



Presidents December Report 2010



Judy and I wish all members and families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. What a year we have had in the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. Lots of fun, functions and lots of work on the *Terra Linna*. A very special thankyou goes to Noel and Noelene and their "apprentices".

I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. Gosh how it comes around quickly!

We have our rowing day next Sunday 12th December at Triabunna in association with the Spring Bay Maritime and Discovery Centre. Then on the 19th our famous Christmas BBQ in the park at Battery Point. I hope to see as many members as can make it to these functions.

Remember we also now have a full program in January. See the Calendar elsewhere in the *Skeg*. Much of our concentration will be on preparing for the AWBF2011 to be held on February 11 – 14.

We will need all members to assist on the WBG stall at the Festival and rosters will be developed and sent out in January. Remember many hands make light work...



Graeme and Judy Hunt



Secretary's December Report 2010

Hello everyone, sorry, but this is going to be a very short report. I seem to have totally run out of time this month and the editor is snapping at my heels!

What's that I hear you say Cheryl....don't forget to wish everyone all the very best for Christmas, of course I

wouldn't....

Cheryl and I would like to wish all Guild members and their families all the very best for the festive season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Very briefly, I am frantically working on the docking plan for the coming 2011 My State Financial Australian Wooden Boat Festival which is going to be fantastic. At this stage we have more boats than we can accommodate, which is really fantastic, but with a little bit of juggling I'm sure I'll be able to fit them all in. I hope!

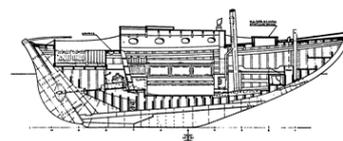
Just a few calendar reminders,

- ***rowing day next Sunday 12th December at Triabunna in association with the Spring Bay Maritime and Discovery Centre.***
- ***there is not going to be a December meeting but there will be one on January 17, 2011....***
- ***Christmas in the Mariners Cottage Park on December 19....***
- ***a model making session on January 23....***
- ***the Welcome BBQ at the Mariners Cottage for interstate WBA visitors on February 10, and***
- ***a WBA representatives and other WB Festival Organisers Breakfast Meeting at the Festival on February 12 (the details of this will be advised by email).***

I'll answer last month's question next month.

Have a beaut Christmas and I'll see you at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in 2011.

Roscoe (and Cheryl)



Terra Linna Report

As reported in the last Skeg a donation timber for the *Terra Linna* project was promised at the MYCT Boating and Liesure Expo . I have followed this up and believe the timber to be hardwood. The donors will advise in January 2011 when I can inspect the same and subsequently pick it up. Sounds like a great piece!

Despite his health issues Noel and his apprentices have continued with some vigour on *Terra Linna*. Decking is complete apart from the



Decks are now complete apart from a Dynal coating

Dynal coating. Work has commenced on the priming and puttying of all seams. This is tedious work, so many thanks to the mid week volunteers for their dedication and hard work.



Priming and puttying of seams

Letters have been sent to marine paint suppliers seeking donations of paint to complete this section of work.

Noel has made patterns for the rudder pintals and other

bronze hardware not included in the rigging hardware. By the time you receive this Skeg the patterns will be at Retlas for casting.

In the mean time the mid week volunteers have continued die grinding and polishing the rigging bronze hardware.



Patterns for rudder, bow sprit and traveller bronze castings

On the 3rd of December Colin Gatehouse, brother of Bryan visited Noel and Nolene's to see how we are progressing on the *Terra Linna*. Bryan and Colin's father was a previous owner of the *Terra Linna*. Like Bryan, Colin was most impressed with progress and he wishes us well for her launching.

Due to health issues

Noel will now be slipping *Farewell* at the Bellerive

Yacht Club on the 7th of January till the 16th. Given his effort on the *Terra Linna* it would be great if members could spare some time to give him a hand! Call Noel to advise of your help.

From the Editors Desk

Remember

The Guild changed its meeting regime! We will not be meeting in December this year but we will be meeting in January.

Teepookana -What is in a name

I received a recent enquiry through Steve Knight, Chairman of the AWBF about a yacht *Teepookana*! Steve was enquiring on behalf of a family who had lost track of their past family yacht.

I researched my books and the internet to no avail. In my search for information on my own boat, *Seaspray*, I was referred to Mori Flapan of New Zealand. Mori, on a volunteer basis has built and now maintains a register of Australian and New Zealand boats and ships. It is a site worth while taking a look at. Incidentally, I have spotted a couple of members boats in the listing. So if you have a boat at Kettering take a look.

Sure enough Mori responded within less than 24 hours with the following information [see Mori's register report on the yacht *Teepookana* top of page 3].

