



Crow's Nest

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The Last Boat Builder in Jenkins St

From Alex Bennett



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

Monday 27 April
at the
Brecknock Hotel
401 King William St
Adelaide

Speaker:
Rob Muller
of Strath Stream

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

The inner reach of the Port River at Birkenhead became the location for shipbuilding and repair in South Australia in 1843 when the H C Fletcher established the first slipway. The working port desperately needed skilled tradespeople and suitable facilities to repair vessels trading from the old world to the colony and also build small and large vessels to service the newly established coastal communities.

Fletcher, Jenkins, MacFarlane, Central Slipping Company, Taylor, Playfair, Pickhaver, McKendrick, Porter, Stockton and Searles are some of the names the have traded in and around the inner harbour since that time. The street that provided access to many of these yards and the Port Adelaide Sailing Club bears the name, 'Jenkins', after one of these shipyards.

The *Adelaide Observer* noted in 1876 that "the whole side of the river to McAllen's Yards (east of Birkenhead Bridge) is tenanted by ships artisans."

These yards followed in the traditions of their forebears, generally from Great Britain, but also developed new ways of working and boat types

more suited to the conditions in South Australia. Many working boats, naval craft and pleasure craft were built by these yards in the period between the mid 1800's and the current day despite the lack of suitable timber in South Australia.

The range of timber vessels built by these yards is too wide for this article. To indicate the breadth it is worth noting that *Rambler*, the oldest entirely Australian yacht, was built in Port Adelaide in 1875, and 110 years later the *One and All* was also built in Port Adelaide.

The last of the boat yards operating in Jenkins St, Port Adelaide is Searles. Established in 1911 Searles has traded continuously until now. Searles built and repaired a huge number of boats. They built the *Popeyes*, the first South Australian yacht to win the Sydney to Hobart, and also built boats owned by many of the members of this Association. Many of you know the current owner, Kingsley Haskett. If you walk along Jenkins St today you will see half a dozen boats moored in the river at Searles jetties and a cou-

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Dates to note



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information

- Until 26 April **John Giles Exhibition** Maritime Museum
- 27 April **WBASA Inc. General Meeting**
- 16-17 May **Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta**, Qld
- 17 May **WBASA Inc. Barker Inlet Cruise**
- 29 June **WBASA Inc. General Meeting**
- 5 Jul **WBASA Inc. Mannum - Pompoota Run**
- 1-2 Aug **WBASA Inc. Visit to PS Industry** in Renmark
- 24 Oct **WBASA Inc. General Meeting** in Goolwa



Cutting the Slack



Hello Everyone. April is upon us already and I am prompted to ask, where is the year going? The good news is autumn usually means wonderful weather for getting out on boats as we head toward the end of the traditional boating season. Cool nights followed by still warm sunny days, it's my favourite time of year.

Thank you to the many members of the Association and their friends who came along to the 2009 South Australian Wooden Boat and Music Festival in Goolwa over the 7-9 March long weekend. You know as well as I that despite enormous challenges it turned out to be a great weekend and a terrific festival. The crowd and 'positive energy' over the 3 days were fantastic. Even the lack of water and the subsequent impact on the number of wooden boats able to participate did little to dampen the enthusiasm or the spirits.

Though numbers through the gates were slightly down on past festivals the organising committee's emphasis on ensuring high class, entertaining land-based activities meant there was plenty to enjoy and keep festival goers happy. Feedback received from those attending indicated high levels of satisfaction which reaffirms the popularity of the wooden boat festival in Goolwa. Many highlighted the popularity of the 21's sailing races which were well contested and very exciting to watch. The diverse music and activities program on offer over the entire weekend was well received and supported. Congratulations must go to the organising committee for putting together a festival that was engaging and supportive of the wooden boating fraternity and local business in spite of the low water levels and its increasingly devastating effect on the lower lakes,

from President Jenn Cole

Goolwa and lower reaches of the once mighty Murray river.

Bouquets and extra special thanks must go to the many members and their partners who generously give their time and energy at the WBASA stand at the festival and hosting the traditional WBA breakfast held at Armfield Slip on Sunday morning of each Festival. Thank you also to the members of Armfield; we couldn't do it without you.

It was our biggest breakfast yet with more than 100 guests enjoying the magnificent fare cooked and served by WBASA members. It is always great to make new friends with visitors from other clubs here from interstate and the Nation as well as renew old acquaintances and friendships in such a wonderful environment - talking all things 'boatie' as the sun rises over Hindmarsh Island and glistens on the water. Ah! You can't beat it.

