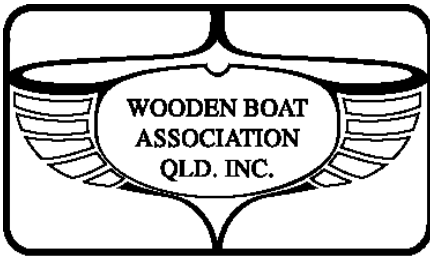




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**“Our little friendly breeze now visited us again and lasted about as long as before, thrusting us possibly 100 yards further from the breakers: we were still however in the very jaws of destruction ... The fear of Death is Bitter....”** *Joseph Banks after facing disaster on the Great Barrier Reef 7 June 1770 in the Endeavour*



## **SOUTHPINE MESSABOUT –**

**Alex in “Zephyr” with Darrell in the distance heading from the Northpine toward the Southpine Rivers**  
**Story inside** **Photo by Ian Primrose**



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## Regular Meetings and Activities

Meetings are held at 7.00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month \* 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 4:00 pm prior to the BBQ meeting.

**\*Until further Notice, Meetings are temporarily held at Wynnum Manly Men's Shed 59 Granada St, Wynnum.**

Messabouts are held monthly. For details of these and other wooden boat events, refer to the calendar of events later in this newsletter

**MEETINGS**  
**See inside for details**  
**Messabouts are being run**

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### Editor's Note

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**HEADER PHOTO : Ross O'Brien rowing  
"Kelly's Woodyard" Bribie Passage  
Dec2019**



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## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

*Jim Jones, President*

Over the last couple of years I have been working to amend the WBAQ Rules of Association to bring it up to date. One of the amendments was to add two new Classes of Membership, Joint and Family. Another was to allow the use of electronic banking for the payments. Our bank, the BoQ already have a process in place that will allow the electronic funds transfer while still requiring authorisations of two Committee Members, as it is for cheques.

Rather than having a myriad of changes to the present Rules, the Committee decided to adopt, in full, the new Model Rules published by the Office of Fair Trading. We still had to include Sections specific to our Association. This simplified the process. It also had the added advantage of allowing the use of technology for Committee Meetings. The Notice of General Meeting to be held in conjunction with the AGM in March, the Special Resolution, Proxy Voting Form and a copy of the new Constitution will be distributed to all financial Members next week.

On the 1st February, Ian Mortleman and I had a meeting with the Brisbane City Council and the other three prospective Tenants at Argyle Street. The Council has agreed with several changes to the facility we suggested. However, we were unable to secure the Meeting Room to be part of the Common Area. At this stage it remains as part of the proposed Breakfast Creek Boat Club area. A requirement has been placed on the BCBC to agree to make the Meeting Room available to other Tenants at agreed times, but may charge a reasonable fee. We are in negotiations with the BCBC on our expected use of the Room and the fee.

Ian Mortleman is leading a group of the Committee looking at various options should the Association not sign up to Argyle Street. If you know of any vacant buildings or land suitable for the Association to use, please pass it on to Ian.

Last night Geoff Taylor gave the Members a hands on demonstration of Luci Clear in its use for the clear coating of small jewellery and items as well as large projects such as river tables. As the product can be coloured and tinted, the inner artists of our Members were released.

Next Month the Annual General Meeting is to be held. At the AGM, the financial report for the year 2020 will be tabled. All the Committee resign their respective positions and a new Committee elected. Nominations for a position on the Committee signed by the Nominee and two Members need to be sent to the Secretary by 23rd February.

It is encouraging to see the level of participating in our Monthly BBQs increasing after the COVID forced shutdown of last year. More than forty members and guests attending last night.

**Jim**

## LAUNCHINGS



**BRAVO / ZULU**

Naval Flags meaning "Well Done"

**ALEX MALCOLM** launched his Dart 14 – a Selway Fisher designed Kayak on Australia Day and paddled to Coochiemudlo Island. The Dart 14 is 14ft in length and is stitch and glue construction. Alex is very happy with the way it handles and its stability. The colour makes it outstandingly visible – Even more orange than Donald Trump's face!





## NOTICE OF WBAQ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**7pm 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

**at Wynnum Manly & Districts Mens Shed  
59 Canada St, Wynnum**

**Nominations for Committee positions to  
Secretary 2 weeks prior**

**Business:** Election of Office-bearers  
Adoption of the new Constitution  
Usual meal available prior to the meeting

## NEW MEMBERS *A hearty welcome to*

**Bert Sadleir**, of Erakala (which is located on the Pioneer River, west of Mackay) – Who has a Stornaway 18ft (a design by Scruffie). Bert heard about us from Australasian Amateur Boatbuilder & Kit Boats Magazine

**Mark Scott, of Victoria Pt** – Built clinker glued Ian Oughtred 10ft Puffin row boat. NOW Restoring A Woods Gypsy 28ft Cat on a Mooring. Mark heard about us: Met owner of Playstation 2 (Phil Brown) at boat ramp.

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Barrie Baker sent an update after injuring himself on a towbar a couple of months ago ..  
“Unfortunately I have not been able to work on the boat since my accident at the end of November. The good news is I am now able to walk and ride and hopefully be able to sail in a week once the wound has fully healed. Tow bars are not at all forgiving. We bought a caravan three days before my mis-judgment and finally left yesterday for a trial run- Boat building resumes soon”.

## WEB-WATCH

*Go boating without getting wet!*

How to fold or coil ropes, sheets, lines- call themm what you will, 17minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-SCttWZChc&ab\\_channel=TheMariner](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-SCttWZChc&ab_channel=TheMariner)

Building a Wood Emergency Kit from leo

<https://youtu.be/A0EmfREhgRw>

Louis Sauzedde (see *WoodenBoat* No. 239) explains how he modified his circular saw so it will cut a long, changing bevel on a plank. Part of *WoodenBoat's* Master Video Series, it was filmed by Halsey Fulton of Fish Hawk Films.

[https://www.woodenboat.com/videos/progressive-beveling?utm\\_source=MC&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_term=content&utm\\_content=Image&utm\\_campaign=Email-WBN-2021-01-17](https://www.woodenboat.com/videos/progressive-beveling?utm_source=MC&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=content&utm_content=Image&utm_campaign=Email-WBN-2021-01-17)

**Handy idea.** From Jim

<https://goodoldboat.com/impeller-install-hack/>

Southern Wooden Boat Sailing - a place where you'll find all the news, information and discussion around timber sailing boats

<https://forum.southernwoodenboatsailing.com/about>

## BRUCE WOLLSTEIN ESTATE CLEARANCE

About 10 members visited Coochiemudlo Island to view the boating stock of late member, Bruce Wollstein. The items available are listed below. After the viewing it was down to the local café for coffee and fish & chips for some. It was an interesting and social morning. If you are interested in any of the boats, the contact number is below or Ian Kirk may be able to give you more information Ian 3409 5886. The Project Boat is sold.

## FOR SALE

**“Mystery”** Not shown well in the lower photo below but this is a boat with potential. It has appeared on our Calendar with a huge leg-of-mutton sail. Fitted out to sleep on board





**KAYAK** – Flat bottomed and in need of a deck



**CANOE** Polynesian in appearance – could add an outrigger to make an interesting boat



## A DAY ON THE TALL SHIP SOUTH PASSAGE



The Day out on the South Passage is **FULLY BOOKED** . If you would like to go onto a **RESERVE LIST** in case of a cancellation, contact **Trevor Green**, Secretary 0409 696 679

## REPORTS

### BRISBANE RIVER HUB EXPLORER 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 *Story & Photos – Darrell Spiers*

The weather for this event turned out as good as we could expect at this time of the year for SE Qld. Three boats and one kayak launched from the Long Pocket ramp which had only been used by a handful of boats on the day. As we started out at 9.00 PM we noticed officers on two Marine Safety jet skis checking all the boats and other jet skis in this area. These officers must have been good judges of character as they did not bother any of our craft for safety equipment checks. It took us 50 minutes to reach the new River Access Hub alongside the green bridge leading to UQ. The facilities include Pontoons and a walking ramp from the top of the high riverside bank, one sitting bench halfway up the ramp and not much more. We had our morning tea and a chat here before tackling the next leg of our journey, a 30-40 minute trip to the West End access Hub. It was nice view seeing Mark and his lovely double ender sailing on the river.



**Mark Fort & Crew**

Facilities here include Pontoon and shaded areas under trees. No toilets, the nearest toilets being back near to the pontoon alongside the Public ramp at South Brisbane Sailing Club in Oxley Park.

**West End.** We had lunch here and another chat and as it was still only about 12.30 Mark and I decided we would continue on to South Bank to check out the two public pontoons there. There is a lot of construction work on that reach of the river with Pile Driver vessels working on the access bridge from South Bank to the New Casino.



Ed Elcock and his crew Ron Prescott and Geoff Williams returned to the ramp in company with Kim Pollock after lunch.



**Ed, Ron and Geoff motoring**

While Mark and I returned from South Bank. I stopped again at West End pontoon to visit Ian Mortleman and crew in the opulent cruiser, M V Tradewinds,

They claimed to be on a luxury observation cruise up the river, some people have a good life. It was a slow trip back up the river for me, being the smallest craft and with the tide at full run out I was the last to return to the ramp. Speaking for myself I really enjoyed this messabout on the river.



**At the Hub**



## **SOUTHPINE RIVER PADDLE** **27<sup>th</sup> January 2021** *Story – Ian Primrose*

We last tackled the Southpine River on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 when we had a large number of participants, it being a Saturday. This mid-week event attracted only 3

hardy paddlers – Alex Malcolm in his recently launched Dart 14, Darrell Spiers and Ian Primrose.

Access to the River is via Bob Bell Park just behind the Strathpine Shopping Centre. It seems to be little-known and little used – all good for us. It was a full tide so it was a downhill run to the junction of the Northpine River, where we stopped on an artificially created sandy beach with shelter sheds for smoko.

We were against the tide going back but with little run it was a good paddle and we explored various inlets before locating another access ramp for future use.

The River is more-or-less unspoilt with only a few houses at the start and pure nature thereafter (the noise from the Bruce Highway bridge is not so nice),

The weather was good with cloud cover tempering the heat.

**Distance 5 NM approx. 9km - Paddling time 2hrs**

## **DENNIS & ALEX ON THE BAY** **Story & Photos- Dennis Smith**



I had an urge or an itch that needed scratching so to speak, I hadn't been sailing since October so sitting at my desk at work I discovered I could log in to Navonics on the computer and that I can map out routes and save them which I can later bring up on the app on my phone. So I planned out a trip around the southern Moreton Bay Island's, I then asked around if anyone was interested in joining me at very short notice, Alex





was keen. Weather and tides checked we decided to go ahead launching on Saturday morning around 6.30am.

We launched at Weinam creek ramp and motored out past the leads and sailed towards the W's, then through the main channel past the Logan river mouth and on to Cabbage tree point for a short stop for morning tea, it was the top of the high tide so a nice sandy beach landing. Setting off after morning tea the tide had started to run out so we were travelling well with the run out tide down past horizon shores then we were into the wind so tacking was in order luckily it was a run out tide I had no problems sailing the Scruffie into the wind with the help of the tidal flow. Making our way past Jacobs well the VMR were doing docking manoeuvres, further along out from Calypso bay the channel is currently being dredged with 2 large dredging outfits. We stopped for lunch just up from the bedrooms on a nice little sandy beach and sat under the shade of the sheoaks.

Excitement plus wow! that run out tide is ferocious I've never experienced that before, we left the beach and sailed towards the yellow mark on the tip of Crusoe Island but couldn't work out if we were getting closer or not, aiming for the second yellow mark at the point of Short Island, lucky the wind was behind us we were actually moving at around 1 to 1.5 knots. (The VMR boat was spotted running around Jumpinpin area and later discovered that someone had gotten into some trouble tangling their anchor chain around the prop on their outboard and had been getting pushed out to sea.)



We finally made it to our planned anchorage Slipping Sands at around 3.00pm but I decided it was too windy and too many other boats there so we went a little bit further and anchored up for the night adjacent to Sandy beach recreation reserve. I tried to pump some yabbies but didn't have much luck as the plunger needs replacement, lucky I had other plans for dinner that didn't include fresh fish.



After a very restful night apart from the odd mosquito bite, Alex set off over to Sandy beach recreation reserve on Russell Island to use the facilities there, I wasn't far behind but got caught in a rain storm and got drenched whilst weighing anchor. We then headed up Canapia Passage with very little wind and running with the incoming tide it was slow going until we got to the bend in the channel at Willes Island I realized fairly quickly I wasn't getting anywhere with the tide and the wind coming from the same direction, so I started the motor and motored over to a small patch of sand opposite the RQYS Canapia point for morning tea.

Setting off after morning tea we had a light ESE wind and sailed up the eastern side of Macleay Island stopping at Potts Point for lunch. During our lunch break the wind picked up and had washed the Scruffie hard onto the beach, I got it in time to free it, we both put a reef in and promptly left the beach and headed for Weinam creek with a steady 10 to 12 knot tail wind. Looking forward to more overnight trips like this. I uploaded a video on [Youtube](#)

**VARSAITY LAKES**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Story & Photos – Dennis Smith*





Philip Brown and I made our way down the highway meeting up in the traffic, it was a good run down to the launching spot at Paddle Queensland. There is a small ramp on the banks of Lake Orr with a nice sandy beach to one side. As we were putting our kayaks on the beach there was what looked like a sailing class with a few small dinghies getting ready for some training. We paddled past the university and under Bermuda Street into Lake Heron stopping at Galeen Drive Park for morning tea. We paddled on to Miami Lake then under Christine Ave where some young kids were fishing. We then continued through Pelican Lake and then into Swan Lake we then turned around and headed back to the ramp spotting some black swans with chicks on the way. There were very few other people on the water so it was quite peaceful and very interesting looking at all of the large homes backing onto the canals.

### Larry Loveday Award

This Award is made in honour and memory of member- Larry Loveday who was a life member; highly respected and who made a significant contribution to the Association by his presence. Larry passed away in 2014. The first Award was made in 2015.

#### Criteria for Eligibility

Members are to be encouraged to vote for the person they think is the most deserving considering all/some of the following guidelines:

- The member should be a regular attendee at meetings, Messabouts, regattas and events, 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.
- The Award is made by popular vote by all members.
- All classes of membership are eligible to vote

- Voting is by is by secret ballot

**EMAIL YOUR NOMINATION TO** Ian Primrose at [imprimrose@powerup.com.au](mailto:imprimrose@powerup.com.au)

### BUILDING A SELWAY FISHER DART 14 KAYAK Alex Malcolm

It all started in Maleny at the Wood Expo while helping to build the two water Rats. My first venture into boat building, and in stitch and glue. I enjoyed the process under the mentoring of Ian Mortleman and thought that I would like to build myself a kayak. However, I didn't really like the Water Rat's lines and didn't think it would be suitable for sea kayaking on Moreton Bay.

Ian Primrose invited me to try out his Dart 14 to get a feel for what I might like. A date was set and we paddled from Deepwater Bend on the Pine River to Dohles Rocks return (3nm). I found the kayak to track well, have good stability (we had wind and waves), a comfortable seat and easy to manoeuvre; although the cockpit felt restricted.

Once home I ordered the PDF version of plans from Selway Fisher in the UK. Ian had lent me some small templates and the details for a modified keyhole cockpit.

My friend Vern kindly offered his workshop and help with the build. So for the next 7 weeks it was off to Vern's Boatshed. We worked about 2 hours per day.







### Time breakdown:

Buying materials, lofting and cutting out	7 hours
Stitching and gluing the hull panels, taping and inwales installation	23 hours
Putting in bulkheads, beams, stringers, runners and putting on topsides.	15 hours
Cut out cockpit and Installing Coaming	10 hours
Fill and sanding	7 hours
Install seat, prime and precoat and topcoat	14 hours
Repair and precoat and topcoats paint and name	6 hours
<b>Total Time</b>	<b>85 hours</b>

### Cost Breakdown

Boatcraft Pacific ply 4mm, epoxy, glue, etc	\$597
Bunnings timber, brushes, sandpaper etc	\$ 66
Gills Timber	\$ 22
Paint Place (Norglass- could be less)	<u>\$180</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$865</b>

Being a novice the build took longer than the build took a lot longer than specified.



### Launching

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 the kayak was launched at Thompsons Beach, Victoria Point. In the company of fellow wooden boat members Dennis Smith and Paul Smith and Robyn Smith (that's their real names) we paddled at high tide up Moogurrapum Creek as far as the log by the footbridge and return. The creek runs alongside the Redland Bay golf course on one side and mangroves and parkland on the other. It was very quiet and sheltered, Bird life was abundant. 3.8nm. No need for haste and a leisurely journey was enjoyed. After morning coffee on the shore at Thompsons Beach, Dennis and I struck out for Main Beach on Coochiemudlo Island 40 minutes away. Lunch was devoured and we returned to Thompsons Beach. 3.27nm. The Zephyr performed well. Thanks to all for the good company on this special day



Ready to Launch!





## THE MAN AND HIS BOAT(S) IAN KIRK



I was born in 1945 and lived at Gordon Park, Brisbane. Our home was close to Kedron Brook where swimming, exploring the adjacent bushland and feeding the horses of the local dairy was enjoyed.

The first boat I built, a tin canoe was from corrugated iron from the dump, timber from a fruit box supplied by my produce wholesaler Uncle and tar unknowingly supplied by the local Council depot. A similarly constructed one can be seen by Googling 'tin canoe Fremantle Maritime Museum.'

My 'first boat' however was the basic model schooner created by my Dad that I used to set sail on holidays at locations like Scarborough. The little boat was attached to my fishing line and was recovered by winding in on the reel.

On one early holiday at Bribie Island, Dad, who rented a flattie fishing boat managed to rig a sail using a bedsheet, an oar for a spar and another to steer with. Our resulting sail must have been both down wind and down tide. This event left a lasting memory. I also used to spend some time driving the car barge on that holiday too while the skipper read.

Following school, I worked in various jobs including as a PMG lineman and admin officer, a corporate executive in the motor industry, youth project officer and as a volunteer community worker. My retirement date is rather blurred as the last role only drew to a finale last year at the grand old age of 74. During my employment years there were also a couple of significant gaps where the call of the sea was too strong resulting in the home being replaced by the live-a-board cruising yacht. This also meant living on savings for lengthy periods.

In my mid- twenties my non-illustrious Aussie Rules football career was brought to an abrupt and violent end leaving me looking for new activities to fill the void. Instead of joining my former team mates on an end of season trip to Sydney I spent the money on the

purchase of a VJ. Little did I know where that was to lead. She went from a varnished leaky craft to a bright yellow fun machine, of which a photo still adorns my 'man cave.'

Three of my former footy mates were also keen and some hilarious sail and capsize days were enjoyed at Deep Water Bend and the Redcliffe Peninsular. So, it quickly became clear that a larger boat was required to accommodate our numbers, leading a naive me to purchase the old 'Red Baron' 16'skiff.

Needing to learn to sail, we joined South Brisbane Sailing Club where 16's raced and a half dozen guys were happy to assist us in the raising of our super heavy mast.

We were so green we never tacked or gybed but merely 'changed sides.' Always last to the windward mark it was hoped that not only could we manage to set the kite for the run but that a stubby could be enjoyed and even a smoke for the two that did. Imagine the anger if a capsize occurred first and the beer was lost and the smokes got wet!

The following summer was spent skippering a friend's much faster skiff, the 'Lennie J' named for our mentor and friend, that great sailor Len Johnstone. You can see his amazing story on the WBAQ website. Little improvement occurred due to our collective lack of skill and experience. My final year in the 16's was in ERK (my late father's initials and nick name.) where our crew work finally began to improve and we reaped some small rewards.

A couple of anecdotes from the SBSC days are that the race starter Taffy Welch who used a sawn -off shot gun and live ammo once blew the top off a skiff mainsail when starting a race.

It was also Taffy who knew some of my Mum's family, recognized who I was and told me that my Dad had also sailed there.

I was shocked when told that he'd also sailed in the 16's, something I'd never known.

But now, my time skiff racing days were coming to an end. Disillusioned with working for the public service and not feeling at home in modern suburbia, the house was sold and a very basic 33' Hartley Queenslander ferro ketch purchased. She was to be home for three years and the boat that provided the greatest highlight of my sailing life. A trip north was enjoyed in that slow, heavy, under-canvassed old tub at a time when there were few cruisers, no guidebooks, plenty of fish to live off and oh, a dreadful air-cooled Lister diesel. She was capable of 6kn flat out for half an hour before overheating or a sustained 4kn with the engine cover



off. Ah, the noise, the smell and the heat! Where's the serenity?

After three years living aboard it was time to return to the workforce and the building of a log cabin home at Greenbank. Another boat was envisioned however, and when the home build was complete a splendid 22' ply Bluebird Yacht built by none other than WBAQ member Darryl Spiers and his mate Peter was purchased. She was an excellent boat but many are the memories of its Blaxland motor hiccupping its way into port, or stopping. We became known as those clever sailors who sailed right into our pen. If only the observers had known! Strange as it seems today, I won a VCR in a work competition and swapped it for an 8 hp Mariner outboard, sorting the engine problems. Can you imagine paying that much for a digital recorder now?

Being somewhat deep for the little Weinam Creek duckpond at Redland Bay where she was moored, 'Bluebird' was replaced by a cold moulded, Rob Legg designed 22' centreboarder called 'Wanderer.' (Builder unknown.) She was very pretty, slippery like his bigger grp design, the RL24 but oh so tender.

She was sold prior to our move to Lennox Head where a 14' ply dinghy was purchased, repaired and sailed on Lake Ainsworth. One can't just surf!

Her replacement was to be a delightful grp Tropic 520 TS that created fun on the Richmond River and the Southport Broadwater while introducing Rob and the girls to sailing.

Again, open waters called and once more the house was replaced by a yacht, this time a grp 25' Tophat, 'Odette.' She was cruised from Ballina to Bowen and back in 1995. Reputedly she had once been owned by Christopher Skase's pilot who spent a considerable amount of money on her. She sported a beautiful cedar fitout, new Yanmar diesel and as new sails.

We had purchased her from Phil Davenport, WW 2 Mosquito fighter bomber pilot, p o w, skipper of the Jock Muir built world cruising 'Waltzing Matilda' and author of the interesting book 'The Voyage of Waltzing Matilda'.

After that cruise we settled on Macleay Island and Odette was replaced by an extremely capable TS, the heavily ballasted Investigator 563, 'Sherlock.' This boat was cruised in Moreton Bay extensively and in 2000 sailed sections of the Queensland Coast including from Pancake Creek to the Keppel Islands via Gladstone and The Narrows, from Airlie Beach and the northern Whitsundays to Bowen and finally from Lucinda to

Cardwell through the Hinchinbrook Channel. This cruise of over four months resulted in Robbie writing her cookbook 'Kiss, Easy Recipes for Small Boats without a Fridge.'

The final cabin boat was the Clifton 23 TS, 'Bliss' which was bought greatly rundown, renovated, sailed locally and cruised up to Platypus Bay behind Fraser Island whale watching. She was interesting in that she had a fixed, tapered, Scheel (?) keel, 2'6" draft and sailed rather well while providing commodious accommodation for a boat of that size. She could also be easily slipped on her road trailer for the annual antifoul, something difficult to do with ts's sitting low on their many rollers.

The major highlight of the 2004 cruise was the number of storms encountered and the long trip from Macleay Island to Pelican Bay with a break for a couple of hours for a sleep at both Scarborough and Mooloolabah. Wide Bay bar was crossed at 10pm and a long sleep followed.

After more 'Blissful' enjoyment of Moreton Bay it was decided that the time of cruising cabin boats was up. Maintenance of a moored boat and concerns about them on swing moorings encouraged the idea of scaling right down. I decided to build a small day sailing dinghy for local waters with the potential to camp cruise. This was to be 'Pug' our 11' Jim Michalak Piccup Pram. Not too challenging for someone who has upgraded many a boat but never actually built one.

I had joined the Wooden Boat Association prior to the build, probably around 2008 or 2009. Pug was launched in 2010 and has proved the most enjoyed boat ever owned. Apart from regular day sails, Rob and I have camp cruised the upper Noosa River towing two kayaks and a number of solo camp cruises (shore tent.) of the bay have been enjoyed.

She has also been trailed to Lake Tinaroo for a NQ Wooden Boat association gathering and to the Myall Lakes.

Just recently, a sleep aboard camp cruise to Peel island was carried out with other WBAQ members Alex Malcolm and the Slopers. The duration was reduced due to the self-inflating sleep mat leaking. Oh, the pain to the aging back! Six islands were still visited in the two days confirming that great pleasure can be had cruising small waters in small boats.

Some time and effort were spent on setting up 'Pug' for sleep aboard camp cruising which was a goal from prior to building her. That was also the reason for adding the mizzen and thus gaining the ability to be hove to under





that sail to make sail reefing easier or a cuppa enjoyed. Not much money was spent on the set up, especially as the simple ridge tent was roughly made from a Bunnings tarp.

Other wooden boats currently owned are the Mill Creek 13 kayak 'Millie' generously gifted by long time WBAQ member John Morrison, Rob's Tom Hill Charlotte canoe 'Woodchip' built by the late Dan Robinson and the ratty, locally built, Bolger Nymph lookalike 'the Orange Roughy' gifted to us for the grand kids by member and friend Ivan Scott. Also in the fleet are two **PLASTIC** sit-on-top kayaks used for paddling under the mangroves where one wouldn't take a nice wooden one.

Other nautical adventures include crewing on the just launched, first Miller and Whitworth half tonner to Sydney where the boat was hard on the wind in a big south easter for 68 hours.

Rob and I also helped a couple to sail their 41 'Cheoy Lee sloop from Cairns to Darwin, arriving on the fateful September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 to the sight of the American Navy steaming out into the Indian Ocean on high alert. That adventure grew enormously as Ansett airlines had just crashed (financially) making it difficult to get home.

A two weeks cruise of The Whitsundays on a friend's Hutton 24 ts and a second on another friends Adams 40 were also enjoyed.

Other adventures included crewing on the half Tonner 'Martesa', in its handicap winning of the first Brisbane to Coffs Harbour Ocean Race, a cruise of Hinchinbrook in a friends huge 42' ply and epoxy built trimaran of which I was a helper on an amazing launch day, a delivery cruise from Rockhampton to Brisbane on a friends Van de Stadt keeler, a cruise to the Keppel's on WBAQ member and friend Ivan Scott's Crowther cat that was the blue water debut of the 'cabin boy,' Bruce Morris, and a great favorite, a bicentennial fleet cruise as a paying crew member on the square-topsail schooner 'Tucker Thompson' from the Keppel's to Mackay via the southern Whitsundays.

***"Alone on deck on the helm in the early hours of the morning in harness, lifejacket and wet weather gear, a fresh south easter blowing, raining, darkness, rig creaking, roaring down big seas, waves crashing over the bulwarks forrard, tearing along the leeward side deck past me and then exploding back over the bulwarks on the quarter!" As they would say in my old firm 'Oh what a feeling!'***

Now, I'm happy to be just sailing the waters of Southern Moreton Bay in 'Pug', enjoying picnics with

Rob, occasionally getting to WBAQ messabouts while still dreaming of additional sleep aboard bay cruises.

I do have the great Larry Loveday as an inspiration there, especially as I sailed with him from Macleay Island to Victoria Point on his last sail.

So, compared to most members, I am a low achiever, having built only the one boat. Somehow, my story of that build ended up online to my great surprise.

Hopefully the March edition of Australian Amateur Boat Builder will contain an article that goes into more detail of 'Pug' and her 'planned future exploits.

For what it's worth, my philosophy for cruising and sailing has always been 'go small, go simple, go now' usually with what you currently own. Once again, that reminds me of Larry and his Mirror.

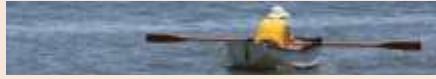
And our golden rule- 'if in doubt chicken out.' That's worked well to date too.

### THINK ABOUT THIS



**I intend to live forever...  
So far, so good.**



**JUST FOR FUN 😊**

**A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason... details are sketchy.**

**WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING**

**GEOFF TAYLOR** with a hands-on demonstration of Pour On Gloss product that goes by the name of Luci Clear - a 2 part resin that is water clear. It can be used as a high gloss coating with added pigments to make patterns limited only by your imagination. Resin & hardener was kindly donated **by Boatcraft Pacific** whose website describes the product as *"Pour On Gloss is a two part epoxy resin product specially design to create deep, high gloss, clear decorative coatings for wood and other materials. It is poured over a level surface and then sets to a hard, strong, non-brittle, glossy coating"*. Geoff kindly donated the pigments and the blank coasters and of course, the expertise.

Thanks, Geoff

**BRING & BUY  
AT APRIL MEETING**

**At The April Meeting we are having a Bring & Buy Sale** so start going through your ~~JUNK~~ Good Stuff that you don't want and transfer it to someone else who needs it more than you in exchange for money. Leo will run his WBAQ stall so if you are independently wealthy and don't need the cash you can give stuff to him to clear and save yourself the bother.

**It's all about recycling or the transfer stuff from your shed to someone else's shed so you can get some more stuff!**

**TOOL DONATIONS**

**Geoff Williams** has donated about 40 clamps and a tool stand for use in the workshop in due course.

**Mark Fort** has donated a new set of FIDS to be loaned out to members as needed.

These will be added to our tool range that includes a swaging tool and caulking irons for members to borrow.

Thanks Geoff & Mark



## CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS

### One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2021

**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 Jim Jones 0408 443 291

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBERS CARRY PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE TO \$10M WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MESSABOUTS (OR AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING YOUR BOAT FOR THAT MATTER) YOU ARE THE SKIPPER – YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE!**

*If you are intending to go to a Messabout, Please advise the Host in case there are any last-minute changes (due to weather or other unavoidable changes).*

Type of Event: P= Paddle, R= Row, S= Sail, M= Motor BB Big Boats Brackets ( ) indicate possible but not reco'md

MONTH	TYPE	MESSABOUT	EVENTS
FEBRUARY	S,P,R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> SAFETY DAY at Coochiemudlo</li> </ul>	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Pt Talburpin Family Sailing Day
MARCH	P S,M,P S,M,P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> North Pine Dam Paddle</li> <li>Mon 15 – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Camp Week Boreen Point</li> <li>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Cruise around Coomera Island</li> </ul>	
APRIL	M,P M,S,P,BB	BOATING BRING & BUY AT APRIL MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Tingalpa Creek</li> <li>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Manly to Green Island</li> </ul>	
MAY	P,R,(M?)  S,M,  P,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May Elimbah Creek</li> <li>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Sailing on SS SOUTH PASSAGE NOW FULLY BOOKED</li> <li>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Broadwater Cruise – north to Tiplers</li> <li>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Creek Paddle</li> </ul>	Weekend 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – Maleny Wood Expo 29 <sup>th</sup> Pt Talburpin Family Sailing Day 28,29, 30 <sup>th</sup> BRIBIE CLASSIC REGATTA
JUNE	M,S M,S,BB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14-18<sup>th</sup> Belinger River NSW</li> <li>26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> Peel Island overnight</li> </ul>	
JULY	M,S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Broadwater camp</li> </ul>	
MORE	August - Everglades Paddle Elanda Pt/ Sept - Yamba Week		



## COMING EVENT DETAILS

**Mark your calendar now.  
Contact the Host if you are attending**

**13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**Point Talburpin**

For details contact the host. Tony Harland Mobile 0419 848 684

**27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**SAFETY DAY SAT 27 FEB**

Our annual safety day will be conducted on Coochiemudlo Island as we believe the water level in Wivenhoe Dam will be too low to hold the event. Our plan is to travel from the launching ramp at Masters Avenue Victoria point across to the main beach on Coochie. And hold the event there. After the capsize and reboard event we plan to have lunch on the Island, sail paddle or row off the beach for some time before returning to the mainland in company





	with all of members boats in convoy. Remember to bring lunch a dry set of clothes and a towel.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>PADDLE DAY WED 3 MARCH NORTH PINE DAM</b> Meet at the canoe launching facility located at Forgan Cove just after you turn into Forgan Road off Samsonvale road at Warner for a 9.00 PM start. This site is suitable for canoes only This site has launching facilities as well as toilets, picnic shelters and wash down facilities. We will be having lunch there before returning home.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH</b>	<b>BOREEN POINT CAMP 15-19 MARCH</b> This is a Monday to Friday get together held at Boreen Point Lake Cootharaba Most members stay at the Boreen Point campground which caters for campers and caravans while some members share rental houses or stay in the Motel We normally hold boating events every day when we are there as well as Social Events such as an evening meal at the local historic Pub. This is by far the Association's best attended event of the year, so why not join the fun and have a relaxing break away from home in a pristine wilderness area. If you do not enjoy this event I will as messabout coordinator personally refund any moneys you have paid me to attend 😊
<b>28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> MAY</b>	<b>Date for your Diary – BRIBIE CLASSIC BOAT REGATTA</b> <b>Also A Pt Talburpin Sailing Day – take your pick</b>
<b>MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Home 07 3298 5394 Mobile Darrell 0434 322 484 Mobile Penny 0412 072 418 Email <a href="mailto:drmlspiers@outlook.com">drmlspiers@outlook.com</a>

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**BRING / BUY / GIVE-AWAY TABLE AT EVERY MEETING** – Clear your pre-loved items and transfer them to another more needy member. Mark items with name and price. No commission – free service! See Leo Sines – Merchandise Co-ordinator

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

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**See Leo at the Merchandise Table at every meeting**





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**NEW! MAGREGOR CANOE FOR SALE**

This excellent example of the MacGregor canoe was built by Geoff Williams in 2018 and has had very little use. It was built with care- more as a building exercise in lapstrake construction as Geoff understood that he was likely not to be agile enough to use it and he did a top job! It has always been kept under cover in a shed and is in first-class condition

The MacGregor is, like her smaller sister Wee Rob well suited to car topping on even very small cars. While smaller she also has the same head turning elegant looks of Wee Rob but has the additional capacity to carry her very stylish ketch rig for easy handling spirited longer distance sailing (not fitted). Length 418m: Beam 79cm: weight around 20kg Geoff Williams 0418 786 636 [gwilliams@bigpond.com](mailto:gwilliams@bigpond.com) **Below materials cost at \$475 ONO**



**ALSO MOTOR** – 2.5 HP 4 stroke For Sale. Replacement cost about \$1100 this one has had little use as an auxiliary only when the wind wasn't blowing. Sell for \$700 Geoff Williams

**GIVEAWAY SAIL BOAT** A near neighbour to Ian Trail has this boat, a 125 sailing dingy as a giveaway. It looks to be sound enough but needs a good paint job. No trailer, no rig. Beachmere. Ring Chris 0431 591 699



**NEW! CLEARANCE** Dave Micklethwaite has sold his house and has to clear out the boat shed. Available, is a collection of timber. Some free to a good home and some that needs a small payment. The photo shows mainly free stuff but there is also a quantity of cedar strips, nominally 5x16mm 4.5m long left over from two strip built kayaks and some cedar 16x40mm 3.3m long. This is enough cedar to build a 14 foot kayak – \$250. Phone Dave on 0408 620 364.



**30hp Suzuki with Boat (2)**

Hartley 15ft boat built in 1960 with a hand made wooden trailer.

The boat has a new 30hp Suzuki motor and forward controls, all registered and running. Included - 5 life jackets, Lowrance fish finder, anchor, 2 fuel tanks and bimini top The windscreen was removed for repair and the never completed. We have all the parts. This has to be done for the bimini top to fit.

Shown in the photos - one rail missing and some cracks in the fiberglass along the top edge. Asking \$3500 Please call Julie 0404 809 079





**Epoxy glued lapstrake dinghy.** 12 feet 6 inches O/A with a 5 foot beam. Launched 1999 using mainly Pacific Maple for hull and fit out and Douglas Fir for the spars. Has been in covered storage since 2009 and is sitting on a near new trailer at Caloundra. Very good condition. \$8,000. All offers will be considered. **Contact Rick O'Donnell 0412 293 410**



**NEW FOR SALE PUTT-PUTT LAUNCH (2)**  
4.2M Plywood Boat Blaxland Chapman Master Pup 3.5HP Motor. (putt putt). Good condition on unregistered trailer.  
\$4250 ONO Phone Tom Malcolm, Bribie Island 0468440651



**GIVEAWAY FREE FREE FREE (2)**  
Temporary frames for the Boat Barrie Baker is building that is a Jim Ingliss design that can be modified for several configurations.  
Barrie Baker  
0427 264 805



**GIVEAWAY - FREE FREE FREE (3)**  
**1950's 3.3 m marine ply rowing dinghy** that was built by Bill Neely, boat builder, Nelson, Victoria. It has been kept under cover for all of its life and has not seen salt water since 1969. Clearly, paintwork has disintegrated but the ply seems to be sound. The bowsprit has separated from its attachment and needs re-fixing. Sections of the gunwale show some rot and need attention. Donor says "don't know if the dinghy is restorable" but every boat is restorable –just the amount of effort to do so varies. **CONTACT WBAQ Secretary, Trevor Green** to lodge your interest



**FOR SALE CANADIAN CANOES** Look to be about 16ft – 2 person  
Strip planked – timber, construction and weight unknown  
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