



Presidents June July Reports 2011

It has been another good year for the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania Inc. Meetings have been well attended with interesting speakers, videos and photo shows. This year we introduced a report on meeting presentations in the next month's *Skeg* so absent members would know what was said.

The Guild's principal achievement this year was getting the restored Terra Linna hull to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Our thanks go to Noel and Noelene and their band of helpers and other members who attended the working bees. A special mention must go to Peter Higgs who, as project manager, has spent many hours working in the background to ensure the project kept moving. Peter also coordinated the spar, sails and rigging suppliers and prepared the Tasmanian Community Fund Final Project Report.

Members' efforts at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, in February 2011 were magnificent. Some held positions on the Organizing Committee and many members worked for the Guild at the festival. Others had been involved in our model-making workshops. It was a great cultural and financial success.

Our Rowing Days/Weekends were as usual well attended and always lots of fun. We visited lovely St Helens for the June long weekend. The weather was magnificent and the locals joined in with their wooden boats.

Grahame Dudgeon organized a well attended Huon Land Cruise of wooden boats under construction and gave a meeting presentation on wooden boat exhibitions that pre-dated the AWBF.

The President's Dinner was once again a success at Drysdale. This year Bill Foster organized the Hobart Ukulele Group to give a concert which was well received.

In October and November the Guild was represented at the MYCT Boating and Leisure Show, the Clarence Seafarer's Festival and the Classic and Wooden Boat Festival in Sydney and we celebrated *Maori Lass's* 60th. In December we supported the new Spring Bay Maritime and Discovery Centre's Open Day.

The big boat weekend and clean up day at Barnes Bay was a great success after being locked out for a while and the trip to New Norfolk was an adventure with the Bridge failure keeping the boats upstream overnight.

This year the Committee finalized the criteria for the David Murphy Memorial Awards and decided the initial awards. This Award will given from time to time to outstanding contributors to the Guild's Objectives in memory of our esteemed friend and mentor David Murphy.

In my monthly reports in the *Skeg* I have thanked many people for their contributions to the Guild over the year. I thank them again. Thanks also go to the Committee for their ongoing work which keeps the Guild the thriving organization it is. I wish all members and their families all the best for another great year.

Graeme Hunt



The David Murphy Memorial Award

The Wooden Boat Guild Tasmania Inc (WBGT) David Murphy Memorial Award can be awarded by the Committee to a member or past member of the WBGT who

has over a prolonged period of more than 5 years sought to and achieved the Objects of the Guild based on one or more of the following criteria:

- a. Successfully convened or supported forums and festivals that meet with the objects of the Guild.
- b. Successfully researched and documented or demonstrated a significant part of Australia's and/or Tasmania's maritime heritage, hand crafts and marine craft to benefit the Guild, its members and affiliated bodies through an educational forum/program.
- c. Successfully worked with youth to ensure that the youth can demonstrate knowledge and skills in regard to Tasmania's maritime heritage, hand crafts and marine craft.
- d. Successfully researched and documented a wooden boat that has helped form part of Australia's and/or Tasmania's maritime heritage and as such maintained the heritage and integrity of the craft.
- e. Successfully constructed or reconstructed a wooden boat that has helped form part of Australia's and/or Tasmania's maritime heritage and as such maintained the heritage and integrity of the craft.

Documentation can include but not exclusively

- Historical documentation
- Oral documentation
- Pictorial documentation
- Model making
- Historical wooden boat design
- Lifting of lines
- Identifying and labelling heritage artefacts aligned to the objectives of the Guild

The award is to be announced at the AGM and the award will be given at the Presidents Dinner. The recipient will be invited to the dinner as guests of the Guild.

The Committee determined that as the Awards have not been made before, the inaugural Awards would be given to three recipients in 2011.

In 2011 the award has been made to;

Noel Hall and Noeline Hall – for their ongoing commitment to the research, documentation and reconstruction of the *Terra Linna*.

Bill Foster – for the research, restoration and leadership on the *May Queen* project and it's recognition by the Historic Ships Trust.

