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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats

# THE LOG

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***“Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment. The only way to improve is to do more sailing”.***

Attributed to Dr. Kerr L White



## **BILLIES BAY MESSABOUT**

*Photo by Ian Primrose – Story inside*



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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**

**WE ARE BACK AT THE BOATSHED**

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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### 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  
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**HEADER PHOTO : "Chelsea" sailing at  
Wivenhoe a few years ago**



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## FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

While a casual conversation over lunch at Toorbul during the 2017 Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta, I mentioned that the Association was actively looking for venue for our meetings and which may also be suitable for establishing a workshop. That was over five years ago. Last Saturday, as a result of that conversation, the Association opened the doors to our new Workshop and held an Induction Session for six of our Members.

A lot of work, conversations, emails and compromises by the Committees over that five year period has culminated in the Association having a first class workshop and meeting facility that the Members will be able to use for the foreseeable future.

After a hiatus because of COVID, the **Maleny Wood Expo** will be on again next May long weekend. This is an Event where we can showcase what we do, how we do it and why we do it. The Committee would like to hear from Members who would willing to exhibit their boat at next Year's Expo. Model dinghy building will again be part of our display.

**Trevor Green**, our Membership Secretary had a fall in July. This resulted in a head injury, some weeks in the PA hospital with a period of rehabilitation at Herston. I will keep you posted on Trevor's recovery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**Our Messabout Coordinator**, Darrell Spiers has notified the Committee that he would like to pass on the job to another Member. It is a Committee position that would suit a younger enthusiastic Member. Ideally the Coordinator would call a Planning Meeting from interested members, develop a Calendar, appoint Hosts for the Messabouts. It also entails giving reports at the Meetings on Messabouts held in the previous Month and outlining the upcoming Messabouts. If you would like to have a good excuse to attend as many Messabouts as you want, this is a

position for you.

While on the subject of Messabouts, PLEASE advise the Host of a Messabout that you are attending that Messabout. Your notification allows the Host to know who is coming so no one is left behind and who to call if the Messabout is called off due to weather etc. There is nothing quite depressing than turning up and finding that you are the only one there.

## Safe Boating

Jim

## LAUNCHINGS



**NAVAL flags meaning "Well Done"**

None advised

## NEW MEMBERS *A hearty Welcome to:*

**Hugh Smith** has a 1933 clinker putt-putt with a sail. It is fitted with a small Stewart motor that is seized that will be replaced with something similar. He has had this boat for 15 years waiting restoration but he loves putt-putts and has restored a few before. This will be a long-term restoration project.

**Dick Reynolds** has just started building a Bolger Bobcat sailing boat **with his daughter Anna**. Coincidentally, this is the same design that Alex Malcolm is building and they are both up to a similar stage. They will become the Bobcat Team!

## WEB-WATCH

*Go boating without getting wet!*

**Another Wooden Boat built with more to come**  
[A boat by the River - Getting to know us - YouTube](#)

**Boatbuilding instructor Greg Rössel** explores the assortment of hand tools commonly found in a boatbuilder's toolbox and the roles they play in building traditional wooden boats. Boatbuilders



require few tools, but the ones they have must be of high quality and in good repair. And they must be sharp. The discussion includes chisels, mallets, planes, spokeshaves, sharpening stones, handsaws, rasps, clamps, and several more useful tools.

Host Rich Hilsinger then joins Greg on a field trip to Swan Lake Tool Barn in Searsport, Maine, where proprietor Jeff Pearson introduces the viewer to his amazing collection of tools. Jeff also shares important considerations for would-be buyers of quality used hand tools.

[Tools of the Boatbuilding Trade – Mastering Skills with the WoodenBoat School](#)

THIS LINK WILL ALSO TAKE YOU TO MORE OF THE SERIES – SCROLL DOWN BELOW THE VIDEO

Here's a good one on Ply

[Marine Plywood – A Consumers Guide – Mastering Skills with the WoodenBoat School](#)

The Society for Nautical Research, at <https://snr.org.uk>.