The WBA stall was a hive of activity and interest throughout the weekend resulted in numerous enquiries as to how we support members and what activities we offer throughout the year. On behalf of the committee and the Association, I welcome all new members who signed up at the festival. We look forward to sharing time with you out on the water and welcoming you to our general meetings and other events and activities.

Heading toward winter often signals a period of slow down before hibernation but not so for the Wooden Boat Association of SA. If you want to know more about our coming activities and events check out page 7, our website or come along to one of our general meetings.

Until next time, I wish you safe and happy boating.

Jenn Cole, President

from the Editor

Thanks to our contributors who have again provided for a very full newsletter. Our Association has plenty of interesting and talented people and their writings and photographs are very much appreciated as readers tell me.

We also have reports (p3) from three organisations of volunteers who do valuable work. It's great to see them reported on the same page and to use this newsletter in our small way to broadcast news of their contributions to SA's history of wooden vessels. We shall be visiting

the **PS Industry** later this year (see p7) and it would be good to report on their activities too.

I shall be heading off up to Blanchetown for the RMBOA River Ramble to Waikerie after Easter and then joining the RCBC River Run to head back to McBean's Pound near Blanchetown. A week and a half of river cruising, party every night. Great. Again these events are organised by very hard working volunteers. What a wonderful mob of people are associated with boating activities. What a privilege to be involved and to share our waters with such people! Cheers, *Barry*

'Traditional' River Boat Registration

It took me nearly six weeks to have my boat registration approved to comply with the revised conditions for boats moored on the River Murray. After two letters and two phone calls to the relevant departments I was not having any success, so finally in frustration I rang the Minister of Transport's Office,

from Jim Fowles

and spoke to an extremely helpful person who very quickly sorted everything out. I would suggest if anybody out there is having similar problems if they would like to ring me, I will pass on the name and number of the person you should speak with. Jim Fowles 8188 1140

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from Rick Eylward

The Wooden Boat and Music Festival has been held again and while the attendance was down all in all I think we can count it as a successful event, particularly when you consider the low water and the months of adverse publicity the region has received. A lack of suitable moorings for boats was unavoidable, better luck next time I hope. Considering all the difficulties I believe we can now count on the Festival as being an event worth attending and with favourable levels, improved facilities and some substantial publicity I am sure it will be very successful. I think the music program was outstanding and should establish Goolwa as a music venue worth attending.

As usual the crew from Armfield Slip were a significant part of the organization and were generally happy with their participation especially as the raffle was a sellout again.

Unfortunately there were no wooden boats in the winning list but the family who won the boat may be converted who knows. A young couple with three children from 5 to 8 year old so we may need to wait a few years yet, they tell me they have already had an enjoyable sail from Seacliff and reported that once they got going, all went well.

We keep hearing about progress in the moves to raise the pool level with the building of three environmental regulators and confidence seems to be increasing that by later this year it will be very close to the traditional level and so boating will be able to resume the levels of the past. There will be some variation of



levels as rainfall and evaporation contribute one way or another to the level but the variations will, I am sure, be relatively minor compared to what we have had to put up with.

I think it will take a while for many to return and perhaps some won't, we need to get a lot of good positive publicity out there as we have had far too much of the negative - in fact I think more than was deserved.

Meanwhile at the slip the Stormboy boat is being painted so the end is in sight and *Reverie* has progressed very well with finishing touches happening. Time now to start with *Jester* the Claussen with a good start already made. It will be good to have a smaller boat on the go, so we expect good progress.

Till next time, *Rick*

from Jenny Twigden

It has been a very busy time for the *PS Marion* since the last newsletter. Over the weekend of 21st and 22nd March volunteers interested in crew training attended a Crew Training Weekend. This proved to be a very interesting and informative time with a cruise on Saturday afternoon. Dick Bromhead, a recent speaker at a WBASA meeting, taught rope handling skills, WBASA member Alan Boman spoke to volunteers about shipboard safety, mooring and departure processes. Fire and 'man overboard' drills had people on their toes. Tender training was also available for those who wanted to try their hand at being 'tugboat operators'. The volunteers on board never go hungry as Pamela, the boat's super-duper chef/cook, always cooks up a feast.

