



Crow's Nest

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Members Cruise on the PS Industry from Jim Fowles

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The next meeting
of the
Wooden Boat
Association of SA Inc.
will be the

Annual General Meeting

on Monday 31 August

at the
Brecknock Hotel
401 King William St
Adelaide
Speaker
Ron Parker
from the *One and All*

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

Dates to note



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Photos Graham Hardy & Roy Duncan

Once again, another fantastic weekend was had by the 30+ members, friends and families organised by Ian Smallacombe. It began with a dinner at the Ruston's Roses Function Centre on Saturday evening then followed up on Sunday at 11 a.m. for a cruise on the 98 year old **PS Industry**. (Graham and Rosie Hardy even made a special effort and drove up and back just for the day.) The weather was typical "upper river", clear blue sky and sun shining with just a slight breeze. As we cruised up-stream we were served scones, jam and cream (scones cooked on-board on the original wood-stove) washed down with hot tea and coffee all to the peaceful splash, splash of the blades on the paddle wheels hitting the water as they pushed us effortlessly along.

The **PS. Industry** was built at Goolwa in 1911 and spent the next 51 years, until her decommissioning in 1968, as a work boat. She played an important role in keeping the river open and was used extensively in the construction of the locks and weirs.

After decommissioning she was used as a static display at Renmark then in 1990, with the help of the local community, Governments at all

levels and thousands of volunteer hours she was recommissioned after 15 years of hard work, as an historic passenger vessel.

Now in 2009 she is a draw-card for tourism in the area while at the same time giving people an insight into the important role wooden paddle steamers played in the opening up of part of inland Australia.



- 31 August WBASA Inc. AGM
- 6 Sept WBASA Inc. *One and All* Tour
- 9-11 Oct Tweed Classic Boat Regatta
- 22 Nov WBASA Inc. Mangrove Walk

- 31 Oct WBASA Inc. General Meeting in Goolwa
- 5 Dec WBASA Inc. 20th Anniversary Event



Cutting the Slack



Hello Everyone,

'Time flies when you're having fun' so the adage goes. Well, from where I stand, the year is absolutely flying by however I'm yet to be convinced of just how much fun I've actually had during that time!

No matter your perspective, a lot has happened over the past year, some of it terrifically good and some downright disappointing. On reflection it could well be regarded the year of the good, the bad and the ugly!

Without doubt, one of the "goods" has been the energy, commitment and fantastic work done by my fellow members of the Committee. Their enthusiasm and dedication ensures that the Association continues to be a vibrant and active club that can boast consistently good membership levels, even in tough economic times, excellent member attendance at our bi monthly general meetings and very high participation in our WBA events and activities.

Our next meeting falls on the 31st of August and is our AGM. That means all positions on the committee will again be open and up for grabs. We are always keen to welcome new members to the committee. Some of the current committee have signalled their intention to stand down after many loyal years, so I encourage you to come along to the AGM and consider getting on board. With your support I'm happy to put my hand up for one more year as President and if elected, it will be my 6th as a member of the committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow 2008/09 committee members for their support and their generous contribution to the Association. Any club is only as good as its members and I sincerely believe we enjoy the best, of both people and our shared interest/ passion, that being wooden boats!

Other definite plusses in the 'good' category for the year include;

- The Association taking up insurance to cover members at all our sanctioned events. I genuinely hope no-one ever has need to make a claim but we know that

from President Jenn Cole

members are now covered when they come out on our events and that's piece of mind for everyone ... especially on those moonlight cruises and I'm at the helm!!

- We are in the home stretch with the publication of our 20 year history of the Association and having had a preview, I'm confident all members, past and present, will find it an interesting and entertaining read.
- Keep the weekend of the 5th & 6th of December free in your diaries and keep your eyes on the Crow's Nest for further details on our combined 20th anniversary meeting, annual Christmas get together and History book launch. Believe me; it is going to be a great weekend of celebration.

The bad has to be the continued decline of the Murray River, especially the lower lakes and the Coorong. Good July rains had us hopeful but much, much more is still needed. In fact, Federal action is needed as individual States continue to display appalling behaviour in not wanting to share what is an iconic, national asset and lifeline.