Andy Gamlin, Cathy Hawkins and Ian Johnston - for the formation of the WBGT, and the creation and continuing support of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

Noel and Noeline have been part of the *Terra Linna* project since

we first launched her into a sheet of plastic on the beach at Battery Point. It was Noel who led the installation of the "temporary" bracing and it was Noel and Noeline who made two museum-standard fully rigged models, one of which was presented to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania. Noeline agreed to the movement of the derelict hull from its storage shed at Margate to their backyard "to keep Noel busy". Noel and Noeline, as a team, commenced and completed the reconstruction of the hull. Along the way they took on a group of adult apprentices and hosted many Guild working bees. *Terra Linna* was ready in time to go to the 2011 AWBF primarily due to the efforts of Noel and Noeline and the band of helpers they led. And the commitment continues.

Photo Brian Marriot



Noel and Noeline Hall presenting their *Terra Linna* model to the Maritime Museum Tasmania

Bill Foster, shipwright and craftsman, has been a gracious leader of the amateurs and dreamers who make up most of the membership of the Guild. Bill has served on the committee and completed a term as President of the Guild. In 1997 Bill became involved with a group



Photo Graeme Hunt

Bill Foster

attempting to save Tasmania's last historic trading ketch, the *May Queen*. Bill became founding director and technical advisor to the *May Queen* Trust and worked with shipwrights to restore her to the wonderful floating display she is today in Constitution Dock. In 2003 Jacques Chevaux of the World Ship Trust made a presentation to *May Queen* and to *Bill Foster* in recognition of the historical and cultural importance of the vessel and Bill's contribu-

tions to historic vessel preservation. Bill has worked with youth and boatbuilding students over many years to pass on skills.

Andy Gamlin, Cathy Hawkins and Ian Johnston have for 20 years, pursued a dream to establish the Australian



Andy Gamlin

Photo P Higgs

Wooden Boat Festival as the pre-eminent wooden boat festival in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the best maritime festivals in the world. Together they organised and funded the first festivals

on their own. As the AWBF grew, Andy had stints as Festival Manager, Cathy has been the tireless Boat Manager for many years and Ian has continually contributed in many ways as Constitution Dockmaster and with



Cathy Hawkins

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merous activities for young people. Andy, Cathy and Ian also established and developed the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania in the 1990s to bring together like-minded wooden boat enthusiasts between festivals. The Guild



Ian Johnston

Photo Peter Higgs

continues to thrive today.

Congratulations to all recipients.

President

Graeme Hunt



SECRETARY'S June July 2011 REPORTS

June

At the completion of the seventeenth year of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania I believe we are stronger than ever, and are fulfilling the Guilds objectives. In all, it has been a very successful year.

The restoration of the *Terra Linna* progressed to the point this year, where it was possible for her to be presented to the public for the first time at the recent 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival. Although still not complete, *Terra Linna* looked a picture, thanks to Noel and Noelene, Peter the project manager and the band of willing helpers who have spent numerous hours on the project.

The Guilds donated, unrestored Piners Punt *Gordon* has had her lines taken, both electronically and by hand, and on 15 October 2010 was accepted into the Australian Register of Historic Vessels, of the Australian National Maritime Museum. *Terra Linna* is also on the Register along with other Guild Members vessels.

Speaking of Piners Punts, the Guild received a MMAPSS grant from the ANMM to research these remarkable vessels. Millard Ziegler initiated research in the early 2000's along with further research by Guild Members.

Just recently, Brian Marriott and I spent four days in Strahan taking lines electronically and gathering history of some of these Punts. Because of this visit by the Guild more West Coast Piners Punt owners have come forward and are enthusiastic about having their vessels documented. Another trip to the West Coast will be necessary later in the year.

Although non-members of the Guild, Dianne Coon and Jon Wakefield were instrumental in co-ordinating and assisting with the measuring of these West Coast Punts.

Guild Member, Bill Foster (who was apprenticed to Jock Muir) oversaw the building of a tender for the *May Queen* by Rosny College students and was construction adviser for the building of Rod Stirling's cou-ta boat *Billy* that was launched last year.

Bill, as an apprentice, also worked on the very successful Jock Muir *Westward* which has now been gifted to the Tasmanian Maritime Museum by Stan Field.

