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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats

THE LOG

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"From aloft came the great roaring sound that I heard for the first time, and will never hear again, of strong winds in the rigging of a good ship"

Eric Newby from "The Last Grain Race" on the "Moshulu" 1938



BRIBIE CLASSIC BOAT REGATTA

THE PROGRAM FOR THE REGATTA
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New Logo for BACE



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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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Messabout Calendar info@woodenboat.org.au

Providores Ian Trail,

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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 Phone 3263 3381 m 0491 120 888 Contributions to: imprimrose@powerup.com.au

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FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

After the AGM Meeting last Month, we have new Committee, but with a lot of familiar faces. I am honoured to be able to serve as President of the WBAQ for another year. However, I have made a decision, along with Helen, that this will be my last term as President. However, I shall not just be "filling a spot" on the Committee for the next 11 months.

We still have meetings, along with the other tenants, to be held with the Council regarding our Licence Agreement for the Argyle St Complex. The Council have had preliminary independent meetings with the four Tenants. We are waiting on the proposed all party meeting.

During last week, news reports indicated that two very experienced sailors came to grief while operating an aluminium dinghy on the Broadwater. Even though we may have years of experience in our particular form of boating, the unexpected can always happen, especially when boating in an unfamiliar area. We are governed by rules and regulations to "keep us safe" but good old common sense is something we should be always be mindful off.

Maleny Wood Expo is being held this year 4th to 6th May 2024. This is the 25th year that the Expo has been held. Once again, Phil Brown is leading the Members. Model boat kits are being cut and packaged by Jon and myself for the 8 to 11 year olds. Ian Primrose has cut kits and models for the younger children. At this stage, Phil has about 11 boats and 4 dinghies for our display. If you are interested in displaying your boat, contact Phil. Camping is available at the show grounds.

The 25th Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta is being held on 24th to 26th May 2024. If there is one event you should attend, other than the Associations Messabouts, this is the event. As the name indicates, it is for classic boats. Over 90 classic boats registered

in 2023. It is not often that you can see so much variety of boats in one place, from ex-Brisbane cross river ferries to Moreton Bay cruisers, trailer sailers, speed boats, dinghies and kayaks.

Safe Boating

Jim

LAUNCHINGS



NAVAL flags meaning "Well Done"
None advised

WE NEED YOU AND YOUR BOAT AT THE MALENY WOOD EXPO. 4th – 6th MAY

The Maleny Wood Expo held annually at the Maleny Showground is the premier event for woodworkers with superb furniture woodcraft on display. In addition, woodwork suppliers demonstrate their wares; there are copious suppliers of timber and there are activities for families and kids, not to mention food & drink. If you have not been before then you should put it in your urgent Bucket List.

The highlight (for us) is that we are given a space to put our boats on display; talk to people about wooden boats and to engage kids in building model boat kits. These kits are laser-cut (courtesy of Jim and others at the Manly & District Mens Shed) to they go together readily with minimal supervision. But we do need volunteers to help in this regard.

We have been allocated a substantial space and we would like to fill it with boats. Any sort of boat in any condition.

The Maleny Wood Expo is 4TH -6TH MAY with bump-in Friday 3rd May

If you can supply a boat or give some time please contact Phil Brown on 0416 057 277. Camping on site is available.

You will enjoy the experience.



STORIES

UPPER TWEED EXPLORATION

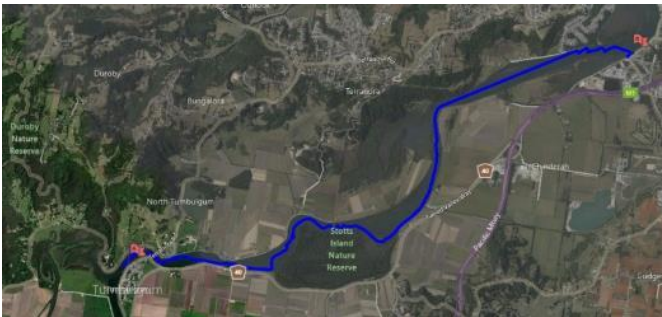
March 2024

Alex Malcolm

Boat addicts take on the Upper Tweed River.

Tumbulgum, Chinderah, Rous River and Murwillumbah all in four days in March 2024.

