearby B&B's. Whilst our big boat members could sail in company to Recherche.

David advises there are many historic and ecological exploits members could partake

of whilst there including perhaps a visit to the “French Garden” area.

Available in Recherche Bay are many un-serviced camping sites and David's choice would be around the Catamaran Campsite. Facilities at this site include;

- Boat ramp with floating jetty
- Pit toilet

Photo David Morton



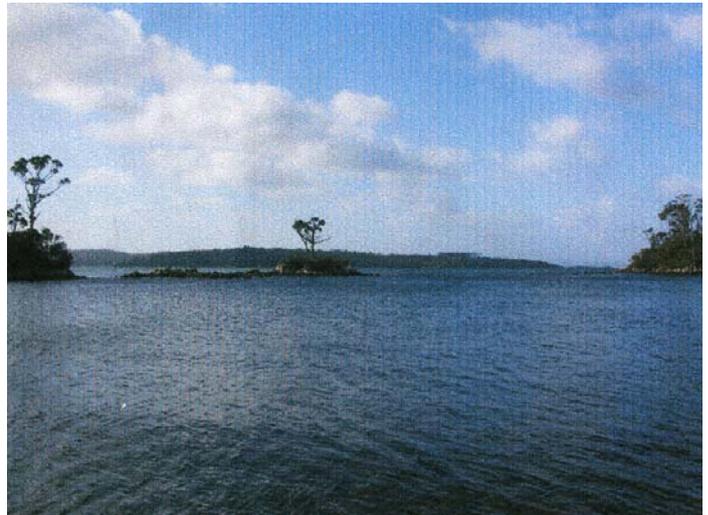
Boat ramp and floating Jetty at Recherche Bay

There are no bar-b-queus and campers need to bring their own water.

Accommodation at Southport (25 Km away)

- Jetty House
- Southern Forests Accommodation (12 guests)
- Southport Holiday Units (7 bedrooms in 2 units)
- Tavern and Caravan Park.

So if you would like to spend a mid to late February 2010 weekend in “Far South” at Recherche for a boating and eco weekend please let David know by phoning him on 62971752 or emailing totoaus@gmail.com . David also has maps available if you want one.



Recherche Bay. Photo David Morton

## 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 WBGT 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!**

**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 .....