Members of the Guild have been busy with the monthly rowing days and the Guild has been represented throughout the year at shows and festivals such as the MYCT Boating & Leisure Show, Sydney Classic & Wooden Boat Festival, Bellerive Show, Hu-on Show, Spring Bay Maritime and Discovery Centre and the 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

The 2011 Australian Wooden Boat Festival, which was started by founding members of the Guild, was by far the most successful Festival to date with crowds in excess of 100,000 and the Festival site extending all the way to, and including the newly refurbished Princes Wharf, Shed No.1. Many Members were involved with the Guild's presence at this Festival while other Members were on the Festival Organising Committee.

Lastly, I would like to thank the President and my fel-

low Committee Members for their assistance and to Cheryl for putting up with, and assisting an old 'Wooden Boat Tragic'.

Roscoe

Last month's question was: 'Barratry' is 1) vigorous applause at ship's sporting contests 2) the offence of stealing Barramundi in protected waters 3) a fraudulent act by a crew member to the detriment of her owners or insurers

And the correct answer is: 'Barratry' is a fraudulent act by a ship's master or crew to the detriment of her owners or insurers.

This month's question: A vessel 'on the stocks' is: 1) being constructed 2) being sold 3) impounded by Customs

Questions courtesy Jim Broadside from AFLOAT

Secretaries Trivia: *When a clock is hungry it goes back for seconds....*

Secretary's report July

We don't need to be reminded that it is the middle of winter. As I sit here writing this report it is blowing a gale, raining, trying to snow and it's very, very cold....brrrrrrrr! Not really boating weather....but at least we can still dream about it.

I attended the 11th Biennial Tasmanian Local History Conference recently, hosted by the Maritime Museum of Tasmania. *Archipelago, maritime influences and life on Tasmania's islands*. It was a wonderful conference and very well attended with some very interesting speakers.

Eleanor Robin gave a very interesting paper on *John Watson: 'an enterprising man'*. John Watson, as most of us will know was a shipbuilder, he was involved with the whaling industry and he established the government dockyard at Port Arthur. He also built the Mariners Cottages in Battery Point where we hold our monthly meetings. The good news is that Eleanor has very kindly agreed to give a talk on John Watson at our September meeting, a talk I suggest should not be missed.

Of note in the boating segment of the *Mercury on Saturday* recently was an article on Jocelyn Fogagnolo, maritime journalist, who was "honoured for her tireless support of the State's boating clubs and maritime industry by winning the inaugural Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania Commodore's award". Congratulations Jocelyn. Jocelyn has written many articles expounding the virtues

of the Wooden Boat Guild and has regularly informed readers of the continuing restoration project of the *Terra Linna*.

The Piners Punt Project is still slowly moving along with six punts now having been electronically measured and one measured by hand. It is extremely difficult obtaining the history of some of these punts, when they change hands, there is no history handed on with them....pity!

And how about poor old comrade 'Arry Driftwood (Henry Adams) writer of the 'Rogues Yarn' in *Afloat* magazine....he has given us the flick and gone sailing in that place where there is always a gentle breeze and calm waters.

Don't forget the next meeting will be on **Monday 18 July at 1930hrs** and our next rowing day will actually be a Model Boat day on **Sunday 24 July**, so bring your models along. Check the *Calendar 2011* in this edition for details.

No, no, Cheryl, *boat models.....not blond models....*

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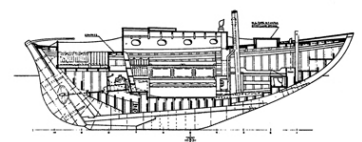
And the correct answer for that is: A vessel 'on the stocks' is being constructed on keel blocks which hold the keel of the new ship

This month's question is: What is a 'pipe cot': 1) a fireproof rack for smokers' pipes 2) A broth prepared with leftovers on the last evening of a voyage 3) a hinged cot which folds against the ship's side

Questions courtesy Jim Broadside from AFLOAT

Secretaries Trivia: a bicycle can't stand alone: it is two tired....

Roscoe



Terra Linna June July Report

Things are moving along. The rudder and Centre board have been completed ready for hardware.



Rudder constructed with the bronze castings patterns fitted in preparation for the real thing.

Photo Graeme Hunt

We may need a winch to lift the centre board though! As recently mentioned, all bronze castings for the rudder have been received. The

pintles needed turning but came to grief in a new CNC machine. They have been repaired and are currently at a machine shop for turning on a rather large lathe.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Centreboard with lead ballast in place!

