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## President's Report

Hi all,

Well I'm back from my medical problems from the last few months. In my absence I would like to thank the committee who looked after things while I was away. In particular all those who pushed on over the busy end of year things such as the Christmas lunch at APYC.

The WBA has the pleasure in sponsoring a new award in the name of our esteemed member Alan Chinn. The Alan Chinn award will promote our members efforts in building and restoration of wooden boats which is a core function of the club. More on this later.

You will be interested to hear that Russ and Marg took off from Mildura for another trip down the Murray River in the early new year. They braved the 40 plus degrees weather and got to Berri before retiring, so well done for that. I'm off to the Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart on the weekend. I know Penny and Jim will be there as well and I'm sure I will see others.

We have a few things coming up soon, and I look forward to seeing you around..

Aye

Andrew



## Club Calendar

Wed 13 Feb	Sail & row night - BBQ after 6.30pm start at APYC	Albert Park Lake
<b>Fri 8 Feb to Mon 11 Feb</b>	<b>Hobart Wooden boat Festival</b>	<b>Hobart Tas</b>
Sun 24 Feb	Rye Sailing Day – <i>On the beach</i>	Rye
Wed 10 Mar	APYC Sailing Day	Albert Park Lake
Sun 24 Mar	APYC Sailing Day - <b>30th Anniversary of Club – a good number of our members were there at the start. Be there to chat to them about the early days, and to enjoy a day on the lake.</b>	Albert Park Lake
Wed 24 Apr	Club Night - TBA	TBA
<b>Sat 27 - Sun 28 April</b>	<b>South Australian Wooden Boat Festival</b>	<b>Goolwa SA</b>

## Alan Chinn Award (Leigh McNolty)

At our 2018 Christmas Party the WBA had the pleasure of announcing the introduction of a new award.

**The Alan Chinn Award** for excellence in boatbuilding has been created to recognize and promote the skills of boatbuilding in our club.

The award is named after Alan Chinn in honour of his immense contribution to the club as a foundation member, a professional boatbuilder and an assistant, guide and friend to everyone in the WBA and particularly those who have built their own boats.

It was a significant moment for all of us, including Alan, when he was present for the announcement of the award and he was shown the new trophy.



The trophy was made by Greg Blunt and will be kept at Albert Park as a perpetual trophy with the names of the winners engraved on it. Winners of the award will also receive a plaque to be affixed to their boat.

The guidelines for how the selection panel will be formed and how the award winner will be chosen are in the document "Alan Chinn Award – Rules and Requirements" which will shortly be on our website, as will the nomination form for those who wish to nominate a club member for consideration for the award.

In the meantime, if you are keen to be nominated, copies are available from me.

We look forward to the announcement of the inaugural winner at the Annual General Meeting in July this year.

*This picture of Alan is reproduced from the November 2006 edition of Shavings (Volume 17, Number 4), and was included in an article entitled "Member Profile: Alan Chinn". You can access the article through our website. After logging in, click on "About Us", then "Our Newsletter – Shavings", select the year and month to download a copy.*

## This Months Club Outings

**Wednesday Evening 13th February** – a sail and row night at Albert Park Lake with a 6:30 start, followed by a BBQ and picnic. **Note! The BBQ is supplied, but you have to bring your own meat, eats and drinks!** See you there.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10:am start**

**OOD is Andrew Campell** - 0408 847 319 or [president@woodenboat.asn.au](mailto:president@woodenboat.asn.au)

Yes, it's boating and picnicking at Rye, near the Rye Pier boat ramp. Hopefully this year the weather will be suitable, unlike the last attempt which had to be eventually cancelled.

This is a long running event that some members will have been attending over a 29 year period.

Roll along to see what old salts look like.

Parking fees are payable via the Parkmobile app., so if you haven't already got it, head off to

<https://www.parkmobile.com.au/apps> and download it there. The ramp code is 4102.