There is a lot to explore here. Two things to take a look at are:

- The Mariner's Mirror podcasts, covering everything from piracy to sirens!
- 2 wonderful journals. The Mariner's Mirror is the international journal of the Society for Nautical Research. It has been published since 1911 and is recognized as the world's leading journal of naval and maritime history. The other journal to take a look at is Topmasts, their quarterly newsletter.

How to make a honing guide (Thanks, Jim)

[I made this honing guide - YouTube](#)

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**CHRIS BOLLINS** is building a strip-planked Melonseed with plans by Chris Barto – the 16ft version  
The “Whiskey Plank” is on and the fairing starts before glassing.

**ALEX MALCOLM** has started a Bolger designed **BOBCAT**.

*Do you want to share Alex's build experience in a hands-on way?*

He is looking to form a small group to meet mid-weekly at the boatshed to share the enjoyment of the build. Once the hull is started, there will be stitching & gluing activities to share. No previous experience necessary – it can be a learning experience for you. If interested contact Alex on 0474 307 626



The Mast was laminated of 2 pieces of Oregon to form 3 ½ inches square. A slot 20mm x 20mm was cut out of each side to lighten the load. It was glued and then sectioned into 8 sides and then 16 sides before rounding.



**That's not a mast – This is a mast!**  
It's 15ft 4 inches with a diam of 3" tapering to 2 ½ inches (The Bobcat is only 12 ft)



## REPORTS

### WORKSHOP NEWS

The Workshop is up and running. Six Members have completed their Induction. The dust extraction system has been modified to make it more user friendly. A blower will be available along with two vacuum cleaners to help clean up at the end of each day.

Alex Malcolm has started on his Catboat with a mast, spar and boom completed. The laminated stem is ready to be shaped.

We are intending to have the Boatshed available initially on Thursdays and other times by arrangement. There are 5 supervisors appointed so we will try to meet your needs at other times. We will review our opening days according to need.

**THERE MUST BE TWO (2) OR MORE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES. WORKING ALONE IS NOT PERMITTED**

An entry is required in the Workshop Daily Log of Date, Name and time in and time out. We have a fridge in the Workshop for your lunches and drinks. Drinks are available from the fridge. Prices on the fridge door. Please don't leave any excess food or drinks in the fridge.

We will be conducting induction and training of Members in the safe use of the equipment as required on Saturdays. Please send an email to the Workshop if you would like to complete the Induction.

#### Boatshed Bookings

The Association has established a booking system in the Members Only section of the WBAQ Web Page. Before you can use this booking system, you need to have registered your Username and Password at <https://woodenboat.org.au/wp-login.php?action=register>.

Once the Registration has been confirmed by the Web Administrator, you can access the Members Only Section by entering your Username and Password on the Home Page at <https://woodenboat.org.au/> and selecting Boatshed Booking Request.

This will open a page showing both the current and the following Months and a booking form. If you wish to make a booking, complete the required details. An email with the booking details is sent to the Boatshed Coordinator who will enter the details into the Calendar and send a conformation email to you.

If a day is booked, you can hover the mouse over that day in the Calendar. A dialog box will open showing the confirmed booking details for that day. If the day is partially booked, check what equipment has been booked against what equipment you wish to use. If a booking indicates that a Member intends to use the bandsaw and you wish to use the router, you can continue with making a booking request.

#### ***Sound too hard ? – email below.***

If you have any questions or ideas, please call me or email me.

[workshop@woodenboat.org.au](mailto:workshop@woodenboat.org.au)

JIM

### BILLIES BAY 24<sup>th</sup> September *Story – Ian Primrose*

Billies Bay situated on the Wivenhoe Dam opposite to the Dam wall gives access to a wide expanse of water. More so than what is available from the Capt Logan ground that is tucked into a cove, where we usually camp.

It is a beautiful area with green hills in the fore giving way to the blue-tinged mountains behind. The dam being at near capacity enhances the presentation with green pastures reaching the water's edge. There is a double concrete ramp to access the water and ample parking.

At 9.30 there were three boats on the water as I launched and they were going nowhere in the still conditions. It was a drifting type of morning and it was necessary to row or motor to gain any distance.

Landfall was made on the other side of the lake in time for smoko and on cue, the wind picked up for a brisk sail to Hayes Inlet for a lunch stop. Lex Baddiley drove up from Cleveland and joined us for a social encounter without a boat.



Dennis brought out his camp kitchen and looking like a Masterchef contestant, proceeded to have a massive cook-up. By now the wind was getting serious at about 10- 15km so most put in reefs and off we went for some exciting sailing. It was a bit lumpy but exhilarating.

I pulled out at about 2.30 but the others continued on. Alex did not get enough sailing so he camped overnight to get some more sailing in on Sunday.

The advantage of sailing on food-grade drinking water is two-fold: you don't have to wash the salt off your boat and trailer and you don't have to consider tides. It was a great day with good weather; good winds and good company.



Participants were: Alex Malcolm in 'Mermaid'; Dennis Smith in Scruffie "Y-Knot-Wood"; David Sloper in a Lillistone and I had the Melonseed "Aurora Australis". Harry Beauchamp came along and crewed with Dennis.

**ANOTHER STORY OF AN AUSTRALIAN HEAVY WEIGHT SHARPIE**  
*Charlie Jeays*

**FIONA**

Way back in 1930, a competition for a new 2 man racing dinghy, determined by a 12m<sup>2</sup> formula , was won by Germany's Kroger Brothers. Their design, which became known as the **International 12 square Metre One Design Sharpie**, became popular in Europe, particularly so in Holland, France, England and

Portugal, and the design competed for a number of years as an Olympic Class.

**FIONA:** Originally named the *Norman E Gow*, in deference to her sponsor, the Queensland Game Fishing Association. Fiona was built of Spruce by Millkraft at Bulimba in time for the 1956 Olympic trials. Following a series of races conducted on Bramble Bay by the Sandgate Yacht Club, Greg Cavill (from the well-known Qld hotel family) and the late Bert Henderson won the right to represent Queensland at the next stage, the elimination trials on Port Phillip Bay.

Unfortunately, the boys lost any hope of gaining that honour due to a capsized in which the boat sustained some hull damage and in the trials were eventually won by West Australia's Rolly Tasker who went on to win a silver medal in the Games. Jim Hardy was chosen as reserve skipper and the *Norman E Gow* eventually ended up sailing in the Olympics under the Burmese flag.



Rigging up Shorncliffe approximately 57/58

After *Norman E Gow* returned from Melbourne, it was purchased by Sandgate's Jeays Family, renamed "**Fiona**" and campaigned in a number of Sandgate Yacht Club Championships with the now familiar 3 man crew of Albert and Andrew Jeays and Allan Woolhead. Fiona also made the long trip to Adelaide for the 59 / 60 Australian titles.



On way to 1959/60 titles Mt Lindsay border crossing

including the earlier Comet/Ragamuffin restored by “Chips” Barclay, who was the guy who patched up Fiona at the Adelaide nationals,



Greg Cavill and family for 50 year anniversary

*Editor’s Note:* This story was written about 2006 when Fiona was 50. She has since been sold on and is now over 70 and still going as a grand old lady with a remarkable history. Thanks to Charlie Jeays for the story and photos.



By the mid-60’s the much lighter plywood and Marconi-rigged Sharpies had become more popular and Fiona underwent a weight-reduction with ply deck and centre-board, replacing the original spruce and steel versions.

But the new light-weights were still too quick and Fiona’s competitive days

were over. It wasn’t until 1976 when the Sandgate Yacht Club kicked off the Vintage Yacht Regatta that Fiona was able to stretch her legs. Fiona won that first Regatta and is the only yacht to have competed in every Vintage Regatta since. Later being sailed by a younger generation of the Jeays family- Charlie, Richard, and Peter and mates Ian Pettigrew and Ken D’Arcy .

Fiona was sold to Dan Deburiette January 2018.

**Footnote:** The Original Sail No. was 12 / KA 7  
The original stripped weight of Norman E Gow was 474 pounds (lbs) with added correctors weighing 32 pounds.

**Another Footnote:** Charlie Jeays recently saw 2 HW Sharpies in the Port Lincoln Maritime Museum

**QUEENSLAND MARITIME MUSEUM AND THE WBAQ – SOME HISTORY**  
*Bruce McConkey*

**A BIT OF WBAQ HISTORY-**

**THE QMM RESTORATION WORKSHOP**

How many members can remember the days when we gathered at the Maritime Museum one Sunday every month to work on some of the boats stored there and restore them to sailing condition, BBQ lunch included, when many tall tales were told?

A reward came in being able to take some of those boats away on our Messabout days. Some intrepid members got to sail memorable boats like Fury, the 16 ft Skiff, or Big Secret, the Flying Dutchman, while others were content with putt putt motor launches or rowing the surfboat Dee Why.

We even had the 2012 flooded workshop when Lake Wivenhoe was discharged, bringing HMAS Diamantina up to ground level again, perhaps that’s going to be a tradition for WBA workshops every ten years or so!



Now there's a new reward available. QMM's direction has changed, and much of their spare space is now needed for hosting events like receptions and weddings, so they are offering to dispose of some of their small boat fleet to interested people who will give the boats a good home with proper care and attention. Here's a copy of the email received from the Operations Manager, John Imrie.

"Herewith is a list of the boats that are currently recognised as being poorly housed at the Maritime Museum and consequently, the QMM Board may be receptive to transferring to alternative (good) homes.

- Annie E Kolls (Motorised Tender)
- Oma's Battbygger (Fibreglass Lifeboat)
- Unnamed 18ft Skiff with wings
- Dulux (18ft skiff with chine)
- Dee Why (Surfboat)

My personal interest is to try and get the boats maintained in the best possible condition and to hopefully have them available for public viewing – hence will support their relocation to an alternative home if this outcome can be achieved. As noted in our discussion other boats may be considered for relocation if this goal can be achieved.

Regards

John Imrie

[john.imrie@maritimemuseum.com.au](mailto:john.imrie@maritimemuseum.com.au)".

So there's a fantastic opportunity for members to take over some excellent boats, although they have suffered some deterioration from lack of attention in recent years. While the ones mentioned are top of the list, anyone interested could contact John to enquire about any of the other boats still at QMM.

Here's some photos of the boats that I remember us working on. With only a little ingenuity some could be transformed into other interesting and useful craft while still maintaining their historic character.

Any member interested in obtaining one of the Museum's boats should contact John Imrie directly to negotiate - [john.imrie@maritimemuseum.com.au](mailto:john.imrie@maritimemuseum.com.au).



Annie Kolls – a lovely family motor boat



Dory Skiff – another good boat for just messing about in boats



Surfboat Dee Why – imagine adding a low cabin and an outrigger to make it into a proa, which could turn it into a great camp cruiser

SOME OTHER BOATS THAT WE WORKED ON.....





Lazy E – a lovely boat just ready to sail again



16 ft Skiff "MG"

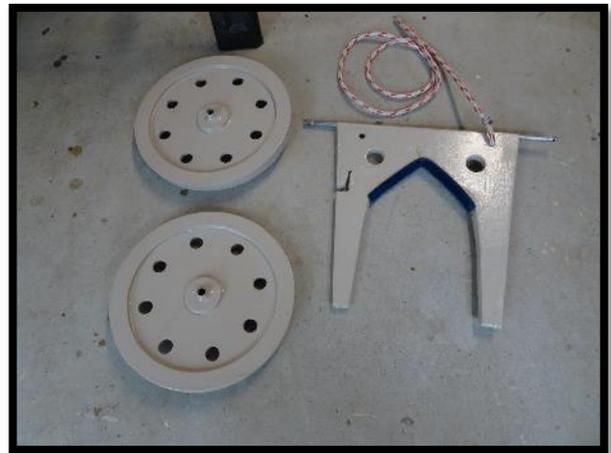
### A KAYAK TROLLEY *Story & Photos - ED ELCOCK*

A kayak I started about 20 years ago is in the final stages of completion, requiring sheathing to bottom, and paint. But this note is about a trolley I developed for it.

The trolley consists of a flat body shaped to suit the rear of the kayak, with an axle at one end, made from two layers of 6mm ply glued together, and two homemade wheels.



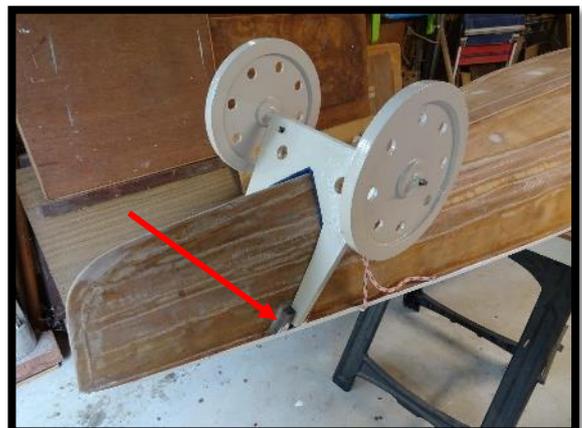
Flying Dutchman "Big Secret" includes spinnaker



The narrow legs of the body fit into recesses, one each side near the stern of the kayak just under the gunwale, made by gluing two small blocks to the hull. The body is held to the kayak with an attached rope which goes over the deck of the kayak, through a hole in the body, then back to a jamb cleat type slot cut in the body. The axle is attached to a V shaped recess in the bottom of the body by two stainless steel nails through holes in the axle and pressed between the two layers of body ply, the whole epoxied together.



Heron Dinghy, late past president at work





**SAFETY DAY AT THE BOATSHED WORKSHOP**

The wheels are of a single layer of 6mm ply, with two stiffening rings of 6mm ply at the rim, and two small disks at the centre. The bearing surface for the axle is a short length of metal tube, all epoxied together. The wheels are held in place by wire pins with pig-tail ends which allow them to be stored (together with some spares) on the tie-in line fixed under the side decks.

The disassembled trolley is stored on the floor of the kayak tucked under the front of the seat and held in place by the fixing rope round a cleat under the seat so it is not lost in the event of a capsize.



The trolley has not been fully field tested, but short runs in the workshop and back yard suggest that it should work reasonably well. Some photos help understand the workings.



***Do you have a trolley / Dolly design? Send photo or drawing to Editor to share with others.***

It has taken 5 years and a lot of work to get to this point where we have an operational workshop. Despite a major set-back in February when the workshop was flooded, we got there. Now we have a home, not only a place to meet, but an interactive place with sufficient equipment to build boats.



On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, Six members attended the Workshop Safety Day to learn how to operate the powered equipment safely. The group rotated through three training stations conducted by Jim and 2 Ians and there was time for smoko and a lunch break for a chat and it was all over by 1.30.



**Making sawdust is fun!**

***Open for Business***

The Workshop will be opened on a needs basis but at the moment we anticipate opening each Thursday morning from 9 am. It's a good idea to confirm the opening (as appointments sometimes get in the way). Ian Primrose 0491 120 888 or Alex Malcolm 0474 307 626. An SMS to mobile will work



If you would like to attend on another day (say Saturday) contact the [workshop@woodenboat.org.au](mailto:workshop@woodenboat.org.au) and we will try to arrange a time to suit. Attending a safety induction is a prerequisite to using equipment.

## NEWS

### VW DRIVERS' CLUB PRESENTS US A TROPHY

Jon Elcock on behalf of the VW Drivers Club presented the WBAQ an Award for Best Display at their open day where we ran a Sausage Sizzle for them. We made a great profit and they had a great time.