The lower deck flooring is being fitted out with reclaimed Oregon from Nyrcstar. At the same time the bow sprit spar, an older reclaimed piece of timber is being reshaped and trimmed. The next trick is to be able to get the necessary curve in her to be authentic. There are a few theories yet to be tested!

With these items out of the way we are very close to the rigging stage.

In recent discussions with Noel he indicated it won't be long before we have her racing. I commented that we need to learn how to sail her first and then find some yachts she can race. He quickly came back with "don't worry about that, there are plenty around but they won't beat *Terra Linna*!"

Peter Higgs



From the Editors Desk June July 2011

Things have been very busy of late. It all started

with the return trip from Tinderbox in *Seaspray*. But what a great day that was! As soon as we were out of the channel and heading

Photo Peter Higgs



Seaspray, tired and forlorn as the new day dawns!

up the Derwent we encountered a strong NE breeze that did not take too long to bring up a very sharp and short chop with 2—3 ft white crested waves that were bouncing us around everywhere. Well some time later and back at the MYCT we had sprung a leak due to some caulking being displaced on the forward starboard side. A week on the slip and 5 sister rib replacements and refixing and re-caulking of the planks in that area and she is back in the water safe and sound with a whole new bilge pump system. Many thanks to the crew of Dallas and Graeme Hunt for their efforts and also members of the MYCT to assist, once berthed, with additional pumps and support.

On top of this with a very heavy work load due to the ever changing TAFE system in Tasmania and other family commitments members will receive a double issue of the Skeg. Apologies to all!

Peter Higgs

Rowing Event Report –June

On Sunday morning of the big and small Tinderbox rowing day we were greeted with grey skies and a forecast of rain developing.....yeah yeah yeah....so much for my booking for a beautiful sunny day. Thanks Hughie!

Photo Peter Higgs



Med, Trip Leader greeting boats on arrival!



Photo Peter Higgs

David' Gatenby's *Touchwood*

Not much of a day, but we weren't going to let the weather gods get in our way, so after an early morning 'phone call from David Gatenby, I loaded *Punt* the Piners Punt onto its trailer and headed down to Tinderbox Beach where I found David rigging his little *Touchwood*.

I was supposed to be taking *Maori Lass* around; the whole idea was to include the larger boats that normally don't go on rowing days but because of one thing and another I wimped out. It's OK....I have already been chastised by President Graeme!

Before I left home, a quick scan of the river with the binoculars from my lounge room found *Sea Spray* towing *Teepookana* mid stream heading for Pearsons Point, so, on my arrival at Tinderbox Beach I got *Punt* into the water as quickly as I could and started rowing round to the point to welcome them. I was obviously quicker than them, they weren't there, so I rowed back to welcome Noel and Noelene in *Farewell*, who were followed by Jim and Carol Tayton with 'Visitor', er, Victoria Bishop as crew in *Sylvena*, and finally (who actually anchored before *Sylvena*) *Seaspray* with Peter, Dallas and President Graeme arrived.

By the time the anchoring formalities were completed and we were all back on dry land, there were Guild members milling around the very smart BBQ area, which is quite new, although the free electric BBQ could have done with another plate.

Needles to say the Guild seem to be very capable when it comes to eating and drinking! There was a cast of thousands....as well as the boat people, there was Penny, Chris and David Morton, Graeme Nichols, David Gatenby's brother, Bill and Shirley Foster and of course not forgetting she who must be obeyed, Cheryl and our son Blake who was visiting from Sydney. Last but not least to arrive were Stew and Barb Edwards, with their new Fazackerley putt-putt *Li'll Reg*, a lovely little boat that had been fully restored by our Toronto (NSW) members Wal and Chris McCadames. Unfortunately *Li'll Reg* didn't hit the water but next time we will all be lining up to go for a run!

As Hughie would have it, the sun came out and the day was perfect just as everyone started to pack up their picnic gear and leave. Bill Foster very kindly took the rubbish bag with him as we couldn't find a rubbish bin....there was a bin there....the one and only bin was revealed when the last car left the car park! We just didn't look hard enough. *Seaspray* was the first to leave as they had the greatest distance to travel and unfortunately they encountered a few problems on the way back to the big smoke, which in turn saw *Sea Spray* on the slips for the rest of the week. A blessing in disguise said Peter....at least the problems have been sorted out and all is well again. Wooden boats....arr, you wooden be without them....sorry!

