



## President's October Report 2011

After a great rowing day at Lake Dulverton, the fair and festival season has begun. This is an opportunity for the Guild to boost its coffers, spread the wooden boat word and have some fun at the same time.

The Clarence Seafarers Festival on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October is always an interesting day with lots of food, drinks and fun on the water. Then in November our Southern members will represent us at the Huon Show whilst others will be part of the first Triabunna Seafest. This new event starts on the Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November with a focus on kids on the water and continues over the weekend with a very wide range of activities. It looks like a great addition to the calendar.

The date has been set for the President's Dinner. It will be Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at the Derwent Sailing Squadron (DSS) in Sandy Bay at 7:15pm. The caterer, Brent, has offered a varied menu for \$35 per head. We are not able to use Drysdale this year as they have changed their operations. Recipients of the David Murphy Memorial Awards will be in attendance to receive their awards. Come and help us celebrate their contribution to wooden boats and another great year for the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania.

President

Graeme Hunt



## Secretary's October 2011 Report

Even though Jim and I didn't do very well on handicap, last Wednesdays first twilight race for the season was very enjoyable, nice light sea breeze, plenty of daylight and only one circuit of the course. It's always nice to be out on the wa-

ter. Needless to say, I have to go down to the slips later today to clean and anti-foul the bottom....gee it's hard work being crew but well worth it!

I have been busily working on the fit-out for *Maori Lass*; there are two 6ft lockers over the settees on either side of the saloon that needed refurbishing. Try undoing brass screws that have been in a marine environment for over 60 years....mutter, mutter, they just break off, so then it's a matter of trying to drill out the broken screws and then plug the oversize holes that have been made. It all takes time, but well worth it in the long run. The *Terra Linna* is coming along well; see the full report later in this edition.

Even though our last model making working bee wasn't very well attended, we now have 67 complete kits ready for the coming festival season. David Barnes has to be thanked for producing 100 cabin tops with his great little port and starboard lights.

Sunday 23 October is the **Bellerive Seafarers Festival**, 10:30am to 4:00pm. We can set up from 7:30am and as always *we need volunteers* to help set up/pack down and man our stall during the day. Come along and join in, there is lots to see and do and you don't have to be there all day. Ring myself on 0438 300 229 or Brian Marriott on 0419 877 684 if you can lend a hand.

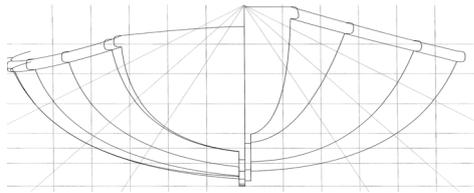
Speaking of volunteers, we urgently need a *Mess Officer*, it's not an arduous job, come on, we just need someone to keep an eye on the tea and coffee at the meetings and to co-ordinate some of our other outings, such as the welcome BBQ prior to the AWBF.

Don't forget our next meeting will be on **Monday 17 October at 1930hrs**

Our next outing will be on **Sunday 23 October**, which will be the **Bellerive Seafarers Festival**. Check the **Calendar 2011** in this edition for all our outing details.

What's that I hear you say Cheryl....you'd like to nominate me as the *Mess(y) Officer*....thanks a lot!

**Roscoe**



**Last month's question was:** A vessel is 'over-raked' when: 1) overloaded with food stuffs, 2) her anchor drags, 3) seas break over her bows when anchored

**And the correct answer for that is:** A vessel is 'over-raked' when anchored in bad weather and seas break over her bows.

**This month's question is:** 'Cavitation' is: 1) loss of effective propeller thrust 2) instability caused by unbalanced loading of the hold 3) collapse of a hold floor through overloading

*Questions courtesy Jim Broadside from AFLOAT*

**Secretaries Trivia:** A chicken crossing the road: *poultry in motion*....

**Roscoe**

### **Terra Linna September Report**

Work is continuing as the following photos will show. The main areas of progress continue to be the cockpit sole with work now proceeding up forward. The bow sprit finally coming very close to being ready to fit and the fitting and finishing of the rudder.

Photo Peter Higgs



Terra Linna's rudder and hardware fitted

On my home front, the bathroom progress includes completion of the first fix plumbing, electrical work first fix (by a professional). Completely new Hardie cement board floors and finally nearly all the wall cladding in Gyprock is nearing completion. I must

add that there has also been considerable re-building and straightening of walls. So it is just about time to hand over to the Plasterer and tilers. Thank God! Says Dallas.