"Thank you for your email inquiring about the *Teepookana*. I have a reference to a vessel of this name that was a bermudan yawl built in 1930. Details are as listed below. I think it must be the boat that you are referring to.

There is a photo that can be viewed at the bottom of the [see Mori's register report top of page 3] page at:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/17401744?searchTerm=Teepookana%20yacht&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc||l-decade=193>

Hope this helps. I would be grateful for any corrections or additions that you might be able to make to the record for *Teepookana*.

Best regards
Mori"

Best regards and many thanks again to you Mori. Your efforts in researching, creating and maintaining a rich record of our maritime heritage is much appreciated.

I encourage members to take a look at Mori's site and to contribute, if you can, any additional information.

<http://www.boatregister.net/>

Name: Teepookana

Later names {also Sail or Rego or Fishing No}: <unknown>

Material: Wood

Rig: Yawl~bm **Rig changes & identification codes:** D..c

Type: Yacht **Propulsion:** Aux screw

Designer: <unknown>

Year built: 1930/08 **Yard or Job No:** <unknown>

Builder: Kinsella, James

Where built: Strahan, Tas

Engines: Motor 15bhp 4Cy. Invincible petrol

Boilers/Gearing: <unknown or N/A>

Official Number: <unknown or N/A> **IMO Number:** <unknown or N/A>

Dimensions (ft)—Length: 38 **Breadth:** 11 **Depth:** 4.1666999

Volumetric 'tonnage' measurements (1 ton = 100 cubic ft):

Gross: <unknown> **Underdeck:** <unknown> **Net:** 12

Decks: 1Dk **Deck Erections:** Cb

Number of funnels & location: 0 **Number of bulkheads:** <unknown>

Tanks, etc: Elec.light **Freeboard:** <unknown>

Stem: Straight **Figurehead:** Nil **Stern:** Counter?

PORTS and owners: STRAHAN@'30b32 Capt [J.S.De](#) Friez: HOBART@'32 Capt [J.S.De](#) Friez: b37 B.Thompson: MELBOURNE@'37b37 L.R.Pearson

Fate/Status— Year: 1937/09/10 **Type:** Wrecked **Details:** Wrecked at Seal Rocks, NSW when anchor dragged during heavy gale.

History and details: Constructed from West Coast of Tasmania materials. Main cabin 17' long. 4 berths. Two portlights in stbd side of coachhouse. 1930/08/14 launched, christened by Miss Edna Simms (daughter of the Warden of the Strahan Marine Board). Name Aboriginal word for the Tasmanian kingfisher. Defriez was harbour master at Macquarie Harbour. 1932/06/08 Defriez announced he had resigned position in protest and would be leaving Strahan. 1932/09/08 departed Strahan for Hobart with a party of 5, called at Port Davey where owner planned to stay for a week, party ascended Mount Misery. 1932/09/14 arrived at Hobart. Pearson was owner/master. 1937/07/24 departed Hobart for Northern Australian waters, owner intended to use vessel to hunt crocodiles in the rivers of the Northern Territory making Darwin his base. 1937/08 called at Sydney. 1937/09 lost on pssge Hobart for Darwin, all 5 including infant son were on shore at the time she was lost, left stranded at the lighthouse nearby, salvage efforts unsuccessful, owners to return to Hobart.

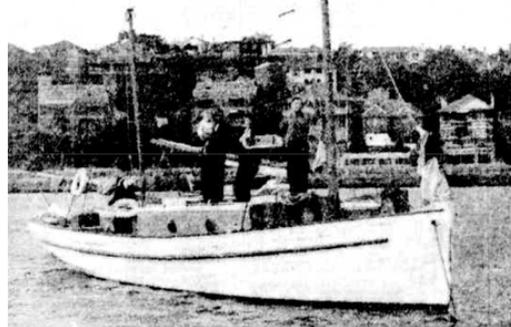
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Research notes: Some refs say 36' long x 10' beam (check)

Australian Newspapers is now part of Trove



Sydney Morning Herald Tuesday, 11 th September 1937 - TROVE

The yacht Teepookana which dragged its anchor and was driven ashore yesterday at Seal Rocks, on the North Coast. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pearson, with their infant son, and two of the crew were ashore at the time and are stranded at the lighthouse nearby. The vessel was in Sydney last month.

And we thought we had the only boat named Teepookana?

Talking of Registers I still await some information about WGBT boats before I can publish our long awaited year book.

Members with ideas for dates and venues for the 2011 calendar are asked to advise the Secretary of the same for consideration by the Committee.

Have a safe and happy Christmas New Year.

Peter and Dallas



A note from the Treasurer!!

Membership subscriptions for this year are now overdue if you haven't already paid! If you're un-financial and you receive your Skeg in the post, you will have a membership form attached. If you get this by email, you can get a form from (insert link to forms on website). Please complete the same and forward it with your fees to The Treasurer, WBGT Inc. PO Box 28 Battery Point Tasmania 2004

<http://www.woodenboatguildtas.org.au/files/Member%20Application%202010.pdf>

Peter

Next Roving and Rowing Day, December 12th and 19th.

There are two events coming up for members to participate in;

- **December 12th Spring Bay Discovery Centre. Trip Leader is David Gatenby.**
- **Dec. 19th Christmas in the Park, Mariners Cottage. Trip Leader Graeme Hunt and as usual members can bring along boats and other water craft for a launch at 10.00am. This will be followed by the traditional BYO F & G Christmas in the Park celebration for members their families and friends.**

November Guest Speaker's Synopsis by Peter Higgs

Captain Mike Webb (Vice President) of the Maritime Museum of Tasmania gave a presentation on the return of *Westward* to Hobart, Tasmania.

Fifty two year owner of *Westward*, Stan Field, of Northern Qld had offered the vessel to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania on several occasions but the time never seemed right for the MMT mainly for the lack of resources, both human and physical. In his last offer Stan advised the MMT that if they did not accept her he was going to leave *Westward* to the MMT in his will anyhow because he believed strongly she belonged in Tasmania.

That was enough for the MMT and Mike to decide they needed to go to *Westward* and undertake a survey to estimate time, method and cost of getting her back to Tassie.



Westward leaving Qld waters. Photo courtesy of Captain Mike Webb

After several trips up to her it was decided for the following reasons she needed to return to Hobart;

- She had won two consecutive Sydney Hobart Races in 1947 and 1948.
- Built locally in 1947 with local timbers by Jock Muir on the corner of Queen Street and Princes Street, Sandy Bay.
- Few old Sydney Hobart race winners left.
- Nothing much to date to remind visitors about the Race and its significance to Tasmania

The inspections took place on the Mary River in the



Stan Field on his last watch. Photo courtesy Captain Mike Webb.

mangroves. She was found to be very sound. This was mainly due to her owners fastidious maintenance program which Stan insisted be adhered to each 6 months. There were two broken frames but generally all but the electrical systems and rigging were sound.

It was decided to sail her to Hobart. The departure was very emotional for Stan. He sailed her to the mouth of the Maryborough as his last watch. From his dinghy he bid the crew and *Westward* farewell!

The voyage was completed in two swings, but was not without incident, firstly due to illness, one of the crew had to be rescued and taken to a Northern Qld. Hospital. Next, when arriving in Coffs Harbour she was taking on water in the aft section.

Professional advice lead to concreting 3 boxes after greasing the timbers. Despite this and mainly due to her fine lines she was recording 9 knots on may occasions. Soon they arrived at the ANMM in Sydney where R&R was well earned and appreciated.



Stan Field bids *Westward* and crew farewell.

Photo courtesy of Captain Mike Webb.

Next port of call, Eden with the following report;

- The Port had just been struck by a storm with 6 metre seas at the jetties.

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Calendar 2010

- No WBGT Committee and General mtg. In December
- Sunday, December 12th, 10am—5.30pm Spring Bay Discovery Centre—dinner Saturday night, members to confirm with David Gatenby, Trip Leader.
- Dec. 19th Christmas in the Park, Mariners Cottage
- 9th January Terra Linna working Bee
- 17th January WBGT Committee and General meeting
- 23rd January Model Making working Bee 185 Berriedale Rd Berriedale.
- Thursday 10th February 2011 WBGT Welcome Bar-B-Q at the Mariners cottage for our interstate WBA visitors.
- 11th—14th February AWBF (some reminders)
 - 10th pm and 11th am Boats to be berthed
 - 11th Welcome and Opening Friday evening
 - 12th Breakfast for WBA representatives re AWBF and other States wooden boat functions. Details to be confirmed.
 - 13th AWBF Gourmet Bar-B-Q Dinner on the docks Sunday evening
- Sunday 20th February Kettering Yacht Club Invitation Sail Racing Day for visitors to AWBF. See <http://www.kyc.yachting.org.au/> for more information
- Maritime and Maritime Heritage lunch box talks 12 noon till 1.00pm — 1st Tuesday of each month at TMAG Royal Society Room organised by the Maritime Museum.

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 5 of their own photos, sized and titled (as file name) appropriately, of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg. Members wishing to submit photos from the rowing days are required to provide a maximum of five to the Trip Leader so that we do not get same/similar contributions. All must be sized as below with a title as the file name.

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 5 in total per month and to have resized the photos to the following specs. No PDF's please!

400 Pixels wide X 300 Pixels high, or

5.7 cm wide X 4.2 cm high, with a resolution of

180 pixels per inch

If you can not size a photo submit it with a title as a file name and the editor will size it for you.

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 except in the month of December.

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 17th January 2010

There will be a committee meeting held prior to the General Meeting at 6.00pm, members welcome

<http://www.woodenboatguildtas.org.au/>

Guest Speaker, 17th January 2010

Failing any others coming forward Jim Tayton offered to continue his "Couta Crossing" video and Peter Higgs has some reserve items if needed

Presenter/s or practical demonstration required for future meetings.

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 solving activity) for next month are always needed so get your name and topic in.

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Westward slipped for repairs at St Helens. Photo courtesy Captain Mike Webb.

- “*Westward*” was taking nearly half a tonne of water each watch.
- Due to damage to other boats there was no chance of using the slipway.
- Cleaned one fuel tank out and took provisions.

Off across Bass Strait to St Helens with the following report;

- Off Eddystone Light at night in a NW gale two loud bangs heard. Had the gear box packed up?
- Under staysail anchored Binnalong Bay.
- Towed into St Helens by Marine Rescue.

She was slipped and repairs completed over a week. It was discovered that the loud bangs were the result of the



Westward south bound again!

Photo courtesy Captain Mike Webb

upper bolt holding the stern tube flange coming out and striking the propeller.

After a short break it was on to Hobart to a warm welcome home covered by the media. The plan for the future includes;

- Restoration Plan
- First Gant Awarded
- Westward Restoration Advisory Group Formed
- Keep the Boat Operational
- Support a Volunteer Base of expertise
- Bring the boat, where practical, back to 1947 appearance.

What a voyage home for a grand old lady! Well done Captain Mike Webb and Crew. It should also be noted that the MMT needs congratulating for taking on the responsibility of restoring and maintaining the *Westward*. Well done also!

General news

Seeking information

the *Beverley M*, from NSW Maritime.

She has lovely lines and will come up a treat and appears to be

at least 60 years old. I believe that her Huon Pine construction would most likely indicate that she was built in

Tasmania. The previous owner has passed so I can't confirm her details and history.

Attached is the old registration paper, photos of her when acquired and lifted out and photos during the



current restoration phase.

Being a Tasmanian I would love to restore her completely as a showpiece in Sydney Harbour. She would be

a prime candidate for historic wooden boat shows and clubs, so any history or information on the Beverley M would be much appreciated, i.e. design, builder, year, previous owners etcetera.

Direct all responses to
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For Sale:

Argo

Hi Peter, just a few photo's to look at. The top two are of "Percy Charles" and the rest are of "Argo". I am looking to sell Argo so if you know of any Member looking for a nice little dinghy please pass my details on.



Argo is all Huon pine 4.7mts x 1850 she has a wet well and lined inside which makes a great finish. The motor is a 6hp Yanmar diesel and is in good condition. Argo is on a good trailer but is not registered. I bought Argo to keep and sell Percy but have had such a great time with Percy with her original rig I have changed my mind. Please feel free to give my e-mail and mobile to anyone interested.

Gavin can be contacted through the editor.

For Sale:

Eltin Ronan

Having just arranged to purchase Gavin Boon's Fazackerly I need to offer *Eltin Ronan* for sale. She's been a big/little restoration job for a boat with a lot of history. Looking for a mad keen wooden boater to take her on and maintain her as part of Tasmania's Maritime history.

Photo Peter Higgs



Eltin Ronan beached at Spectacle Island, Dodges Ferry

Great rowing boat and prepared to negotiate the price.

Contact Peter on 0419803317

For Sale:

Brand new 10' Sailing Huon Pine, King Billy etc Clinker Sail and oars.

Superb brand new condition with brand new trailer, oars, sails, PFD's Immaculate.

We have just won this vessel but in all honesty she needs a wooden boat enthusiast's home. Someone who loves such beauty and workmanship. I appreciate the superb vessel but with two children learner sailors, this vessel would be wrong for them. This vessel needs a great home. It has over 400 hours of top quality workmanship to build her. Photographic Records of her being built are available. A superb Tasmanian wooden boat historical project using superb timbers some 1500 years old.

Andrew Denman has built the vessel and stated she is worth \$24,000 as is.

Call Geoff on 0422 587 716 or txt.



Photos by Geoff Wharton of the 10' clinker sailing dinghy built by Denman Marine, Foster design