Nearly everyone had headed home so it was time to get *Punt* back onto the trailer with the grateful help from Stew and Barb, it's a pity I can't reverse a trailer, I've only been doing it for the last thirty or forty or so years....just as well there was no one



Photo Peter Higgs

Where is *Maori Lass*?

other than Stew and Barb to observe my pathetic reversing antics.

Thank you to all those who participated, we all had a great day, another great Guild day just mucking around in paradise!

What's that I hear you say Cheryl....yes, I know I should have taken *Maori Lass*, I know Jim had a great sail home....you don't have to rub it in.



Photo Graeme Hunt

Cold nights warm fire!

After last year's very successful trip to St Helens we ordered the same weather—and we got it! Cold clear nights (frosts) and sunny calm days meant great boating weather.

My car was still at the heater repair shop so Graeme Nichols took Noel, Noelene and me, as well as the beautiful *Scorrybreac*. Roscoe took his *Punt* and Jim and Carol took *Jo Dwyer*. Rob and Jo, Barb, Peter and Dallas were also there. David, Noel and Pat had come just for the day from Orford and we met at Camp Banksia for lunch in the sun. Some of the locals had heard the Wooden Boat Guild was in town and we invited them to join the fun. Marie and Henry were also on holiday.

On Saturday afternoon we met Margaret Griggs and Ald. Kent at the *Julie Burgess* Project on the banks of the Mersey. What a great effort by the, Ship Wright, boat builders, volunteers and management. Graeme Broxham and some friends

**July Rowing Day
Trip leader Graeme Hunt
Port Sorell, Muddy
Creek Long Weekend**

Calendar 2011

- **Sunday July 10th Terra Linna working bee, apologies** for the confusion here, editors oversight and we will return to the norm now!
- **Monday July 18 Committee and General meeting**
- **July 24th, Port Huon Yacht Club, Model Boat event** BYO model boats and food + grog. David Morton Trip Leader, who will place a sign on the road as you enter Port Huon directing you to the yacht club.
- **August 7th, Terra Linna working Bee, Halls.**
- **August 21st Cygnet Yacht Club Big and small boats BYOF.** Trip Leaders Robin and Cherelle.
- **August 28th, Model Working Bee, 185 Berriedale Rd Berriedale , Peter Higgs.**
- **September 25th, Jordon River Rowing Day BYOG&F.** Trip Leader Peter and Dallas Higgs.
- **Sept. 29th Royal Engineers Society, Tony Hope Kenedy's WS machinery & Hbt Wharf maintenance,** doors close 7.30pm
- **October 23rd Bellerive Seafarers Fest. Terra Linna to be sailed to some venues, maybe!**
- **November 12th Huon Show**
- **2nd & 3rd December, Spring Bay Maritime & Discovery Centre, Triabunna, Tasmanian Indigenous Reed Canoe + Open Days every Monday.**
- **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 3rd Monday of each month, inc. public holidays except in the month of December.

The next general meeting and AGM 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 18th July 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, 18th July, 2011

- ◆ June/July Jim Tayton, "Couta Crossing" video
- ◆ August, Brian Marriott, Piners' Punts project
- ◆ September, Eleanor Robin, John Watson, Pt Arthur Shipwright, Battery Point slips and Mariners Cottage.

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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Alderman Kent shows WBGT members why they decided to re-plank and sister frame the *Julie Burgess*

Photo Henry Dennison

joined us and we had a good look over the restoration of this old fishing boat which will one day take passengers from a berth in

East Devonport. Rudi added authenticity by hammering in some plugs. Later, back at Banksia Retreat we had a lovely campfire and terrific fresh local fish and chips.

Photo Henry Dennison



Julie Burgess suspect fixings

The plan for Sunday was an 8am start to catch high tide in Muddy Creek (Panatana Rivulet). Our local contact and organizer Geoff Winspear had done a fantastic job of organizing the locals. In all there were 18 boats!



Punt and Dinghy in background (Geoff)

Photo Graeme Hunt

Some of the locals did their usual row round the island and were back by the time the rest of us were on the water. We then rowed up the creek while

the tide was in. Everybody then had a lovely breakfast BBQ complete with hot water and a toaster. Oh yes, it was 1 degree C when we started but sunshine, rowing and friends soon warmed us up.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Great Breakfast in the park organised kindly by Geoff and mates! Many thanks.

After breakfast we visited Graeme's and Bryan's sheds and were amazed by their other boats and their lovely set-ups. There is such a wealth of talent and such a prodigious output of boats from this small town. After lunch Graeme N and I went for a lovely sail in *Scorrybreac* in light winds on the Rubicon Estuary. Fantastic.



WBGT members admire one of Graeme's boats which is a replica of a boat he fished in with his father.

Photo Graeme Hunt

Sunday night we had a dinner planned at Camp Banksia. In all we had 34 people there – a wonderful turn out. Great food, lovely room, friendly management, a warm fire, a

terrific display by the Port Sorell Historical society including their great whaleboat, and a few interesting speakers made it a great night. Well done again Geoff and Mick.

Photo Graeme Hunt



Sunday evening Dinner with the Port Sorell Historical Groups display in the background.

Monday morning was again frosty and an early row had been arranged

the previous night. Only *Scorrybreak* and crew represented the southerners and this time we took after the locals using the outboard. We circumnavigated the big island using the "secret passage" and then motored up the creek again. Unfortunately



Graeme Nichols enjoying a sail in *Scorrybreak* with Graeme Hunt before his trip to the Mersey Hospital!

Photo Graeme Hunt

Graeme took a tumble when we got back.

in Graeme's hand and home via the new bookshop in Campbell Town.

It was a great weekend.

Graeme

A quick trip to Latrobe for a few stitches

**Next Rowing Day, Model Boats at Port Huon
Yacht Club, Shipwright Point, Port Huon, 10.30
a.m. Sunday 24th July 2011
Trip Leader David Morton**

The rowing day for July 24th will instead be a new and different activity; Dust off your models (or any size, complete or not, display, half hull, radio control or free sailing) and bring them to the Morton's, **It does not have to be constructed of wood! It can be constructed of any material.** Even if you don't have a model, come anyway and we'll fix that!

In case of good weather we'll try to find a venue where those that float can do so. Most likely is Geeveston Heritage park in a couple of small ponds or the river itself. Please met at Morton's first, though and the sailors can head off in a group.

Bring: Models, food, drink & anything else you need for fun.

Challenges: I'd like to see who brings the oldest model, and who brings the smallest. I don't dare ask for the largest, someone will bring a canoe or dinghy.



A model under construction 2004—photo Peter Higgs

Last meetings presentation pr`ecis

Apologies, I was not present to ghost write it and have not received any comment or report.

Vale

Ian "Perce" Perdriau, 64, died suddenly on Wednesday 15. Perce was well known in Tasmania.

Perce was a Sydney-sider, sailor, shipwright, scallywag mate of mine but most of all he was a wooden boat champion.

He had restored many wooden boats including converting a 100ft timber mine sweeper to a luxury pleasure boat. Amongst others, he also built a replica vintage 18footer – *Yendys*- that was one of the feature 18footers at the 2009 Australian Wooden Boat Festival. He also built the *JBW* a 60ft cruiser that had recently been used as the radio communications vessel for the Sydney to Hobart

aces.

His current project was rebuilding and re rigging a 30sq m *Flamingo* for Richard Winning. Perce raced off shore and in the late 1960s and early '70s sailed with former 18footer champion Ken Beashel.

Ian is survived by his wife Margaret, daughter Kate and son Sam.

Sail on Perce!

Roscoe

More Photos from Tinderbox

By Peter Higgs



Stew arrives with his new Fazackerly



Noel and Noelene row ashore for lunch



A happy chat before lunch

Photos from Tinderbox continued.



WBGT members gather for lunch at the Tinderbox beach shelter



Roscoe, Trip Leader/Sec. Graeme Hunt President and Jim Tayton Snr. V President at Tinderbox rowing day.



Graeme and Barb admire the work on the Julie Burgess—photo Henry Denison



Restored figure head on the Julie Burgess—Photo Henry Dennison

More photos from Pt Sorell Trip



Photo Graeme Hunt

Rudi the shipwright, inserts a plug in the new planking of the Julie Burgess



Photo Graeme Hunt

One of Charlie's other boats on Muddy Creek

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.



Peter rowing *Eltin Ronan* on Browns River

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.

