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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of wooden boats.

THE LOG

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Have more strings to thy bow than one; it is safer riding at two anchors. — John Lyly, Euphues



Brisbane River Trip
Photos by Steve Ainscough & Phil Brown
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Regular Meetings & Activities

Meetings are held at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (except January) at the Queensland Maritime Museum, following a BBQ at 6.00pm. Bring along your plans, projects and problems for group attention. Don't forget something for **SHOW, TELL & ASK**. The Committee meeting is held at Queensland Maritime Museum at 4:00 pm

prior to the BBQ meeting. Workshop Working Bees are on hold until further notice. Entry to the Museum for meetings and workshop days is off Dock Street, via the emergency vehicle gate between the cycle path and the old timber Dock building. Use intercom for entry. Messabouts are held monthly. For details of these and other wooden boat events, refer to the calendar of events later in this newsletter.

Editor's note

We welcome contributions to the Log on (wooden) boating subjects. If you wish to have an item placed in The Log, please send it to me by the deadline of mid-night on the second Wednesday of the month. It will be included in that month's copy subject to space available. Items should be presented in Microsoft Word format, single column with photos following the text. Don't try anything fancy such as text wrapping etc as it may not suit the format of the newsletter. Please keep files to a reasonable size. Compress or resize photos to 2mb (medium) which is sufficient resolution for the Log.

Please send your articles to
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Ian



BBQ – Please note that the BBQ starts at 17:45hrs to 18:30. If you arrive after 6:30pm, it's pot luck for a feed! Meeting @ 19:00.

From the Captain's Cabin Jon Elcock, President

Our AGM has come and gone again and would you believe 2015 is well under way. First off, a big **THANKYOU** to all those who held position last year, and for many of you who have put their hands up to again do important jobs in 2015.

For the first (and I hope not the last) time I experienced the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival. There were over thirty of our members there and what is really great, in a lot cases with their wives. Four days of the greatest variety of wooden boats I have ever seen in one place and that includes Mystic Seaport.

No matter what your interest in wooden boats, large or small-fancy or plain, there

was something for everyone plus entertainment, food, talks and boat rides. If you didn't get down there this year- don't miss out next time, mark on your Calendar for 2017.

Now check out the mess-about dates coming up. I am in for Trail's Terrific Trail weekend 21st and 22nd March so I hope to see you there. **JON**

Members' projects

Please update your progress regularly – we are interested.

NEW! John Milne has increased his boat meters by just one metre. He's replaced his unused 2.4m pram dinghy with a 47 year old much-used 3.5m Heron - for the grandsons of course. His 45 yo Hartley TS16 had provided a long list of small jobs over the last year or so. The rig has been progressively refurbished, the trailer overhauled and an electric mast lift installed. Both boats will be sailing again by the end of the month.

Tony Harland is restoring 16' Putt-Putt clinker launch "**Evelyn**" below:

Ron Prescott is building a 14'4" CV16 from Bateau Boats. Fit-out in progress- Seats and hatches going in.

Geoff Williams is well into building a Selway Fisher stitch & glue dingy that he intends to car-top.

Chris Treloar: Jim Michalak design Brass keel rubbing strip added. Slow, but progressing

Allan Tomley: 8.3 metre folding & trailerable catamaran. Hatches now made – work continues on this massive project. Also Reno-ing a **Hartley** while waiting for glue to dry.

David Thierens is building a classic Riviera cold moulded construction and has just turned it after working on it for 7 years.



LAUNCHINGS

Congratulations to:

Jeff Bailey's Phoenix Launch.

Sandstone Point member Jeff Bailey recently launched his Ross Lillistone

designed Phoenix lapstrake dinghy. Jeff announced that he is very pleased with the boat's performance under the power of his new Suzuki 2.5hp four stroke outboard and that the maiden voyage up to Donnybrook with three adults was most enjoyable. Jeff, who had previously built a Murray Isles Swallowdale commenced the Phoenix build on Macleay Island. He is now looking forward to building the spars and setting up the balanced lugsail rig.