Bad, sad and downright ugly is the Clayton Regulator. No issue since 'the bridge' has divided a community so bitterly. It is tragic to observe and experience. The impact of the regulator being built will affect many sectors of the river communities in very different ways but there had to be a better answer than what has been done. It might mean increased water levels in the Goolwa channel which will reignite boating activity but at what cost? Not wanting to appear to be dismissing it glibly, but we can only hope that the ancient cyclic ebb and flow of drought and flood means we will see all the regulators removed ASAP and the river and its communities returning to normality to enjoy peace, unity and prosperity once more.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

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

Jenn Cole, President

from the Editor

I got to type up a table for the History of the Association being prepared by Peter Shipline and Bob Jennings and got something of a surprise. I have been doing this newsletter for a long time. I enjoy it and also the contact with the people who contribute to it and the response, mostly positive, always constructive, of those who receive it. I shall be happy to nominate for another year but I think it's close to time someone else put their stamp on it. If any member wants to consider this, please contact me to discuss it. You may want to take over for 2020-11 or work with me for the next year to get to know the job. I have learnt by doing it and value the knowledge gained.

I have been on several committees over the years, both for professional and other associations. I have usually found people to be good natured and keen to get positive outcomes for

members. None have been as much fun to work with and as cooperative and willing to play their part as those who have served on our committee. Meetings happen in the alternative months to our general meetings and I have always looked forward to them as much as a pleasant night out as for the work achieved. Think about it...

I finally got reports from all four volunteer groups dealing with heritage boats on the River Murray in SA. We are not affiliated with these organisations but I am certain our members enjoy finding out about them. Each has an enthusiastic group of people who invest time in other people's boats. The rest of us benefit from the result of their efforts, keeping our heritage alive.

They deserve our support and would love some of our members to get involved, I'm sure.

Cheers *Barry*

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from Rick Eylward

I guess by the time you read this all that follows will be all around the boating world. This week has seen the closure of the regulator at Clayton, good rains with a resultant good flow from the two water courses that will help to fill the Goolwa Channel, already one of the land marks, so called "Hindmarsh Island 2" has disappeared from view, not even the birds could stand knee deep on it. I hope it's the last time I ever see it. The water level is on the move in the right direction for a change.

The other piece of news that we Wooden Boat Festival enthusiasts can only be amazed at is that the area between Hectors Jetty and the boardwalk where most of the smaller boats have been moored has been dredged to a depth of about 2.5 metre which with normal pool levels would be about 3.5 metre deep.

This would have to be the best news for the festival in a long time.

Just how soon can the boat population of Goolwa get back to somewhere near those levels of 4 or 5 years ago with somewhere to go for a cruise even though many of the old destinations will not be accessible, still be better I am sure than the last two years.

Meanwhile, back at Armfield we have - - guess what - -

yes acquired two boats that await the TLC that will make them come to life again.

Arkae A 20 ft sailing boat we believe a Searles 30s boat.

Lila J a 28 ft river cruiser of we believe 1920 vintage which is particularly interesting as it has a tunnel hull, we suppose that was to reduce the draft which it appears is only about 1ft 6 inch - quite shallow for a boat that size, it gets a mention in the book of the Bedford family. I am sure that there will be plenty of time for you to see it regain most of its former glory as we restore it over the next (well it is usually about 4 years) You should all realise that rebuilding a boat is a journey in which most of the pleasure is in getting there, hurrying only increases the stress levels so I am led to believe. Well have you got a better excuse!!

Look forward to seeing you all in Goolwa for the October meeting I believe

Till next time, *Rick*

*Armfield Report**from Jenny Twigden*

The **PS Marion** has been fully booked for 3 Rockford dinner cruises this year, which is quite an achievement for a 112 year old boat. These dinner cruises are always fully booked for a couple of years ahead, so if you are interested in future dinners, don't waste any time, contact the Mannum Dock Museum/Information Centre with your inquiries.

Short cruises are planned for the October long weekend, leaving from the Mary Ann Reserve on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Plans are afoot to slip the **PS Marion** when possible and check her "bottom", give her a spring clean and re paint. The boat recently passed another in-water survey which augers well for her future.

The Mannum Dock Museum Annual General Meeting was held on 15th August and the committee was re-

PS Marion and Mannum Dock Museum Notes

elected. Currently the structure and role of the Mannum Dock Museum is under review. Council is looking at how the many roles and responsibilities of management can be fairly and equitably fulfilled.

Food handling and crew training courses for volunteers are going to be held on 12th September [in Mannum] and 31st October/1st November [in Goolwa] respectively. The Volunteers' Picnic is being held on 29th November as part of a Crew Training Weekend on the **PS Marion**.

Volunteering is such great fun - inquiries to the Mannum Dock Museum on 8569 2733 or visit the website on www.psmarion.com.

Cheers, *Jenny*

*from Roly Bartlett*

Oscar continues to operate very successfully, with good patronage on her monthly operating days and the occasional charter trip thrown in. We provide a sausage sizzle on the wharf at each outing which is very popular and a good fund raiser. We get lots of enquiries for charters but these will be more successful when we have more water and are able to steam up to Clayton for lunch. Crew have been supplied with crew wind cheaters and are easily identified and look quite smart, recently the engineers have been tidied up by the supply of new Oscar W Crew overalls. Our captains provide a very good commentary relating to Goolwa history, river conditions, environmental factors and steam boat history, so we think we have a pretty good package.

At the recent regional tourism awards our secretary, Christina Somerville, was presented with a well earned "Outstanding Contribution to Tourism" award, which caused much celebration.

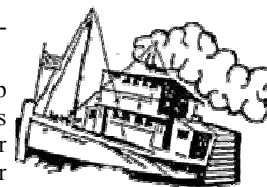
It has been a year since we completed restoration and applied for commercial survey, hence we received a visit

from the surveyor who has issued us with certificate for our second year of operation.

We have an annual general meeting coming up shortly and are always looking for new members interested in crewing, and/or maintaining Oscar W. We are currently making arrangements for first aid training and Occupational Safety at Sea courses which we anticipate will be run at Goolwa.

Our working bees continue on Wednesdays each week and every second Saturday of the month and are keeping up with maintenance (just). At present we have a raffle running with main prize, 5 nights in luxury accommodation for six people at The Marina Hindmarsh Island as well as a Ballast Stone wine prize, Steam Exchange Brewery prize, and of course, family passes for Oscar W steaming. Please phone Geoff on 8537 0456 if you don't have a book of tickets.

Thanks for reading, *Roly*



Navigational update for hectors jetty and inner harbour

from Roy Duncan

Over the last few days the Alexandrina Council has taken the opportunity to dig out the basin on the inside of hectors jetty so boats will be able to moor to the board walk or any part of the inside of hectors jetty.

In my judgement it has been dugout to a depth of 2 meters from the current pool level and at the same time several steel and wooden posts have also been removed.

The sandy beach area where the rough and ready launch their boats has not been cleared out and has a very nasty concrete structure which covers a Telephone cable to Hindmarsh Island and several cut off piles (I recommend to keep clear of this area when the water returns.)

The Renmark still poses a hazard at the end of hectors jetty and the first dolphin; it trails out 100 feet into the main channel from this point. The top of the wreck is at the surface at this time while the pool level is at -0.9 meter and is marked by Snag buoys about half way down its length.

Someone on the Know has anticipated that the area may not return to the original pool level otherwise they may have to post deep water signs if the river ever returns to the post drought pool level.



The Perils of Bio-diesel

from Colin Hill

Our boat *Helen* is powered by an 84hp Perkins Perkins diesel and in the interest of caring for the environment I started using bio-diesel for the 2006 River Ramble. I took on board about 240 litres, enough for the complete return trip, some of you may remember the smell of the exhaust fumes while in the locks with us which prompted remarks such as "who is cooking hamburgers?".

I purchased the fuel from a SAFF outlet, not a backyard fish and chip shop oil converter and discussed using it with the SAFF chemist who assured me that it would be alright and that there might be some 'waxing' in colder weather but that they 'shandied' it with ordinary diesel during the winter. He also said that TransAdelaide were trialling the fuel in their buses and trains. He also said that it would 'clean' tanks, pipes fuel pump etc.

The engine certainly started easily, ran very well with less obnoxious smelling exhaust fumes, although there was one occasion when the fuel filter became blocked with wax and had to be changed. We sometimes mixed ordinary diesel with bio-diesel and the engine continued

to operate as usual and we regularly started the engine to top up batteries even if we were not going on a trip.

We had arranged to go on the 'bottom-enders cruise' after Easter this year so we test-started the engine a few days beforehand without any problems. When we attempted to commence the cruise the engine would not start. With the help of Bill Ingram we found that the fuel pump was not working and that when drained the pump the liquid looked and smelt like wood varnish. Furthermore in the bottom of the fuel tank there was a tar like substance which we could not dissolve.

The result has been that the fuel pump and injectors have to have had some very expensive treatment and a new fuel tank will have to be fitted, the present one has baffles inside and cannot be steam cleaned.

I think that a possible cause of the problem was that like most boat owners we did not use the boat for long periods during winter and this had a negative impact on the fuel quality.

Anyone want about 140 litres of diesel fuel – FREE!!!!

PS Industry Report

from Sandra Daniel

The P.S. *Industry*, built in 1910 in Goolwa and commissioned in 1911 as a work boat for S.A. Water keeping the Murray River open to traffic by removing snags and later in the construction of locks and weirs.

Following its work life the steamer was retired in 1969 and spent the next 20 years slowly decaying away as a static museum. In 1990 a group of enthusiastic folk, driven by the Renmark Apex Club began the task of restoring it to where it is now, licensed to carry paying passengers.

The Industry is coordinated, promoted, operated, maintained and crewed entirely by volunteers. The Industry steams on the first Sunday of each month, excluding February. We have had most successful July and August steaming dates. In August we had two charters, one on Saturday 15th and one on Sunday 16th. These are of much benefit not only to the P.S. *Industry*, but

to the Riverland, as they are usually for a group of folk who may not know our area, and may be encouraged to come back for a holiday.

For the first time the P.S. *Industry* has been entered into the Riverland Tourism Awards, under the topic of Heritage and Cultural Tourism. This has been a huge job, but a very worthwhile task, as a lot of information has been gained, that will be so valuable to history in the future. The Renmark Library has requested a copy for their archives.

In 2011 the Industry will be 100 years old, so this will be our next task to come up with some ideas of how to celebrate this event. Ideas welcome!

Many thanks, *Sandra*

From Jenn Cole

A committed and certainly hardy throng assembled at the Mary-Ann Reserve in Mannum on a very cool, early July morning for our scheduled cruise to Pompoota. Trevor and Jenny Twigden (Jenny is also our Treasurer) had generously invited members to come and enjoy a lunch at their recently completed eco conscious home, located a short walk back from the river and around 1 and half to 2 hours easy cruise downstream from Mannum.

All through the previous week Adelaide and surrounds had experienced welcome heavy rain and there had been continued drizzle throughout the night before the event. Now that kind of weather is not widely regarded as being conducive to getting out on the water especially in a small open boat, and with many having to leave home before dawn, a few early arrivals speculated as to how many members and boats would eventually turn up.

Suddenly, the weakest of winter sunlight broke through the dark and menacing cloud and parkas, vests, scarves, hats, beanies and gloves worn only a few moments before were shed. Seemingly out of nowhere there was a flurry of activity as 6 or 7 open boats appeared and were quickly launched from their trailers into the river to join the larger cruisers *Zitania* and *Awhandra* which



had come down from Greening's Landing the night before. In no time at all, 25 of us were aboard the various craft and underway. We also knew some

members were intending to drive straight to Pompoota so it was looking like it was going to be another good turn out.

Those aboard the clutch of open boats soon re-donned their winter weather gear in attempts to stave off the chilly if not arctic breeze coming off the water. What an intrepid bunch I thought as I sipped a hot cup of tea and watched them from the comfort of Gil and Angela's warm and wonderfully appointed cruiser. Certainly such fortitude as theirs was beyond me. In fact, I was enjoying my first venture outside my house since being laid up with Whooping Cough of all things, for the previous 5 weeks. So, only trying to be sensible I took the warmer option and at the earliest possible moment scurried aboard Gil and Angela's boat, handcuffed myself to their table and proceeded to take advantage of their warmth, the happy conversation and their always welcoming generosity.

There is something fantastically magical about slow winter cruising on the river. Perhaps it's the lack of speed boats, jetskis, flies and people but more so I think it is the tranquillity. There is the regenerative lushness of the surrounding countryside as you glide by, the striking earthy colours of the cliff faces that give off a deeply ancient glow when they are wet from the rains. There appears to be zillions of sparkling 'diamond' droplets everywhere, created by the moisture hanging from every branch, leaf and blade of grass. Elsewhere under the umbrella of old willow trees, mist gently rises off the water and birds dive and swoop. You can clearly hear pelicans wings creak as they sweep past you just millimetres above the water seemingly oblivious or at least tolerant of your presence. There is a sense of the river having been cleansed, by growth and renewal and as you look ahead and abeam at the little boats putt-putting along all seems well in the world in that moment in time.

Arriving at the Pompoota inlet almost two hours after our departure from Mannum, hosts Trevor and Jenny welcomed the flotilla and caught ropes. Whilst no jetty or permanent moorings were available, the small inlet had been recently dredged allowing safe but shallow access. Boats were tied, rafted up and people clambered up the bank. Bags and packs, baskets and eskys

were piled into the back of the Twigden 4 wheel drive to be taken the short distance across the paddock to Jenny and Trevor's home.

Once there we were greeted by several other familiar faces who had driven from a variety of locations near and far. A short time later as I sat back enjoying a medicinal glass of red, I counted 35 members in all. A fantastic turn up once again. I was prompted to think that it must have been a wonderful treat for Jenny and Trevor to not have to drive a long distance to take part in an event for a change.

By lunchtime the sun had increased its warmth as it inched its way higher into the sky. Soon we were laying out overflowing plates of delicious food to share, the BBQ was ignited, drinks opened and shared and as we always seem to do effortlessly, small groups of people settled into the easy conversation of friends enjoying a good day out together. I for one never cease to be amazed at how I always seem to learn something new and interesting about someone each time we have an event. What a diverse bunch we are and the thing I love is we all get along pretty damned well and have a few laughs and a good time – especially if we are talking about boats or being on them.

After lunch we all enjoyed a tour of the new abode and then went traipsing around the property looking at all the various boat restoration projects Trevor and Jenny have to look forward to. Gosh, Trevor and Jenny I suspect you are going to be very busy people for a long time to come!

We were extremely fortunate with the weather as it turned into a glorious winter afternoon. Before we knew it though, it was time to pack up and head back. As we moved toward the boats I was reminded of watching a movie in reverse with one or two small exceptions - as people walked back across the pad-



Photos :
Roy Duncan



dock I noticed some a little less steady on their feet than they had been earlier. I'm not sure why! Everyone piled back down the bank and into their boats, waved their good byes to the Twigdens and we were on our way back to Mannum.

It was good to see the merriment of lunchtime continue on the return journey and I saw that some crews had been forced into partaking of a warming tippie as it had now got extremely cold out on the water. At one point, as if by magic, I even saw chocolate iced muffins appear and just as mysteriously they were gone, devoured.

A very big special thank you to Trevor and Jenny who were wonderful hosts. It was very generous of you to open up your new home to us. It was great to hear a little of the history behind of some of the recycled timbers and other bits that have been used in the making of the house and hopefully we haven't worn out our welcome and can look forward to the next cruise to Pompoota. Thanks must also go to everyone who came along to share what was another wonderful day with good company brought together by our love for wooden boats.

WOODEN BOAT ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.**Minutes of General Meeting held on 29/06/09, Brecknock Hotel, King William Street, Adelaide.**

Meeting opened: at 8.03PM by Vice President Jim Fowles, standing in for Jenn Coles who is unwell.

Apologies: Jenn Cole, Bob & Eleanor Bleechmore, Bill & Veronica Jones-Ingram, David Jenkins, Peter Gubbins, Nan Fenwick, Graham & Rosi Hardy

New Members: Nil

Guests: Jock Carlisle, David Sumsion, Trevor Lynch, Ray Ellery, Felicity Coxhill.

Jock Carlisle has been building a 23'Hartley design but due to ill health must sell it.

Felicity Coxhill is an archeologist, and attended the meeting hoping to pick some information on wooden boats to assist her in her research. She is currently engaged in a dig on the remains of a wooden boat found in the mud of the Murrumbidgee near Balranald. This boat is believed to date from around 1860, and speculation has it, that it could be one of the boats used by the explorer Charles Sturt.

Previous Minutes: Accepted on the motion of David Fenwick, seconded by Gil Leaver and carried unanimously, although Roger Keyes pointed out that Allen Robinson's name had been incorrectly spelt as Alan. This has now been corrected in the file copies.

Business Arising: A question came from the floor as to whether letters re Searle's Boatyard had been written, to the Advertiser and the Minister as requested. Bob Morris confirmed they had been, The Advertiser letter being published on 19/6.

Correspondence: Only Newsletters

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Twigden reported that the books had been closed off and forwarded to the usual Auditor. Email to come with provisional details.

Newsletter: Barry Johnson reported that he had received more copy this month than he could fit in, and a couple of items will have to wait till next time.

Jim Fowles commended Barry on the content and presentation of the newsletter and compared it very favorably with the newsletters we get from interstate.

New Business: Nil

Events: Next event is a run from Mannum to Pompoota on 5/7. Departing Mannum at 10.00 AM, stopping for a BBQ lunch at Trevor & Jenny Twigden's property at Pompoota.

Trevor advised that a sausage sizzle would be provided and gave details of the mooring arrangements. He advised that water levels would not be a problem.

Ian Smallacombe advised that the following event will be the weekend of 1-2 August. It will be a gathering at Renmark, for a cruise on the PS Industry, and a dinner at a local Restaurant. He does have to make bookings for this so will need to know numbers at least a week beforehand.

Gil Leaver is working on the September and November events. He is proposing for September, if there is sufficient interest, a visit to the One and All, either for a cruise or a tour of the vessel and possibly a lunch somewhere at the port. For November the Boardwalk tour of the Mangroves at St Kilda. Details for both events still to be finalized so Gil would love to hear any comments or suggestions.

Jim Fowles advised the meeting that the traditional Riverside Run for December will not be possible this year due to the lack of water. We are in the process of organizing a visit to the Clayton Bay Boat Club in lieu of this. Peter Shipside, who has been compiling our history, has also proposed that this would be a fitting venue to launch the history, as the Clayton Bay Boat Club was the venue of the inaugural meeting of our Association on 3/12/1989. If we could organize all this for a date as close as possible to 3/12 it would enhance the significance of the occasion.

Not really an event as such, but Jim reminded all members that the next general meeting, (31/8) would also be the AGM. Apart from calling on all members to attend if at all possible, he pointed out that new blood is always welcome on the committee and called on anyone who may be interested in serving in any capacity, to please make this known to a member of the committee so nomination formalities can be arranged..

There being no further business, Jim called for a short break at 8.45PM

The meeting resumed at 9.00PM with Jim introducing our Guest Speaker Ms Abigail Waters from the Department of Transport, Energy & Infrastructure. Abigail then gave us an informative and thought provoking PowerPoint presentation on small boat safety, answering a number of questions from members.

At the conclusion Jim thanked Abigail and made the usual presentation.

The meeting was formally closed at 9.40PM.

A follow up note from the speaker from the June General Meeting regarding questions from members:

Hi Jim, I really appreciated the opportunity to present our marine safety message to your group last week. As promised, I forwarded the issues raised to the relevant people within DTEI and have the following answers for you to give back to the group:

- Will a regulation be introduced to require PFD's to be worn when sailing?

No. Regulations require compulsory wearing of PFDs for some types of vessels - eg jet skis, canoes, kayaks etc and small empowered vessels that can carry only the operator - and this would include small sailing vessels. If you refer to larger 'yachts' then no compulsory wearing but compulsory carriage of PFDs and other safety equipment. We however encourage voluntary wearing of PFDs and this is referred to in the SA Boating Safety Handbook on pages 33 and 34.