A working bee on Sat 28th March saw fire wood loaded, cabins spruced up, decks washed, engine maintenance and boat sides hosed down, in preparation for the 'Recommissioning of the 1850's Key Beam Engine at the Randell's Steam Works' event held on Wednesday 1st April.

PS Marion and Mannum Dock Museum Notes

Following this event *PS Marion* cruised to Murray Bridge to attend the 12th National Machinery Rally held over the weekend of 3rd, 4th and 5th April.

The Machinery Rally was attended by many thousands of visitors, and although we are all longing for rain, the weather was perfect for such an event. The *PS Marion*'s cruises proved very popular and were mostly fully booked with the Devonshire teas being in great demand. *PS Marion* returned to Mannum on Monday 6th with a weary but satisfied crew.

Further cruises are being held over the Easter weekend, for further information please ring Jenny Callander at the Mannum Dock Museum on 8569 2733 or visit the website on www.psmarion.com

*from Roly Bartlett*

Oscar continues with her cruises on the third Sunday of each month, with charters in between and the odd cruise for special occasions, such as the recent visit of the Governor of S.A. Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce. The Governor showed great interest in the boat, getting down the stoke hold and doing a great job of steering. His primary objective however was to inspect the river, and he showed great interest and concern about it's state. This was part of a regional tour to acquaint His Excellency with commerce and activity in the area.

Of course we are all concerned with what happens to improve or situation down here, and wait with baited breath, for a temporary solution to the acid soil, bristle worm and water depth situation. I will not pursue that one any further, but at the present time *Oscar* has sufficient water to continue her hourly cruises, with an excellent commentary on the local area.

With the regular operation of the boat on a voluntary basis, there are now emerging two avenues for voluntary effort: operation of the boat and ongoing maintenance. We have a regular group gathering on Wednesdays for operational maintenance such as wood carting, boiler maintenance and the like, and individuals continue to cope with tasks of an urgent nature. Our monthly

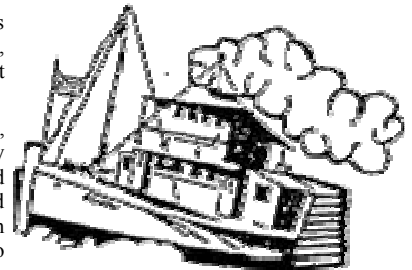
The Latest from Paddle Steamer Oscar W

general maintenance working bees have, however, clashed with outings, meaning that the list of jobs does not get smaller.

Because of the 'new' area of interest, namely operating the vessel, there may be some members out there who would like to join us, even become qualified crew. We propose to combine with other like vessels from time to time to offer courses for 'Occupational Health and Safety at Sea', the requirement for crew, and of course we offer on the job skill training.

We are also reviving a united group called Council of Inland Waters Associations, started some years ago to promote river activities and cope with issues affecting boating groups. At present, of course, we need a united body through which to make submissions regarding the commonwealth take over of Maritime Safety and survey requirements. CIWA is ideally suited.

See you on a cruise sometime, thanks for reading.



The Last Boatbuilder in Jenkins St (cont.)

ple more on the slip. You will also see a small notice on the door which reads:

“K & M Marine Services and Searles Boat Yard will cease trading on 13th April 2009 and vacate the premises on 1st May 2009.”

Boatbuilding and repair at Birkenhead will cease on that date along with almost every other activity we associate with a working port. In fact, the inner harbour will effectively be reduced to a salt water pond and there will be few reasons for any boat to enter that area.

The demise of the working harbour and subsequent loss of maritime skills in and around Birkenhead may be replaced by other slips and berths in the Port River and along the coast. The skills may evolve to suit the needs of modern times and contemporary vessels. However, the direct link to the founding maritime heritage of the State cannot be replaced.

The Government and its developer partners will push ahead with ‘the largest urban renewal project in the

State’s history’ converting 50 hectares of government owned land (mostly waterfront) into 4,000 homes over the next 10 years. No doubt there will be reminders erected to evoke the maritime history of the area; there may even be sound effects to replicate the wind in the rigging or hoot of steam whistles as the new residents stroll along the former waterfront to buy the morning paper. Port Adelaide will be a hollow shell of its former self – a housing estate similar to any other with the rather quaint term ‘Port’ forming part of the name.