Webwatch – Go boating without getting wet Ian Primrose

Voyage of the "Liberdade" by Joshua Slocum

This was Slocum's other not-so-famous boat (not the Spray).

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<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/18541>

A range of boating information (See article on spar gauges following)

Use the index tabs on LHS

<http://www.boat-building.org/learn-skills/index.php/en/wood/using-a-spar-gauge/>



NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to:

Barrie (Baz) Baker, of Caloundra West –

Baz has the Graham Byrnes designed Core Sound 15 that past member Dave Clodd built in 2010. The Core Sound 15 is 15 feet overall long, 5 feet beam with a

cat-ketch rig and auxiliary power provided by a Yamaha 2 hp outboard. Baz found us on the web while looking for a boat.

Willem (Will) Mets, of Fig Tree Pocket – Will is restoring (i.e. painting) an old Sprog sailing dinghy. Will found us via the Carrington Boating Club

REPORTS

BRISBANE RIVER MESSABOUT Story by Phil Brown

Saturday February 14 (hope you didn't forget the flowers and chocolate) was our first scheduled Messabout for 2015. The plan was to launch in Long Pocket reach from the boat ramp near Indooroopilly Golf Course. Weather predictions were for possible showers.

Four intrepid boaties arrived at the ramp and were assisted by a couple of friends to launch. The friend were Dave Micklethwaite and February meeting visitor and soon to be member Will Mets with wife Dee, they just came to see what may happen at messabouts and all helped with launch. Thank you.

The participating members and boats and members were Geoff Williams, Mirror 16; Steve Ainscough, Lloyd Richardson, 12ft skiff; Phil Brown, Catspaw Dinghy with wife Elaine as crew.

Lloyd's boat was built by his son during a TAFE course, on this day was powered by a 15hp Yamaha as the small motor decided it did not want to play on the day. Lloyd did not know how acceptable the boat would be, I allayed his concern, after all it is timber, and any design welcomed. The boat with the bigger motor is used for fishing and is well set up for its dimensions.

We departed the ramp about 9.30 and headed down stream. Some very palatial and stately homes line the reaches of the river as well as some not so salubrious newer units and houses. Through the

West End reach some dwellings showing storm damage from the January event were evident. Another dwelling in the guise of a Houseboat was anchored in the river, what I call a real houseboat.

Passing South Brisbane Sailing Club, then Davies Park we were looking for a suitable place for 'smoko', we found a public pontoon on the south bank, adjacent to a construction site, with suitable beaching facilities for our small boats.

Attached to the pontoon was a 100ft plastic 'stinkboat'. This vessel was there for the duration of our stay, about fifty minutes, while the "beautiful people" alighting from their Bentleys, Benzs, and Beamers were ushered onboard and given champers and canapes on the poop deck. All very interesting and entertaining to our idle minds. Ohh I almost forgot, the sign at the pontoon announced an 8 ton limit and maximum duration of 5 minutes.

Having rested and refuelled our bodies we retraced our way back up to the launch place. An uneventful but pleasant journey on our own Brisbane River.

We all elected to motor on this day and it would have been nice to see more participants.

DEEPWATER BEND PADDLE Story Ian Kirk Photos Ian Primrose

A fine day greeted the seventeen or so participants for this event. 'The Clayton's Kayak Club' had contacted Ian Kirk asking if they could join in. This resulted in a mixed bag of craft with two wooden and one grp dinghies rowing the route. The paddle craft included four grp kayaks, the host and Robbie's (horror of horrors!) roto plastic sit-on-tops, four very nice wooden canoes, one skin-on-frame & two wooden kayaks.

The paddle/ row's direction was downstream towards Dohles Rocks and was chosen as to be not too long for the occasional paddlers.

The paddlers had the opportunity to enjoy passing through the cool, shaded mangrove tunnel while the rowers joined them afterwards. The fleet continued on to Dohles Rocks where a newly constructed breakwater made it difficult for all to exit the water, the sandy beach being submerged by the high tide. The balance of the fleet crossed the channel to a small sandy beach for morning tea. The entire fleet then made its way back upstream, encountering the first hour of the ebb. Some of the 'smarties' crossed the channel to escape the tide while the remainder slogged it out to earn their lunch.

