



Crow's Nest

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What a Brilliant Way to Spend a Day from Steve Conway

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The next
General Meeting
of the
Wooden Boat
Association of SA Inc.
will be on

Monday

3 May 2010

at the
Brecknock Hotel
King William Street
Adelaide

Speaker:

Graham Hardy
and
Peter Spinks

*On buying a boat interstate
and transporting it to SA*

As usual come for dinner
and conversation from
6.30 pm
Meeting starts at
8 pm



What a brilliant way to spend a day. Recently, I had the opportunity to join in with those lucky devils who get to go on the Classic Thursday runs. Being on leave and having a Father in Law, Bryan plus my mate Bob at a loose end I made a call to Jim Fowles and the fun began.

Gathering at Fred's landing, just past Tailem Bend we all received a map and history of the region we were going to be travelling in, thanks Doug. The fleet was made up of:

Peter Shippside and Vicky Munday in *Little John*

Doug Twelfree and Tim Potter in *Dugodee*
Trevor and Jenny Twigden in *Second Fiddle*
Trevor Edwards, Rob Gross and Helen Law in *Lit-Lee*

Jim Fowles and John Brook in *Swamp Chick*
Stephen Conway, Bryan Kiely and Bob MacGowan in *Water Spirit*.

All boats were launched and by 9.30am all motors were putting sweetly along. At 9.32 I noticed that the Simplex in *Water Spirit* was not pumping any cooling water. After telling Bob where my tools were kept I started to negotiate a tow. Trevor in *Lit-Lee* was most obliging and off we went towards Wellington. Bryan and I sat back and enjoyed the scenery, meanwhile Bob practised taking the pump to bits and on the fourth try he had fixed the problem.

Everyone stopped for a quick smoko at the Wellington Pub pontoon after checking out the low water level at the Marina. It was at this point that the three people in *Water Spirit* starting to accuse each other of forgetting the water heating device, it appeared our water problems were not quite over and we couldn't have a hot drink. Still it was a chance to tell everybody

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Dates to note

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- 1-2 May RMBOA Mini Amble Clayton
- 3 May WBASA Inc. General Meeting
- 16 May Port Adelaide Sailing Club Visit

- 26-27 June Moonlight Cruise Roonka
- 28 June WBASA Inc. General Meeting
- 30 August AGM



Cutting the Slack



Hello Everyone,

With the 4-day Easter break now a fading memory another boating season has officially drawn to a close. And what glorious boating weather we experienced over Easter. It was great to be able to take a few friends who'd come down from Adelaide to stay, for a bit of a cruise on *Nymph*. Cruising with friends when it's their first time reminds me all over again of just how wonderful it is to be able to get out on a boat and be able to share the experience with others.

I love it when my friends exhibit only moderate enthusiasm when I initially suggest we go out on the boat. Then, once we are under way, I watch the transformation of the expressions on their faces as they go from faltering fear and uncertainty to uninhibited joy at experiencing a sedate cruise on a beautiful old putt-putt out on the Mighty Murray for the first time. Whatever reticence there was is quickly dispersed, suddenly they are all referring to themselves as First Mates and offering to hold ropes, fend off and have a turn at the wheel. Until eventually you hear "Oh, do we have to head back in yet, I love it and now I know what you see in it, it's wonderful?" Not surprisingly, the same friends have already staked a claim for the October long weekend saying they want to return and take the boat out for a longer trip next time.

The Committee continues to work hard and I am

from President Jenn Cole

always impressed at how everyone contributes and gives generously of their time (including wives and partners). All to ensure that our meetings for the year are well planned, Crows Nest is full of articles of interest, membership records are regularly updated, our finances are in good shape, the Calendar of Events is organised months in advance and Guest Speakers for our General meetings are booked in. It is great to be part of such a committed team and we also have lots of fun and laughs along the way. Thanks guys and gals for all you do.

Some exciting news out of our last Committee meeting is the positive progress being made on establishing our new website. Key people are working behind the scenes and I'm confident it won't be long until it is up and running. Keep an eye on Crows Nest for more details as they come to hand.

Well, with the downpours we've experienced over the last few weeks, the best rains in the Murray-Darling catchment area for 13 years being recorded and more water on the way from the Queensland floods, I'm feeling quite positive about the winter ahead. Let's hope it is a long, wet one and our ailing river and its distraught tributaries get a damned good soaking in 2010.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next General meeting on Monday 3rd May (delayed one week due to the Anzac Day public holiday).

Until then I wish you safe and happy boating.

Lest We Forget. - Jenn Cole, President

From the Editor

I am hoping this is the third last Crow's Nest I do. Not because I don't enjoy doing it; I do. It has put me in touch with a good number of great people across the State and the feedback from members and others has made the effort very worthwhile.

At the last AGM I said I should like to pass the job on next time after what will have been nine great years. To be able to do this it would be good to find someone in the next month or so to have a look at the job, think about taking it on and learn what I can show them about how I have been doing it. They can then go away and think about how they would like to present the newsletter.

Meanwhile this edition is complete largely because of the Classic Thursday group who have provided two articles about their events. I have been unable to get to any of these so far and I sit glumly jealous of the retired

status of people who can do stuff on Thursdays. Thanks to Steve and Bernard for the write up and to the whole group for creating the stories.

Thanks also to Gil Leaver for the article on tenders and legal issues and again to the for community groups whose news we are very happy to print.

During the school holidays, I spent a few days with friends in the Myall Lakes area of NSW. Beautiful. Say no more. I just want to mention a certain 'Captain Crap' whose job it is to cruise around visiting boats moored around the lakes (private and hired) to pump out their sewage tanks. Lovely bloke; great conversations. I wonder whether I'd prefer to find a pump-out like we do on the Murray or have a visit from this, albeit charming, bloke.

Cheers, Barry

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from Rick Eylward

At Armfield there always seems to be something new on offer and recently there are two quite different involvements for Armfield boats.

Firstly Tourism SA decided that they would like to photograph wooden boats at the Goolwa wharf with a particular emphasis on sailing boats. We don't get a lot of notice of these things (Thursday for Monday am) so there is not all that much time to go outside Armfield to get boats organised so we had two Armfield boats – *Untama* and *HideAway* and two members boats – Peter Shipside's *Maid Marian* and Brian Brawley's *Berkita*.

Tony Hargraves' *Reverie* was used as the photographer's platform and performed like a well trained sheep dog running here and there, dodging the two tacking sailing and at the same time getting the photographer into the best position for the shots. The dapper Peter S had the very demanding task of looking after the 'talent' hired for the photo shoot – his charm is ever present and undiminished!!

Our second and more unusual involvement stemmed from a request for three boats to be used at the Adelaide Fringe Festival for a place to sit and enjoy your food and drink. The report was that the set up was a success. Someone reported that they had attended and were impressed with the setup. Naturally the most suited boats for this type of use were the Flatties and we were lucky to have three that were in good shape (good coat of paint) and did not suffer from being out of the water.

I must mention the 2011 Wooden Boat Festival February 26 and 27 of 2011 and ask all of you wooden boat owners to set your sights squarely on doing everything you can to get there and ensure that the Festival returns to its

Armfield Report

pre low water strength. It has been decided that the music side of the festival will also return to the minor entertainment rather than a major feature so there will be more emphasis on wooden boats. Remember that the area where boats have been moored has been dredged out so that there is large part that is over 2.5 m deep so there is no bumping on the bottom. There will be other important changes that will be made that will I am sure help the Festival to recover from the setback that the low water caused us to suffer. To those of you who have not got a wooden boat what better time to go out and get one and have it ready for the Festival, just enough time!!!

If you have any bright ideas that you would like me to pass on to the committee for the festival just let me know.

Armfield Slip is likely to have a much more prominent presence with the official recommissioning of the Stormboy boat *HideAway* being celebrated at the Festival.

Till next time, Rick

from Jenny Twigden

During the weekend of March 6/7th the *PS Marion* ran further public cruises from the Mary Ann Reserve. The weather was cooler and numbers attending were a little lower than expected. However passengers enjoyed themselves, some taking turns in steering the boat, and children having their 'Junior Skipper Certificates' signed by the captain. One young passenger, an accomplished pianist, played the piano in the dining room while her parents and other passengers listened and enjoyed their Devonshire tea. These cruises also give trainee crew members an opportunity to further their experience in handling the boat and tender under cruise conditions.

During these cruises it became apparent to crew that the *PS Marion* is in need of some maintenance that requires the boat to be slipped. The only suitable slipping docks for the *PS Marion* are in the Riverland, and the low levels of water in the bottom end create logistic problems for the Board. At the moment it is planned to attempt to slip her towards the end of April, we will keep you informed

As Mannum is a popular holiday choice at Easter time, the *PS Marion* will still be available for cruising on the Saturday and Sunday, departing from the Mary Ann Reserve.