In the years ahead some boats will fall into disrepair or be lost because the boatyards are gone. The jobs will be lost or the workers will move into other industries. The skills refined over 160 years in Port Adelaide will disappear. Those familiar names of recent years Porter, MacFarlane, Stockton and Searles will be relegated to the history books alongside those that started repairing and building boats in Birkenhead 160 years ago.

What will become of the current generation of ‘ship’s artisans’ after the yards are gone?



‘Twas the night before Christmas.....

From Jenn Cole

At 6.00 am on the morning of Christmas Eve 2008 a friend Pete Fagan and I headed off from Wellington to cross Lake Alexandrina. Our mission was to bring my boat *Nymph* back to Goolwa. I had taken her up river to Mannum the year before but the reality was, I never got there too often and I missed being able to see her, sit on her, take her for a cruise, check on her and maintain her. So, I decided I’d rather have her nearby in Goolwa and would bring her home even if rumours of a pending weir proved true...

With deepest apologies to Clement Clarke Moore and any person opposed to iambic pentameters ... here is my version of our journey:

*Twas the night before Christmas, there was hardly a sound;
I prayed to Amphitrite - “please don’t let us run aground!”
We’d set off from Wellington we’d read our charts well,
As we entered ‘the Lake’ we gave thanks for no swell.*

*Twasn’t long till we faltered though despite holding our course,
A nor-easterly blew beside us while it was warm it had force,
We found ourselves in shallow water with depth sounder blaring,
Nymph’s hull bumped a warning and I started swearing.*

*“Let’s just head to the middle; there’s gotta be more water there”
and I threw round the wheel with just millimetres to spare.
We cruised on with caution, no room for regrets;
It would have been easy except for the bloody fishing nets!*

*Passing clear of Pomanda we were buoyed by some chop,
But pressed on regardless... there was nowhere to stop!
No sight of land before us and not much astern,
We kept our eyes on the compass and hoped the wind wouldn’t turn.*

*Yes it was my first lake crossing and I’d heard many a tale,
So I made sure we were ready before we set sail,
We were heading to Goolwa and bringing Nymph home,
By the time we reached Point McLeay we were bobbing in foam.*

*On reaching Rat Island tension eased to a degree,
“Settle down” said the first mate, “we’ve still got beacon 63”.
There we crawled along slowly, inching at one knot or two
And I reckon we were the last boat that would ever make it through.*



*A scrape and a drag, at last finally, all clear!
Forget the tea and coffee we cracked out a beer.
We drank to the river... “Hope Kev saves it soon”,
And we motored into Birks Harbour an hour past noon.*

*Exhilarated, grateful that all had gone to plan,
Thanks Pete for your company, advice and helping hand.
As I look out from Milang I know for some it’s no big deal,
But it was a wonderful adventure for the woman at the wheel.*

from Bob and Helen Gross *Mannum Moonlight Run* 14th March 2009

This was the second time that Helen and I had taken part in this event. The first was a couple of years ago with Trevor Edwards in *Lit-Lee*, in ideal conditions, close to nature in his small open boat, and a very enjoyable experience.

This time we were in our river boat, now moored at Walker Flat – (no water at home around Hindmarsh Island!), and obviously with shelter from the wind and spray on the journey down to Mannum.

First things first though. When we arrived at Greenings we were helped to moor by Bill & Veronica from *Lady Penelope* and met by Gil. A friendly welcome as is the norm at these events. We met up with old mates as well as meeting many other members.

At the appointed time (I think someone said "Let's go"), the flotilla assembled itself in

front of Greenings Landing, with Ron, Carol and Joff, on their big, work barge, and we headed off downstream into the wind and little white caps. Our "on time" putt putts, *Lit-Lee* with Trev Edwards & Chris & Anna Veenstra aboard and *Swamp Chick* with Jim & Pauline Fowles, ploughed through the white caps totally undeterred by the passing *Murray Princess* and inherent wake. The infamous *Gum Leaf* crew, Barry & English cousins, launched on time but were last seen pitching their tent as we departed. However, it was beautiful timing, as they did arrive well in time for dinner.

With the main group the mood for the event was soon set. Channel 27 became alive with smart comment and a lot of nonsense from some of the group, just to liven up the trip. *Awhandra* (Gil & Angela) & *Zitania* (Graham & Rosie) seemed the most guilty parties! I think this

lower Murray group is just as bad (possibly worse) than the Goolwa bunch! *Willoway* was very quiet, however. Maybe the radio was not on or Alex Bennett was talking too much to Jenny & Trevor and they just tuned out!