This, and the usual camaraderie was enjoyed by all at the shelter shed adjacent to the ramp with all declaring the event to be an enjoyable one. Interestingly, with the Clayton's folks we had six ladies on the water. The youngest paddler, in a skin-on-frame kayak, was David aged 10. Ken and Sue Mills should receive special recognition for travelling down from Boreen Point to row their beautiful double ended McInnes Bateau lapstrake dinghy. The only motorised propulsion was Dave early in the piece who was trying to catch up and Darrell who attempted a snaky electric no hear-um motorised form of movement.

All-in-all a good event, enhanced by the participation of the 'Clayton's folk' and the entertaining tantrum of a bogan doing his 'ramp rage Saturday.' (directed at us???)



Setting up



Through the Everglades



Homeward bound



Our Leader wearing "plastic"

From Kingaroy Member
Doug Hutcheson
Spar Gauges

"In the February Log, Ed Elcock discusses how to mark a square-section spar for planing into an octagonal cross section. He did it by measurement, but what he really needs is a spar gauge (he can Google 'spar gauge' for any number of references). The advantage of the spar gauge is that it works on tapered stock, so the taper of the mast or spar can be cut from the square-section stock, leaving the stock with tapered faces at right angles to each other.

I'm sure others will have beaten me to the punch with this advice, but I pass it on for what it is worth.

Kind regards,

Doug Hutcheson"

Well, we took Doug's advice and contacted the brain's trust at Google and it came up with the following site that is a wealth of information – not just spar gauges but for boating information generally (See Webwatch)

<http://www.boat-building.org/learn-skills/index.php/en/wood/using-a-spar-gauge/> and see also

<http://www.pettigrews.org.uk/lm/page030a.htm>

Thanks, Doug

St Ayles Skiff A Future Project ??

Steve Ainscough has proposed that the Assn build two St Ayles Skiffs for use by the community.

These kit-form Oughtred-designed boats have received great world-wide acceptance with over 100 boats having been built – 5 of which are in Australia (none in Qld though).

The project would depend upon suitable;

- funding
- place to build them
- storage space
- administrative body etc

A sub-committee has been formed under Steve's leadership to investigate the viability. If you are interested in being part of this project in its early stages, contact Steve.

Process if we receive 'FREE' boats

To ensure fairness and equal opportunity should the WBAQ be offered free boats (as we do from time-to-time) the committee has developed the following procedure:

- The details of the boat being offered will be circulated to members via email or through the LOG. (At times, disposal is urgent and email will be the communication means in these cases)
- Interested persons should write a brief submission (a letter) stating their intentions for the boat;
- Submissions should be forwarded to the Committee;
- The committee will forward the submissions on to the donor for their decision.

CONGRATULATIONS

LIFE MEMBER – John Morrison

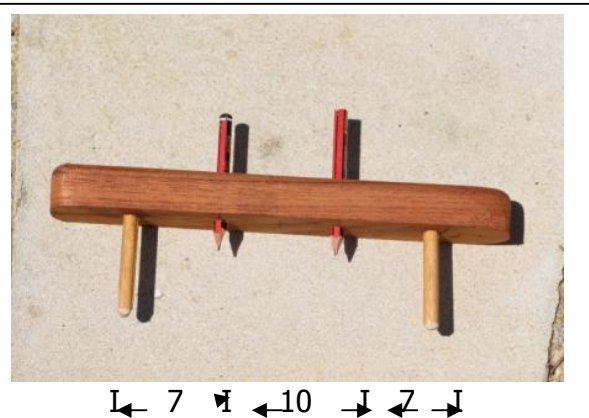
John was awarded life membership of the WBAQ. John has been an active contributing member since the very early days. More of John's story in a later LOG.

LARRY LOVEDAY AWARD

The trophy in honour of past member Larry Loveday was awarded to **RON PRESCOTT** for his contribution to the Association especially in running the Mess-about program, barbeque and numerous other tasks that make the Assn better. Ron wished to share the award **with PAUL HERNES** for the way he helped others (and particularly Larry) at Wivenhoe last year.

