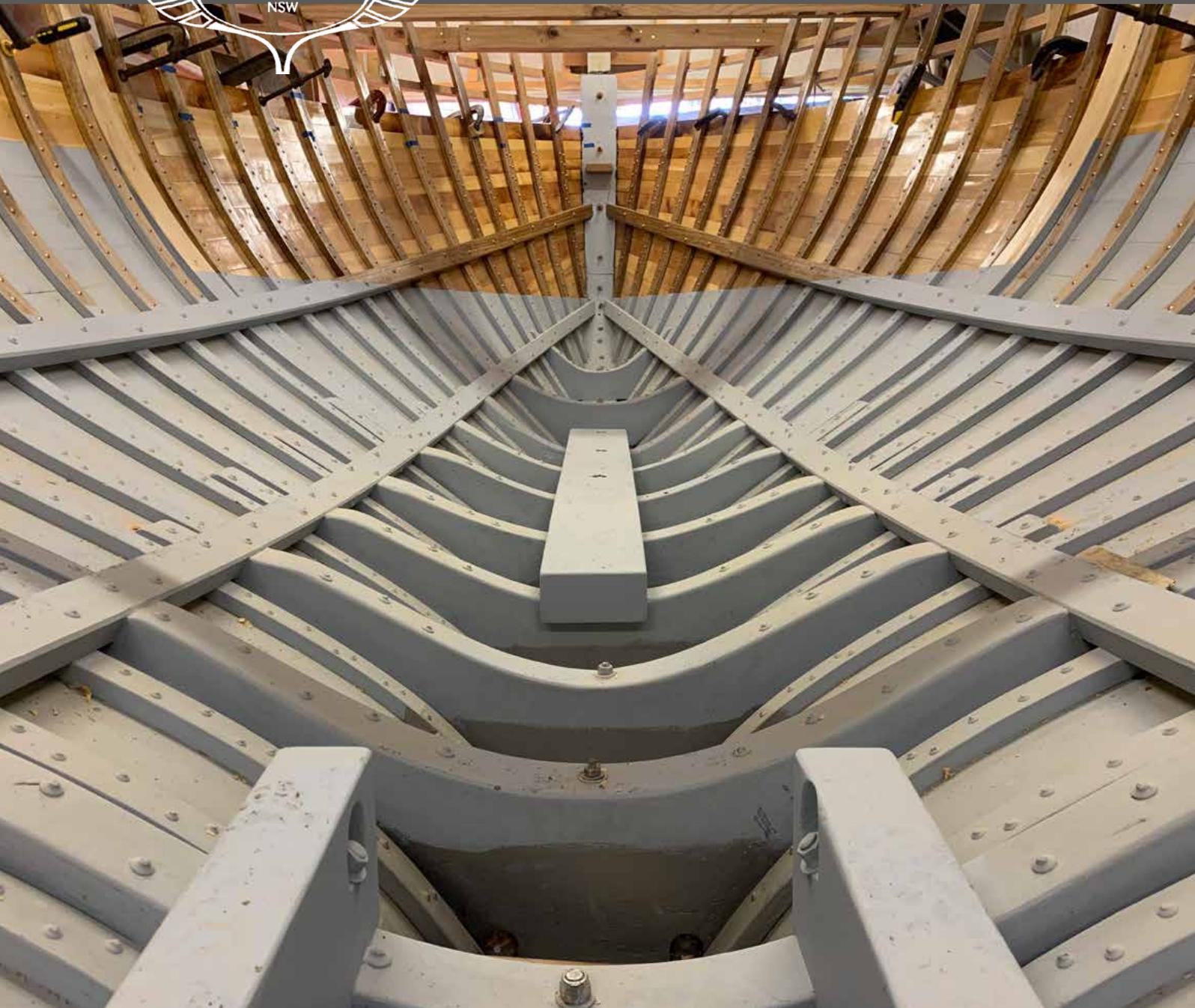


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Ian Smith's Ranger under construction
Ian will be talking at the July general meeting

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Widders
July 2021

June General Meeting

Our second general meeting at Dundas Sports Club was another well-attended event. Guest Speaker, Hugh Cross, presented a very interesting talk on the James Craig, including the restoration as well as sailing projects with some terrific video footage included in the talk. Hugh has offered to return for another presentation on his trip around Cape Horn on the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.