## Sailing APYC 19<sup>th</sup> January (Geoff Carroll)



A goodly crew rolled up for the January sailing day. Lyndsay Symons had her bottom wet and was on the water for a good part of the time. Jimmy Baillie brought his strip planked kayak to show to the members and demonstrate its capabilities. Jim Stockton and Graeme Signorini both gave it a try. Jim had a sailing canoe as well. Leigh McNolty had his mirror rigged and sailing in a final shakedown for the Inverloch Regatta. Its red sails made a pretty sight out on the lake. New member Gary Hardy was so keen he arrived and sailed his

Mirror "Paregrina" before anyone else arrived. Well done Gary!

Geoff Carroll made it a family occasion with sailing sessions for his nephew and partner, son in law, brother in law and two grandsons, Patrick and Timmy, in Bluebelle but not all at once! This could be seen as succession planning for the club as both boys now are keen to sail "Grampa's boat". There were also several visitors and members without boats on the day who dropped in, making the lunch session a good sized convivial gathering under the brollies on the balcony.

## Spotted in Mordialloc Creek – Oh Dear!



## Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta (Leigh McNolty)

The Inverloch regatta - held Sat 26th, Sun 27th & Mon 28th January 2019 - continues to build its reputation as the biggest and most activity-filled event for classic sailing dinghies.



The WBA makes a small financial contribution to the regatta and has a number of members who either enter and sail their boats or come along to meet the people and see the boats in the yard and on the water. The WBA logo is on the regatta tee shirts and all the posters and signage.

WBA member Greg Barwick has been a key member of the Regatta Committee and has put in a lot of work over the past year to make the event a success. He also sails a Sailfish with the fanatical dedication necessary for that activity and has been instrumental in the revival of the class.

Other WBA members in attendance were life member and committee member Graham Signorini, who visited on Sunday with an interest in the models on display in the stadium as well as all the boats on the beach and in the club yard: Roderick Smith who visited on Sunday and enjoyed the sights of boats on the inlet after lunch at the Inverloch Hotel: Tony and Linda Remington joined us for a look at the boats and said they were thinking about bringing a boat next year – and of course the McNoltys were also waving the flag.

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In its sixth year now, the regatta attracted 53 entries and a large spectator crowd. Once again there was perfect sailing weather for the whole three days.

The excitement begins with the arrival of entrants on the first day of the regatta. Boats that have been brought to the regatta for the first time are the greatest attraction at this stage. In the carpark and in the club yard there are groups of people gathering around newly arrived boats and the conversation is about where the boat was found, its history and its restoration. There were also a couple of newly built boats having their first outings at the Inverloch regatta this year.

A new Sailfish named "Westerly" completed only weeks ago by Chris Cleary gained plenty of attention from the Sailfish contingent. Jack Carroll, designer of the Sailfish and attending his third regatta, said that twenty years ago he thought the class was dead, but he has sold over fifty sets of plans to people building new boats in the past year. Sixteen Sailfish participated in the 2019 regatta.

Tony Landy arrived with his newly built Artic Tern designed by Ian Oughtred. He has not completed the rig for the boat so it was there for display only, but the quality of Tony's work was greatly admired and we look forward to seeing it sailing soon.



Rod Mackintosh brought his recently restored Gwen 12 from South Australia to be able to compete against the other Gwen 12's for the

Gwen 12 Challenge Cup at this regatta. The boat was built in the 1970's by John Gratton who had also come over from SA with his Sabre. John built the Sabre in the 80's and he is the current South Australian Sabre champion at the age of 73.

A remarkable find was made by Ralph Ballard during the year when he was asked to look at an old boat in a garage in Geelong. He discovered a Mark II Moth built in 1953 to the Len Morris design. The sail number is 185 which makes it the oldest Moth sailing in Australia today. Ralph sailed the boat in the Saturday race.

Among other notable new arrivals were "Vengeance", the winner of the last VJ Victorian championship which was held back in the 1970's. The boat is in original condition, as if it had just been brought out of storage after 40 years - which it had!

One of the most stunning sights of the regatta was Toby Leppin's recently restored 1960's Gwen 12 "Avenger". With flat cut wire luff spinnaker set and crew Geoff Rippingale on trapeze the boat planed at high speed throwing sheets of spray on either side. This crew was our winner of the Gwen 12 Challenge Cup, in front of the other Gwens in the racing.

The theme or special focus of this year's regatta was Jack Holt and the racing dinghies designed by him. His most popular design, the Mirror was represented by eight boats, possibly the biggest fleet of Mirrors racing together in Victoria in quite a few years.



