



Presidents report—"Roscoe's Ravings"

It is with great sadness that I have to inform members of the passing of David Murphy. David, a long-standing and active member of the Guild was the editor of the Rudder and was a previous secretary. He was also Vice Chairman of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival Board until he retired in 2006 due to ill health. We are going to miss his enthusiasm, his active contribution to the Guild and (to use someone else's words) his wise council. Our sympathy to Barb, Cam, Kate and family.

Another month has raced by and before we know it, it will be the Festive (silly) Season, at least some of us might have a little more time to follow our nautical pursuits during the holiday period.

The Dodges Ferry rowing day was a beauty.... although I managed to row the Trip leaders wife one way to our rendezvous and then the Trip leader the other.....I think he doesn't like getting his new kayak wet!....a full report later.

The Bellerive Seafarers Festival went well. Thank you to all the helpers, as you will see in the Treasurer's report, we were able to add a nice little sum to the Terra Linna kitty. I also believe one of the rowing crews made it to the finals....well done.

While everyone else was working hard at the Seafarers Festival, President Roscoe was up in Sydney 'swanning' around on Sydney Harbour. I was involved in a very important research mission. That's right....research! I was on a mission for the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. And that mission was to suss out the legendary 18 footers that sailed the harbour in the early 20th century. I managed to hitch a ride on the Replica *Yendys*, (the reverse spelling of Sydney, the name of the original owners first 18) which has just been launched.

Can you imagine sailing on an 18' skiff, the bowsprit is 20' in length, the boom is 29' in length which makes the total length from end to end something like 56'. The sail area without the spin-

naker is something like 855 sq ft., oh, and by the way they are gaff rigged as well. The spinnaker pole was a mere 33' in length and

Photo by Roscoe Barnett



Preparing the Skiff



Just about ready

Photo by Roscoe Barnett

the large spinnaker was B I G to say the least. We had a crew of 8 with a 10 to 15 knot east nor easter. We started off scratch and

managed to come 3rd overall out of a fleet of about 8 vessels. Very e x h i l l a r a t i n g ! I enquired as to how they had performed in previous races and the skipper said "one 1st, two 2^{nds}, a 4th and two 'swims'". It was a typical beautiful sunny Sydney afternoon on the harbour and I was very pleased we didn't have a 'swim'!

Photo by Roscoe Barnett



On the water! Where's the breeze?

Lets get back to earth. Next week-end we've got the double with the **Huon Show** on Saturday 17th and over on the west coast at Strahan we've got **A Celebration of the Piners Punt** on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th. It's going to be a busy weekend followed by a **General meeting** at 7.30 on Monday evening 19th.

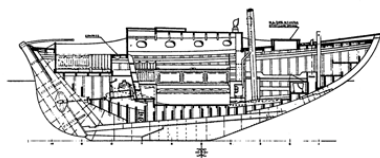
And then the evening of all evenings....the **Presidents Dinner** (formal off course....no, just joking!) on Friday 23rd at the Bellerive Yacht Club. I've just realised it's election eve, so, there will be *no election discussion* or else there could be a heavy price to pay for those that do!!

Our last event for the year will be the WBG Christmas Luncheon and rowing day at the Mariners Cottage at Battery Point on Sunday 2nd December at 10.30am.

See you at the next meeting on **Monday 19 November at 1930hrs** and as always, bringafriendalong.

What's that I hear you say Cheryl.....'Research' doesn't mean, see how many cans of Cascade you can drink while sailing round the 18 footer course.....rubbish!

Roscoe



Dodges Ferry Rowing Day

The forecast was for late showers.

"I don't call 9:00 am late," he grumbled as the windscreen wipers revealed the view across the causeway.

Luckily the day improved, with calm waters for rowing and no more rain. Roscoe (who had been to the Dodges Ferry Marine Rescue sale, naturally) told us later that we would have been blown off the water on Saturday (shouldabeenhereyesterday!).

Sally and David Long were the first to float their newly "stemmed" dinghy while the rest of us debated

Photo Graeme Hunt



Sally and David in "Topsy"



Noel & Noelene in "Deb"

Photo Graeme Hunt

ramp really was slippery, so Peter Bush (Feather Dinghy), the Halls (Adirondak Guide Boat), the Hunts (wood and canvas kayak), and Mortons

headed round to Blue Lagoon Beach. The Specta-

cle Islands beckoned in the distance as Noel and Noelene launched *Deb* into a small swell. Noel had



Feather, Eltin Ronan & Topsy

Photo Graeme Hunt

installed a forward rowing position that week and was keen to try it out. Peter Bush led the way in his Feather. David and Sally appeared from the Pittwater mouth

and Graeme managed to catch up. The Mortons decided to enjoy the beach life, having worked on a new cabin sole for *An Old Captivity* the previous day.