As well as being an Environmental Engineer, Hugh is also a talented artist and his donated artwork was drawn at the end of the talk. Congratulations to WBA member, Mike Watson, who was the lucky winner after purchasing his ticket through the 'E' Newsletter Raffle.

Certificates of Appreciation

Two WBA Certificates of Appreciation were presented at the June General Meeting.

Dave Giddings received a Certificate for his ongoing support of the WBA's Hal Harpur Award. Dave has nominated a large number of projects for the annual award.

Ross Gardner received a Certificate for his very generous donation of bronze fittings in 2020. The fittings were auctioned among WBA members and raised \$1060 for the Association.

Please let a Committee member know of any member (or non-member) who may be a worthy recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation.



WBA Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Dave Giddings (centre) and Ross Gardner.

July General Meeting

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In the July issue of Scuttlebutt.

Our new section, 'Splashdown' features the launching of Malcolm Boyd's 'Feather Pram' after a lengthy build process, and any even longer 'thinking about' process. Malcolm's build project featured in the March 2021 issue. Also published in the March 2021 issue of Scuttlebutt was Part 1 of Ross McLean's 4-part series on **Thunderstorms**. Ross has asked that the 4 parts to the series be included in consecutive issues: we have included Part 1 again due to the time lag from March to the current issue. WBA member and Author, Malcolm Lambe, has provided an historical article on '**Atalanta**', a wooden boat of significance in the field of game fishing. **Massimo Francioni** is a fairly new member of the WBA. He has provided some information about his sailing background and a recent purchase. Massimo, along with his wife, son and boat, joined us for the Bantry Bay Raft-Up in February. **The Paynesville Report** features an interesting restoration project while '**Looking For**' continues to turn up some interesting requests.

Articles are always gratefully received: keep in mind that there is sometimes a delay in getting to print. Articles can be a simple 'photo-essay', a work in progress article or a contribution to 'Splashdown'.

New Restrictions -Covid 19

At the time of writing this column (Friday, 25 June), new restrictions affecting 4 Local Government Areas of Sydney have been announced. It is not possible to predict whether our July General Meeting will proceed as planned. Members are asked to keep an eye on announcements: hopefully we will be able to provide further information in the next 'E' Newsletter (early July).

Peter Widders
President



Hugh Cross Artwork Raffle

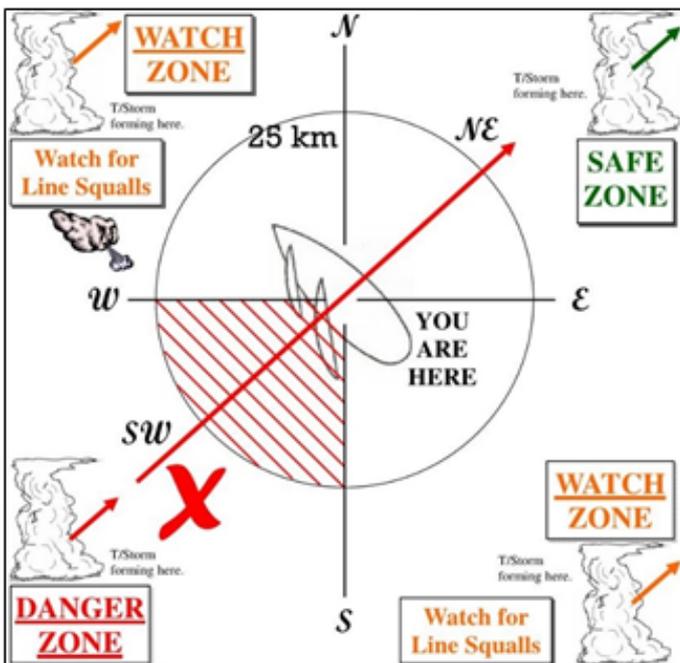
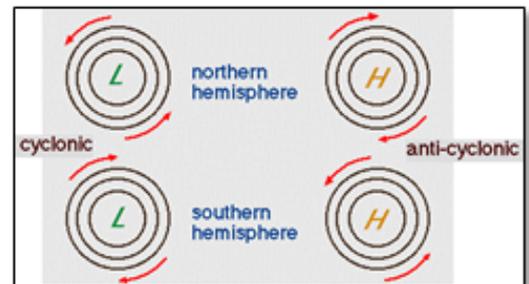
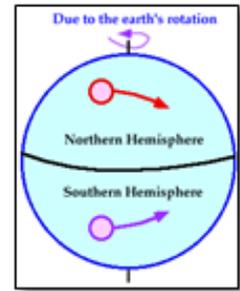
June Guest Speaker, Hugh Cross drew the winning ticket for the raffle at the conclusion of his talk. Mike Watson was the very appreciative recipient of the artwork.

THUNDERSTORMS 101

Life & Times of Thunderstorms or 'How You CAN Avoid Them' - Part One - In the Beginning

By Ross McLean

Southern Hemisphere Thunderstorms, by and large, (in Temperate Zones) come from the Southwest and travel to the Northeast. Well ... that's about it ... Any Questions? 'Ah ... I think some of you may need more explanation eh? ... Perhaps a bit of science now ...'



crosses the equator, it becomes completely unpredictable because it is rotating in the wrong direction for its new hemisphere.

The result of all this is that Thunderstorms, being acted upon by the Jet Stream and Coriolis Force, will tend to move from the Southwest to Northeast in Southern Hemisphere Temperate Zones. Refer to the Movement and Propagation image. It is important not to confuse these two aspects. Thunderstorms do NOT travel from Southeast to Northwest as some folk believe happened in Sydney in 2000. It is an impossibility due to the Jet Stream acting on the top of Thunderstorms pushing them EAST.

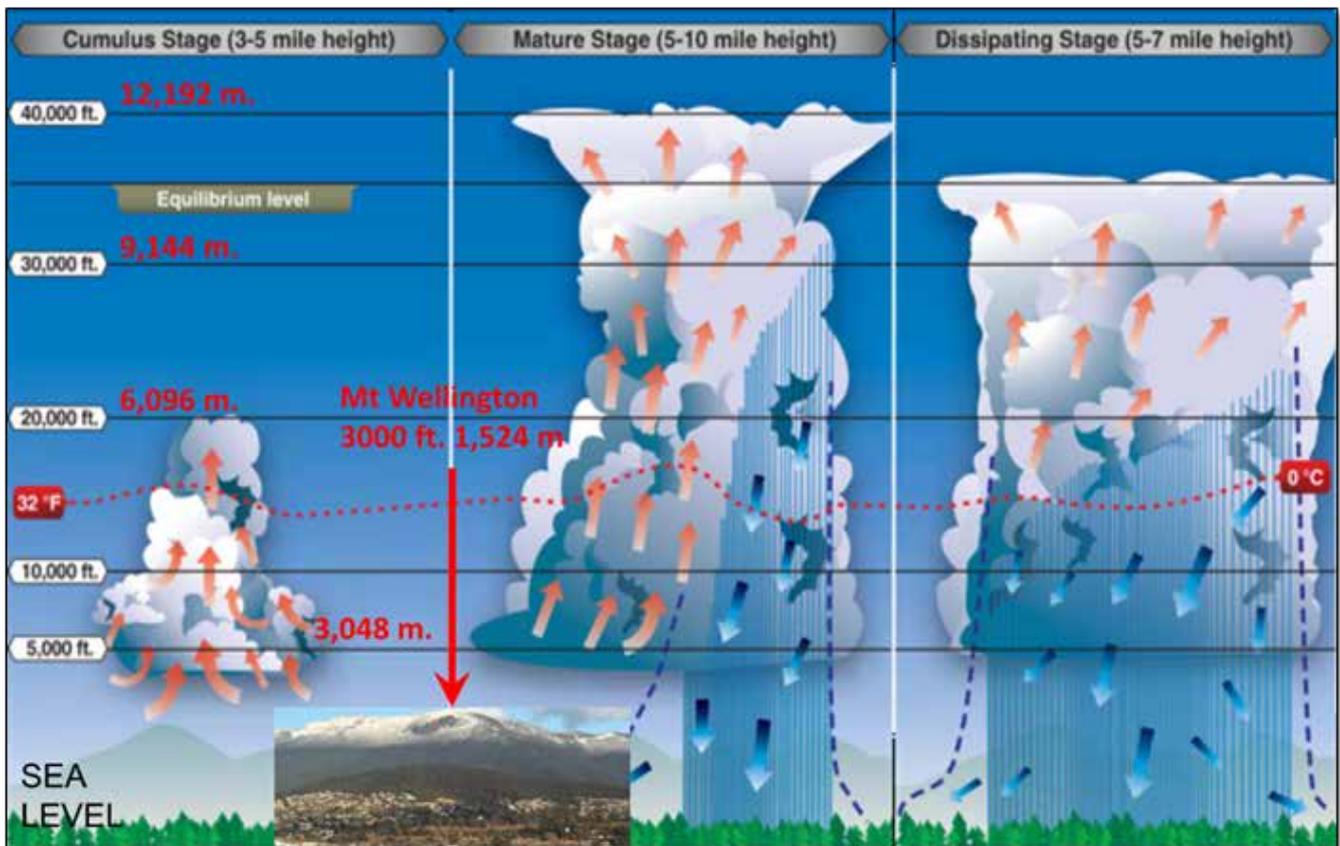


Messr. Gaspard Gustave de Coriolis, a French chappy, came up with the idea that objects travelling on a rotating surface, (the earth), would tend to the right or left depending on which hemisphere they were in.

THE SCIENCE PART –

So, in physics we say, 'Coriolis force is an inertial force acting on objects that are in motion relative to a rotating reference frame.' Therefore - Coriolis Force caused by the earth's rotation (West to East) is responsible for air masses being pulled - Right, (clockwise), in the Northern Hemisphere and Left, (anticlockwise), in the Southern Hemisphere. This action is responsible for the direction air flow entering a low-pressure system or leaving a high-pressure system. However, when a Cyclone





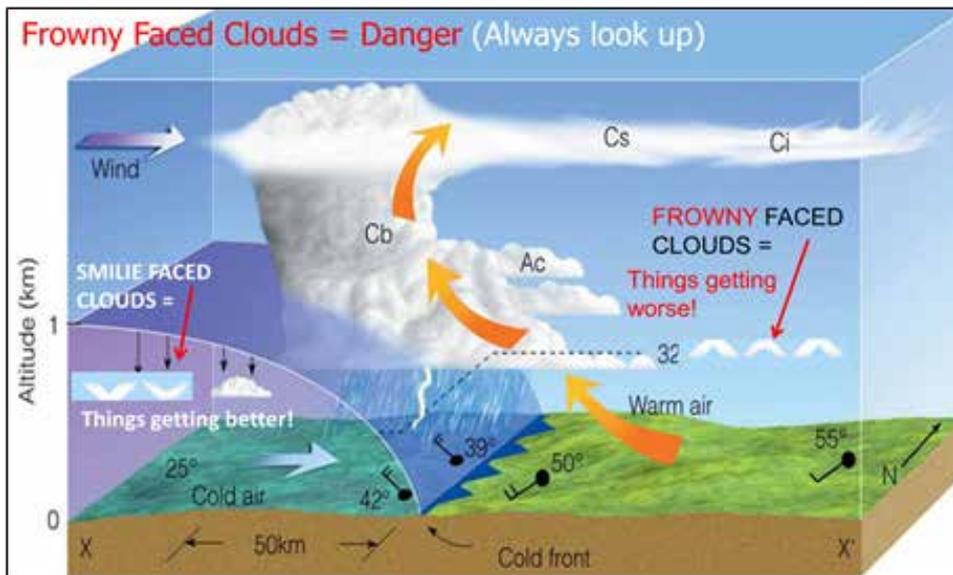
FORMATION -

Thunderstorms form from the combination of moist, rapidly rising warm air, often helped by a force capable of lifting air, such as a warm or cold front, sea breeze or mountain. All Thunderstorms contain lightning. Thunderstorms occur singly, in clusters or in lines. Thus, it is possible for several Thunderstorms to affect one location in the course of just a few hours. Some of the most severe weather occurs when a single Thunderstorm forms a cluster and continues to affect a location for an extended period of time. Example of this is the Brisbane Floods. How high can Thunderstorms get? Using Mount Wellington in Hobart as a reference for this, we can see that they can get very high indeed.