(Leigh's Mirror in action)

The Mirror contingent included new WBA member Gary Hardy's "Paregrina" and my "Kokomo", although Gary was far ahead of me in the racing. A special entry was Francis Sullivan's "Alice" No. 2628, reputedly the oldest Mirror in Australia.

Another Jack Holt design sailing in the regatta was the Heron "Triopia" owned by Anthony Berger which performed well in the races and also won the Best Presented Jack Holt boat award.

To add to the collection of Jack Holt boats we had an International Cadet sailed by the regatta committee chairperson, Jeff Cole and a Pacer sailed by James Shannon.

On display in the stadium there was a collection of Jack Holt boats brought together by the Chapman family from boats owned by family and friends. There was a Solo dinghy, a Miracle, a Mirror and a Heron.

Andrew and Marion Chapman have been central to the instigation, development and success of the regatta. This year, with Andrew recovering from an operation, his daughter Trilby has taken a major role in the organisation of events and the hundreds of tasks that need doing. She also sailed her Rainbow "Moonraker" in all the sailing events.



To complete the roll call of exceptional boats at the regatta there are the stalwarts that appear every year. Stephen Fankhauser's 12 Square metre Sharpie "Cheyenne" has not missed one event – great organization for a boat requiring a three-man crew.

Sailmaker and panel judge, Mark Rimington once again sailed his Imperium design Moth "Maggie", and Tony Landy sailed his Oughtred Shearwater with the tan sails. Another Oughtred design, the Fulmar "Mooltan" sailed by George Sutherland looked great with its lugsail ketch rig.



At the Regatta dinner on Saturday night Jack Carroll presented the prizes and awards for the Sailfish class, one of which was won by his son Brian – class champion in the 70's. Jack was given a birthday card signed by the regatta participants for his upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and a resounding Happy Birthday was sung by the 100 or more sailors present. As he said "when we launched the first Sailfish in 1948 we could never have expected this".

The objectives of the regatta are to save old wooden sailing and racing dinghies from being lost through neglect and to get them sailing and appreciated by a wider group of sailors. This year we had entries from South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland, we had the oldest boats in their class sailing again and we had championship winning boats sailing again after years in storage.

The Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta is the event you have to attend if you are interested in the history of small boat sailing in Australia. The committee puts together a weekend of social events for families, a range of food and local produce to try as well as the sailing events, both racing and cruising that suit every participant. It keeps growing and improving, so put it in your calendar for next year.

## "Feet Rowing in Vietnam – (David O'Dempsey)

Rhonda Brewer (Floataboat) spent time in Vietnam last year, and was surprised to see many of the boat people rowing facing forwards – and with their feet! Rhonda was enthusiastic about the feat (haha!) and had pictures to prove it was true.

I checked the web, and sure enough there is a bit said about this interesting approach. This is what I learned from an article at <https://theculturetrip.com/asia/vietnam/articles/vietnamese-guides-row-feet/> .

"In Nin Bình, Vietnam, tour guides such as this lady row boats with their feet through the Tam Cốc or "three caves" river system. Originally, the sampans were rowed by hand but an increase in tourism took a physical toll on the rowers. Feet rowing is a less-taxing alternative. It also frees up their hands for holding umbrellas or operating floating stores.



And she's not the only one. Everyone who rows along these winding rivers has picked up on the art of rowing with their feet. Rather than distributing the stress through the discs of their spine, these rowers are using their strong leg muscles to handle the work. For people who spend thousands of hours rowing in a year, this method of rowing with their feet goes a long way to preventing chronic back pain.



Rather than looking at where they've been, Vietnamese guides face where they're heading. This really does make a lot more sense. It also means the guides can lay back and relax while they keep an eye on what's ahead of them. They're still working, no doubt, but they also look somewhat relaxed.

And when they need to stop, all they have to do is lean forward and grab the oars with their hands. They may never develop the freakish bodies of Olympic rowers, but their clever technique will allow them to work for many years without crippling pain”.

You can see more at - <https://vimeo.com/83596690> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvU2f-t612o>.