The latest on the dry dock

The creation of a Memorandum of Understanding be-

PS Marion and Mannum Dock Museum

tween the Mannum Dock Museum and the School of Archaeology at Flinders University has been given the OK by the Board. This will ensure the continuing input by the Archaeology team under the direction of Professor Mark Staniford. The Mannum Dock Museum was well represented at the recent Australian Maritime Museum Conference held in Warrnambool. Jenny Callander the M.D. Museum coordinator, Jenny and Trevor Twigden, Bill and Veronica Jones Ingram all volunteers heard and supported Rob Bowring Chairman of the Board [all WBASA members], Britt Burton Flinders University Archaeology faculty and Chris Payne of ArtLab SA give papers concerning the dry dock and its future. The conference was a well organised event and attendees returned to base with many new ideas and contacts for additional information.

The operation of the *PS Marion* depends on volunteer help, for further information please give Jenny Callander a call on 85692733 or email her on museum@psmarion.com or visit the website on www.psmarion.com

Jenny Twigden



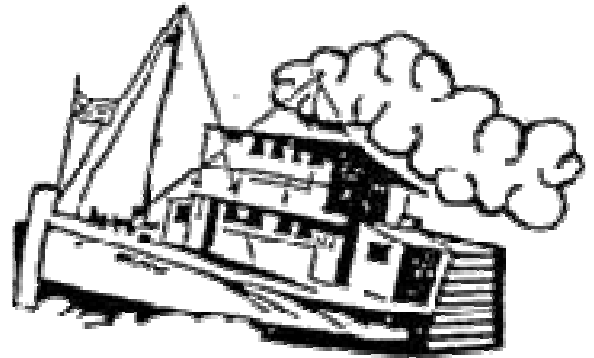
The Latest from Paddle Steamer Oscar W

from Roly Bartlett

As I put finger to keyboard to write this report the *Oscar W* has completed a very successful Easter weekend of cruises, bringing much enjoyment and education to many visitors to Goolwa. In turn this has, of course, kept a lot of volunteers very busy, with several truck loads of wood needed during the weekend in addition to the hours of lighting up, stoking, crewing, skippering, not to mention the on wharf ticket sellers and sausage sizzlers. This gallant band, however, have, themselves had an enjoyable time putting their skills into practice.

Some of the skills of which we speak have been imparted at the recent Senior First aid course, at which we were joined by some of our friends from P.S. Marion, and at the Crew Training Day conducted 'in house' (or 'on Wharf') by Skipper E.J. assisted by some members. Coming up soon will be some Tender Boat Handling training. So you see things are still continuing at a rapid pace. We have booked the Hindmarsh Island Marina Slipway for the last week in June for caulking, anti fouling, painting and our third survey. Hopefully we will have enough water depth for the task.

In my last report I started to reminisce about the *Oscar's* early escapades from Goolwa. Well! How did she get to Goolwa? You will recall that Signal Point was in the planning stages in 1986, having been the recipient of a Commonwealth Grant as a Bi-Centenary project. The *Oscar W* had been offered to Tourism S.A. by the Moritz family in 1984, but at the price asked, knocked back. However, by 1985 a deal was struck *for Oscar W* to become an external exhibit of the new Signal Point and the 'Flagship' of S.A. on the Murray.



Oscar, at the time, was on the Moritz slip at Murray Bridge requiring much work. A sub-committee was formed to proceed with the expensive task of getting the vessel off the slip, where it was accruing rent, and down to Goolwa. Money was spent drawing up plans, hours were spent anguishing over how, or whether, to get the boat to survey standard. Frustration even had members considering selling the vessel. Finally an offer from the Veenstras, to get the boat up and running and down to Goolwa was accepted by the Bannon Government. The boat was repaired and came to her wharf at Signal point under her own steam in Easter 1988. A 'local' trust had been formed to oversee work and manage the vessel, This group, in turn, established the Friends of *Oscar W* who became more and more involved and took over the role of management, maintenance and finally restoration. The superstructure of *Oscar W* was completed at the Goolwa Wharf by the contractors just before the Chowilla Wool re-enactment trip reported in the last *Crow's Nest*. This was 'The Friends' first trip.

More next time!!

PS Industry Report

from Sandra Daniel

The **PS Industry** now has a terrific new top deck. This was a very big job; our volunteers and the two wonderful carpenters worked tirelessly on this project, in some very hot weather, finally finishing the job with torch light in the early hours of the morning, as we had a charter booked that day.

Massey (John Hunter) had been putting a lot of time in painting (we have to have this beautiful old lady looking her best for her 100th birthday).

Frank Tucker has been rallying the boaties around Mildura, after a scare that Lock 6 would be closed, so we know we will have boats from that end, but still not certain if Lock 4 will be open. Here is hoping, as we would love to have the *Marion* and the *Oscar W* come, plus all the other



craft of course. Still do not have a final programme, but please keep April 1st, 2nd and 3rd of 2011 free.

Safe and happy boating, and hoping for lots and lots of water coming your way.

from Bernard Goble

To “conk-out” is one of those rather lovely old-fashioned verbs, which until taking part in certain activities on the second Thursday of each month, I hadn't heard that of-ten!

Will it be a Stuart, which “conks-out” or maybe a re-cently restored Blaxland, or per-haps a trusty Clae?

I'm sure each skipper is acutely aware of every beat their carefully prepared engines make, was that a misfire, per-haps an air bubble in the fuel line, are my plugs oiling up or are the revs dropping?

Thursday the 11th Feb. saw 5 boats launching at the new Snowdon's beach boat ramp on the Port River after discovering that the designated launch site at Garden Island had been removed, hopefully only a temporary measure for maintenance.

Temperature was comfortably sitting in the 20's, however wind forecast for the morning was a manageable 12-15 knots from the SE increasing in the afternoon to 15-18 knots from the SW.

The Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron had kindly given us permission to call in to use their facilities for our picnic lunch, so after launching, off we merrily went!

No “conking-out” was going to spoil our day with all 5 boats running beautifully. Doug and Melody's *Dugodee* was to run as sweetly as a Swiss Watch all day, showing their brave Queensland guests, Greg and Faye what a pleasure small wooden boating can be!

In fact we passed one of our illustrious multi-million dollar Collins class submarines in for repairs at the ASC wharf, technically speaking having probably also “conked-out”. The “Australian” newspaper last October had reported that 4 of the 6 subs were having serious problems with their Swedish designed diesels not to mention other major technical issues. Our little “putt-putts” are therefore in very good company in regard to “conking-out”!

Our run was about to become much more challenging. With only half a kilometre from the RSAYS whilst adjacent to the Outer Harbour container terminal, the wind dramatically increased from the SW kicking up a steep chop resulting in a very wet ride for us all. Discretion was the better part of valour for

A Classic Thursday 11 Feb.

Jim in *Swamp Chick*, Ian and June in *Renaza* and *Dugodee* after deluging their brave guests with blasts of cold Port River, turning back to find a sheltered landing for lunch.

Bernard's Guest, Owen in *Chinook* demanded a full refund at this stage and requested he be dropped off at the nearest friendly port which just happened to be the RSAYS. Peter and Vicky in the dependable *Little John* also opted to press on despite the bumpy ride!

A very stiff tail wind and sea brought *Chinook* and *Little John* back to our fellow adventurers for lunch after reaching the RSAYS and for a while the

weather gods seemed to also be having a break! Instead they must have thought up a cunning plan for us. Why not change wind direction into our faces and increase the strength to boot!

The return trip certainly was wet, *Renaza* shipping more and more water till her flywheel began spraying water all over her magneto resulting in the inevitable “conk-out”! After some skilful manoeuvring and a few minor mechanical problems, Jim's Stuart powered *Swamp Chick* gallantly came to the rescue towing *Renaza* safely back to the Snowdon's boat ramp. Meanwhile on *Chinook* a full mutiny was taking place. Owen had definitely had enough of waves and the salt water drenching, so after beaching on a silty cove by the Penrice Soda Works, a very obliging 4WD driver gave him a lift home!

Our bedraggled group had arrived safely back sporting the biggest smiles ever seen at that boat ramp! It was certainly an experience enriching our lives from which much can be drawn. Planning for trips and different eventualities regarding towing following probable future “conking-outs” will be of benefit to us all ensuring continued enjoyment in full safety.

Fortunately, Bernard's house was only a few minutes' drive away so we all retired there for coffee and tea. Next time there will also be a nice selection of cakes! Till then.....Happy wooden boating!

If you too want to take part in these exciting activities, contact either Jim Fowles 8188 1140 or Ian Smallacombe on 8391 4862



Summary of the last General Meeting held at the Brecknock Hotel on 22 Feb

The general Meeting held on 22/2 at the Brecknock Hotel was again very well attended.

The Treasurer reported that our bank balance was stable at \$4498.15.

The newsletter Editor asked for any members willing to receive email copies of "Crow's Nest" to let him know as emailing the newsletter is much cheaper than posting and the savings over the year could be significant.

Richard Kretschmer gave a presentation to support his proposal for an event to be held at Port Victoria, which was very well received. The committee will now try and find a slot for it, but this will now have to be in the next summer season, as it is too late to fit in now before winter.

The long running saga of the Web site was also dis-

cussed at some length. Roy Duncan is currently reviewing the site so we can get a better idea of what needs upgrading and what is still ok. Basically however we need someone with the necessary skill and time to be able to properly run it.

Post Script! It looks like we are now making progress, as we do have an offer of help, and work is already underway.

The next GM was postponed one week, to the 3rd May as it would have fallen on Anzac Day under the normal routine.

The Guest speaker was Mr. Bill Reshcke, who gave a very entertaining talk on his experiences of growing up, living and working on the river, from his early childhood, between the wars, to the present day.

Brilliant Way to Spend a Day (cont.)

how 'we' had at least fixed the pump and wasn't this a good way to save petrol. It was also a good chance to meet Jim's dog who seemingly is much happier in a boat than out of one.

We then motored down towards the second beacon off Pomanda Point. Water depth just before we turned back was 15 foot. A nice sandy beach on the Taillem Bend side of Brinkley was perfect for our lunch stop. Jim indicated that he was a good friend of the owner of the **PS Mayflower**, moored on the



Meningie side adjacent the Wellington Ferry, and we could drop in on our way back for afternoon tea (for those lucky enough to have hot water). Doug was so excited he



fell right out of his seat into the sand, quite spectacular! It was a treat to have a look over the grand old lady of the River. Brice was a tremendous host and gave us an overview of her

lengthy and colourful past. If you are looking for a new boat project, give Brice a call...

It was then back to the boats for the trip back to Fred's landing. A couple of the fleet tried to invent mechanical problems so they too could save some fuel but we all got back safely under our own power. After the compulsory empty trailer backing competition, some goose falling off their trailer and into the water (me) and inspection of everybody's hull we were all soon on our way home. Truly a classic day's outing; beats working.

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WBASA Inc. Merchandise

Rugby Tops with denim collar with logo Price: \$40.00 ea

Colours: blue with logo stitching in white, red with logo stitching in white; *Sizes:* small, medium and large

Plain Polo Shirts with logo Price: \$25.00 ea

Colours: navy, royal blue, Kelly green, lime, (all with logo stitching in white) lemon (light), yellow (gold) (stitching in blue)

Sizes: small, medium or large (logo on lemon & yellow polo shirt is stitched in blue) all other colours the logo is stitched in white

Polar fleece vests with zip with logo Price: \$30.00ea

Colours: navy, bottle green, red, royal blue, pink and light blue (pink & light blue in women's sizes only) (logo on light blue and pink is stitched in blue, all other colours the stitching is in white)

Sizes: men:- small, medium and large; women:- 12, 14, 16, 18 etc. (women sizes are shorter in length and have some shaping in the back)

Burgees \$26, Cloth badges \$6, Wooden plaques Small \$20, large \$25

WBASA The First 20 Years... Our history by Peter Shippside and Bob Jennings \$20.00 (A4 spiral bound, 82pp, incl.4 pp colour pictures, very worthwhile read! (\$5 p&p if you can't pick it up at a meeting or event)

All this stuff can be viewed at meetings and ordered via the Treasurer in person or through the Association address.



WBASA Inc. Association News

*Your source of information on Meetings, Crow's Nest Deadlines, Association Events
This column is updated each issue and has information on non-WBASA events of interest to members*

Welcome to new members since the last edition:
Bartolome & Maria Bisbal and Jan & Ron Cleggett

WBASA Inc. Events

Please let the coordinator of each event know if you are considering coming. then you can be informed about any necessary last minute changes and that may occur eg because of weather and any final arrangements. If you can't get through, try another committee member (bottom p6). If you change your mind please also let them know.

Please also read the note at the bottom of this page regarding boat insurance requirements for WBASA Inc. events.

1-2 May Our members have been invited to join the River Murray Boat Owners Association for their 'Mini Amble' at Clayton. Members of the Trailer Sailer Association will also attend. You can stay at the excellent caravan park in Clayton (book with Rob or Jane on 08 8537 0372) Please have your boat insured or use our insurance deal. If you don't have a boat that can get there, you are sure to get a ride. Contact Barry on 0408 975 696 to register interest and get updates. Also check the RMBOA website: <http://www.rmboa.org.au> or ring 8269 1530

16 May Port Adelaide Sailing Club Visit This should be an interesting and friendly visit and if all goes well with a good attendance this has the potential to be an annual event. So you are urged to put it in you calendar. BYO food only needed for BBQ Lunch (bar facilities will be open). We'll look at their boats, new club house and their historian will address us on their long and illustrious history. Trailer boats welcome for show and tell and able to launch. We are considering a cruise in the afternoon up in to the old part of Port Adelaide Harbour. Please confirm if you are attending. Location is: George Robertson Drive (off Willochra Street) Largs North. Contact : Gil Leaver Phone: 8339 5822

26-27 June Moonlight Run: Roonka to Blanchetown
Note change of date and venue. This has been a very successful event at Mannum for a few years; low water has necessitated a change. We will stay at Roonka Scouts Activity Centre, then cruise to Blanchetown (8Km downstream) at about 4.30pm for dinner at the Blanchetown Hotel at 6.30pm then cruise back to Roonka by Moonlight. Roonka has camping, caravans, bunkhouse, parking, boat ramp, kitchen & dining room at moderate cost. Accommodation will be at the Scouts Activity Cen-

tre (for more info : www.roonka.sa.scouts.com.au)

Bunkhouse: \$14 per person per weekend/BYO sleeping bags or bedding & pillows; Camping & Caravans: \$10 per person per weekend/plus \$14 for power if required; Moored Cruisers: \$10 per person per weekend; Kitchen & Dining Room: \$30 per day/fully equipped.

RSVP: 14 May 2010 Bookings are essential as space is limited. BYO Drinking Water. BYO wood for Camp Fires. Dogs allowed but on leash at all times Contact: Gil Leaver Phone: 8339 5822

We are always trying to plan events to include a wider cross-section of the membership. Please let us know if you have ideas. You don't have to be on the committee to make suggestions or help carry them out!

Non-WBASA Inc. Events

Classic Thursdays: Two members have been organising an unofficial get together on the second Thursday of each month for a cruise somewhere, generally 9am to 4.30pm. If you would like to join them, contact Jim Fowles on 8188 1140 or Ian Smallacombe on 8391 4862.

WBASA Inc. GENERAL INFORMATION

General Meetings:

The Association *usually* meets on the *last* Monday of *even* months at the Brecknock Hotel in King William Street, Adelaide. As usual the meeting starts at 8pm and most people arrive at about 6.30pm for dinner. Please order by 7pm.

Our next General Meeting is on Monday 3 May

(a week late to avoid ANZAC weekend)

The speakers will be:

Graham Hardy and Peter Spinks who have both bought large boats interstate and brought them to SA. They will discuss the trials and tribulations of doing this.

Committee meetings:

The committee is trying different venues on the last Monday of *odd* months from 6.30pm (meal; meeting at 8pm). If you feel a need to turn up ring someone on the committee first to find the location.

Crow's Nest deadlines:

Your projects, voyages, ideas, boating tales, requests for information and adverts are all good subjects and welcome by **Tuesday 1st June** for the June edition.

Membership Full/Family \$35; Country (>100km from Adelaide) \$30; Concession \$30
For membership info contact Membership Officer on (08) 8352 8948 who will send you information and forms.

Boat Insurance for WBASA Inc. Events

Your committee has accepted advice that all participants in Association boating activities must have insurance. We are advised that, while the Association has arranged public liability insurance, disputes between members and between members and the public may have implications for the Association. The general membership and Committee need to be protected from such unlikely events.

Included on your membership renewal form was a space to record your policy number and expiry date for your boat insurance but you can ring, write or e-mail details to a committee member or bring details on the day. For those who choose not to insure their boats it will in future be possible and necessary to purchase single day cover on the day of WBASA Inc. events for \$10 through the Association. We will take details on the day. This insurance has been arranged through Webster Hyde Heath Insurance Brokers on behalf of members.



Members' Adverts

We will advertise members' boats and accessories for sale or wanted for free. In some cases we will advertise things of interest to members from non-commercial sources. If you know of interesting boats or bits for sale, contact the editor.

Nora Grace 30 foot Wooden River Boat moored at Blanchetown (above Lock 1), comfortable cruising boat, sleeps 2 adults & 2 children, 3 cylinder Volvo engine, bright functional galley. Cruised extensively from Lower Lakes to Kingston on Murray by present owners. Secure moorings & insurance transferable slipped and anti-fouled in March 2010. \$29 750 ono. Phone Jim Fowles 81881140



Reinforced rubber exhaust hose 1.5" internal diameter, maximum length 1.5 metres, \$20 per length (better than 50% off new price). Phone Jim Fowles 8188 1140

Wooden boat hull, 21ft, carvel, bare hull with 'drop down' deck, two port holes each side, propeller and shaft. Holden marinised engine included. Reasonable Offer. Phone Terry: 0402 082 509 (Referred by Richard Kretschmer)

Antoinette: 30ft timber river cruiser. Built in Mannum in 1960s. Fittings updated since 2003 inc. 80L upright Engel frig (12v/240v), gas HWS, gas stove, oven & grill, shower & separate toilet, 60watt solar panel, 2 sealed house batteries, VHF & 27 meg radios. Powered by 186 Holden motor, quiet &



reliable. Two 9L gas bottles mounted on stern. A very comfortable and reliable boat. \$45,000. Ph.(08)8555.5145 or 0429 670887

Half cabin wooden runabout, 4.8 m length, 1.8 m wide

Built in 1960, marine ply construction. 40 horsepower Johnson Outboard (manual start)

New jockey wheel and replacement tyres and tubes on trailer.

Excellent condition, held in storage for the last 30 years. Price: \$2500 or near offer. Deceased Estate; contact Bob Byrne H (08) 8357 0960 M 0412 489 388 or Stephen Conway M 0401 125035



The following boats are still for sale as far as the editor knows. If I'm wrong—Sorry.

Anna-Munari, 36 foot (LOA) river cruiser, 1982, Contact: Jill and Peter Allen on 0407 044 920 or Email: paven@bigpond.net.a



Zitania, Classic Vintage 36 foot Thames launch. Draft 2'8"

\$45,000 Enquiries to Graham Hardy 0412 822 055



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Tenders: It Pays to Ask

Just before Christmas one of the Department of Transport, marine inspectors (in the orange/yellow boats), stopped on the River Murray to inform someone that new regulations had been in force since September 2009 for all power boats (including small craft used to reach larger boats at moorings) and would be enforced. That person spoke to me and we conferred and could not remember any notification being published as to changes.

After some thought and reading Harbours and Navigation Regulations 2009 – Schedule 9 (obtained from a Government Website) these regulations could be a problem for anyone using a *Tender* as a vehicle to reach a larger vessel. Tenders normally are quite small and have to carry people and supplies etc over a relatively short distance usually powered by a small outboard motor (safer and quicker than rowing or paddling) and are often very light to allow hauling aboard, up a beach or towed behind.

I felt that a tender used for recreation purposes in protected waters should not need an anchor, chain and rope, plus fire extinguisher in such a small craft for such short distances.

So! I rang Transport SA and voiced my concerns, to an operator who obviously made good notes of my points of view, and asked for a definition of a *tender* under Item 7 Exemptions (5)A Tender Vessel, etc.

from Gil Leaver

About two hours later I received a phone call from the person in charge of compliance and I went through the regulations with him, where it concerned a *tender*.

It would seem that some meetings had taken place and my point of view appears to have had some weight. I was told the Field Officers would be advised of a compliance department determination regarding tenders and the requirements of equipment to be carried.

We went through the minimum requirements before parting company – my understanding is:-

- Paddles or Oars and may have Small Motor
- Must be registered if with motor
- Should have PFD for each person (common sense)
- Bailer or Pump (manual or other)
- Above applies during daylight hours plus lighting regulations after hours

I found the people at Transport SA really quite receptive and helpful and obviously from my point of view co-operative.

If we all do the right thing and use our tenders correctly then I see no problems (i.e. you would not want to go fishing in your tender without the full range of equipment required as you would move outside Clause 7 Exemptions).