What are the warning signs that the weather is deteriorating? Fractocumulus clouds, ill-defined clouds in the first or last stage of condensation and representing the tops of small,

low atmospheric waves due to rapid winds near the surface of the ocean or land; occasionally referred to as scud. Fractocumulus looks like unorganized and unstructured puffs of cumulus cloud. Dissipating, small convective clouds such as cumulus humilis and medicris often transform into fractocumulus.

When you can see fractocumulus clouds that are concave on the underside, like a Frowny Face, the weather at that location is deteriorating, even though you may not be able to see it directly overhead. Once the bad weather has passed, the clouds will change, and you will see fractocumulus clouds with a convex underside, like a Smiley Face. Also - keep in mind that Thunderstorms are thousands of feet/ metres high, so they really don't give a toss what is going on at the lower 200 - 300-foot level. Some people will argue that Thunderstorms always turn to follow their valley, although the valley is just a few hundred feet deep. Certainly, something is travelling along the valley, but not the Thunderstorm, just squalls perhaps or rain bands.



In the next part we will look at the dangers associated with Thunderstorms. How many can you name? I can think of at least four right off the bat, can you? See you next time ... Rossco

Ross is a former WBA President and has been studying Thunderstorms for over 50 years and also has an Engineering Diploma from UTS.



Splashdown

By Malcolm Boyd

Malcolm Boyd shared the story of building his Feather Pram earlier this year (March 2021 Scuttlebutt). He has now provided some photos of the launch of Jabiloo at Wentworth Falls Lake recently. Malcolm explained the origins of the name:

"I have named it 'Jabiloo', derived from the original wooden Heron I had for my family, 'Jabiru', when they were young (back in the 80s) and the nick name of my sailing grand-daughter, Olivia - Livi-loo! It rowed beautifully!"



The Paynesville Report

By Chris Dicker



How good is it to talk about floods rather than fires? There is nothing like variety.

Once again we have been lucky here in East Gippsland with most of the rain falling to the west of us. We received a very welcome 100 mm and a wonderful sight to see our creek swirling and cascading with life giving water on its way further down. If we get washed away we cannot complain, we are in the way of nature's relentless art.

I need a rest after that one!!

Years ago (I can say that now) I built an 8X11 metre shed. It was the first building to go up on Anchor Downs except for the other two that blew over and blew away. The third one stayed up; I say that more with surprise than pride but I did have a qualified architect helping or rather I was helping him. It is amazing how someone can look so busy and important behind a makeshift desk in the middle of a paddock. What I had envisaged for the shed eventually was to have an old lakes fishing boat to restore or even a new build like a T.S.16 or even better an 18. Well the shed has never been without a purposeful activity. It became our home for a year when we moved ashore and while we were building the house. Ned the tractor moved in until I built a lean-to for him then I had a couple of 25 foot trailer sailers pass through for painting but now the boat has arrived for which the shed was built. Life is like that: If you tear around looking for something, chances are it is running along behind looking for you.

I have yet to learn the history of 'Rosherville' but she was likely launched without a motor and used as a rowing net boat. That is to row the net out to form a bight then back to the shore. They fished for salmon and mullet and other surface fish this way in the lakes and elsewhere. More on this as it comes to hand. 'Rosherville' was the original name for Metung.

The recent history of the boat is interesting enough as she has passed through several hands as if she were a hot potato before finally grounding in the shed that was built for her 'years ago'.