*Jon presents Jim with the Award*

### POSITION VACANT MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR

For many years, Darrell has put together a terrific program of Messabouts of great variety. Unfortunately the attendance at Messabouts has been disappointing. It's like sending out invitations to your birthday party and no-one turning up, so Darrell is giving the position away. You have built or bought your boat and Messabouts are a way of using it in a safe manner. There is safety in numbers. There have even been incidents at Messabouts that were averted by assistance from

others. There is also the social side where knowledge & laughs are exchanged over smoko and lunch. If you would like to take on this position or if you have any ideas about Messabouts, please contact the committee.

### MAC FINCH LIBRARY

A small group has fashioned Library boxes as shelves to store our books with the plan that, in the event of another flood, the boxes can be moved to a safe place with the books inside. The Mac Finch library will be set up at earliest opportunity.



*(There is distortion in this photo – there is no bow in the top in case you are wondering)*

### MALENY WOOD EXPO IS BACK

The Maleny Wood Expo is coming back in 2023 after a 2 year Covid break. 19<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May are the dates (That's the Labour Day Long weekend) for this most enjoyable event where we exhibit boats, buy tools & timber, do stuff for kids and generally have a great time.

### AN EXCELLENT GIVE-AWAY BOAT

**JAMES ELCOCK** writes...

"My circumstances are such that I have a small dinghy that won't get much, or any use over the coming years. I received this boat gratis through the WBAQ via Ross Lillistone a number of years ago, so would



now like to pass it along to another WBAQ member that could get more use out of her than I can.

She is too good of a boat to sit idle. My only criteria would be that it goes to someone that will get some use, the boat doesn't get broken up for parts and ideally has somewhere undercover to store her. I would be happy to answer questions from interested parties as I would rather people have as much info as needed to make sure she is a proper fit for their needs."

"Lorraine" an Iain Oughtred designed 'Shearwater'. Stations stretched to make LOA 13' 6". Wide side decks added.

Balanced Lug rig, swing centreboard. Nice little setup in good condition. Hull is very sound. Everything there that you need to sail. Some built-in buoyancy, but depending on your philosophies around buoyancy and ease of self-recovery, you may like to add more. Sitting on a good little lightweight trailer. Located at Corinda (Bris).



If you are interested in this boat, send a brief note to [secretary@woodenboat.org.au](mailto:secretary@woodenboat.org.au) stating the case why you should have it. Applications will be assessed by

the committee with a recommendation forwarded to James. Applications ASAP but close by Nov meeting. Questions to James Elcock 0400 933 330 or email [j.e.elcock@gmail.com](mailto:j.e.elcock@gmail.com)

**JUST FOR PUN**



*Just so everyone's clear,  
....I'm going to put my  
glasses on.*

**THINK ABOUT THIS ☺**

*Borrow money from  
pessimists -- they don't  
expect it back.*

**LAST CALL: PHOTOS WANTED  
FOR  
OUR 2023 CALENDAR**

We need photos for our 2023 Calendar, so start looking through photos of boats you have taken in the past year. Minimum size is about 3mb. Landscape layout is preferred. Send to [imprimrose@powerup.com.au](mailto:imprimrose@powerup.com.au)

**SOLAR COOKING .**

*by Ed Elcock*

What's an article about cooking doing in the Wooden Boat Log? Well those members lucky enough to do mid-week camps do some cooking. Solar cooking is a fun way of producing a hot meal or a cuppa. The internet abounds with different types of solar cookers, but the two I have tried successfully are a solar funnel oven for cooking a meal, and a parabolic solar stove for boiling the kettle.



### ***The Solar Funnel Cooker***

The solar funnel cooker is made of corflute to which a Mylar self-adhesive reflected layer has been applied. When not in use it folds almost flat, and when unfolded it forms a funnel shape that directs the sun to the cooking pot. The cooking pot is a small aluminium pot with a close fitting lid, all painted black. In use, the cooking pot is enclosed in an oven bag to reduce the cooling effect of any wind, and it sits on a small raised platform or trivet to allow some reflected sun to get to the bottom of the pot.

I have used the funnel cooker to do a stew for lunch. I cut up some meat (it was actually frozen) then added some cut up vegetables (carrot, potato, pumpkin, onion, whatever) add a bit of water, place it in the cooking pot, in the oven bag, and set it in the focus of the cooker and pointed the cooker towards the sun. The maximum heat will be obtained with the cooker facing directly into the sun, but the funnel cooker has a reasonable tolerance to direction. Moving it to a position slightly ahead of the sun about every hour or so should get a reasonable result. I had a cooking time of about 4 hours in full sun, and the result was a delicious stew with the meat tender and nicely cooked.



***The Parabolic Cooker***

The parabolic solar stove is a different animal. Instead of the gentle heat of the funnel oven (think slow cooker), the parabolic stove provides concentrated heat to boil the kettle. Mine is made from a satellite dish on a homemade stand. The model I followed was covered in small squares of mirror glued to a repurposed satellite dish and I started collecting mirrors to follow that example. Then it was suggested that a reflected adhesive tape (available from Bunnings) used to repair reflective insulation would be an easier, though not quite as powerful, solution so I used that. The satellite dish I picked up on Gumtree was, for some reason, slightly larger than the standard dish you see on roofs, so the net result was effective. The difficult part of this type of cooker is to provide a resting place for the kettle or frying pan that remains at the focal point on different angles of tilt of the dish to point at the sun, and I never got that properly resolved. Even so, I have still boiled a kettle in reasonable time.



### ***The Kettle on the Parabolic Kettle***

I thought it was fun to experiment with solar cooking, and if you are of the environmentally-friendly persuasion, remember that no fossil fuels are used and the cookers can be used on “no open fires permitted” days. Note that you should always wear sunglasses when working around a solar cooker.

It is comparatively easy to make your own solar cooker, but if you want to plunge straight into it, see the advert at the end of the Log.



**Demonstrating the power of the sun, a stick ignites when placed in the beam**



## WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING

**DOUG WILSON** filled us in on the changes coming to the Volunteer Marine Rescue and Air Sea Rescue.

The changes were initiated in 2018 by the Qld Government with a Blue Water Review.

Stage two was a working group of emergency services with a view to amalgamating the services into a single body.

Stage 3 The Qld Govt allocated \$35m for the integration to occur of which, \$17m was set aside for replacement vessels

The current stage (4) is to bring the two voluntary services under the control of Qld Emergency Services.

Bribie VMR has three vessels, the largest with 2 x 250HP and these will come under control of the new service and will be eventually replaced.

Their operation has a well-equipped radio room and the volunteers there put in 5,500 hours in the past year.

Main communication with vessels is via Mobile phone or VHF radio. Ch 16 is the emergency channel.

Strictly speaking operators of VHF should be licenced but even without a licence is a good item to carry. These radios are relatively cheap (just over \$100) and most are waterproof and float. Learn how to use it by listening to others on the net. Log in when you are going out on the water with VMR or ASR or the new organisation whatever it is to be called.

One benefit of the new system will be that it will be FREE. (We are from the govt and we are here to help you?\_)



**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
OCTOBER	15 <sup>th</sup> S,M	Green Island cruise messabout HT 12.47 Pm 2.0m	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct from 6 am BOATIES MARKET</b> Victoria Point State School, Colburn Ave, Victoria Point,
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Creek upstream Paddle messabout HT 11.52 AM 2.3m	
NOVEMBER	12 <sup>th</sup> P,S	Wyaralong Dam Messabout	
	26 <sup>th</sup> P,M	Oxley Creek messabout 10.58 AM 2.	
DECEMBER	10 <sup>th</sup> P,S,M	Brisbane River Messabout 10.49 AM 2.4m	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Enoggera Dam paddle messabout	
FEBRUARY 2023	10-13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart</b>



**COMING EVENT DETAILS**

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

<b>MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Position Vacant
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**15<sup>th</sup> October Green Island Sail / Motor** On the water at 9 am at the public Ramop at Manly for a sail to / around Green Island depending on the weather. Host Alex Malcolm

**29<sup>th</sup> October – Paddle/ Row/ motor up Breakfast Creek** – Meet 9 am at the Boat ramp in Sandgate Rd (Just down from our Boatshed) for a trip up Breakfast Creek as far as we can go.

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B2.1 is a small flat bottomed power boat, 3350mm long x 1050mm beam. She sits on a purpose made cradle that has guide posts and roller at the rear. The cradle will sit on your standard 6 foot x 4 foot box trailer.

The boat has built-in buoyancy fore and aft, large side seats that open for storage, and anchor storage in the foredeck. It has been powered with a 3.3hp two stroke outboard motor (motor not included).

The boat has a launching trolley fitted with wide tyred golf buggy wheels, constructed to fit into the boat ahead of the forward seat. This means that from a parking place at the boat ramp, the boat can be slid aft a little way on the cradle, the launching trolley fitted to the underside of the boat, held in place with over-centre clips, then the boat slid off the cradle and walked to the launch ramp. When launched the trolley goes into the boat, no need to return to the car.

Located Westlake. Priced for a quick sale at \$350.

Contact Ed Elcock on 0400 885 103 or

[edwardelcock2@bigpond.com](mailto:edwardelcock2@bigpond.com) .





### **Folding Ply cutting table for sale.**

A ply cutting table is a useful piece of kit. Described in some detail on page 8 of the July 2021 Log, my table is now for sale. It is slightly less than a full sheet size on plan and folds flat to store on edge and has a small wheel to assist one-person movement. Since the July 2021 Log article, I have added additional intermediate cross pieces to provide extra support and clamping places. Located Westlake. Price \$20. Contact Ed Elcock on 0400 885 103 or [edwardelcock2@bigpond.com](mailto:edwardelcock2@bigpond.com).



### **SOLAR COOKER FOR SALE See article above**

Parabolic solar stove, made from a repurposed satellite dish covered with reflective tape, on stand and includes a partly completed kettle or pan holder. Not easily portable. If you want to really rev this baby up, replace the reflective tape with mosaic small mirrors. Two dressing table mirrors, some smaller mirrors and an unused glass cutter included if requested at no extra cost. Price \$50  
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### **TOOLS FOR SALE**

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**Ryobi Drill Press**, Model HBD6S 205mm, chuck capacity 13mm, Speeds 600, 900, 1250, 1750, 2500. Motor size 1/3hp. Owner's manual. Located Westlake. Price \$30.

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### **TRADITIONAL NOOSA T-BOAT WITH TRAILER FOR SALE**

Classic Noosa "T-Boat" for sale, a timber vessel from the Noosa River boat hire fleets between about 1960 and 1990. She was built locally around 1961 and fitted with her present Olds Marine single cylinder engine in 1971. She has been professionally restored and rebuilt to a high standard using modern materials including full fibreglassing below the waterline. The boat is rated for 7 passengers.

The Olds marine engine is a four stroke 3-5 HP petrol engine in perfect working order, and fitted with a start/stop clutch but without reverse. It is very fuel efficient, usage is typically 1.3 litres per hour, or 5.3 km per litre. The hull dimensions are length 17'4", beam 5'6", boat weight approximately 400 kg. Life jackets, fenders, and anchor included.

The trailer is unregistered, painted steel construction and fully functional though is ready for some maintenance. It is specifically set up for retrieving these flat bottom T-boats.

Asking price is \$8500, the vessel is located at Noosa, Queensland, a test run is available. Please call Bruce on 0405 385 194 or email [bruceandsarah11@hotmail.com](mailto:bruceandsarah11@hotmail.com).



**FOR SALE “ SHIMMY – for sailing or cruising** She's 12 ' long, sports a beautiful Aquacoat white exterior with clear finished interior and spars. She has the original sails and a near new 'sports rig' larger set. She has been optimised for the best sailing performance with the addition of a boom on the mainsail and the fitting of a daggerboard. There is also a 3.3 hp outboard and a good road trailer.

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