Roscoe's "Bumtickle"

Photo Graeme Hunt

Always "the teacher", Judy enlightened Roscoe on the local geography as he rowed *Bumtickle* valiantly for the island. Peter followed in *Eltin Ronan* after doing

a little bailing (fresh water). It was glassy calm with a small swell working through between the shore and Big Spec Island.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Little Spec's Sea Arch

Little Spec's sandy beach near the sea arch provided the perfect setting for a yarn, some sustenance and a bit of shell hunting. The swell made it interesting and we had to keep an eye on the beached boats. Noel and Noelene drifted contentedly just off



Enjoying cray tail, dips wine & beer

Photo Peter Higgs

shore watching the antics of seagulls and humans.

The row back to the 'mainland' was idyllic with just a gentle swell and no wind. Judy swapped to the kayak and was greeted ashore by Penny and Noelene. Once all the boats were safely loaded most of us headed for Graeme's mother's house where we were joined by David and Therese Gatenby for a leisurely lunch to end another enjoyable WBG Rowing Day!

Judy & Graeme

Photo Peter Higgs



Sally and Graeme enjoying the view to "Big Spec"



Photo Graeme Hunt

Kit of Cloudy Bay well designed by Alf and Terry Lean and beautifully built by the Wooden Boat School Franklin under the masterful guidance of Head Teacher and Shipwright Dean Marks

The Latest Launching at the Wooden Boat School

Wednesday, 24th October saw the latest Graduation Launching from the Wooden Boat School at Franklin. *Kit of Cloudy Bay*, a motor launch, had been completed in 14 months by the class of

2006/7. Three students under the guidance of Dean Marks and another tutor had completed

a beautiful boat for the Sturrock family from Sydney.

As usual friends, relatives and interested parties had been invited to this important event on the Franklin waterfront. This was the first launching I had been able to attend being usually at work. This time bathroom alterations and a delayed builder conspired to make it possible.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Beautiful detail work by Dean and students

Wooden Boat Guild members were there in force. Chris and Penny, Noel and Noelene, Grahame and Lynne, David and Des, David Long and Terry Lean were all there to hear the speeches and dedication, see the crane carefully lift her into the

water and see her reverse out of the slings and go on her first sea trials. Designed by Terry Lean and his father Alf, *Kit of Cloudy Bay* was a great credit to all involved in her construction, fit-out and finishing. She will be a wonderful ambassador on Sydney Harbour.

Graeme Hunt

Adrian Dean's Latest Project & one for sale

Down at the Wooden Boat Centre in Franklin a new wooden boat is taking shape. Adrian Dean, friend of the Wooden Boat Guild and designer of the Teepookana, is working on his latest project. Not a kayak, not a piners punt (for Adrian is well known for these craft) this time it is *Peggy*.



Peggy under way

Photo Graeme Hunt

Peggy is a 23' small cruising yacht designed by Adrian and revised in 2006 as a

tribute to L F Herreshoff's ideas on minimalist yachting. Her dimensions are 23'x20'x8'x3'. Total weight will be 3 tonnes including one and a quarter tonnes of lead which Adrian has already moulded and placed into the keel. She is being built with a grown huon pine stem and celery transom.

Photo Graeme Hunt



A shot from the stern

Adrian has laminated bluegum belt frames which he

says are strong but take many hours of work.



Adrian Dean with *Peggy's* plans

Photo Graeme Hunt

The hull will be planked with huon below the waterline and king billy above. The topsides will

be oiled with a dark top strake. Dark putty will highlight the planks and nails. She should be stunning when completed.

By the way, Adrian's wonderful 16' piner's punt is for sale. A unique opportunity to purchase one of these famous and unique Tasmanian craft.

Graeme Hunt (story 3, well done !)

Secretary's & "Terra Linna" report

Well what a wonderful number of Skeg Contributions this month. Well done to all concerned and keep them coming in.

Seafarers Festival

Since our last Skeg the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania was also very fortunate to be involved again in the Bellerive Seafarers Festival, *Hewie* smiled upon us with beautiful weather and an incredible crowd. The event is just growing from strength to strength.



