



## Presidents Report– September 2009



Another great rowing day in August after we found some calm water. Many thanks to Ros and Ainesley for hosting the day. It was a beauty!

In the wake of the loss of the *Enterprise*, concerned representatives were called together by Peta Knott of the Maritime Museum of Tasmania. Roscoe and I represented the Guild. There were also representatives of the AWBF, Living Boat Trust and the May Queen Trust. In the first of what we hope will be ongoing meetings, a Government representative indicated his concerns and a possibility of including heritage vessels in a revised Heritage Act. If we could just have a process of review prior to the destruction or export of listed vessels it would be a start.

Photo Graeme Hunt



The Crew reflect at Rainsley's Dam

Roscoe has been busy working towards a new home for *Ninie* and he will tell you about that in his report.

It seems that February and March next year will be a busy time for Wooden Boat Rallies and Festivals. Our very own Kettering Wooden Boat Rally starts things off on the February long weekend. Then a new Melbourne Wooden Boat Festival has been announced to be held in Docklands on February 19 - 21. The web site has all the details [www.woodenboat.com.au](http://www.woodenboat.com.au) It sounds as though it will be great. The 2010 Whyte Just & Moore, Geelong Wooden Boat Festival is on March Labour Weekend. These festivals are keen to not detract from the AWBF so all bodes well for lovers of wooden boats. Might be time to start planning attendance.

The Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority and TasPorts are working towards improving Franklin Wharf as a public space. Improvements are proposed to the area adja-

cent to Constitution Dock Bridge where we have our AWBF display. They include modification of the timber landing to provide tiered water-view seating, a 7mx7m moveable steel viewing platform /events stage and pavement treatment which will highlight the 1897 Heritage Steam Crane.

October is a busy month for the Guild. The Orford Weekend is on the first weekend of the month. It was a lot of fun last time David Gatenby hosted us there. Don't forget the President's Dinner at Drysdale Restaurant on WEDNESDAY October 28th. Peter Higgs and I met with the function staff and all is in readiness for a great night. At the end of the month we will be at the Bellerive Seafarer's Festival.

Graeme



## Secretary's September 2009 Report

After reporting gloom and doom as to the fate of some of Tasmania's historic vessels in last month's report, I can safely say that things seem to be looking better this month.

After an interview on ABC TV (which did not even mention the *Ninie*, which was why the interview took place in the first place) along with an enormous amount of effort by myself and others, we were able to find a crane and trucking company who would move the *Ninie* free of charge to a location (also donated), for her to reside until a permanent home was found. Luckily, *Ninie's* owner found a new owner and home just in the nick of time. Good result.

But the issue of protecting our maritime heritage still has a long way to go. Jocelyn Fogagnolo has written a couple of informative articles lately keeping interest alive and hopefully this may "prove a catalyst for some improved legislative protection" she wrote.

Graeme Hunt and I were part of an informal discussion group at the Maritime Museum last week along with others from historic vessel organisations to find a solution to better protect Tasmania's maritime heritage. It's a start, and hopefully we will meet again before the next Guild meeting and will be able to report something of significance.

## August meeting

The August meeting was pretty straightforward with no real issues. Don't forget the President's Dinner to be held at Drysdale in Collins Street Hobart on **Wednesday 28 October** 6.30 for 7.00pm.

On **Sunday October 25** we will be attending the Bellerive Seafarers Festival, and I am asking for volunteers to prepare and man our stall, as well as on **Saturday 14 November** we need volunteers for the Huon Show. So please let me know if you are available at the next meeting or you can ring me on 6227 1720 or 0438 300 229.

And don't forget to keep an eye on the Calendar in the *Skeg* for all our outings and working bees.

The 2010 Kettering Wooden Boat Rally planning is well under way. An invitation along with an entry form is now on the Guild and Kettering Yacht Club websites. Entry forms can be downloaded from either [www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboatguild](http://www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboatguild) or [www.kyc.yachting.org.au](http://www.kyc.yachting.org.au)

After the meeting and our usual light refreshments (remember, we are *still* looking for a Mess Officer), the guest speaker or provider of DVD was the Secretary himself. Thanks to Peter for setting it all up and resolving a slight technical problem.