Both are worthy recipients of this award that is given in the spirit of Larry who was always ready to give of himself for others.

SPAR GAUGE



For 50mm spar / oar (or smaller)

- 2 ½ inches between pencil points (10 units)
- 1 ¾ inches from pencil point to each guide. (7 units)

Can be increased for larger spars as long as the ratios remain the same (7 x 10 x 7 units)



2015 CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS

One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2014

NOTE: *Due to the wide range of boat sizes and types, and relative seaworthiness, it always remains the Skipper's decision whether to participate or not.*

Aim to launch & depart from ramps by 0900 hrs unless otherwise advised. All week long events have a "Plan B" to be Wivenhoe Dam or Atkinson's Dam. For last minute information contact the nominated organiser (listed below) or a Messabout Committee member: Ron Prescott: 0432 181 174; Larry Loveday: 3203 5205; Phil Brown: 3820 8082

MONTH	MESSABOUTS	EVENTS
MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 21st & 22nd PUMICESTONE PASSAGE Trail's tag-along tour. Departs Spinaker Sound (Near Bribie) overnight at Caloundra and return on Sunday. Secure parking at Spinaker Sound for a nominal fee. Host Ian Trail SEE BELOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 21st -22nd MORETON BAY CLASSIC YACHT SERIES – Vic Lucas Cup Information only)
APR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 11th NUNDAH CREEK Host Darrell Spiers ➤ 20th – 24th SOUTHERN MORETON BAY CRUISE Host Ian Kirk See Below 	
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 4th – 8th SANDY STRAIT CRUISE Host Dave Micklethwaite 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9th -10th BRIBIE IS REGATTA ➤ 9th POINT TALBURPIN SAILING FUN DAY ➤ 15th-17 TIMBER & WORKING WITH WOOD SHOW ➤ 21st -24th GOLD COAST MARINE EXPO
JUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 12th – 14th DUNETHIN ROCKS Camping at Scout Camp with great facilities. Host Phil Brown ➤ 22nd – 26th WIVENHOE CAMP Host Jim Jones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 6th -8th GAFFER'S REGATTA Information only
JUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 19th FLINDERS DAY – Coochiemudlo Island. Sail past and display ➤ 27th -31st RUDY MAAS to NORTH CURRAGEE Host Darrell Spiers 	

MIX & MATCH – Ron has agreed to be the match-maker if:

- You have a boat and you need crew or,
- You don't have a suitable boat and want to join in a Messabout.

Phone him on 0432 181 174 and he will do his best to place you.

Ron also maintains an email list of persons who are interested in short notice get-aways and day sails. When cabin fever sets in and the weather is good, it is an occasion to hit the water on the spur of the moment. If you want to participate in standby FUN – give Ron your email



COMING EVENT DETAILS

Mark your calendar now

The 2015 Pumicestone Passage Cruise (Trail's Tag-along Tour Trail)

Date: Saturday March 21 to Sunday March 22.

Organiser Ian Trail. Ph. 0401134384, 54290487.

Some sailing possible but power boating will be needed. Ability for Ian Trail's boat **TIKI** to carry camping gear and extra crew.

Depart Spinnaker Sound Marina 21st **8.00am**. Overnight lock up for car & trailer available.

Cruise to Mission Point for morning tea.

Cruise up through W's, Narrows & Skids to arrive at lighthouse reach for lunch.

Cruise on to Caloundra by mid/late afternoon.

Dinner Saturday night at Powerboat Club.

Overnight sleeping on board in mooring basin in front of powerboat Club or camping nearby in camping ground.

Sunday morning Depart Caloundra for morning tea at Lighthouse Reach.

Through W's, Narrows & Skids for lunch at Mission point.

Return Spinnaker Sound approx. mid-afternoon.

Southern Moreton Bay Islands Camp Cruise 20th to 24th April 2015.

This event is being conducted by the Macleay Island members with Ian Kirk the host.

