

SHAVINGS THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION INC.

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President's Report

An eventful month and one which will be in our minds for the future ... this is the month that the term " new normal" caught on along with "flattening the curve".

The COVID 19 virus is serious and we as the committee have to take it seriously to ensure that ALL our members stay safe and here to enjoy the WBA activities when we are advised that it is safe to do so.

We have had to take the action of cancelling all club night programs for the foreseeable future and our "away " from APYC sailing events will be re-evaluated in accordance with risk assessment prior to each event (providing we can maintain "social distancing", our trip on the Yarra may proceed if we don't have a lockdown...we will see).

In the meantime "Shavings" will continue to be distributed each month and there will also be email supplements to keep you all informed , amused and involved in the activities of the individual members. So, now we need input from you to share whether it be a project, an event you have been to or innovative ways to outwit the hoarders and overcome any shortages we have all experienced.

Please send these to myself for distribution (chrisk1@bigpond.net.au).



Our club night was attended by 20 eager people to learn more of our second river the Maribyrnong, aboard the Blackbird and captained by Peter Somerville on the upstream leg and Warrick on the downstream leg. Both were very informative showing a passion for the river and its history.



We enjoyed a meal after the trip of the Station Hotel and left replete. Thank you to Graham Signorini for arranging the evening.

The following Sunday was a row, paddle day at Andrew Cohen's at Patterson Lakes.



Although the weather was not promising in the morning, Penny and Jim arrived with kayaks,

Jack Ellis also with a kayak and myself with a rowing skiff.

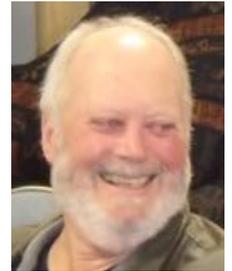


Steven Taylor also arrived to participate and he enjoyed a paddle in one of the kayaks – the first time he had been in one since high school! Andrew found a location for his BBQ out of the wind and produced a feast for the hungry throng. Again, thanks to Andrew for hosting the day and being chef.



Please everyone stay safe and we will look forward to catching up when we are able.

Cheers, all
Chris.



Photos of *Blackbird* by Coralie Leins, and photos of Patterson Lakes by Steve Taylor.

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Need inspiration, ideas, entertainment?

In previous issues of "Shavings" I have mentioned how helpful I have found the videos and other resources available at Off Center Harbor. Last week I received an email from them, with a "friends and family" offer of an eight-week membership to the site for US\$5, which can be followed by a year's membership at a 50% discount. This offer is available at the following link:

<https://www.offcenterharbor.com/join-page-mem-ref-5-membership-8-weeks-50-off-upgrade>

You can also go to <http://www.offcenterharbor.com/tour/> and sign up to get 10 free videos, to get an idea of the quality of the resources on offer.

If you have some spare time at present, this would certainly help fill some of it. Apart from some beautiful boats to explore, there are fantastic techniques to discover and apply to your next or current project, and some amazing people to meet!

Geelong Wooden Boat festival

The WBA flag was flown proudly at this event by Bob Morgan who had his boat on display.

Bob reported that he was there for the 3 days and spoke to many people interested in wooden boats and some past members.

There was good attendance on all days but especially Sunday and he felt that the overall festival was a success.

We did not have our club boats on display this year due to a number of events around the same time.

Perhaps, rather than try to attend all events, we should select one or two each year and concentrate on it with people and members boats as well.



Paynesvill Classic and Wooden Boats Festival 2020

Hanh and I had an entry in the Paynesville Classic and Wooden Boat festival this year. Packing the camper this time we had a stowaway who joined us for the trip – Snowball, Hanh's dog.

Although it was a weekend that clashed with the Williamstown Seaport Festival, which I would have liked to have attended, we packed and left for Paynesville a couple of days before the festival.

After the bushfires in Gippsland there was a certain sense of resoluteness from the locals.