So Noel, a big apology for my absence of late.



Photo Peter Higgs

Fwd sole timbers being fitted up



Bow Sprit now fitted with Cranse Iron and ready for fitting to Terra Linna

**Peter Higgs**



### **From the Editors Desk September 2011**

Well something old and something new this month from external contributors that I am sure will be of interest to our members and readers.

**Something Old Idler:**

Hi Peter

It has been a while since we last communicated, I hope this email find you and your family well ?



Idler on the move, Photo Colin Grazules

Please find below a letter about the first Restricted 21 *The Idler*, that we have recently managed to save from a car park in Williamstown.

I know well the connection with Tasmania and the Restricted 21's.

As you can see from the letter I am trying to raise awareness of her and her new found home.

Hope it will be of interest to you and your members.

Regards Colin

### ***The story so far;***

Around 1900 Mr John McKenzie of Newport Melbourne designed and built *Imogen*, the first of which John himself describes as "a square sterned, overhanging bow type class of yacht that was handy and fast".

In 1908/9 Charles Peel designed and built two Square Sterner's the *Namoi* for himself and *Idler* for Mr .H. Hall of Royal Brighton Yacht Club.

The Victorian Yacht Racing Association in 1913, wanting an affordable utility knockabout class to promote yachting amongst average yachtsman, rather than opting for a one design class they decided on a set of restrictions based on the the measurements of the *Idler*.

The measurements are as follows. LWL 21ft. LOA 25ft. Beam Min 7ft Max 8ft. Draft 20 inches and a sail area not more than 450 Square Feet.

So was born the 21Ft Restricted Class that with the help of Lord Forster the Governor General of the time and his gift the Forster Cup, became the most the most successful racing yacht class in Australian yachting history.

Spaning almost 50 years, including the depression the class challenged the skills of the nations best yacht designers, builders and the cream of



Photo of *Idler* in her hey day provided by Colin Grazules

Australian Yachtsmen.

Wind forward 102 years since *The Idler* was first built and the Restricted 21's mostly forgotten the *Idler* has laid for ten years broken and forgotten in a car park in Williamstown Vic.

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The *Idler* represents a pivotal point in Australian Yachting history her importance to this history can not be underestimated.

With this letter, the hope is that we can raise awareness of *The Idler* and that at some point in future she can be further preserved and restored to a displayable condition for future generations as the important part of Victorian and Australian yachting history that she represents.

More on the Restricted 21's can be found here: <http://www.classicwoodenboat.com.au/featured-boats/43-the-21-foot-restricted-class-yacht?showall=1>

Colin Grazules

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**Many thanks Colin for keeping us informed about *Idler*.**

**Something New from Allan Witt:**

### **EXCITING NEW LOCAL ELECTRIC LAUNCH DESIGN**

Local designer, Allan Witt, has been preparing the design of an electric river launch suited to the sheltered waterway that extends from New Norfolk, through the Channel and up to Huonville.

The design fits into the new paradigm that is quiet, comfortable and so easily driven that a diesel generator is the backup supply of power rather

than the primary source of power. The generous live-aboard space has full headroom throughout due to the cabin form that is covered with solar panels.

Allan is collaborating with a naval architect so that the boat can meet survey requirements. It will also be locally built and fitted out to a very high standard.

The design references classic river launches but will be built using current technology for lightness, strength, durability and low maintenance. Allan and shipwright Anthony Croome are available to discuss the design, build plans and any custom options.

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See plans later in the Skeg page 6. What a great innovation Allan, we wish you well with this boat.

## Peter Higgs

### Rowing Event Report – September 2011 Lake Dulverton Rowing day

#### Just some background first

**Lake Dulverton** is a large shallow lake/lagoon associated with the town of [Oatlands](#) in Southern Midlands of [Tasmania](#). The lake has an uneven shoreline with many low sandstone cliffs and overhangs. The only island in the lake, Mary's Island, is a small sandstone rock roughly 80 m long with nothing more than a few cedars growing on it. The lake dried up in 1993 and remained dry for years until heavy rains in August, 2010, filled the lake to near full supply level. During this dry period, 2 levees were built across the lake dividing it into 3 sections. Only the smallest section near the [Callington Mill](#) was able to remain full.

The floor of the lake is composed of peaty soils, rock and sand. When full, the waters of the lake quickly fill with pondweed and numerous water birds. The lake is currently part of a wildlife sanctuary.

From Wikipedia

What a beautiful day we had for our most recent Rowing Day at Lake Dulverton in Oatlands. It was a beautiful drive through the midlands with



Jim Bonham fishing Lake Dulverton

Photo Peter Higgs

the whole vista being in varying shades of green. Something that is not always the case but very pleasant indeed. On arrival Dallas decided to have a cuppa in the grounds of the Callington Mill and

before we finished we had a WBGT contingent consisting of Ross and Cheryl Barnett, Brian Marriott, Jim

Bonham, Des and son number ? Graeme and Judy Hunt and the Mortons', Penny, Chris and David. Our timing was impeccable because the Southern Fishing Club had

Photo Penny Morton



Horse drawn carriage passes by Lake Dulverton

also decided that Lake Dulverton would be a good venue for their September outing.



Teepokana rowed by Peter Higgs whilst Graeme Hunt fishes Lake Dulverton, no luck though!

Photo Penny Morton

We put 5 boats in the lake and there were at least another 7 or 8 throughout the day. However, all other boats were either bauxite pine or Tupperware.

Soon after arrival the ladies decided a walk through the Callington Mill and over to the Bakery for the constitutional latte was the best way to start the day. Meantime, we launched all the boats and rowed the lake and out and around Mary's Island. Roscoe, Brian, Des and his son and Jim decided to explore the island whilst I kept rowing Graeme around in the *Teepookana* in his now desperate attempts to catch lunch. We also discovered that all of us had left the shore with the car keys and that the ladies

Photo Peter Higgs



Des portages across the lakes levee bank



Members on Mary Island, Lake Dulverton

Photo Peter Higgs

would not be able to start getting our lunch! We left a garbled message on a couple of phones but still had to cook lunch when

we returned.

After much trying and coercing Graeme convinced us to leave the front lake and portage over the levee to catch fish in the more distant lake. He was sure that had been stocked! Alas after much trying of differing rigs

and lures he decided we should just enjoy the day. Soon after we portaged back into the front and headed back to

shore for lunch. On arrival we all shared the traditional "Gluewein" and decided to get lunch. With this the ladies decided they would go for a row. Off they set and also circumnavigated Mary's island to



Photo Penny Morton

Punt returns to the shores of Lake Dulverton



Lunch gets under way in Callington Park adjacent to Lake Dulverton

Photo Penny Morton

re-  
turn  
to

shore just in time for lunch. After lunch boats were loaded and most headed off home, what another great rowing day.

**Trip Leaders: Dallas and Peter Higgs**

### Next Rowing Days,

- **October 23rd Bellerive Seafarers Fest. *Terra Linna* to be sailed to some venues, maybe!**
  - Trip Leader Roscoe and Brian Marriott
- **November 11th—13th Seafest at Triabunna featuring SBMDC**
  - Trip Leader Roscoe
- **November 12th Huon Show**
  - Trip Leader David Morton

### Last meetings presentation pr`ecis

Brian Marriott has promised his presentation pr`ecis on Piners Punts for the next edition of the Skeg.

David Morton can provide copies of the presentation by Eleanor Robin, on John Watson, Pt Arthur Shipwright, Battery Point slips and Mariners Cottage.

### For Sale:

***Eltin Ronan* - *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.



Great rowing boat and prepared to negotiate the price.

Contact Peter on 0419803317

### For Sale:

12ft Fazackerly dinghy (and trailer) in Strahan, both in poor condition but able to be rejuvenated, no price, ring Andrew Dishington, 64 717 396.



# Presidents Dinner 2011

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

7.15pm

At

Derwent Sailing Squadron

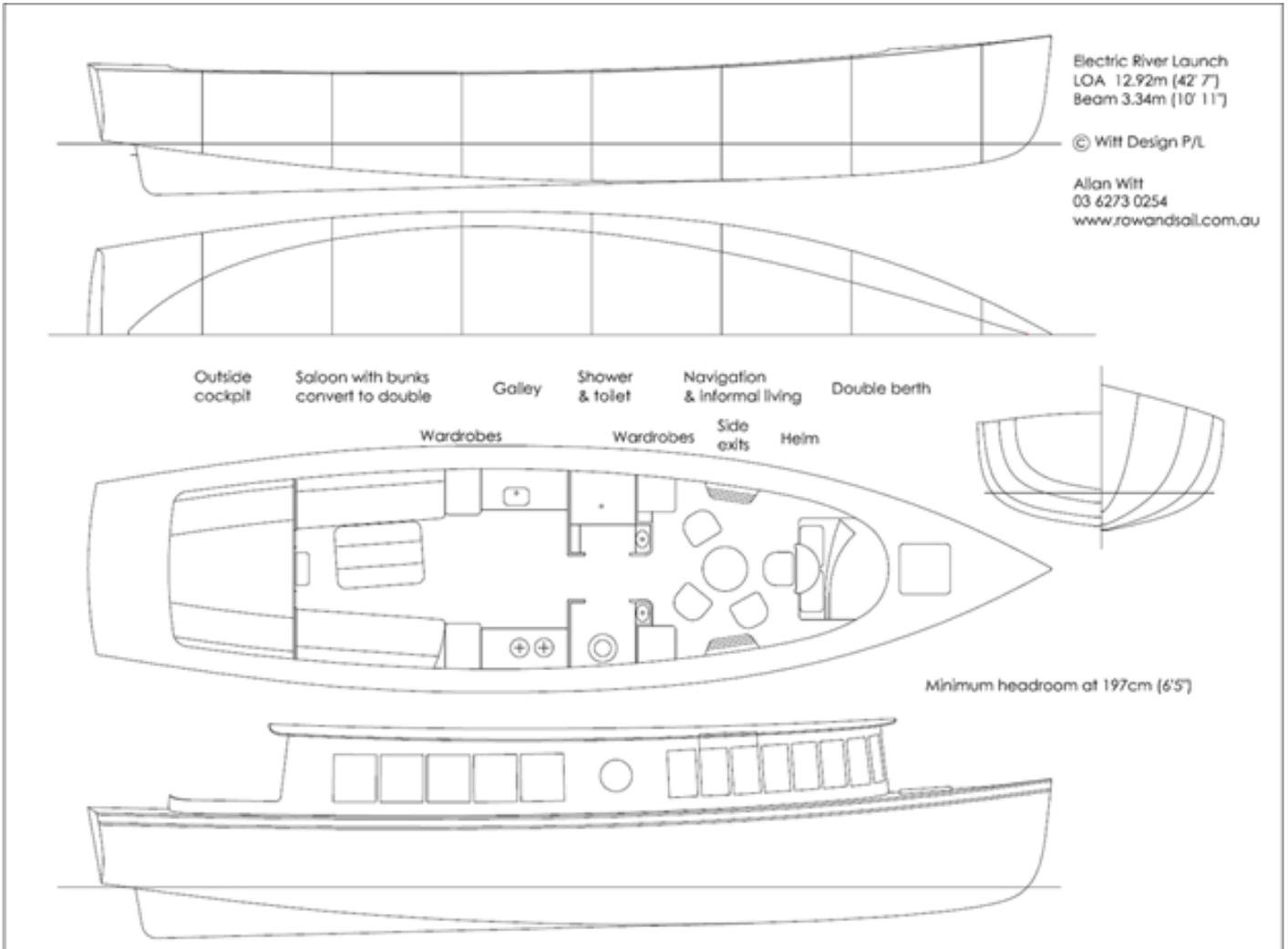
Marievilla Esplanade

Sandy Bay

\$35 per person

Please let Graeme know that you are coming by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

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## Calendar 2011

- October 9th *Terra Linna* Working Bee 51 Hill St Bellerive BYOF&G
- October 17th WBGT General Meeting Mariners Cottage
- October 23rd Bellerive Seafarers Fest. *Terra Linna* to be sailed to some venues, maybe!
- November 11th—13th Seafest at Triabunna featuring SBMDC
- November 12th Huon Show
- November 13th *Terra Linna* Working Bee 51 Hill St Bellerive BYOG&F
- November 21st WBGT General and Committee meeting, Mariners Cottage, Battery Point.
- WBGT Christmas in the park December
- January 21/22, 2012 Launceston Wooden Boat Rally
- February 11, 12, 13th 2012 Kettering Wooden Boat Rally, Kettering Yacht Club, <http://www.kyc.yachting.org.au/?Page=54119>
- Catamaran, Southern Tasmania, Feb 25th & 26th 2012 Trip Leader David Morton
- 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

are also welcome. The journal articles need to be articles of value regarding restorations, research and Maritime heritage. Journal articles need to include all due acknowledgements and titled photos. The above conditions also apply.

**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 except in the month of December.**

**The next General meeting and Committee 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 October 2011**

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

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

## Guest Speaker, 17th October, 2011

TBA

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 to the Editor.

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