It is intended that the cruise be loosely based around bases at the Council campground on Russell Island and Blaksleys anchorage on North Stradbroke Island.

The official RI campground has been booked for the entire duration to allow for this flexibility.

These camp locations enable participants to explore potential future and current camp spots around the islands and to visit locations from Peel Island/Dunwich in the north to the Jumpinpin area in the south. Destinations of course will be weather dependant.

While participants can launch at Rudy Maars, Pt. Talburpin, Redland Bay and Victoria point as they wish it is felt that Redland Bay is the most suitable location as it is central in the cruising area and can be utilised at any stage of the tide and in any weather conditions.

For those wishing to have secure car/ trailer storage parking it has been arranged to utilise the Redland Bay Fishing Club's secure yard for a small fee of \$5 per night. Confirm your booking with Ian as soon as possible please on 34095886 or tardisea@inet.net.au..

COMING EVENTS - Southern Moreton Bay Islands Camp Cruise (cont'd)

There will however be only a short access and departure 'window' and details can be supplied and booking confirmed by contacting Ian on 34095886 or 0404719929. It could be difficult for those travelling a long distance to meet this time frame and it is suggested that arriving Sunday afternoon could be appropriate. It is possible that accommodation can be arranged at local member's homes if necessary. Again, contact Ian early or possibly arrange to stay with a fellow member in the Brisbane area.

At this stage it is proposed to depart Redland bay at approximately 11am, meeting up with the island members at either Karragarra Island or the 'pond' between Coochiemudlo Island and Dalpura Bay, Macleay Island to enable the fleet to sail together to the first camp site. Ian will have his mobile on from 9am to enable confirmation of the destination. (0404719929)

The southern bay members of the mainland and islands look forward to enjoying the company of visiting members and the opportunity to share our wonderful cruising area.

Ian Kirk.

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MID WEEK SAILING

We have Members sailing mid-week at the following locations, if you are interested please contact the following for details.

- **Caloundra, Pumicestone Passage**, NORMALLY TUESDAY, Rick Sutton 5491 8018, Paul Hernes 5491 9779
- **Moreton Bay** DEPENDING ON WEATHER
- **Victoria Point** NORMALLY WEDNESDAY, Phil Brown 3820 8082, Ian Kirk 3409 5886
- **Hollywell/ Runaway Bay** NORMALLY WEDNESDAY, Ron Prescott 3345 1429



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What happened at the last meeting...

Speaker, MALCOLM HODGEN has purchased a 26'6" Bay boat "Voyager of Brisbane" built in the early 1900's by Jack McCleer. This boat has a 33 ft mast and when Malcolm went to obtain insurance he was required to get a rigging survey before the Insurer would take it on.

Faced with the dilemma of paying for a survey and then effecting any repairs, Malcolm decided to skip the survey and have the mast re-rigged. There were a few obvious dicey "repairs" carried out over the life of the boats such as multiple gal shackles and chain links in the standing rigging to the chain plates.

The mast was removed, most cleverly without the use of a crane and it is now in the process of a full refit that will allow the boat and its rigging to be fully insured.

An interesting talk showing some pit-falls in owning and insuring a larger vessel.

Thanks, Malcolm

SHOW, TELL & ASK

WARNING If you are ever tempted to take up the TV Special offer for a **TWISTER SAW** (no – steak knives are not included) – **DON'T** A member found out the hard way that it doesn't work (It's supposed to act like a super jigsaw) and there was no after sales support or satisfaction.

TARPS – Bill Rowland mentioned "Norms Tarps" for cheap boat covers but we don't know where. Will try to find more information for next LOG

Alan Delac showed us photos of his "pool dingy" –a folding dingy he has made from timber hoops and vinyl. It folds into a flat-pack and can be carried in one hand. Alan folds it up and puts it on the side of his catamaran. Brilliant!

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This LOG is put together on a computer. As we all know computers do what they want to do and this one wants to leave a blank page here...

So I give up – computer have your way!!

To fill up the space, here is a nice engraving of fishermen's wives racing .



Une fête nautique devant l'Abri du Marin : joute à la godille des filles de pêcheurs