## Quick and Dirty Cleats (Duckworks, 1999)

*(by David Beede - Simplicity-Boats) - and reproduced with permission from Duckworks Magazine)*

Here are some cleats I've come up with made from plastic tubing. These are very "quick and dirty." I made all of the ones pictured in about an hour. The material cost is negligible. This ivory colored plastic pipe, (I believe it's called CPVC) is available in different diameters. The brand name on it is Coastline. The ones in the pictures are 5/8" I.D. and about 7/8" O.D. Make sure you sand all edges pretty smooth to prevent line chafe. These are my first experiments so I don't know about UV resistance or longevity. I'll keep you posted.



The first one takes the place of a fair lead and cam cleats on a small boat. I have mine tied to the middle of the central frame with 3/16" line. It's not as foolproof as "the real thing" but is far better than just hanging onto the main sheet, or wrapping it around a normal cleat.



Here's a close up of it. It's cut at a 45 degree angle. A 3/16" hole is drilled in the side. Sketch out then cut a tapered V to this hole. Drill the mounting hole the size you need for your mounting cord. (mine is 1/4") With practice you can adjust it with one hand. A downward squeeze with the thumb will release it. Works well in combination with a tiller tamer of some sort. (A simple one of these soon!)



This one is similar to a horn cleat or jam cleat, being a bit of both. Again, the slot holes are 3/16" as are the mounting holes. They are drilled all the way through, then the upper holes are enlarged to 5/16" to allow clearance for the screw head and driver for mounting.



The last one is pretty experimental. It's designed to take a line or bungee cord running through it that can then be prevented from running out either way. Not often necessary, but handy for things like the loop of line used on my Venture McGregor's rudder to both hold the rudder up and down.



Experiment with different sized tubing and slots for the line you're using. (David Beede)

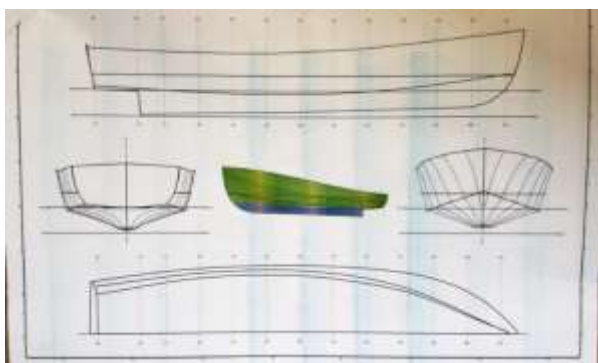
## The Boatyard

### Plans for WILLIAM ATKINS 1950 17ft Seabright Skiff - \$150 ONO



Genuine set of plans for. "WILLIAM ATKINS 1950 17ft Seabright Skiff."

Also included are full size drawings of Stations and Stem. Design Specifications, trim, resistance and power calculations derived from the Delftship Professional Ship design program. The plans are suitable for plywood lapstrake construction and are For sale at \$150.00 ONO



Resistance calculations.

Delft Series (78E)

Speed	Length	Friction resistance	Residual resistance	Applied resistance	Total resistance	Effective power
1.0	1.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1.5	1.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.0	2.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.5	2.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3.0	3.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3.5	3.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.0	4.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.5	4.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.0	5.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

John Winters (KAPER)

Speed	Length	Friction resistance	Residual resistance	Applied resistance	Total resistance
1.0	1.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
1.5	1.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.0	2.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
2.5	2.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3.0	3.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
3.5	3.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.0	4.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
4.5	4.50	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.0	5.00	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

I hope to find someone interested in building this classic design as I am now too old to do so now, but the boat deserves to be made. Please contact Allan Russell at [russboats@gmail.com](mailto:russboats@gmail.com).

**For Sale - 1931 4.25 Hp Chapman Super Pup - \$2250**

Now that I have completed my restoration of "Larrigai" - my 1898 Hobson's Bay Flattie Putt-Putt I wish to sell the original motor. Did I say original motor? Well it's the 1931 4.25 Hp Chapman Super Pup that has been in the one boat since the motor was new in 1931.

It was running when removed and is complete with a very rare 1970's Dynastart electric starter and generator, exhaust system, magneto, dog clutch, drip carburettor, wiring loom, magneto oilers etc. etc..

It is available in Melbourne.



Condition? Personally, I would give it a good overhaul, but it is operational and comes with spare spark plugs and a reprint of the workshop manual.

Asking price is **\$2250** (negotiable) including the Dynastart (I have seen Dynastarts advertised for \$1500 alone)

You can contact me at [bob@aerospacematerials.com.au](mailto:bob@aerospacematerials.com.au) or on [0418109383](tel:0418109383)

**John Dory for Sale - \$2500**



Great little wooden boat for first time sailors and for those experienced boaties who want a collector's item. It's in great condition, measures 5.3m long and 1.8mtrs wide, and comes with a registered trailer as shown.



The boat is located in Bayswater and the bargain price of \$2,500 has been set in order for a quick sale.

Contact Sandra on 0403 339 262 or [sandrastrongman@gmail.com](mailto:sandrastrongman@gmail.com) for more details

### **For Sale – 2 Classics**

Henry Scott was the secretary of the WBA during its early formative years. He enjoyed participating and assisting the WBA Vic with then President David Bamford and Committee Members Alan Chinn, Tom & Carole Whitfield, Brian Atkins and others.

Now the time has come for Henry to officially retire his mothballed fleet, and he is keen to find them good homes. No photos at present, but I'm sure Henry will be pleased to have you inspect.

#### **No. 1 - Phillip Bolger - 10'6 Cartopper. \$1500 ono** (including tan sail)

It can be sailed, rowed or a small electric motor attached. Comes with tan sail. (A separate trailer and dolly is available for those that would prefer not to put a boat on top of their car). The trailer and separate dolly for the cartopper - **\$750 ono**)

#### **No. 2 - Tom Hill- Ultralight Canoe - \$1500 ono**

Approx.12 ft long. Clinker/lapstrake construction, varnished, of near museum quality.

Henry can be contacted on **0412 068 833** or at [henry8945@gmail.com](mailto:henry8945@gmail.com).

### **For Sale - 11ft clinker putt putt "Curlew"**

This boat dates from about 1950, is clinker construction using Kauri and Oregon. We restored it 2005, replacing a couple of planks, and rebuilding the interior. Interior is an oiled finish as per original.

Now powered by a modern Honda GX160 air-cooled 4 stroke 5hp single cylinder engine adapted for use in the boat. It starts easily and is economical, easily does 4 hours running on the 5 litre tank, and has probably had no more than 50 hours use.

Has a sun awning, and is on a registered Dunbier trailer, with spare wheel. Boat and trailer registered until Feb 2019. Includes oars, fenders, bilge pump, anchor and rope. Price? - **\$6,000**



Please contact me for more photos or to inspect- David Stott, 0414442518 [djstott@bigpond.com](mailto:djstott@bigpond.com)

**For Sale - Wooden boat (Adirondack Guide Boat) with Hobie Drive - \$2150**



This is a beautifully made marine ply double-ender, very stable, and a smart mover. Easily roof-topped, and if necessary, can be carried by one person (remembering that it is a metre wide).

If you already have a Hobie drive and don't need this one, of course there will be a considerable price reduction for the hull only.



Check out the boat in action at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9wC4DBHdjM>, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_hDcaF3jfYg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_hDcaF3jfYg), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEw4bGyeRIU>, and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChrI2yb5cZQ>,

Contact David O'Dempsey at [ddempsey2@bigpond.com](mailto:ddempsey2@bigpond.com), or on 0439 388 885.

## Wanted – More of These?

When everybody on earth was dead and waiting to enter Heaven, God appeared and said, "I want the men to make two lines: one line for the men who were true heads of their household, and the other line for the men who were dominated by their women.

I want all the women to report to St. Peter." Soon, the women were gone, and there were two lines of men.

The line of the men who were dominated by their wives was hundreds of miles long and in the line of men who truly were heads of their household, there was only ONE man.

God said to the long line, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves; I created you to be the head of your household!"

"You have been disobedient and have not fulfilled your purpose!"

"Of all of you, only one obeyed.

Learn from him."

God turned to the one man, "How did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

The man replied,

"This is where my wife told me to stand."



*"Well, according to the scuttlebutt we're dead."*

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