With the help of a friend and his trailer we

loaded the boat on Raymond Island and of course had to ferry across to the mainland. In a small community nothing is missed, especially if it is to do with boats. There came a chap to the driver's window, possibly even the ferryman, shaking his head and saying that he had taken on a project just like this thing on our trailer and eight years later it was still nowhere near finished. He was not a doomsayer, rather a kindred spirit; knowing looks and a great deal of mirth were exchanged as we drove off.

That was a week ago and I should have the rebuild on its way by now but it took a long time to plant the boat in the shed and prop her up securely. Before this I paced around her as if I was circling an opponent in the boxing ring. To an outsider it may also have appeared that I was mucking round like an old chook. That is closer to the truth. The boat weighs about a ton, she is 21' long and 8' wide. A trip to Bunnings and I equipped myself with all the material to make the boat safe for the duration.

I have not given up on Deal Island and a midwinter trip is still possible. I hope we all have a dream and one far beyond winning the lottery.



Atalanta

By Malcolm Lambe

"Atalanta" fishing reels were designed by Errol Bullen - one of Australia's most prolific early game fishermen in the 1930s.

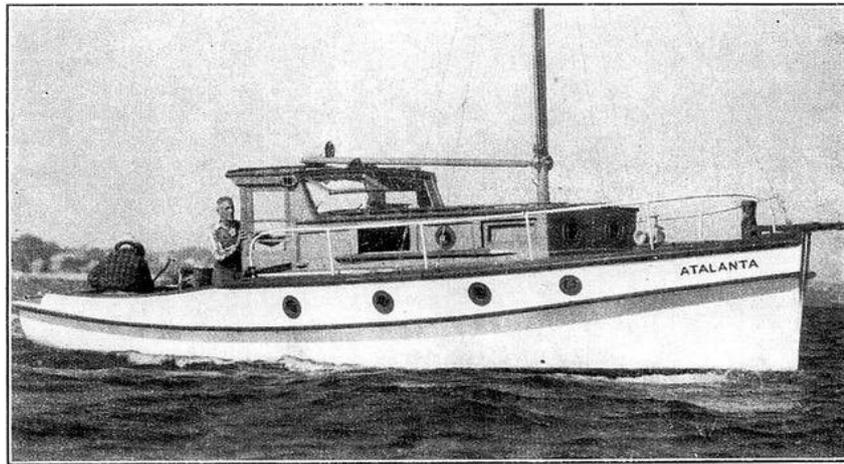
He was instrumental in Zane Grey coming to Australia and they fished together many times. His game fishing boat "Atalanta" was built in 1935, requisitioned by the Navy in 1940 for War service and towed 27 boats to the safety of Sydney Harbour. After the War, the boat was sent to disposals and was sold to a Chinamen who kept the boat moored at Double Bay. Meanwhile King Hardwick became interested in big game fishing and was using a boat named "Marlin". Hardwick was not satisfied with this boat. One day while visiting Double Bay in the early 1950's, he saw a rather disreputable looking boat moored in the bay. With a true-blue water fisherman's instinct, he knew that here was a frame around which to build a boat. After weeks of negotiations he swapped Marlin's fittings for the old hulk. After much time and money had been spent on her, in the way of a new V8 engine, two-way radio and other fittings, Atalanta

became one of the finest game fishing launches in Sydney.

In the Seventies I kept an old Kauri timber-hulled Dragon - "Maude" - on a mooring out from Bill Fowler's slips just before Craig Rossie at Palm Beach. Cost me a bottle of Johnnie Walker every month.

There was a guy hanging around the shed - an odd cove - who expressed an interest in buying a boat. Old Bill found him a cruiser that was part of a deceased estate. It was in a neglected state so the Widow sold it to him for \$5,000. It was this boat - "Atalanta".

The bloke was renting a waterfront cottage and wharf at Cabarita Road, Careel Bay. He only had the boat a matter of weeks before deciding he was going to restore it. He pulled the Diesel engine out and proceeded to strip the cabin. Everything was removed down to the frames. He found a mast block on the keel and announced "It used to be a yacht!"..."I'm taking her back to sail". How he was going to achieve this I'm not quite sure. He had no job, no income, no boat-building skills and pretty soon couldn't pay



Mr. Errol Bullen's Atalanta, first Big Game fishing cruiser built in Australia, 1935.



and was asked to vacate the premises. The boat sat on the mud and without the superstructure to support her soon twisted.

Shipwright Frank Gonsalves had been watching this lunatic strip the boat and when he saw the state it was in asked the bloke what his intentions were. He was paid \$200 to pull the hull off the mud and take it away.

Local legend shipwright and fisherman off the Palm Beach trawler Caroline H, Jimmy Goddard, had also been watching the destruction so he ended up with the boat. He managed to track down the lead ballast, propshaft and rudder at the metal recyclers at Brookvale and restored the vessel. I saw it at anchor in Careel Bay and on Gonsalves slips recently.

More here - <https://australianfishingmuseum.com/atalanta/>

Guest Speaker - July 2021

WBA member, Ian Smith, will present a talk on the building of a Range- class gaff sloop. A prolific boatbuilder and author, Ian's latest build is planked with Huon Pine with Spotted Gum frames and a variety of local timbers for keel floors and other timbers:

Keel Spotted Gum, sternpost Blackbutt, stem in 3 parts, upper stem in Blackbutt, two lower parts

in Spotted Gum. Stringers and lower sheer clamp in Spotted Gum, upper sheer clamp in Celery Top Pine. Deck beams: king beams Spotted Gum, others Celery Top Pine. Fit out will be Queensland Maple with Aus Red Cedar trim. Varnished knees all Tea Tree (Melaleuca), painted knees laminated from Silver Ash, Huon Pine and Tasmanian Myrtle.





Massimo Francioni - Halvorsen 25

These are two pictures of our Halvorsen 25' purchased last September.

The old owner told us that she has been built in 1949, but unfortunately we don't have much info about it.

In my life I have been sailing a lot. My first boat, when I was 15 years old, has been a Laser then I have had an Hobie Cat 16' (for the beach) and a Star that was an Olympic class. With her we won the Tuscany championship that gave us the chance to race at the Italian Star Class championship in Naples. We arrived in the first 15 boats and we were classified to do the European championship in Nice (France) where we arrived

around 70th place. It has been an incredible experience.

When we moved to Australia, I purchased another Hobie Cat 16' and after I decided to import the timber boat that I sold to buy the Halvorsen.

Having the opportunity to meet the WBA members has been a privilege and a very nice experience. Thank you.

Cheers,
Massimo



BUY SWAP and SELL

WBA may place a non-commercial ad free of charge for 4 months. The ad will also be placed on the WBA Website for 4 months.

Members are asked to consider a \$25 donation to the WBA on their sale of an item.

Non-members are charged \$50 for a print-only ad (picture + text) and \$80 for print + website.

Please advise the Editor if an item is sold.

NOTE: Free items – no charge – contact the Editor.

FOR SALE - Onrush is an 18 foot ex Navy Gig. Built from teak and converted to a pocket cruiser by Naval Architect Len Hedges. He rebuilt the boat from the keel up and glassed inside and out. Onrush is gaff rigged, sleeps two in her canvas cabin and has many sails, a VIRE engine and comes with the stock of spare parts bought from the VIRE company agent, when he retired. Moored in Pittwater. \$5,500 Ring Cavan Lenaghan 0418 404 154



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Contact Stephen Pinn
- 0404 332 978



FOR SALE

Mirror Dinghy sails. For sale. Jib and main, Off a deceased dinghy and not used for some years. For gunter rigged boat. Serviceable but not flash, some wear. \$100 or make an offer. Nick Lawther 0407236999



FOR SALE

True craftsmanship is evident in this 16ft rowing/sailing wooden boat. Designed by renowned US small boat designer Phil Bolger, a lightweight version of the traditional fishing dory used by East Coast USA fishermen. Stitch & glue plywood construction, epoxy sheathed. Sails quite well, sail provided, also oars, spars, and hand trolley for moving the boat. Boat fits comfortably on a 1.8 x 1.2m trailer, drawbar extended. Please email Zoe at zflanaganfield@gmail.com
Price -\$4,500



FOR SALE - Palana – a classic Tassie -built centreboard yawl is for sale Designed by Arthur Robb and built by master boat builder Max Creese in Hobart, following the finest Tasmanian traditions, she has been lovingly cared for (professionally maintained) with beautiful original Oregon masts (main and mizzen). - Strip plank King Billy Pine, resorcinol glued. Very good condition. - **PRICE REDUCED \$45,000** negotiable - Contact: Robbie Williams 0414 406 222 dinkydy@optusnet.



FOR SALE Part complete 14' putt putt' Due to ill health I have to abandon building a 14' putt putt. I include all huon pine and spotted gum to complete the project. Outer hull in huon pine 90% complete. Total price: \$3850. Also included is a thickener, 3/8 copper rod and silicon bronze nuts and washers. Welcome to inspect at the central coast NSW.

Jason Wagemans - Contact me: 0401 083 409
braeng21@optusnet.com.au



FOR SALE -

Bronze propellers:
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2018 Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct
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Contact Norm Kelly - 0423 787 765.

FOR SALE 5 metre twin cockpit wooden runabout. Originally built with Hamilton jet propulsion but now being converted to conventional propeller drive using Dodge 6 engine. Conversion about 90% complete. Can be inspected at a Northern Beaches address.
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LOOKING FOR

'Syndicate' Proposal

WBA Member, David Malone, is looking for members (no cost involved) to join him in sailing his 36ft Tasman Seabird 'Carousel'. Syndicate Members would be able to sail with David on his yacht, while David and his co-owner meet all costs associated with the project. There is also the prospect of members sailing the yacht on their own: David is keen to see the yacht sailed and loved. A mooring in Burns Bay is close to a jetty with dinghy storage nearby.
Call David for more information: 0418 440 828



LOOKING FOR -

I am looking for a replacement head for a Clae F 10 engine (2 cylinder petrol motor). I believe it is similar to a Simplex Engine. Malcolm Wright 0425344813



LOOKING FOR -

Float needle for a Schebler D (early 1900's) carburetor (the needle with the movable brass ball on the shaft) or information on a likely source of said needle.
Karen Portch
Phone- 0427046363
email- tarns2010@gmail.com

MERCHANDISE

Members are able to purchase/order items at a General Meeting or by email to the Merchandise Officer, Sally Ostlund, (salsonsquarerig@gmail.com) AND to the Treasurer (treasurer@wbansw.asn.au)

When items are not in stock, they will be ordered and advice provided about availability and delivery costs.

New item



Short sleeved white Polo shirt
\$32

RAFFLE ITEM - DITTY BAG

The Ditty Bag (sailor's work bag) is hand sewn from old canvas from one of James Craig's topsails, which we recently made a replacement for. The material is a synthetic lookalike to cotton called Duradon which is very long lasting. The sail which we replaced was almost 20 years old.



NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new members:
Mark Bennett – Hunters Hill
Gordon Hancock – Cromer

MERCHANDISE

<p>A Jacket \$75</p> <p>C Vest \$50</p> <p>D AWB book \$20</p>	<p>E Polo (black s/s) \$30</p> <p>F Polo (white l/s) \$38</p> <p>G Stubby holder \$12</p> <p>H Burgee (sm/lg) ... \$20/\$25</p>
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ON THE HORIZON

General Meetings - Dundas Sports Club

Tuesday, 13 July – Ian Smith: Building a 'Ranger'
 Tuesday, 10 August – Mark Pearse:
 Building Models
 Tuesday, 14 September – Bill Thompson: Lofting
 Tuesday, 12 October- Denis Songeon:
 The Solaris Story
 Tuesday, 9 November – Glenn Ryenolds: The Story
 of Free Spirit
 Tuesday, 14 December: WBA Christmas Dinner and
 Hal Harpur Award

Committee Meetings – Gladesville Sporties

Monday, 14 June
 Monday, 19 July

Festivals, Shows and Events

Sunday, 26 September – WBA picnic at Kissing
 Point Park – Putney
 Saturday/Sunday 6 & 7 November – RMYC Timber
 Boat Festival
 Friday- Sunday 12-14 November: Timber, Tools and

Artisans Show – Canberra

2022 4-6 March: Paynesville Classic Boat Rally

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