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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats

THE LOG

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*Oh, what a blamed uncertain thing
This pesky weather is!
It blew and snow and then it thew
And now, by jing, it's friz!* — Philander Johnson, Shooting Stars



Chelsea in 2016- She's bold and brash, always getting into photos- a bit of a tart perhaps. But she is beautiful too and knows it. Chelsea is Rick Sutton's Navigator and she turns heads wherever she goes. She is the only boat we know that has been hit by lightning. Perhaps the Gods are telling her something!

Photos: Ian Primrose



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Regular Meetings and 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

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Editor's Note

Your contributions to the LOG are sought and welcomed. Articles in MS word with JPEG photos are the preferred format. Email if possible.

The Log is generally finalised the day after the monthly meeting. Editor Ian Primrose Ph 3263 3381 m 0491 120 888 Contributions to:

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Header Photo by Jim Jones
Boats at Blakesly, Southern Moreton Bay 2016



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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN Jon Elcock, President

Happy new year to all.

Welcome back after the Christmas / New Year break.

Coming up soon we have capsizing practice at **Wivenhoe on 25th February**. I am IN !, - in more ways than one. You may well be sick of me banging on about safety, but this is important.

Information from the Royal Life Saving Society

- In the last ten years there have been just under 500 people drowned carrying out water based boating activities on small boats and kayaking.

- Over 75 per cent were boating in their local areas, so you assume that they knew the area well. Another frightening statistic is that 92 per cent were male. Only 8 per cent were wearing life jackets. A third of those drowned had either drugs or alcohol in their system.

One of the scenarios we put to the boat licence students is, "you are leaving your home port going out to sea and heading south. You do a weather check and find there is a southerly front coming through with winds in excess of 20 knots". "Do you go and take the chance or do you call the trip off?" Nine out of ten ladies say "don't go", whereas the men will want to think about it. I say "Ha, it's a no brainer, you are not six foot tall and bullet proof. You are totally responsible for the safety of your boat and everyone in it".

Remember, the main areas of duty of care as masters of your vessel, whether it needs to be registered or not.

The ship is safe if it is

- properly equipped
- properly crewed
- properly operated

The other thing is the amount of floatation in your boat. A number of the older design boats did not incorporate floatation and this is a shame. However, a lot of our members are finding ways to build in floatation, thereby increasing the safety of their vessels.

Should you find yourself capsized and in the water, stay with the boat. Rescuers normally find the boat before they find the body. Let's face it, your boat is a bigger object to look for than you are.

Stay safe Jon

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This segment is provided for members to liaise with builders of boats they may be interested in building
Jeff Bailey of Sandstone Point is currently building a Selway Fisher Woodland 15 lapstrake sailing canoe.

Ed Elcock with son James is in the process of finishing an Argie 15 designed by Dudley Dix. Float testing with dummy loads has been completed. We came to the conclusion that the boat needed a bit more buoyancy at the stern, and work has commenced to achieve that. A little cutting and undoing on the existing hull and the first cuts on new plywood have been made.

The goal is to complete the build as a low-powered motor boat.

Ron Prescott is building an Oughtred "Wee Rob"

UPDATED Geoff Williams is building an Oughtred "McGregor" canoe – the 13'7" version. Hull is finished ready for gunwales & deck.



Peter Jensen is building an Oughtred 'Puffin'.

Jon Elcock renoing an 18' Cecily Bowden Cruiserette outside complete - now let's have look at the wiring.

Bruce Wollstein is building his 4th canoe – A K1 type kayak

Geoff Taylor is building a 16' Eureka Canoe

Rohan Watt – The paint is on his Northumberland Cobble. Launching soon!



You can view a time lapse of his work at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMOZDEsmM>

UPDATED Dave Micklethwaite is building a Paul Gartside fantail launch, 18 feet OAL. Sitting upright and coamings being fitted. Now glassed. The sanding and filling continues.
Darrell Spiers is building a 10' Wes Farmer design that he has strip-planked. He has now glassed it.
UPDATED Chris Treloar: Jim Michalak design. After a break, Chris is back working on this one.
Allan Tomley: 8.3 metre folding & trailerable catamaran. Also Reno-ing a **Hartley**
David Thierens is building a classic Riviera of cold moulded construction. There is now a big V8 sitting on the beds waiting connection.
John Skinner is reno-ing a skiff he got from the Girl Guides.

NEW MEMBERS *A hearty welcome to:*

James (Mack) and Justine Horton, of Everton Park, who write "We have *Tempo*, a Chesapeake Bay Crabbing Skiff that I built as drawn by Reuel Parker in his *The Sharpie Book*, and *Ripple*, a 18' boat designed for me by Chris Ostlind, specifically for duel Hobie Mirage drives. Videos of both boats and two other pedal powered designs are viewable on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/tilroh/videos>
 Thank you and happy holidays." Mack found us by a Google search.

REPORTS

No messabouts on which to report this month.

LARRY LOVEDAY AWARD

Larry Loveday Award Guidelines

Since the death of our much loved and long-term member Larry Loveday in 2014, we have implemented the Annual Larry Loveday Award. Starting this year we will be deciding

the deserving member by popular vote of all members. This award will be presented at the 2017 Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017.

Members are encouraged to vote for the person they think is the most deserving considering the following guidelines:

- The member should be a regular attendee at meetings and messabouts and regattas,
- Active in the association for at least three years,
- Reflects and practices the code and aims of the Association,
- Is generous with his or her knowledge,
- Willing to take on additional crew at messabouts,
- Willing to assist in organising events and / or hosting messabouts,
- Willing to make boat/s available for display type events.

A member is not eligible if they have previously been a recipient. Previous recipients are:

Ron Prescott, Paul Hernes, Ed Elcock

Voting Form

I hereby nominate the following member for The 2017 Annual Larry Loveday Award:

 Completed voting form can be placed in the ballot box at the February meeting or emailed to Ed Elcock (the 2016 recipient and is therefore the 2017 returning officer) at edwardelcock2@bigpond.com or membership@woodenboat.org.au

MESSABOUT PLANNING MEETING

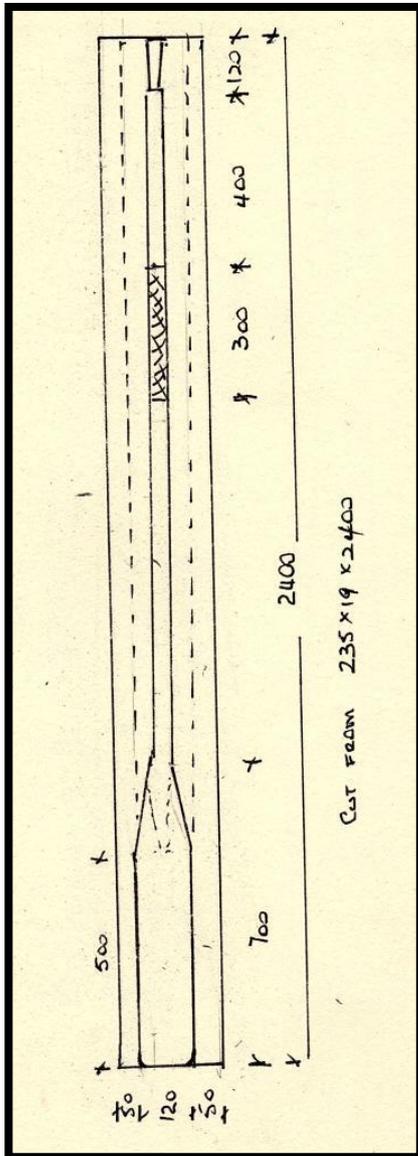
28th January 9:30 at the Maritime Museum – Please attend (BYO Smoko) with your ideas for 2017 Messabouts if you can. Otherwise contact Darrell Spiers 3298 5394 or another Committee Member.

We need new and fresh places to go!



MAKING 8' STRAIGHT BLADE OARS

Ian Primrose

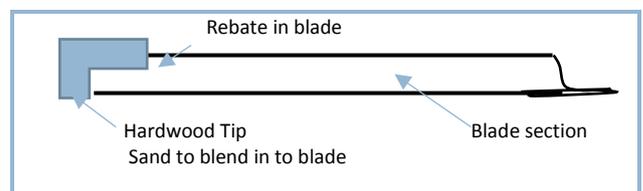


In the December Log, we discussed how to make spoon blade oars. Whilst these spoons have a definite functional advantage, they do take a little more skill and effort to make. With these straight oars, there is less timber to remove and it's all straight lines so they are easier to make. These are based on the documented work by Peter Culler.

- Go to Bunnings and buy their NZ pine – you will need 2 pieces 19 x 235 x 2400 to make 2 oars. Select pieces with long straight grain.

(Note: You could alternately use a combination of narrower boards e.g 2 x 120mm)

- Mark out the oar shape as shown in the diagram. This will give you the outline of the oar in the centre and a strip each side of 50+ mm. Cut out using jig or bandsaw
- With the 2 strips – cut to 50mm wide x 2000 long and thickness to 16mm. Put a 250mm point on one end.
- Starting at the handle end, glue one strip to each side (front and back, actually) of the oar outline. This will give you a 50 x 50 shaft with the outside pieces covering the shoulder of the centre oar piece. (The sums: 19 + 16 + 16 = 51mm to give approx. 50mm square shaft)
- Keep it all straight and aligned while gluing.
- Once cured, now remove all the bits that don't look like an Oar!
- Taper the shaft down to 40mm toward the top of the blade, leaving the inwale end square for the last 500mm or so.
- Using the 8 sided method, work the shaft from the inwale end of the leathers to a round shape.
- Using grinder with 40 grit, belt sander, spokeshave, plane etc taper the blade to about 6mm at the end and sides- thicker in the centre. Work the shaft at the blade shoulders into the blade with some nice concave curves- a belt sander is good for this.
- Add hardwood tip (e.g kwila) if you wish by rebating the blade end and adding an "L" shaped hardwood tip.



- Refer to December 2016 Log for fitting of leathers.
- Cut the 120mm handle as a 40 x 32 tapered cylinder with the 40mm end outermost.



- Sand and Varnish the lot but leave the handle raw to enable a better grip.

Once again, work each oar through stages concurrently as it is easier to get them to match rather than finishing one and then working on the other. Weigh the oars as you go to ensure they are matched. Because the oar is laminated from 3 pieces of timber, it is quite strong so it is OK to have some spring in it.

The cost will be a little over \$35 for each oar – much cheaper and far superior to a store-bought oar.

And, you can say *“I made that!”*

A final tip, when working oars or masts or spars for that matter, make yourself a cradle like the one shown below to make it easier to hold while working.



WEBWATCH
GO BOATING WITHOUT GETTING WET

<https://vimeo.com/193946979>

23 minutes

Three paralysed men take up one of sailing’s most gruelling challenges—a 750 mile race to Alaska through some of the most treacherous and remote waters on the planet. With no motors allowed and many miles from any help.

<https://vimeo.com/144892147>

4 ½ minutes - **From Timber to Tide**

This film documents Ben Harris’ love of wood work and boat building, how he acquired his skills, and how incredible it is to be able to take something that you’ve built with your own hands out onto the water and sail it across the sea.

<https://vimeo.com/44216821>

A collection of pictures and videos taken throughout the process of building a 16ft Cedar Strip Canoe - 20 minutes
Note from Ian Kirk

AND... a note from Ian Kirk... “Great footage of 10 foot skiffs racing plus some excellent photos. We have the replica 'Marina' here on McLeay Is, that the owner wants me to sail because he's now too big. Not sure about that as I was last on a skiff (16) back in about 1974 and it at least had buoyancy”. And here is the **link from Paul Hernes** who says here are pics of some real sailing [Three Men in a Boat](#) on the Brisbane River.

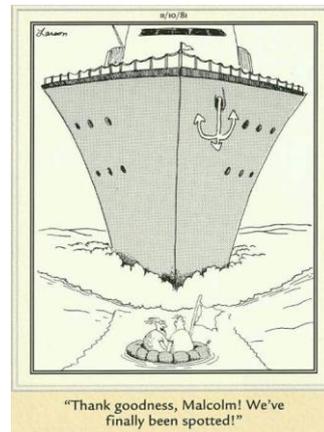
HUMOUR

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

‘I’m O.K. But I didn’t like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,’ he answered.

‘What did he say,’ asked the nurse.

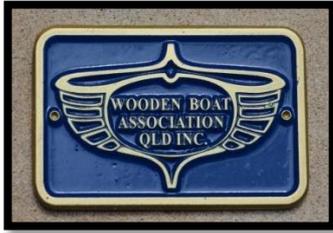
‘Oops!’



LAST CALL.... CLOSING IN 3 DAYS
GOING TO HOBART IN FEBRUARY? 1. We will be holding Dinner on Saturday Night at a Salamanca Place restaurant – We need to know numbers ASAP.
2. We are compiling a contact list that will be circulated to those on the list in January so that you can make contact with other members attending. (Names, mobile number etc)



WBAQ METAL PLAQUES



A Mark II version of the plaques is now available – Just \$10. Unfortunately the earlier version showed discoloration when exposed to sunlight. If you have one of these MkI's, bring it along to exchange it for a MkII.

AUSTRALIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL, HOBART NEWS

ST AYES SKIFF INTERNATIONAL REGATTA is being held at Franklin TAS on the 18-19th February. So if you are in Tassie after the Festival, this may be worth a visit.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING

We do not usually hold a meeting in January but because a lot of members will be in Hobart in February, it was decided to hold a meeting. About 45 attended so it proved worthwhile. Some "treasures" were transferred from one person's shed to another person's shed at the "bring & buy" and every one went home happy. At the Show and Tell, Darrell demonstrated some tools that he uses. Of interest was the use of a silicon pastry brush to spread glue as the glue does not stick to it. Ian talked about making oars – the subject in the Log last and this month.

NAUTICAL TERMS IN CURRENT USE

BY AND LARGE

From the nautical: **by** meaning into the wind and **large** meaning with the wind: as in, "**By and Large** the ship handled very well." By and Large today means *in all cases* or *in any case* or a general term encompassing all things.

THIS BLANK SPACE COULD BE YOURS -THE EDITOR'S LAMENT

The job description for the Log Editor includes ensuring that the spelling is correct; that grammar is reasonable and those apostrophes are in the right place etc.

I don't like blank spaces but sometimes it is difficult to fill 12 pages (11 actually). This is where you can help... There is a lot of expertise in the Association and your contribution to these pages would be appreciated – not just by me but the whole Group.

In 2017 how about you contribute an article about:

- the boat you are building
- A boating experience
- Some technique for building
- A little gadget to make boating better or safer
- Sources for good stuff or service
- In fact anything of interest to members

Don't worry about the grammar and those little apostrophes- I'll fix that.

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2017 CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS

One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2017

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: Darrell Spiers 3298 5394 Phil Brown: 3820 8082

| MONTH | MESSABOUT | EVENTS |
|---|--|--|
| JANUARY 2017. NOTE THIS ONE!  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 18th (Wednesday) Family Day (for Grandparents & kids?) at Powerboat ramp, Caloundra. Also opportunity to try other boats. Hosts Ian Colledge 5492 2727 Mob 0419 2060 441 or Ian Primrose 0491 120 888 or 3263 3381 ➤ 28th Messabout Planning Meeting at Maritime Museum 9.30 am - All Welcome | <p>22nd Jan Blessing of the Fleet at Bribie Island Details are on our Website</p> <p>MARITIME MUSEUM INFORMATION SESSIONS will be held on 15, 16, 17 & 18th With regard to the development of the site to incorporate an aquarium. Thought to start about 09:30 but contact Museum for details</p> |
| FEBRUARY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 25th Capsize Practice at Wivenhoe Dam | <p>10th-13th Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart Tas Thursday 9 February 2017 Meet & Greet at the WBG's club rooms 5.30pm at the Mariners Cottages, 42-44 Napoleon Street, Battery Point</p> |
| MARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1st & 2nd March Trail's Trail Bribie to Caloundra through the Pumistone Passage ➤ 14th WBAQ Annual General Meeting 7pm(after usual BBQ) ➤ Date TBA- Brisbane River Sail, Row, Motor ex Riverside Dr West End UBD Map 21 Q4 | |
| APRIL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ | <p>SA Wooden Boat Festival 22-23 April at Goolwa SA Free Entry this year. Rally down the Murray from 15th April</p> <p>29th April – 1st May MALENY WOOD EXPO Boats on display – we will be looking for boats to display and personnel to man the stand. This is the only PR event we are doing this year.</p> |

LEARN BOAT-BUILDING TECHNIQUES through group involvement..

Peter Jensen is running open workshops on Third Saturday each month (but not Feb 2017)

Peter Jensen 0423 377 951. FREE!



COMING EVENT DETAILS

Mark your calendar now

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18th FAMILY DAY AT CALOUNDRA Meet at the Powerboat Club Ramp at 9.30 For a family fun day – Bring the kids or grandkids and a picnic lunch in the adjacent park (BBQs available) or get local fish & chips if you prefer. Swimming and mucking about in boats is the formula for the day. A chance to try other boats too. **Host Ian Colledge** 5492 2727 or 0419 260 441 or Ian Primrose 3263 3381 or 0491 120 888

SAT JANUARY 28th MESSABOUT PLANNING MEETING 09:30 at Maritime Museum
All Welcome. If you have ideas for a Messabout come along – If you can't make it please contact a Committee Member with details. BYO Smoko. We need new ideas and new hosts for Messabouts.

AUSTRALIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL 10-13 February 2017 Hobart – Social Dinner to be held on the Saturday Night at the Ball & Chain Restaurant, Salamanca Place. A contact list is being compiled to enable you to contact other members at the Festival. Numbers required for Saturday night dinner. **Advise details-** Name(s); mobile No. and email address to Ian Primrose
imprimrose@powerup.com.au

TRAIL'S TRAIL ADVENTURE TRIP. Tentatively set for 1st & 2nd March (Note this is mid-week) It's up the Bribie Passage to overnight at Caloundra via the narrows and Z's. Motor/ sail through pristine passage system- See it before it is ruined by impending development at South Caloundra!

RALLY TO SA WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL 15th April - Start at Morgan to finish at the Festival on April 22nd. Based on cruising at 8kmh for 5 hours each day. Bus provided to collect cars & trailers
Information Trevor Twigden trevor321@bigpond.com Ph 08 8535 4352 or 0437 766 055

SA WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL 22-23rd APRIL. Moved to this time to get better weather... Wooden boats, steam boats, steam trains, and music. Quick & dirty boat build plus St Ayles skiff races.

WBAQ MARKETPLACE

Members - advertise for free here for 3 months! Boats, tools, accessories etc

WBA Qld accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided by the vendor, nor can it act as an agent in relation to any item listed. It remains the responsibility of the vendor and the buyer to verify the accuracy of information posted and to agree on the details of sale

FOR SALE Part finished Goat Island Skill with full set of plans. No trailer but the hard work is done \$500. For details, contact Ian Mortleman 3390 6977 or 0413 457 656

WBAQ MERCHANDISE Identify your boat or yourself with WBAQ signage. Cloth Badges \$8; Stick-on labels 50cents. Metal Plaques MkII \$10. BURGEES \$15. See Ed Elcock.

PROVIDE your own shirt and have the WBAQ Logo printed in white for just \$5.

ROPE. Available to members at cost. 6mm - .40c; 8mm- 80c; 10mm-\$1 per metre. Suitable for rigging or general used. Order before the meeting by phoning Phil Brown or email brownhouse@ozemail.com.au



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YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE

We welcome the renewal of your membership.

Renewal Form will issue shortly via your preferred means of delivery.

Get the full benefit of the WBAQ and join in some Messabouts in 2017

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM will be held on 14th March 2017 at 7pm following the usual BBQ. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations for positions called. Self-nominations are welcome. General and financial reports for 2016 will be tabled. Plus the Larry Loveday Award will be presented.