- It was suggested that a regulation be introduced to require small vessels to have a method of assisting persons overboard gain access (e.g. rope ladder, etc) No intent to require this in Regulations. But H&N Regs cover only minimum equipment requirements and we do recommend that the boat operator assess risks associated with their type of boat/activity/passengers/crew and carry extra equipment as necessary eg duty of care.

Thanks again, Abbie

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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: (sorry, e-mail failure we'll welcome you next time)

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 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.

6 September One and All tour booked for 11am. We will tour the boat including tea, coffee and cake to cost \$10 per person. The boat is moored at No2 Dock, Ocean Steamer's Road, Port Adelaide (Eastern side of the Port River near the new bridges.) We will plan to have lunch in the Port afterwards at a local pub. Must have 20 or more people for the **One and All** tour so please contact Gil Leaver on 0429 993 955 or 8339 5822

22 November Mangrove walk at St Kilda. Meet at 11am at the gate of the Mangrove Walk. Cost \$5 each. When we know numbers we will book lunch at the St Kilda Pub. Please contact Gil Leaver so he can book 0429 993 955 or 8339 5822

5 December Clayton 20 Years ago on this weekend the Association was formed and we intend to have a celebration on that date along with our regular Christmas run. More details will appear next edition. Peter Shipline and Bob Jennings have written a history of the Association and we hope to launch this book on the day.

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.

12 December Re-enactment of the arrival of Capt. Sturt in Morgan 170 years ago. The group organising this have invited people with wooden boats to join 60 Sea Scouts who will be taking part in an on-water pa-

rade. For more information contact Heather Pennington on 0419853534

Melbourne Wooden Boat Festival to be held at Docklands Precinct Feb 19-21 2010. For info: <http://www.woodenboat.com.au/MWBF2010/>

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,

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting, to be held on 31 August. Many of the current committee will nominate again but some will not so we will be interested to get some new members involved in management of the Association. You won't be pressured if you turn up but please consider it. As a committee member for many years your editor has always found this to be a friendly group who work well together in a very sociable atmosphere.

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 will have our now regular General Meeting in Goolwa in October on Saturday 31. We shall try to combine this with an on-water activity for those who wish to stay down Saturday night.

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 5 October**

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.

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.

Emma-Jane LOA 19'6", Beam 6'6" Powered by a twin cylinder 8HP Stuart Turner with electric start. Carvel hull epoxy sheathed and sealed. Polished decks and interior. Beautiful finish throughout. No work required. Full covers provided. Dual axle trailer. \$25,000.00 Contact John Arnold 08 8342 5646 0429 811 397.



Plywood Runabout, 1960's style, on registered trailer with Dodge 6 engine (not in boat). Good project but my priorities have changed. Call Roly on 85553467 to discuss a deal!

Sinami, 21' Hartley, glass over ply, river cruiser, powered 9.9, 4stroke Yamaha high thrust, long leg remote controlled from forward helm. Very economical running at 1/2 throttle (10 kph), max 12kph.



Complete with Galley, fridge, separate shower/ toilet alcove. Plenty storage under bunks and sink. Solar panel back up to sealed battery, LED nav. and cabin lights. All cushions, mattresses, curtains included. Ideal suit 2 but able to accommodate more. All safety equip. Flares and landing ladders/plank. Lockable cabin, rear deck fully screened and weatherproof. 316 SS handrail and quality fittings used throughout. Ready to GO with galv. tandem axle trailer to suit, new wheels & tyres, winch, LED lights. Reg. \$17,500.00 complete or \$15,000.00 without Trailer. Possibility of wet mooring avail, if req. Regrettable sale. For further details and inspection ph. Ian on 08 8391 4862, anytime

20 Ft Trailer Sailer timber/West System, clinker topsides, very attractive and excellent condition. Sails well and is stable. Sailed with Port Adelaide Sailing Club.



New 5 hp outboard (1 hr) \$2500

14 ft Sailing Skiff and trailer. \$300 to a keen learner

For more about the **above three items** contact Bill Porter on 0419 565 352

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 \$35	Country¹ \$30	Concession² \$30
<p><small>Notes ¹ Country membership applies if you live more than 100km as the crow flies from Adelaide</small></p> <p><small>² Includes students, pensioners and those on unemployment benefits</small></p>		



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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:

