

THE WOODEN BOAT
ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND Inc
Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats

THE LOG

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*"Whiskey is the life of man,
O Whiskey Johnny!
I'll drink whiskey while I can,
O Whiskey Johnny".*

Traditional sailors' chantey



*The Portage – 3 Creek Paddle back in 2018
It's on again on Saturday 22nd January*



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Regular Meetings and Activities

A monthly Social BBQ for Members and Guests is held on the second Tuesday of the month commencing from 5.30pm. A short report on the previous Committee Meeting is given at about 6.30 pm followed by a Guest Speaker. Bring along your plans, projects and problems for group attention.

Don't forget something for SHOW, TELL & ASK. Until further notice, the Committee Meetings are held by video at 4:30 pm on the Monday preceding the monthly Social BBQ.

**WE MEET AT
THE BOATSHED, 39 ARGYLE ST, ALBION**

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

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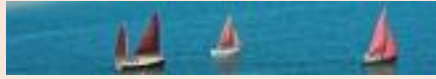
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Your contributions to the LOG are sought and welcomed. Articles in MS word with JPEG photos are the preferred format. Email if possible. The Log is generally finalised the day after the monthly meeting. Editor Ian Primrose
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**HEADER PHOTO : Sailing Caloundra –
Caloundra Messabout Aug 2021
Photo by Joy Elcock**



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WEB-WATCH

Go boating without getting wet!

Jon Elcock says....

Four masted barque rounding Cape Horn

One I saw when I was at Mystic, Went to New York I went on board the *Peking*, It was a rundown museum ship, which I think is now in Germany.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLzBDhilDLO>

From Leo: "Few People Know About This Jigsaw Feature! Hidden Features of Jigsaw

[Few People Know About This Jigsaw Feature! Hidden Features of Jigsaw - YouTube](#)

Check out this video on Off Center Harbor. I think you'll like it... Ian Kirk

Live Well, The Cruising Smack STORM BAY, with Tim Phillips

<https://www.offcenterharbor.com/videos/live-well-cruising-smack-storm-bay-tim-phillip>

NEW MEMBERS

Hedley Shepstone, of Churchill – Bowdidge Marine Design. 12ft Mushulu. 15hp Tohatsu 4 stroke ' Patrice ' Built 2016.

Currently building. Boat Builder Central (Bateau) C19 19ft. A 100hp Yamaha waiting to go on boat Hedley was a member about 10 yrs ago

LAUNCHINGS



BRAVO / ZULU

Naval Flags meaning "Well Done"

None advised!

EMAIL DISCUSSION ON THE BREAK-THROUGH ON BRIBIE ISLAND AT CALOUNDRA

Jim Jones Writes..

I have been watching this unfold as we have a distant cousin at Golden Beach.

If you go back 40 years, where it has broken through now is about where the mouth of Pumicestone Passage was then.

in the 90s, I can remember walking South along a sand spit from Happy Valley to about where the Northern tip of North Bribie is now. At that stage the then mouth of Pumicestone Passage was about 200 metres south of where it is now.

Ian Kirk Writes,,,,

That's interesting Jim. I've been looking at an old 'Moreton Bay and How to Fathom it' (1988) and 'Beacon to Beacon' (1992.) and trying to marry that up with my memories of about 1960 and my step dad pottering across in the direction of the Blue hole to fish, the old ply flattie being pushed by a seagull. Usually had many 'followers' as he knew where the fish were.

I don't remember the opening being further south then as you point out.(it was about 60 years ago.)



But, I do remember us kids (even earlier.) swimming at Bullcock Beach and running out on sort of narrow timber jetties to jump into the water. I don't remember the strong ebb tide so either our parents were not cautious or the major ebb was further south along the lines of your thinking back then in the late 50's early 60's.

It all makes one wonder!

By the way, Paul Hermes will have to be careful as he capsized once and pulled himself ashore on Bribie to right Willie Wagtail not being able to do so on the water as he'd reduced the size of the aft tank from Ross' plan. (I think that was the story.) The 'new outlet' wouldn't give one much time or room for that sort of recovery.

It could impact on tide times etc so it will be interesting to see what the local guys find.

An article on the North end of Bribie Island where there is a potential break through to the sea.

[The History of the Pumicestone Passage – Sunshine Coast Environment Council \(scec.org.au\)](https://www.scec.org.au)

Do you have memories of changes of the bar at Caloundra?

Let us know for next month

REPORTS

JIM'S BOAT REVISITED

Jim Inglis



Here is a current picture of a wooden boat we built over 40 years ago out of cold moulded ply. It's the old

Gold Coast Express and still looking good and going fast.

A few of us at the Southport Yacht club back in the '70s thought it would be a great idea to stabilize the Southport Bar so we could race outside and after putting the idea to the local member, the late Russ Hinze, we were told it would set the State back \$20 million and asked what were we going to do to raise the money [in those days governments balanced their budgets].

So we built this and took it to an international Pan Am Clipper series in Hawaii to generate some fund-raising publicity. We won every race both on handicap and line honours, against much higher-tech boater and generated enough publicity that when we got home Russ told us that the funds were there. So by taking some enthusiastic, politically inclined supporters with us, it did the job.

Jim Inglis

NEWS

CRUISE CRAFT CELEBRATES 75YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Three generations of the Nichols family have in 2021 logged an extraordinary 75 years of managing Cruise Craft boats from their base in Queensland.

From building large timber vessels in the early days to now some of Australia's most premium offshore fibreglass trailer boats ranging from 5.6m to 7.2m.

BOATING STATISTICS 2021

A national snapshot of the boating industry for the year ending 30 June 2021 is as follows:

- The marine industry had a turnover of \$8.835bn (up 11% on last year)
- Direct employment was 27,630 with many thousands more in associated businesses (up 9%)
- There are more than 2100 active boating industry businesses (up 5%)
 - There were more than 920,000 registered boats, countless non-powered watercraft
- More than 2.5 million Australians held a boat licence



- There were approximately 18,500 new boats registered during the year.

TOM ROBINSON ROWING THE PACIFIC

Tom is heading off soon...

The Back Story

[Brisbane man Tom Robinson getting ready to row his handmade boat, solo, from Chile to Australia - ABC News](#)

An Update – Follow Tom's Adventure

[Tom Robinson Boats](#)

IAN KIRK'S ARTICLE ON CAMP CRUISING

AABB and kitboats are printing my story of the cruise to Caloundra in the Jan 2022 edition of the mag. The layout looks good and the WBAQ gets a mention.

THE WINNER IS...



Horizon Shore Dinghy Lucky Door Prize

2020 was a year without any of our normal boat show events, as Brisbane boat show and Maleny wood expo were both cancelled.

A new show popped up, Horizon Shores Marina Adventure and Boat show, and looked promising. It was delayed but did manage to be held.

As part of getting a substantial stand and two marina berths, we offered a lucky door prize. "Joey" a 2.4 m plywood stitch and glue dinghy, built from plans from Boatcraft Pacific.

The build began around 2 years ago at the last Brisbane Boat Show where we demonstrated the Stitch and glue building method. Of course, it was nowhere completed but did look like a dinghy. The intention as to finish it at the Maleny show but this didn't happen.

With the availability of our new workshop, we decided to finish it off for the Horizon Shores Boat Show - well almost. We left a couple of fillets to be completed as a demo at Horizon Shores but this wasn't the show for us.

At the end of the show the organisers completed the draw and passed onto us the name of the lucky winner.

Rick Kwok of Ormiston, was very happy to receive a nice Christmas present that we delivered the day before Christmas. He is going to paint the dinghy and probably use it on Wivenhoe dam, so if you're up there sailing keep and watch out for a "Joey" Dinghy.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

FEBRUARY	TBA
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Subject to change



USELESS INFORMATION 😊

When the conversation wanes, just ask
"Did you know that....?"

- THE EARTH IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING 100 TIMES EVERY SECOND;
- ODDS OF BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
1 IN 576,000;
- ODDS OF BEING KILLED BY LIGHTNING
1 IN 2,320,000

Some advice on building a boat from Boatbits website;

<http://boatbits.blogspot.com/>

Observations on the important points which result in a quick build are:

- Choosing a design that you can build and refrain from making changes to it. Or, in other words if you want a different boat buy a different plan.
 - Create a kit with all of the materials you need to build the boat as this will save you a large amount of time and money. Building a boat on the instalment plan never works to your benefit.
 - Build the plan in your head until you're ready to build in reality. This allows you to avoid "surprises", prioritize work, and develop a plan of action.
 - Avoid distractions. Build the boat. Don't talk about building the boat and ignore anything that gets in the way of finishing your boat.
 - Have a firm goal in terms of when the boat needs to be finished and make that goal a reality.
- oooOooo---

I'll add one further bit of advice: Build all the small bits first e.g centreboard, masts, rudder etc. This might sound a bit boring but once you start the hull, your space is taken up and the hull will just sit around anyway taking up room while you build all the little stuff. Ian P.

JUST FOR PUN 😊

When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare

THINK ABOUT THIS

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?





CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS

One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2022

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
JANUARY	15 th M,S,P	BRISBANE RIVER CRUISE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Canoe Pontoon Orleigh Park or Launching Ramp Riverside Drive Tide- 8.06 AM 2.32m 	22nd Pt Talburpin Sail Gathering
	22 nd Paddle or light craft Only	THREE CREEK PADDLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Canoe launching Ramp Curlew St Shorncliffe Tide- 12.18 PM 2.4m. Short portage required 	
FEBRUARY	5 th M, P	TINGALPA CREEK PADDLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club Railway Parade Thornside Tide- 12.30 PM 2.38m 	
	19 th M,S,P	SAFETY DAY – Coochiemudlo Is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Victoria Point Boat Ramp Masters Ave Victoria Point Tide- 11.18 AM 2,47m 	
MARCH	5 th M,P,R	NORTH AND SOUTH PINE RIVER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Deep Water Bend Boat Ramp Wyampa Road Deep Water Bend Tides- 11.21 AM 2.39m Suitable for Motor Paddle 	
	13 th	DAY OUT ON THE SAILING SHIP SOUTH PASSAGE	
APRIL	2 nd M,P	LOGAN RIVER PADDLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch- Tides- 10.15 	
	13 th	DAY OUT ON THE SS SOUTH PASSAGE on Moreton Bay \$80 per person Boarding at William Gunn Jetty, Manley	
	30 th April to 2 nd May	MALENY WOOD EXPO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maleny Show Ground Maleny Stanley River Road WBAQ on Display 	



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MAY	9th – 13th M ,S,P 20 – 22nd M,S 28th	WIVENHOE DAM CAMP Captain Logan Camp Ground Logan Inlet Road Suitable for Motor (4 stroke) Sail Paddle BRIBIE CLASSIC BOAT REGATTA Launch Spinnaker Sound Boat Harbour Sandstone Point or Bribie Is Suitable for Motor, Sail LOWER BRISBANE RIVER CRUISE Launch- Breakfast Creek Boat Ramp Sandgate Road Albion Tide- 07.55 PM 2.01PM	Maleny Wood Expo cont'd 20th – 22nd Bribie Classic Regatta



COMING EVENT DETAILS

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

15th Jan

BRISBANE RIVER CRUISE SAT 15th (That's Next Saturday)

Launch- Canoe Pontoon Orleigh Park or Launching Ramp Riverside Drive Tide- 8.06 AM
2.32m Suitable for – Motor Sail Paddle

Our plan is launch at West End or South Brisbane, for a 9.00 start and head downstream on the Milton reach and Town reach for a morning tea break at South Bank Parklands while secure on the pontoons and then proceed to the public pontoons at the gardens in the city, before returning.

More Information

More details on launching for this event. If you are launching a canoe use the canoe launching pontoon in Orleigh Park at the end of Montague Road West End. If you are launching a craft from a trailer you have two options the first being the ramp at the South Brisbane Sailing Club, If you intend to launch here you will find an orange gate across the road into the sailing club, this is kept closed but not locked and may be opened for access to the ramp. No boat and trailer parking spaces are provided, however car spaces are available just outside the club so if you are happy to separate the car and trailer no problem.

The second option is the launching ramp on riverside drive where 15 car and trailer spaces are provided to get to this ramp you proceed about half way along Montague Road and turn right at Jane Street down to Riverside Drive , turn right again until you come to the ramp. Traffic may be heavy around Jane Street as a Market is held there every Saturday Morning, Hope this is helpful if you are going to attend. **Ring Darrell if attending please**

22nd Jan

THREE CREEK PADDLE

Launch- Canoe launching Ramp Curlew St Shorncliffe Tide- 12.18 PM 2.4m
Suitable for Paddle Craft only This is an outing for paddle craft only as portage of our crafts is involved. We plan to leave the Curlew Street ramp at Shorncliffe at 9.00 PM proceed downstream on Cabbage Tree Creek, turn to starboard into Nundah Creek and paddle to the ramp at the portage track which leads us to Nudgee Creek. Have morning tea on the beach here before proceeding down Nudgee Creek before paddling along the shoreline to return



	to the ramp for lunch. (NOTE – If you don't have a set of wheels for your Canoe still come along and borrow them from one of the other members)
5 th Feb	TINGALPA CREEK PADDLE Launch- Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club Railway Parade Thornside Tide- 12.30 PM 2.38m Suitable for Motor Paddle We plan to leave at 9.00 PM and proceed Upstream with a stop for Morning tea and have lunch alongside the canoe club on our return.
19 th Feb	SAFETY DAY at Coochiemudlo Island. Test yourself and seaworthiness of your boat in safe conditions Launch- Victoria Point Boat Ramp Masters Ave Victoria Point Tide- 11.18 AM 2,47m For this event we will proceed to the Main Beach at Coochiemudlo Island have morning tea and at 10.00 PM we will purposely capsize our boats with our lifejackets on in the pristine warm water off the beach to test out our techniques for reboarding and recovering our craft. This is important practice if the worst should happen, and is guaranteed to provide a laugh for anybody taking part
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>A DATE FOR YOUR 2022 WBAQ CALENDAR</p> <p>SUNDAY 13th MARCH 10 am 'til 4pm</p> <p>AN ENJOYABLE DAY OUT ON THE SAILING SHIP "SOUTH PASSAGE" \$80</p> <p>Contact Trevor Green with name, numbers in your group and contact details to put your name on the attendance list.</p> <p>You will be contacted later with more details</p> <p><i>Numbers will be limited – First in get to go</i></p> <p>Trevor Green Secretary WBAQ 0404 696 679</p> </div>
5 th March	NORTH AND SOUTH PINE RIVER Launch- Deep Water Bend Boat Ramp Wyampa Road Deep Water Bend Tides- 11.21 AM 2.39m Suitable for Motor Paddle
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	"SPARE" CO-ORDINATOR Alex Malcolm 0439 064 929

WBAQ MARKETPLACE

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

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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 \$5; 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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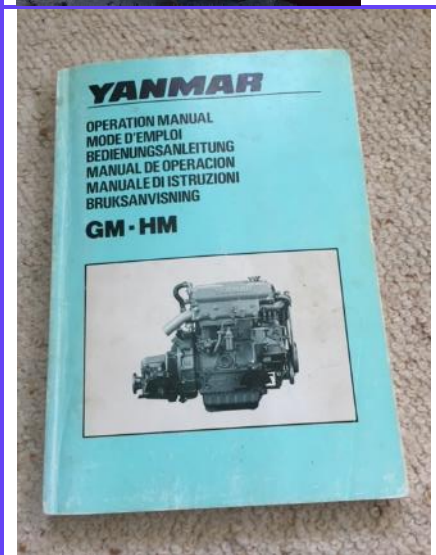
Phone Dave Guy 0437607280



The major bit of my "clean out the shed" stuff is the Yanmar 2GM20 Diesel engine. It's been sitting in my shed for about 10 years since it was removed from a newly launched catamaran when the owner said it wasn't powerful enough.

As it will need a good service before being installed, I'm looking for a reasonable offer over \$1000. It's complete with the instrument panel, wiring loom, flexible mounts, unused shaft coupling and service/installation manual. As it weighs a bit over 100kg, it would be best suited to a displacement hull of about 18 to 20 ft in length.

Peter Taylor 0420926433



CATSPAW DINGHY 12'8" "iconic sailing dinghy "Prickles" AS SEEN AT THE SHED VISIT!

Good condition, built by Locky McLean in early 2000 marine ply lapstrake planks, steamed hardwood ribs, silver ash seats, hollow oregano mast, silver ash seats, sprit rigged, flip up keel and rudder. Trailer not included \$4800
Contact Scott Garven 0418184547 See Photos below

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**"PRICKLES"**

WANTED – a BIG outboard Wanted 75 to 80 hp outboard for the FG Runabout –
Scott Garven 0418 184 547

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Katie-L 24 foot Coutta Boat circa 1910. Clae 10-12 Fisherman engine, 2" Alpha carby. Fitted cover. Boat is on Top Gun galvanised tandem trailer with Powerwinch. Boat and trailer is not registered. \$6500.

FOR SALE WOODEN LAUNCH for Sale ROVER is a classic 23 ft Bay Cruiser with Dinyl fabric over Clinker timber hull in the traditional manner. She is Powered by a 12hp Volvo Diesel engine giving 6 knots. Has twin bunks forward and toilet area. Very comfortable day cruiser or overnigher I purchased boat in 2010. Make and age of boat are unknown to me. Open to offers around \$12,000.

Daryl Phillips Located Runaway Bay Gold Coast, Phone 0419110953



MIRROR 16 "LULUBELLE" is back on the market and here is a chance to pick up an original vintage Mirror 16. Glassed on the outside. Completely reno'd Ready to go. Red sails, furling jib. Boat stored under cover. Reg'd trailer included . \$3,500 Bill Johnson 0408 731 253 Located Yeronga

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28th POINT TALBURPIN SAILORS GET TOGETHER SATURDAY 22nd January

(See also WBAQ 3 Creek Paddle – same day)

2022 Happy New Year to all Point Talburpin get-together supporters. What a great roll-up we had for our October gathering, with 27 boats participating – a record I believe. As forecast in our earlier notice, we are proposing our next event for Saturday, 22nd January. Once again, this date clashes with an important “big boat” event, QCYC’s Surf to City, which unfortunately means some of our regular supporters will be unable to join us.

However, as always, we’re completely tide dependant, with very few dates providing the requisite conditions. Most potential participants will be familiar with the format of these gatherings. However, for the benefit of anyone new to the scene, we’ve repeated hereunder the usual information concerning the event.

Since high tide on the 22nd is at about 12.45pm(2.4m), we are proposing a start at 11.30am, followed by lunch under the trees on the Point Talburpin foreshore. As with previous gatherings, an “out and back” format is proposed, with all boats turning for home when the leading boat reaches the furthest mark. For those not familiar with the format of previous gatherings, these are friendly get-togethers designed to encourage both local and visiting sailors to get out on the water in the company of other, like-minded souls, and enjoy the facility provided by high tide at Point Talburpin.

Although activities are held at or near high tide, the relatively ‘thin’ waters in these parts necessarily restrict participation to dinghies (of all sorts and sizes), centre-boarders, catamarans, and other shallow draft vessels.

Course will be set on the day depending on wind direction and strength, but as a guide, southerly course will generally be:- Allan Robb beacon to starboard, red beacon east of Pannikin Is. to port and return to finish in the reverse direction. (alternatively, via the western side of Pannikin to a point south of Pannikin, and return) In northerlies, from start, to green beacon north of Snipe Is. and return. Start and finish line will be between two white spar buoys laid north east of the Point Talburpin boat ramp.

Starting procedure will be outlined at the pre-race briefing. A crude, though quite acceptable (at highish tide at least) unpaved boat ramp exists at the end of Torquay Road, adjacent to the start/finish line and the picnic area. There is also a very good all-tide concrete ramp available on the Esplanade some 2k north of Point Talburpin. At times close to high tide, a sandy beach is accessible at the picnic site. For those visiting by water (eg from Macleay Is.) secure “on the mud” mooring is available in front of the Harland residence in Torquay Rd. Should participants wish to prolong their involvement in the social activities and collect their boats the next day, Tony H and Don B will keep an eye on them overnight. Transport to and from the ferry can be arranged. The following schedule is proposed:



Prior to 10.00am – all boats rigged and gathered on the beach near the picnic area. (as this event is very tide dependent, it is important we start the activity at the planned time. The cooperation of participants in being ready by briefing time would be greatly appreciated) 10.30am Briefing on shore to confirm course, starting procedure etc..
11.30am Start 1.30pm On-water activity should be finished and social gathering begun 2.00pm Presentation of prizes
2.15pm onwards Continue lunch and socializing

As with previous events, it is suggested that, if practicable, participants and friends bring a little food and drink to share at the gathering. A BBQ will be provided, as will sausages and drinks for all to share. Serving tables will be provided, but folding chairs are recommended if you are coming by land. Readily accessible toilet facilities are available at the adjacent Harland residence. For those without boats and wishing to “have a sail”, there is a good chance that places will be available on one or more of the participating boats. As always, we will welcome anyone who wishes to “just turn up” on the day, but if you let us know of your intention to join us, we will be able to contact you as early as possible in the event of cancellation due to weather etc..

We point out that although “prizes” may be donated for various achievements, this is not a formally conducted regatta, and is without the infrastructure of formal yacht club events and the like. Participants join us as individuals participating at their own discretion, bearing in mind weather conditions, crew competencies, vessel capability etc.

In other words, participants must make the decision as if they were venturing out on their own on the day. We encourage those receiving this notice to pass it on to others they feel might like to join us for either the on or off water activities. For more information, or to register your interest, don’t hesitate to contact Tony Harland (0419 848 684) harlandfamily@ozemail.com.au