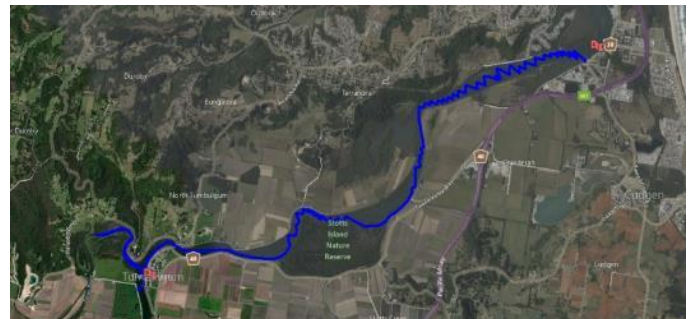
Dick Reynolds in *Kathleen* (a Bobcat) and Lester Searle in *Leighton* (a Navigator), set off from Fingal Heads, heading upriver with fickle winds, while Alex Malcolm in *Explorer* (another Bobcat) launched at Tumbulgum and sailed downstream to meet them in Chinderah.



They met at the big bend and all journeyed to Chinderah. Dick and Alex tied up to the pontoon and set up for sleeping overnight onboard. Once secured they walked the whole 200 meters to the Tavern for revival. Lester sailed back to Fingal, pulled out and joined them later for dinner. After all had made a full recovery, Lester drove home and the Bobcat Boys boarded their boats and motored about 300m to anchor off a small beach. Distance: 6.72nm



The next day saw the catboats claw their way to Tumbulgum. There was lots of tacking before the iron oar took over. The river had one patch of sandbars and was quite narrow. This part of the voyage was through farmland and past Stotts Island nature reserve.



Arriving at the jetty there was a surprise visitor in the form of Peter Tebbutt who couldn't come sailing as planned but instead punished himself by having lunch and casting envious glances at the boats snug against the pontoon.

After lunch *Kathleen* and her skipper sailed back to Fingal Heads while the *Explorer* motor sailed up the Rous River. There is a kayak trail here that is 7 kilometers each way. It is enclosed on both sides by bush and mangroves but does have several landing spots. The river narrows early so wasn't suitable for sailing, but it was very pretty.



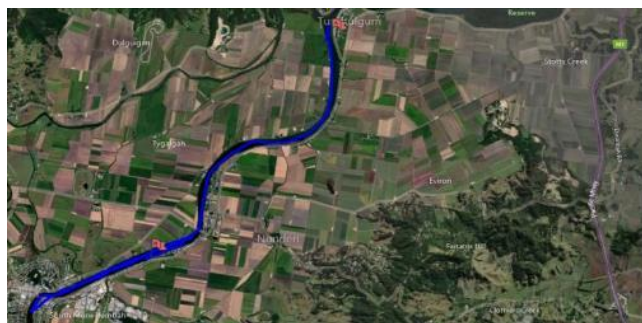
Once back on the Tweed Alex scouted around for an overnight anchorage and opted for the opposite bank from the township in a small, sheltered inlet. It was peaceful, no traffic noise or Friday night jubilations. Distance: 10.70nm

The following day *Explorer* e-motored further upstream, past sugar cane fields, past Condong ramp and sugar refinery to the Condong Bridge which has a clearance height of 4.4m HAT.

WHAT??? On the Beacon to Beacon it's meant to be 4.8m. Well... the mast is 4.85m with the windex included. Fortunately, the navigator had planned for this contingency. A tidal range of .6m meant if the voyagers went under the bridge at low tide with the gaff scandalized, there would be a clearance of 150mm. Just in case though, a very nervous skipper sat as far outboard as possible, leaning the boat over to lose mast height. No problem!

Arriving in Murwillumbah, a morning coffee break was enjoyed on the southern side public pontoon before venturing under the town bridge (4.8m easy) at low tide. After a sortie upriver it was back under the bridge to stop at the northern public pontoon and enjoy a walk around the village.

Neither pontoon was inviting enough to moor for the night so downstream it was to find a lovely anchorage before the bridge in a slow current area with no houses.



Once again, a good night's sleep was had. Distance: 8.31nm

Tide waits for no man. But man waits for tide. Low tide was 1100 hours (inconvenient) but needed the low tide to get under the bridge again. Once safely through, so blasé, the *Explorer* tied up to the Condong pontoon and leaving her in charge, the skipper went for a walk into town. The Primary School is still closed due to the 2022 floods. Many houses are under repair.

There is a park at the ramp pontoon with picnic tables for luncheon.

Back on the water the pair sailed to Tumbulgum and pulled out. This was a good trip along a river with lots of amenities and towns to visit. Perfect for putt putts! Distance: 6.62nm



NEWS

PROGRAM FOR THE 25th BRIBIE ISLAND CLASSIC REGATTA

Ahoy there!

Well, it's less than a couple of weeks until 30th March when Registration opens for this year's Bribie Classic Boat Regatta!

It's the **25th Regatta** since Alan Graham held a one-day putt-putt event back in 1997.