Teepookana and *Eltin Ronan* at the finish line

Photo Graeme Hunt

This year we applied to be more involved on the water by asking to be included in a sail or row past. We were accepted alas

only to find we were entered in the handicap races against the Dragon Boats and Surf Boats. This meant we had a crew in *Teepookana*, Brian Marriott and Jim Bonham & myself in *Eltin Ronan*. We were required to row off in heats with Brian and making it to a second round to row off against *Eltin Ronan*. Needless to say *Teepookana* won that tussle.

The big advantage of more involvement was that



Photos Penny and David Morton

Some of the activity around our tent at the Seafarers Festival Bellerive

the WBGT was mentioned by the MCs on numerous occasions including them promoting our raffle hence the incredible income of \$573.00. Many thanks to Cherelle and Robin for preparing the raffle prize.

Many thanks also to the Clarence City Council for supporting our organisation.

Terra Linna Project

As you are all aware the Nyrstar timber is at Noel and Noelene's so our next move is to get the *Terra Linna* there. It is hoped that we will have Russell Pocock's low loader to help with the shift (many thanks Russell). The *Terra Linna* Project Committee will meet at the Margate location in Jan 08 to plan and implement the shift.

Date and time to be advised.

In regard to the members listing timber needs the list is recorded. Our first aim is to complete our project, however, if we can get more timber those requiring the same will be required to help shift it and then purchase the same from the Guild as part of our fund raising.

Peter Higgs

"Wooden' Miss This For Quids!"

The 2008 Whyte Just & Moore, Geelong Wooden Boat Festival!

Labour Weekend, March 2008

Why 'wooden' you put these dates in your diary? Contact the Royal Geelong Yacht Club

on (03) 52293705 or e-mail to info@rgyc.com.au



Calendar 2007

- **Saturday 17th November 2007** Huon Show
- **Saturday 17th & 18th November 2007, A Celebration of the Piner's Punt. More detail in the next Skeg.** Trip leader Peter Higgs
- **Presidents Dinner 23rd November 2007** 6pm for 6.30pm Bellerive Yacht Club
- **10.30am, 2nd December 2007** Rowing Day and WBGT Christmas Luncheon, Mariners Cottage Battery Point.
- **We are still firming up 2008 dates but they will be confirmed in the December SKEG**

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 2nd Monday for text and 1st Monday for photos every month. Following the event the Trip Leader is to provide a short story and photos of the event for inclusion in the following Skeg.

VALE David Murphy



David at the helm of his beloved

Wimbrel

Just to add some more to Roscoe's message David was, I believe, one of the founding members of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Incorporated. Over the years of his involvement with the Guild, David ensured the Guild was always on an "even keel" by insisting on our need to focus on our goals and responsibilities in regard to communicating, educating and researching Tasmania's Maritime Heritage. David was also very insistent that we did have state wide responsibilities in regard to reaching and maintaining our goals. He will be sadly missed on our trips around regional Tasmania. You have been a great inspiration to all David. Fair sailing now mate from us all!

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 19th November 2007

There will not be a committee meeting held prior to the meeting

Guest Speaker/s, 19th November 2007

Russell Pocock will talk about his project with *Enterprise on the East Coast*

Needed;

1. **Skeg articles by the 2nd Monday of each month.**
2. **Skeg photographs by the 1st Monday of each month.**
3. **Speaker/demonstration for next month**
4. **Volunteers Huon Show**

Try this link to our Web site to check our next function and the weather!

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

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**Presidents Dinner
à la Christmas
Friday 23rd November 2007**

Bellerive Yacht Club

Marina Room (downstairs)

6pm for 6.30pm

MENU

Nibble Platters at the BAR

CARVERY

Turkey with cranberry sauce

Ham with apple sauce

Baked potato & pumpkin with hot seasonal vegetables

DESERT

Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce

Pavlova with fresh fruit and King Island cream

Cheese Platter

Tea and Coffee

\$40.00 per head

RSVP to Robin 62439033 – late bookings considered ! (beware of the scribe!)



Yendy's

Photo Roscoe Barnett



Photos Graeme Hunt



L. Judy offers Roscoe Little Spec dips, Deb rear R. Eltin Ronan dwarfed by Clifton Surf Boat, Lady Nelson and Windward Bound



Seafarer's Festival water view

Photo Penny Morton



Photos Graeme Hunt



L. Kit of Cloudy Bay at launch R. John Allport of the Wooden Boat Centre chats with the 2 designers Alf and Terry Lean.