Somewhere behind all this nonsense was a blue boat called *Swagman* that lurked. Upon mooring we discovered it was Ken Messenger and Donna cruising along from Younghusband.

On arrival at Mannum, Ron and his crew, had the barge moored and we were able to raft up on either side, then

boat hop to the barge, walk down the plank to dry land and straight up into the Pretoria Hotel. Roy Duncan was reunited with Chris after his journey on *Awhandra*, Chris preferring the shopping in Mannum to the journey. It certainly made life easy, so many thanks mooring crew! Rob & Gerry Potter (alias' houseboat *Geza*) were well entrenched when we got there. *Anna-Munari* (Peter & Jill) and *Grace Darling* (Rob & Mon) thought we were never going to arrive but had happily enjoyed the waiting with a drink or two.

Once inside the pub, with a drink and meals ordered, the noise level increased with some serious discussion

and much good humoured nonsense. I wondered how Barry's English relatives coped with the evening! (They loved it – Ed)

At departure time the moon was just rising, the wind

had dropped and the cloud had broken up, making for a calm and relaxed return trip.

However, our boat, *Antoinette*, decided that she had been ignored too much and that she would upset us a little by not allowing the nav. lights to work. We changed fuses, checked and tapped appropriately, argued, but to no avail. We made the usual comment of "Bugger it – we'll go without". Then ten minutes later she gave in and the lights came on. It's that old saying –

"A woman has a mind of her own" together with "Ignore her at your own peril", coming to the fore again.

Back at Greenings most adjourned to the communal BBQ area for camp fire and ports or whatever else took their fancy, together with some plates of goodies, sweet and savoury, just to finish us off totally. Thanks to those forward thinking

caterers.

The following morning we slipped our moorings early leaving the BBQ breakfast for those with perhaps stronger constitutions than ours, and perhaps less river miles to travel than us.

Our thanks go to Gil and Angela Leaver for their organization and to the Greening family for their help and hard work in accommodating the fleet and providing the barge for our convenience.



WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.**Minutes of General Meeting held on 23/02/09, Brecknock Hotel, King William Street, Adelaide.**

Meeting opened: 8.04PM, by Vice President Jim Fowles, standing in for Jenn Cole who was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Jim welcomed all the members and guests and commented on the much improved attendances over recent years. He pointed out that only a few years ago we were struggling to get attendances of 20, but now attendances of 50 or 60 are the norm.

Apologies: Jenn Cole, John & Gabby Francis, Rosi Hardy, Kingsley Haskett, Rob & Monica Bowring, Bob & Eleanor Beechmore

New Members: Jim welcomed back Bruce & Veronica Shanks who have rejoined after a brief absence. Bruce advised the meeting he is now engaged in restoring a 12'clinker dinghy

Guests: Jim also introduced guest Tony de Maaier. Tony is building a 5.5m Catamaran.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were, as usual, published in 'Crows Nest'. They were accepted on the motion of Bart Sullivan, seconded by Alan Robinson and carried without dissent.

Business Arising: Wooden Boat Festival, participation arrangements. Gil Leaver will be coordinating our presence in the absence of President Jenn Cole who has other commitments. He passed around a roster for volunteers to slot themselves in for manning our stand. He also pointed out we need photos and other relevant memorabilia for display. The existing display is now becoming dated. Alex Bennett is able to do blow ups and laminations if required, so even small photos, if relevant, would be appreciated, and the originals can be quickly returned intact.

The Traditional BBQ breakfast will again be held at Armfield Slip. Our grateful thanks go to that group for allowing us to use their premises Roy Duncan has volunteered to organise the logistics, and Allen and Maureen Robinson will again look after the cooking. We will still need as many others that can come to assist with setting up, gophing, meeting and greeting and of course the cleaning up. I am sure they will get some time in between to also enjoy the Breakfast themselves.

Correspondence: Only interstate newsletters and membership renewals

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Twigden reported a healthy bank balance of approx. \$6500, with no outstanding cheques or invoices to pay.

News Letter Editor: Barry reported that he had been concerned that he would not have enough copy for the last edition, but a last minute influx had saved the day. He thanked all the contributors for their efforts. They do need to keep coming though, so anyone who can contribute a report or an article about wooden boating in general is most welcome to do so. Articles relating to South Australian waters and boats are particularly sought after as Crows Nest is distributed to all the interstate sister organizations and is a useful promotional tool for the State.

Barry also sadly reported that Searle's Boatyard, the last remaining working yard at the port, had finally lost its long running battle with the forces of gentrification. There is apparently no room for a piece of genuine heritage down in this so called Heritage Real Estate development.

New Business: Jenny Twigden reported that she had attended the recent Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart. Whilst there she represented the SA Association at a meeting of all the equivalent State Wooden Boat bodies, held to acquaint all the organizations with what other clubs were doing and ideas they were pursuing to further the cause of Wooden Boats. One interesting idea

that came from the Tasmanian Group was that they had bought an old boat, and the members were in the process of restoring it with the intention of selling it as a fund raiser.

Jenny also represented us at The Australian Maritime Museums Council Conference. She was able to report that SA was well represented with papers being delivered by two of our own long standing members, Rob Bowring, who spoke on the **PS Marion**, and Roly Bartlett, who spoke on the **PS Oscar W**.

Another paper of interest was delivered by David Payne on the subject of The Australian Register of Historic Vessels. The aim of this is to, "build a national picture of historic boats and their designers, builders and owners from around Australia, to create a better understanding of their connections with their communities past and present, and to encourage awareness and planning for their preservation and use."

They are interested in hearing from owners of boats, (not necessarily wooden), built prior to 1965 (loosely speaking, newer boats could be considered), that meet fairly broad criteria. Jenny believes that there would be a number of boats owned by our members, which would be welcomed by the Register.

The web page that gives all the details is <http://www.anmm.gov.au/emuseum/code/emuseum.asp?newpage=ARHVWelcome&newprofile=ARHVOobjects>.

Colin Hill drew our attention to the controversial proposed 'Draft Houseboat Mooring and Marina Strategy etc.' and the strongly worded response in protest being made by the RMBOA. Bob Morris replied that this had been discussed at the last committee meeting and that we had already sent the RMBOA a letter allying ourselves with their position.

Events: Ian Smalacombe asked all members to consider giving whatever support they could, either by exhibiting their boats or attending as patrons at the upcoming Historic Machinery Rally at Murray Bridge 3-5 April. This was given some publicity at our last meeting and Ian is hopeful we can get sufficient boats together to not only aid the rally but promote our Association at the same time. Ian and Gil Leaver will be attending and are keen to act as coordinators for any other members who wish to bring their boats to display, either on the water or as static land displays. Boats must be insured, but short term insurance can be arranged through our insurer for a fee of \$10. Ian also pointed out that the late entry fee would be waived for our members.

Gil then reminded members of the upcoming Greenings Landing event, 14-15 March. He pointed out that bookings are essential as the dinner at the hotel has to be pre booked. Insurance is also required, but again short term cover can be had for \$10. Gil is the coordinator for this event.

As there was no further business a brief adjournment was held to allow members to organise coffees etc, before reconvening for our Guest Speaker Dick Bromhead.

Dick has been running a Marina at Mannum for several years but has also had a lifetime of boating experience, on the ocean as well as the Murray River. He related an interesting and amusing yarn about his somewhat unexpected purchase of an old wooden boat called **Hebe** from the Clarence River in Northern NSW and his adventures in bringing it around the coast and through Bass Strait on a shoestring budget, and eventually safely into the Murray where she still resides.

At the conclusion members expressed their thanks by acclamation and Roy Duncan presented Dick with the usual memento.

Jim then declared the meeting closed at 9.50.

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

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

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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 last edition: Alan Moss, Richard Bertschinger, Malcolm Burnell

WBASA Inc. Events

Each event has a coordinator who can be contacted for details nearer the time. The coordinator is also the contact on the day if weather looks dodgy and you want to confirm the event is still on. *Please* let the coordinator know you are considering coming, then you can be informed about any necessary last minute changes. If you change your mind please also let them know.

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

17 May Barker Inlet Cruise Launch/meet at the St Kilda Boat Club, Fookes Road, St Kilda at 10 am. Cruise the St Kilda Mangroves, Barker Inlet and Torrens Island. Bring lunch etc. Contact Alex Bennett 8352 8948 or 0408 856 174

5 July Mannum to Pompoota Run Meet on Mannum foreshore 10 am, travel to Pompoota Landing for lunch etc. Contact Jenny Twigden on 8535 4352 or 0419 833 546

1-2 August PS Industry Visit Explore Renmark area on Sat. and cruise on PS Industry on Sunday. Contact Ian Smallacombe on 8391 4862 or 0429 411 966

Non-WBASA Inc. Events

Until 26 April 'Captured on Canvas' an exhibition of John Giles paintings of Port Adelaide 1930 to 1960 at the Maritime Museum. Looks like a very worthwhile exhibition. Check the Maritime Museum web site.