I think over the next day when the boats began to arrive the atmosphere had improved and by the time the festival was up and running, there was a greater level of happiness around with even a few smiles.

The festival, had 152 on water, 34 on trailer and half a dozen cartopper entries so there was something for everyone.

WBA club members numbered around a dozen with four members entered with their boats. There were also a couple of entries from SAWBA and QWBA. The APYC was also there with the racehorse of the sailing fleet, "Acrospire".

The festival followed a program of grand parades, demonstrations of sailboats, scratch built and RC models, quick and dirty boat building, yacht races, speed boat races and bang and return race. The above was interspersed with music from the community set up along the waterfront or the 'Tin Shed'.

I think a good friendly time was had by all that I could see, a nice respite from events earlier in the year and the virus issues at present.

Maybe when it's all over there should be a major Melbourne wooden boat festival to change the general mood in the city.

Andrew Campbell.



The Tin Shed entertainment pavilion in front of the quick and dirty contestants.



Gippsland Lakes boat *Wanderer* built 1883.



A bit of congestion during the parade of sail in light conditions.



Familiar faces out on the water.



Quite a large attendance for the weekend.



Batman's boat was there, he was a neighbour in the caravan park. I'm not sure underwear on the outside will take off as a fashion statement.



"Acrospire" sailing. She beat a Sydney Harbour 18ft skiff in the race in light airs.

The Paynesville Classic Boat Rally (Nemo)



Once again my mate and I travelled down to Paynesville for the rally– this time over three days, February 28th To March 1st 2020.

I recognised many vessels from the previous year, and once again the “quick and dirty” boat building competition sponsored by Botecote was a lot of fun (didn’t see a construction team from amongst your veteran WBA membership ‘though?).

There were lots of boats, big and small, and it was a joy to wander around, admire and take pictures. I also had photographic help from a couple of seaborne sources, and I acknowledge their assistance.

To my mind, the stand-out vessels were these three.

The elderly but beautiful “Acrospire” crewed by Paul Haig and other members from APYC having a great weekend. Paul is, of course, also a WBA member. What a lovely boat. It was good to see her gracing the high seas.

(Did you know that acrospire is the shoot from a germinating wheat grain?)



A fabulous little tug-boat – called “Mars” I believe – crewed by an elderly captain squinting through his windshield, a beautiful queen-like vision of a lady, and a small dog (“boat trained” I hope). “Mars” is a bit narcissistic, travelling from event to event making a spectacle of herself, but apparently

her crew are prepared to live with this, and humour her along.



And the stand-out of the entire weekend, the newly restored and relaunched 81 year old classic “Comet” design run-about owned by Sharon and Tim Drinkall.

Tim and Sharon spent many hours on the boat following advice from Tom and Carol Whitfield, then sent it off to Bill Jones (Bruthen) for the detailed work and engine fitting.

(Isn’t Sharon your treasurer? Hmmm.)



It attracted a lot of attention, and when it eventually made it to the display area was swamped with interested admirers.



But! There were other boats as well – here’s a selection.



Batman, Robin and Joker in the BatBoat made an appearance – but left the Bat Rod at home.



On the other hand, trawling from Boat-a-home helped pass the time.



A few pictures of a wide variety of craft -



Looks as if they’re cruising astern?



Yes! It's all Huon pine!



It's events like these that make one wonder if one should join the WBA – but then, could I retain the same objectivity from the inside?

I think I'll just stick to the admiring crowd and watch from afar!

Nemo

Building boats!

Is this a virus? Is it curable? Or does the urge just continue to build another boat?

Serious questions. So, after pondering the issue for a few months the decision was made ... yes I have another boat in me !

Plans purchased , a "BEN" Garvey skiff, 15'9" LOA / LWL 11'9" / width 5' 9" / Draft 4". Designed by Doug Hylan .

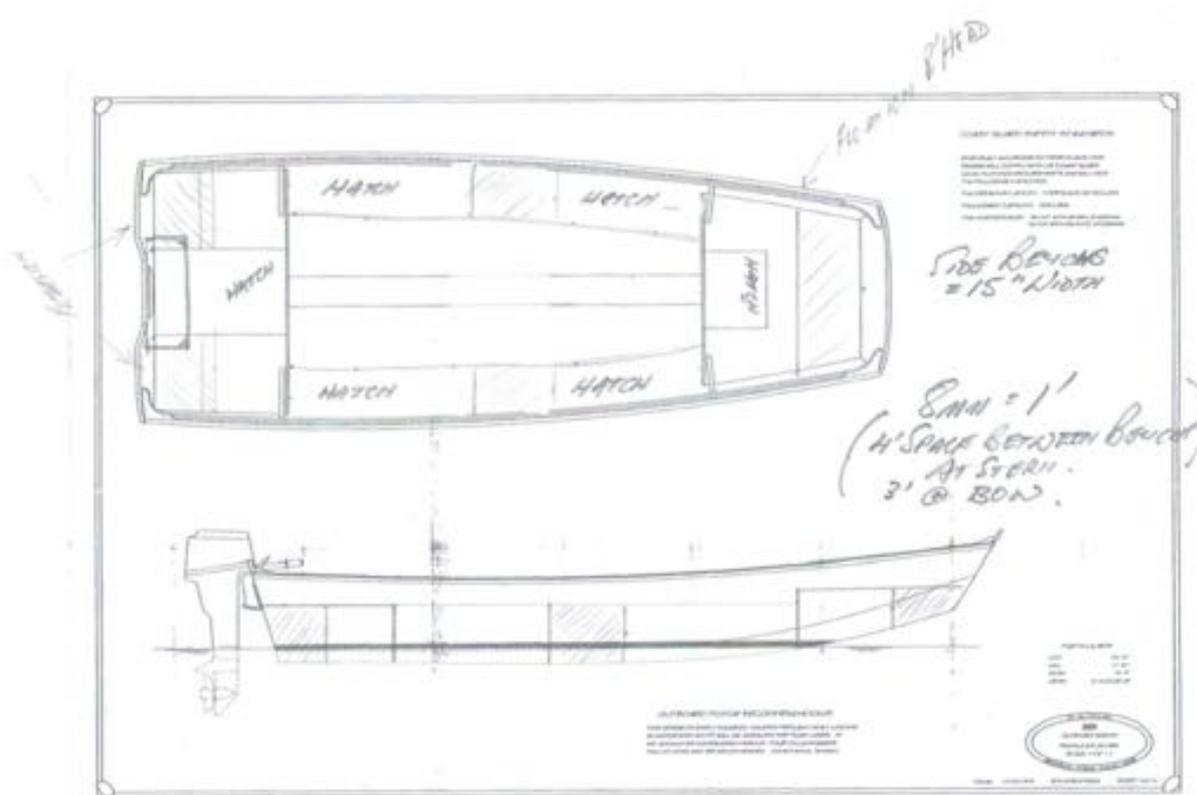
The skiff is a work boat adaption and as such has a large load capacity (camp cruising) and is designed for traditional build being lofted and built upside down on a ladder frame with permanent and temporary frames.

However after being to the Wooden Boat Centre and discussing this with Nick Atkin the decision was made to digitise the plans and then cut the sections on the CNC router, allowing a "stitch and glue" construction, right side up.

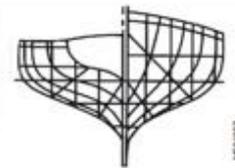
A slight modification of the plans also allows for side benches instead of a cross thwart allowing for a clear walk way stern to stem. This also give an internal floor which will be in liftable sections allowing access to the hull and the sections can be used as "slip" thwarts.

COVID 19 and potential lockdown allowing, the build should commence soon and I will be able to give you updates as progress allows.

Cheers, Chris.



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Peter recently pointed out to me, after years of viewing Willy Weather (www.willyweather.com.au) in km/h, you can use the Unit Settings option to change the wind speed to knots! I thought I would pass the tip on...

Kirsty Batchelor

And, one more (David just can't help himself)...

A man goes into a doctor's office feeling a little ill. The doctor checks him over and says, 'Sorry, I have some bad news. You have Yellow 19, a really nasty virus. It's called Yellow 19 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 19 hours to live. There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth'.

So, he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35.

Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320. Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000.

Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$780,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, 'Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card. You must be the luckiest bastard on Earth!'

Lucky?' he screamed. "Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 19".

"Well I`ll be blown," says the bingo caller. "You've won the meat raffle as well!"

The Boatyard

Heron Dinghy – Free



I have a Heron dinghy that my dad and I spent many happy hours in, that needs a new home since Dad passed on.

Yes, it does look a little tired, and needs a new centreboard case, side decks, and at least, repairs to her bottom, but overall is a worthwhile project.

It comes with sails, fittings, and two sets of masts and spars, and is currently stored in Ringwood, Victoria.

The trailer registration has lapsed, and one of the cross braces needs tacking back on, but the main drawbar seems sound.

Please give me a call if you are interested. I would be sorry to see her become part of a Guy Fawkes bonfire.

Steven Todd – 0402826345

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Holden 253 engine for sale

The motor was purchased in 1987 and has been under the bench for that time. It has Rolco exhaust manifolds with risers and a Rolco bell housing. It has Savage heat exchangers for engine and oil cooling. The engine was stripped when bought but was found to be in excellent condition and was re-assembled.

I am asking \$250.00 which essentially is for the never been used heat exchangers.

Please contact johnmuir2@bigpond.com

More photos at <https://www.woodenboat.asn.au/for-sale-or-wanted.html>



For Sale: Timber Putt Putt "Polly"

Circa 1938 ex Navy sail training dinghy of 12ft, converted to a motor boat and is now fitted with a "Hall" single cylinder 2 stroke motor of 3HP. The motor dates from 1962 and is an updated model with roller bearings instead of plain bearings and has an alloy crankcase. Engine has a sealed fresh water cooling system, and has an electric starter added. Boat is a batten seam carvel construction and has just been renovated with a full repaint. Has a canvas sun awning. On an excellent trailer, which is currently registered in NSW. If sold to a non-NSW resident it will be sold unregistered as the rego cannot be transferred interstate. The boat is unregistered as it is not required in NSW for boats of this power and speed.

Asking price is \$6,000 and offers will be considered. Call David on 0414442518 or email djstott@bigpond.com. More pictures and video of engine running are available. More photos at <https://www.woodenboat.asn.au/for-sale-or-wanted.html>



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For Sale – Oughtred Design "Little Tern" and registered trailer – price reduced to \$5000



For sale is an Ian Oughtred design " Little Tern " gaff rig with integrated launching trolley and registered road trailer. All items are in excellent condition.

I built the boat and trailers myself during 2014 and 2015 from what I consider to be best quality timbers and adhesives - 6mm Gaboon marine ply held together with Boat-cote epoxy.

The boat has been sailed only on the Lysterfield lake (fresh water) and is always stored in a shipping container. Racing in their division 3 with a handicap of 132, the boat performs very well in a mixed fleet.

It has very few vices - I sail it solo with some ease. It would be comfortable with two adults plus a couple of children. The hull shape has considerable reserve buoyancy.

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Lapwing news

Work continues on the boat, and I am happy with the progress I have made over the last month.

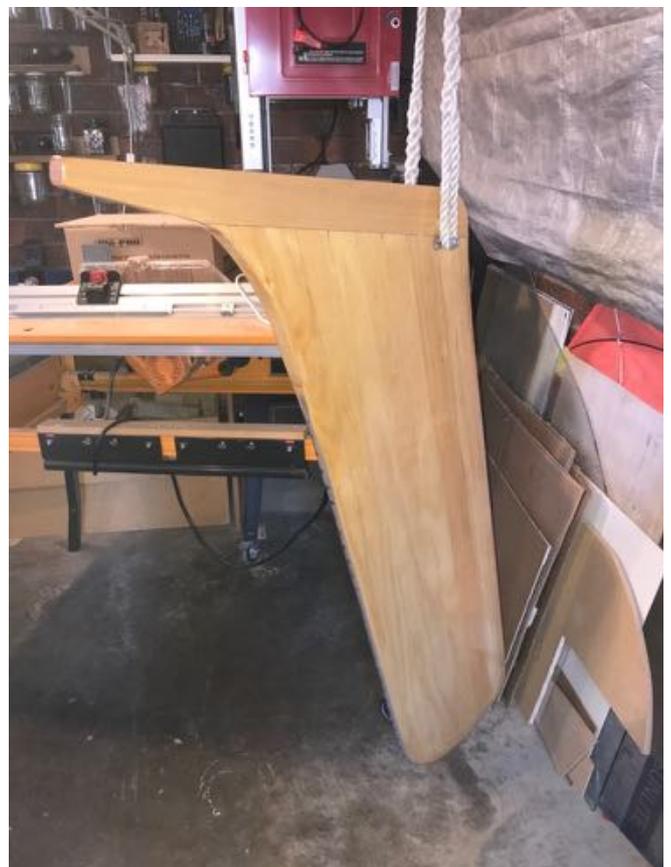
The keel has been fitted, and here's been sanding – lots of sanding, and it is all being done with a sanding block! I've spent a fair part of my time on the boat this month sanding the hull (music in the garage is a great help), and once I was happy with that, I applied three coats of epoxy. I was fortunate to have a warm weekend to do this. The first coat was rolled and brushed on the first day, and the second and third coats were applied on the second day. By not delaying more than 24 hours between coats I didn't need to sand before adding more epoxy.

Using a roller, and tipping out with a brush, resulted in a good finish. Less pleasing was variation in colour of the ply where I had sanded through one layer to another at the scarfed joints, around the lands at the bow, and where screws had been used to pull planks together. This wasn't so noticeable when it was sanded, but coating the ply with epoxy has highlighted these flaws.

I was thinking about leaving the hull clear, but I am now reconsidering this. Amelia and Kirsty still think that it would look better clear, and I suppose there is an honesty in leaving these visible. I've got a while to go before I get to finishes, so I have plenty of time to ponder...

This month I also built the centreboard. This was made from strips of Hoop Pine, with the grain of each strip alternated, to help reduce any warping. Before planing and sanding the keel into a foil, I used a router to cut a channel around the edge, and glued in an epoxy-soaked length of rope. This is stronger than timber, and will help protect the centreboard edge from damage.

I've applied four coats of epoxy to the centreboard, with some additional sanding along the way.





Yesterday I removed the temporary bulkheads, and we turned the boat over. Fortunately, the hull is quite light, and two people can easily lift it, and turning the hull over with Kirsty, Amelia, and Will was a breeze. Now I can get to work on the inside the hull, starting with removing the top sections of the bulkheads, down to the seat level. As the bulkheads are also used as the frame that the hull is built around, the permanent bulkheads have pieces that now have to be removed.

I am building this as an open boat, so I also removed the forward bulkhead, and will now cut pieces to extend the buoyancy chambers further forward.

There is a bit of work to do in cleaning up small chunks of epoxy along the laps, but not too much. When I added each plank I went under the hull and cleaned up as much of the squeeze-out as possible, so it is only where the temporary bulkheads and some clamps got in the way that needs much attention.

So, once the epoxy clean-up is done, it's back to sanding inside the buoyancy chambers, and then on shaping and fitting the ply for the seats.

Peter



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