That's right, it's a **silver anniversary** regatta – again we hope to attract lots of boats, past and present and from near and far to attend. Please talk to your friends to encourage them to come and join in!



There are a few changes to the weekend this year, so please read carefully.

Meet & Greet sign-on this year will be at the **OYSTER BAR** at the **Sandstone Point Hotel, Friday 24th May** from 3.00pm until 7.30pm to pick up your Regatta Bags and Core flute number. A briefing will be held. You can arrive at the Oyster Bar by road or boat. Sandstone Point Hotel's **pontoon** is open to all boats, but overnighting isn't permitted. If you're cruising up on Friday, pull in there and wait for the sign in!

Saturday. We have decided to avoid a briefing on **Saturday morning** to avoid crowding around the Marina area. **Sign in and Distribution of bags** and will be at the **Bellara launching ramp**. The Cruise begins at 9am with Scott Ogilvie's "Cuddles" leading the flotilla up the Pumicestone Passage past Donnybrook and back to Toorbul for lunch. Regatta contact frequency is VHF 77.

David Tripcony has organised a **Bribie community gathering** from 9am at **Pacific Harbour Marina**, so there will be a crowd and activities there all day. After lunch and cruising, please go there for the afternoon. Boats on trailers and Classic cars have a designated area in the car park for a static display for the public.

25th Anniversary Dinner. We have negotiated with the **BRIBIE ISLAND HOTEL** for our dinner for up to 200 guests. It's a two course sit down affair including a tea & coffee bar. Register early to secure your tickets as they will be limited.

At the dinner, we will again present the Main trophies and have fun and camaraderie including a Nautical Quiz.

Grand Parade Sunday Pacific Harbour to Sylvan Beach.

Please arrive at the Marina in time to join the parade **leaving the Marina at 9am**. Follow the lead boat's course in the parade (not any incidental vessels so as not to be led astray). Do the full circuit at Sylvan Beach around the BACE buoys as shown in the Regatta booklet, before anchoring or beaching your boat.

Your cooperation in this part of the weekend is critical to the future of the regatta. The only way we keep your costs down is to secure funding to keep the Regatta going by attracting crowds - and they want to see a boating spectacle.

Hope you will all be Registering in April to ensure we get the Regatta book correct. It makes it so much easier for our organisation to function to bring you the best weekend we can.

Looking forward to seeing you again! That's all for now.

Cheers & thanks,

Dr Doug,

Secretary BACE Inc.

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STORIES

CORRECTION: OUGHTRED AND THE GWEN 12 *Ian Primrose*

In the last Log article on the passing of Iain Oughtred we said that he raced Glen 12 dinghies. That should have read Gwen 12 dinghies.

Thanks, Life Member John Morrison who was familiar with this class from his early days. He says that there are probably not too many of these around today.



A search on the Australian Classic Dinghy Network reveals...

A CLASSIC...

"The Gwen 12 was designed in 1946 by Charlie Cunningham who also designed many popular catamarans. The prototype was built of 3/4 inch ply, had an open cockpit with empty kerosene tins for buoyancy and much smaller sails than later boats. It also had no bowsprit and no trapeze.



Albert Sailing club was the first to adopt the class in 1950 and built four boats in 3/16th ply with a sail area of 120 sq feet. Sorrento Sailing Club was the second to adopt the Gwen in 1953. The Gwen 12 Association was formed in 1951. In 1955 a bowsprit was added together with a self-draining cockpit.

By the late 1950's the Gwen 12 had spread to every state and a number of countries. A trapeze was added in the late 1950's. It was granted national status in 1964.

In 1951, the "Gwenda" became the Gwen 12 as Cunningham designed the Glen 20 similar to the Payne-Mortlock canoe with twin hiking boards but reputedly faster but more stable. Only a few were built. In the 1970's the cockpit became de-restricted and larger spinnakers were tried. The class died out in the 1980's but there are still enthusiast around.

At the Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta there were four restored Gwen 12s. More are being restored in Victoria and South Australia."

If you are inspired and so inclined, Free Plans are available at this website [Gwen \(australianclassicdinghynetwork.org\)](http://www.australianclassicdinghynetwork.org) as are many more photos.



Albert Park Regatta 1955

Do you have a classic dinghy story?

THINK ABOUT THIS...

If everything is going well, you have obviously overlooked something

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING

Jim Jones told us of the renovation of Czarina's transom – a 1968 Mirror 16. That time was the pre-epoxy era. It all started with a small leak in the seat.

As they say.. "from little thing big things grow". The layers were peeled back revealing places where the glue had released and even places of car bog. The history of multiple repairs over the 50 yr + life of the boat were revealed.

The seats and floatation tanks were removed as was the transom. A new transom was constructed and a cedar veneer was added to the outside. The boat had been constructed of 5mm ply – difficult to get these days as it is usually 6mm but some was obtained from Boatcraft. A new rear part of the floor was butt-jointed in and the interior was painted a cream colour.

Work on the deck followed with it being stripped back and epoxy glassed. It was painted with red Aquacote – keeping the colour determined by the previous owner Geoff Williams.

The reno took about 18 months – fitted in with other activities of course, but this boat should now live on for another 50 years.

JUST FOR PUN!

I sued the airline for losing my luggage. I lost my case.



CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS

One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2024

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
APRIL	P, R	Saturday 13th, Paddle, Row Pimpama River upstream from Kerkin Road bridge. 18th April Messabout Planning Meeting Argyle St Boatshed 10.00 am	
MAY	S,M S,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-5th Maleny Wood Expo – Boats on display & Kid's Workshop 22nd & 23rd Mission Point overnight camp prior to the Bribie Classic Saturday 27th, sail, motor, Colmslie or Raby Bay. High tide 1.83m at 1114hrs. 	24-26th Bribie Classic Regatta



COMING EVENT DETAILS

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

MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR

Phil Brown 0416 057 277
Contact designated host for each event where stated.

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Contact Alan Bates
0402 891 113 chelmer@bigpond.net.au



VINTAGE “RoyLen” - 1962 Cubby Cabin 5.5metres built by Nichols Bros Boat Builders of Wynnum. Now fully restored with 1985 70 HP Evinrude and rebuilt trailer. This boat has a great pedigree and history but ill health forces sale. There is quite a story with this boat but space does not permit its telling here. If you would like to know more contact Cherry Howard alcher72@gmail.com

URGENT SALE – Moving to Sydney

WELSFORD PATHFINDER FOR SALE:

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My contact details Tony Torpy Mob
0418 673 512
E-mail tonytorpy@gmail.com





FOR SALE: A 1971 spotted gum Fleming cabin cruiser, currently floating at Tin Can Bay. It needs work and would be a good project for someone. Attached are some of photos of the boat. Please let us know if this is something that your Club members could be interested in.

Russell Hausler
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FOR SALE – YACHT

Trevor Green's yacht is for sale-
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Beam 2.59m Draft 1.67m
Hull construction Carvel Timber Fibreglass sheathed hull and cabin top 2016. 14hp Nanni inboard/shaft motor. Dinghy Autohelm Anchor windlass New electrical panels for engine and navigation lights VHF radio Compass Depth sounder Self furling foresail 12v fridge Gimballed meths burner. Will be placed in the hands of a broker with expected selling price around \$29,000 Located Manly Boat Harbour
Coralie Nicolson coralie.nicolson@icloud.com





FOR SALE – A SCRUFFIE

16ft Scruffie

Everything needed to go sailing comes with the boat. Hull pierced by rocks a couple of weeks back. Now professionally repaired. Some overall TLC. wouldn't go amiss. No trailer. Free Yamaha four stroke outboard motor (disused for some years but functional at last outing).

Torquedo electric outboard with two batteries to be sold separately. I'm open to offers for those items..

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Contact Sue or Ken Mills <skmills1@bigpond.com>

0429 330 887

Located at Lake Cootharaba on anchor



FOR SALE – Arafura 12ft Catamaran

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Ph 0490 914 503

paulmc1551@gmail.com



FOR SALE YACHT "Eric IV"

Open to reasonable offers.

Details:- Design by Kel Steinman Launched: 1986

Length overall: 9.4 M (31ft) Beam: 2.96 M

Draft: 2.1 M (ballasted drop board - approx. 0.6M

retracted) Hull: Western Red Cedar using West Epoxy, sheathed inside 2 x glass Kevlar & outside 2 x glass Deck: Gaboon Ply and glass sheathed

Maurie Munro ph 0419 170 386 for an inspection and/or test sail.



FOR SALE, Iain Oughtred designed "Gannet"

Glued lapstrake clinker construction Gunter rigged. Launched 2011.

LOA 4.4m (14' 5"); Beam 1.73m (5' 8"); Sail area 10.69 sq m (118 sq ft.) Rigged to sail solo or with one or two crew.

Registered, Redco Sportsman trailer. 2hp Yamaha outboard.

Little use in the last 5 years. Most of that time stored in an industrial shed on the Sunshine Coast.

Price \$6,500.00 Enquiries to Ian Colledge (phone 0419 260 441)



Outboard motor for sale:- 6hp 4 stroke Suzuki Outboard, black colour.

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