**Last month's question was;** A sailing vessel underway at night under engine power (1) requires no lights (2) requires a masthead white light (3) requires the same lights as power driven vessels

**And the correct answer is;** (3) requires the same lights as power driven vessels of the same length

**This month's question;** A Mark light on for more time than it's off is (1) Isophase (2) Occulting (3) Flashing

Sorry to disappoint you Cheryl....but a Mess Officer and the state of my workshop definitely have nothing in common!

**Secretaries Trivia (in jest only & not in the interest of health)**

If you had purchased \$1000 of Delta Air Line stock one year ago, you have \$49 left.

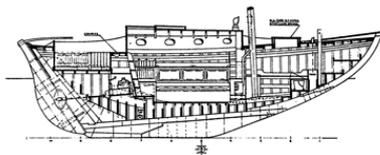
With Fannie Mae, you would have \$2.50 left of the original \$1000.

With AIG, you would have less than \$15 left.

But if you had purchased \$1000 worth of beer one year ago, drunk all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminium recycling refund, you would have \$214 cash. Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

(Thanks to Alan Millward)

Roscoe



## August rowing day at South Arm

After some deliberation amongst the assembled crews,



The 3 deliberators

Photo Peter Higgs

due to there being a strong Northerly pushing straight into Shelly Beach (Arm End), Opossum Bay and South Arm launch areas. It was decided to move the rowing day to

Cremorne, Pipe Clay Lagoon.

At Cremorne the tide was very high and the normal beach launch was not possible, however the intrepid rowers not to be phased launched off the roadway

with great success. The four craft that were launched spent an hour or so circumnavigating the lagoon, taking



Four Guild boats on the lagoon

Photo Graeme Hunt



High tide Cremorne Lagoon

Photos by: top 1 & 2 Ainsley Smith, bottom 3 & 4 Graeme Hunt

photos and generally having a good time. Peter Higgs tried out his new toy, the results of which you will more than likely see at the next meeting.

The tide having gone out some, made the recovery of boats a little easier.

Then it was full steam ahead to the B-B-Q.

The weather was almost perfect. Fires lit and everyone settled in for the afternoon of great company and food.

After the B-B-Q the gathered throng walked to the dam where Judy and Dallas had their rowing day in Ainesley's Bauxite pine dinghy. After a couple of laps they returned to shore and the walk continued through the olive grove and then back to the fires.

As dusk fell the gathered started making their way, after a very, enjoyable day.

Ainesley and Ros



Photo Peter Higgs

To Ainsley and Ros sincere thanks from the Guild for your great hospitality, smoked fish, location and an informed insight into the care and maintenance of growing olives. Oh and the row on the Rainsley Dam was another

Guild members I2r Penny, Chris and Victoria enjoying Ros and Ainsley's hospitality

great highlight albeit in a Bauxite Pine dinghy.



Photo Ainsley Smith

Bar-b-q Rainsley style



Photo Brian Marriotti

David Morton takes the oars of Mary-Clare

Photo Dallas Higgs



Beware of the new toy



Photo Peter Higgs

I'll watch Scorrybrae

## Terra Linna Report

Well it is a short *Terra Linna* report this month but I have covered a little on our *Terra Linna* experience in "From the Editor's Desk" but I don't see it as part of the monthly report.

At the last working bee we accomplished getting all but one last section of the 9th plank on. This means we are ready to commence on the final 2 planks that will be of clinker construction and not carvel batten seam. This is how she was originally so that is what we are doing with her now.

Many thanks again to Noel and Noelene plus Tony, Rob, William, Robin and Cherelle. Robin has also been spending any where up to 4 days a month working on the Terra Linna with Noel.

A great effort by you all!

To Robin best wishes from the Guild in your recent little journey! Robin did I hear you say "I can't quite ear that!" .

Last working Bee photos will be in the next Skeg.

Peter Higgs

## From the Editors Desk

No the cot is still not finished!!!

But my recent reflections and observations on maintaining our rich maritime heritage in Tasmania are closely linked to our *Terra Linna* project. This is not part of the *Terra Linna* project monthly report but confirm our Guild's commitment, visions and objectives that pave the way for future Guild restorations and our maritime heritage activities in line with our Articles of Association requirements.

Photo Peter Higgs



Ainsley, Noel and Des maintaining Tee-pookana in 2000

I am referring to the fact that the Guild has very successfully completed a new build of the Guild's *Teepookana*, a piners punt based on the Piners original design and effected using the design lines created by Guild member Adrian Dean. **Plans for the construction of a Piner's Punt are available from the Guild at a reasonable price. Proceeds go towards our projects.**

We are also now well down the track with a major restoration project of the circa 1880, 29ft *Terra Linna* yacht which was an early registrant with the Royal Hobart Yacht Club.



This important maritime heritage work is testament to the dedication, commitment and vision of many Guild members over the life of the Guild with a strong focus on maintaining our Tasmanian Maritime Heritage and the craft of wooden boat building..

The vision of the Guild with both projects was about a very strong belief that if these projects were taken on the end product was to result in the boats doing what they were designed to do. That is to be used in the water for their designed capability.

There was not to be end products that were destined to be museum artefacts or public displays out of the water that could lead to rapid deterioration. That is, not to say that there is no place for museum artefacts and public displays of our maritime heritage, they are important and valuable. Working in that realm is just not in line with the Guilds purpose or beliefs.

Photo date and source not known



The *Terra Linna* under full sail

Particularly with the *Terra Linna* there have been long and vigorous arguments over the issues surrounding restoration versus a re-build. The construction style and rigging detail have also been taken very seriously resulting in vigorous debate about what methods of construction and rigging design should be used for the sake of authenticity.

Our first ANMM project enabled us to digitally take the lines of the original *Terra Linna*. These lines have been followed religiously in the restoration and rebuild work.

The resulting project outcome in regard to the *Terra Linna* will be a boat that can be used that is very close to its design and intended use origins and heritage. This includes the major timber components that were from the original craft. For example the keel, keelson, stern and bow structures are original but realigned and re-fastened. All planking is new but the batten seams, for the carvel batten seam construction, have been rescued from the original planking.

When the Guild rescued *Terra Linna* from the Battery Point foreshore there were very limited spars available. The Guild has decided to have these built from new timber whilst being cognisant of the original spars. To achieve this there have been many discussions about the spars and rigging whilst using the zoom function on digital images, to further interrogate original photographs provided by the Tasmanian Museum and the Royal Hobart Yacht Club. We can be confident the outcome will be very close to original. The funding for the new work has been made available through the Tasmanian Government Community Grant Fund.

Photo origins unknown



What we started with

The funding for the new work has been made available through the Tasmanian Government Community Grant Fund.

New sails will be cut and made but again from photographic evidence to ensure the original design and heritage is maintained.

The Guild work on both the projects mentioned here auger well for future new builds or restoration work on craft that are part of Tasmania's rich Maritime heritage. The Guild and its members have learnt a lot about what craft are suitable for restoration or re build, how to select the same and how we need to weave this work with the states maritime heritage. As well, our members have learnt considerable skills and gained knowledge that can be passed on to younger generations to ensure our maritime heritage is maintained for generations to come.

Well done WBGT Inc. you are achieving the goals of our conviction!

Editor Peter Higgs

## September rowing days in October - Orford

Anyone attending the Orford weekend will need to register their intention by phoning 0428 391 432 by the Wednesday preceding as there are a number of functions being catered for which require details of definite numbers attending.

I will be at the guild meeting for September to outline the event and take note of those at the meeting who know that they will be attending on the weekend.

## Calendar 2009

- 21st September WBG meeting
- September Rowing Day - 3rd & 4th October rowing day Orford trip leader David Gatenby.
- Bellerive Seafarers Festival Sunday 25 October see Roscoes article for start times and roster.
- Wednesday 28th October Presidents Dinner at Drysdale, Collins St Hobart.
- Huon Show on Saturday 14 November
- 28th and 29 th November 2009 Guild trip to Strahan for Piner' Punts. Roscoe Trip Leader.
- WBGT Christmas Rowing Day Mariners Cottage tentatively 2nd Sunday in December. Roscoe Trip leader.
- "Henley on Mersey", Latrobe, Tas. Rotary Club, New Years Day (I think?) Still waiting on confirmation). Contact David Jones 03 64247822
- Wooden Boat Rally Kettering 6th, 7th and 8th February 2010, register at <http://www.maritimetas.org/taswoodenboatguild/>
- Wooden Boat Rally, Launceston Seaport Marina, 13th and 14th February 2010. Adam Park 0419307557, parkviewfarm@bigpond.com.au Bruce Jessup 0418135662, bej9@bigpond.net.au
- 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.

**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 pickie 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 21st. September 2009**

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

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

## Guest Speaker, 21st September 2009

Ross Barnett and Jim Tayton to talk about *West Wind*

Presenter/s or practical demonstration required for future meetings.

October Meeting Charles will present on the *Duyfken*

**Skeg articles by the 1st Monday of each month please . If the deadlines can't be kept the SKEG will be published without late submissions!**

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>Treasurer</i>	David Barnes	03 62441302
<i>Flag Officers</i>	Peter Higgs 62491695	0419803317 & Brian Marriott
<i>Mess Officers</i>	Vacant	
<i>Committee</i>	David Gatenby	0428391432
	Noel Hall	03 62445583

The meeting place for each day is the Orford Esplanade just past Scorchers where parking for trailers is available

Catering is BYO or buy.....**discussion invited re bar - b - q.**

Weather and tides permitting the outline is Friday 2 October, some members will be coming up on Friday....meeting during the day as the focus will be on the Prosser River near the esplanade ( and the cafes) evening meal at the Orford Bowls Club if desired....must know numbers by Wednesday before!! Call me on 0428 391 432.

### **Saturday 3 October**

Friday folk breakfast at gateway cafe....meeting on the Esplanade...until midday ....activities on Prosser until lunchtime then move to East Shelley beach for the afternoon ; Bentley's boat shed (hopefully) as the activity centre. Evening meal and presentations at Spring bay pub 6 for 6.30pm.....must know numbers at latest by Wednesday before!!!

### **Sunday 4 October**

Saturday folk breakfast at Gateway Cafe...meeting on the Esplanade until midday....depending on tide/weather and motivation a variety of voyages may be done around Prosser/ Springbay.....

previous events have centred around the cafes on the esplanade but options are available!!

....just a another thought!  
...MEAL at SPRINGBAY PUB ....is counter meal menu served in a separate function room

by individual order..the old hands will be aware of this anyway



apart from meals at venues all arrangements are variable and adjustable according to weather / tides and expressions of interest by the folks who are there on the day

**David Gatenby P.O. box 153 Orford Tasmania 7190 ph. 0428391432**

## **Presidents Dinner, Wednesday 28th October 2009 - Drysdale Collins St. Hobart**

One thing Drysdale are now asking is for us to commit to numbers. To all members please confirm with either Graeme Hunt or Peter Higgs you intention to attend and the number of guests in your party.

Graeme Hunt 03 62278652

Peter Higgs 0419803317

The Presidents Dinner will be held in the Collins Room at Drysdale. The cost is \$35.00 per person for a 3 course meal including tea and coffee. This fee will have to be paid to the Guild prior to attending but will be accepted on the night if required. Included in the cost will be 1 House Wine, Beer or soft drink per member on arrival.

All members will have to pay for drinks over the bar as the night progresses after the first drink.

### **Menu**

#### **Entrée**

Salad of Smoked Trout, with apple, juniper and sunflower shoots.

#### **Main**

Char Grilled Breast of Chicken, with coq au vin sauce and caper and walnut salad.

or

Roasted Porterhouse of Prime Tasmanian Beef, with Burgundy, mustard and shallot sauce with crispy potato galette and pesto butter beans.

#### **Dessert**

Belgian Chocolate Tart with Hazelnut praline

Or

Warm Apple and Ginger Upside Down Pudding.

### **Vegetarian alternatives available**

## More rowing day photos



Photo Ainsley Smith

David and Brian in *Mabel*

Photo Ainsley Smith



South Arm boat ramp



Photo Brian Marriott

The President taking photos while Brian takes a photo

Photo Graeme Hunt



Brian launches *Mary Clare*



Photo Peter Higgs

Des and Brian on the Lagoon



Photos Peter Higgs

Our Rowing Day hosts Ros and Ainsley Smith

## 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

### For Sale:

Piners Punt for sale. Pristine condition looking like a piece of furniture. For price and more details contact Ross Patson-Gill on 62663660.

## 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 WBGTT 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!***

## Wooden Boat Rally 2010

Seaport Marina Launceston  
13th & 14th February 2010



Bring your wooden boat along whether it be a yacht, launch, dinghy or kayak.  
Over \$3500 worth of prizes to be won!!  
Register now as registrations will be limited.

Registration forms available at Seaport Marina, Tamar Marina or online at [www.woodenboatrally.com](http://www.woodenboatrally.com)

Expressions of interest contact: Adam Park 841907707, Bruce Anoop 841813562

**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: .....  
mm/yy

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 .....