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.

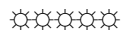
16-17 May Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta info at www.bribieislandyachtclub.org.au

Timber and Working with Wood Show, usually in July, will not happen this year but is scheduled for July next year and is expected to run every two years from 2010.

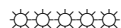
WBASA Inc. GENERAL INFORMATION

General Meetings:

The Association *usually* meets on the *last* Monday of *even* months at the Brecknock Hotel in King William Street, Adelaide, however we are considering some alternatives to cater for non-metropolitan area members.



If you have been a member for some time and haven't attended a General Meeting of the Association, why don't you come along to the Brecknock Hotel on Monday 27th April from 6.30 pm for dinner, a chat, then stay on for the short meeting which will be followed by our guest speaker, Rob Muller of Strath Stream. Rob has a wealth of stories and is an inventor, manufacturer of modern steam engines and has interests in "many other things". We have to leave the Brecknock by 10pm so it is definitely not a late night. Come along, make yourself known and you will be made very welcome.



As usual the meeting starts at 8pm and most people arrive at about 6.30pm for dinner. Please order by 7pm. (It is OK to eat elsewhere first then come any time while the rest are eating.)

We expect to have a General Meeting in Goolwa in October.

Committee meetings:

The committee also meets at the Brecknock Hotel. Meetings are on the last Monday of *odd* months from 6.30pm. We have a meal before starting the meeting. If you want to attend it may be worth ringing a committee member to check in case we make a change to date or venue.

Crow's Nest deadlines:

Your projects, voyages, ideas, boating tales, requests for information and adverts are all good subjects and welcome usually by Monday *three weeks before* the General Meeting. Your editor would love to have a building/restoration story, or something *positive* about the current state of the River Murray. **The deadline for the next edition is Monday 8 June 2009.**

NB Our Association History Project nears completion but...

Help Please: Members of WBASA.

This is a request for the loan of one or two of your very best photos of WBASA events for possible inclusion in the publication of the association's history. Photos from the early days would be most welcome. Please be selective - don't flood us with photos!

Send or email them to Peter Shipside, 13 Kingdon Place, GOOLWA. SA 5214. Originals will, of course, be returned afterwards.

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 (and other things again)

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.

For Sale:

14' Ancraft bondwood open boat. Sound condition, kept under cover but needs a coat of paint. \$250 ono. Contact Peter 0413 134 199

7.6 m Carvel Cruiser BMC diesel. Needs TLC, family of deceased owner would like the boat to go to a good home and hopefully get a fair price. Currently moored at Brenda Park near Morgan. Contact Ali on 0402 559 663



Information wanted:

The boat in these pictures was built by Robin and Max Hundertmark in the early 60's from a design called Swish published in Popular Mechanics Magazine. It was called Kananga and was a very Australian interpretation of the popular design, an FJ Holden having been stripped down to provide a motor, steering wheel and even trailer wheels. Robin's son Matthew would like



to relocate the boat. It was owned by someone in Middleton (known to Matthew) and sold to a 'university student' around 1996. Its name was removed and it was once painted black. If you have any knowledge of the boat please contact Matthew on 0439 812 282

We are happy to consider commercial adverts. Circulation is approximately 150 including members, interstate Wooden Boat Associations, other boat clubs and relevant community groups. Prices by negotiation.

Our website is at <http://wboatsa.supremeit.com> (NB don't include 'www') Comments to barryjoh@adam.com.au

Membership fees

Full/Family \$30

Country¹ \$25

Concession² \$25

Notes ¹ Country membership applies if you live more than 100km as the crow flies from Adelaide

² Includes students, pensioners and those on unemployment benefits



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Membership Application

Please forward cheque with this form to:

The Membership Officer, WBASA Inc., PO Box 6264, Halifax Street, Adelaide SA 5000
or ring Alex on (08) 8352 8948 for further information

Objects of the Association: (for full details see the Constitution of WBASA Inc.)

To share information on and promote the preservation, restoration, building and use of wooden boats and to explore and take care of our waterways.

Name:

Address:

