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

THE LOG

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Most people are rowing against the current of life. Instead of turning the boat around, all they need to do is let go of the oars".

Esther Hicks



PEEL ISLAND PLEASURE CRUISE
Story inside

Photo by Marco Kienzle



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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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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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COVER PHOTO – Ian Eastlake rows the little boat he

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Normally about this time of the Year, the Association is preparing to have a display stand and exhibit a few Members boats at the Brisbane Boat Show. Sadly, this year's Show has been postponed and we await details for 2025 Brisbane Boat Show. The Show allowed the Association to get great exposure for the cost of time of our Members who volunteered their boats and time.

It is not to say that we have a lack of exposure. As noted in last Month's The Log, the number of Members of the WBAQ FaceBook Group has been steadily growing since being created on 19th June 2023. Today there are 533 Members located in Australia and nine other Countries. For those not familiar with FaceBook Groups, it is a private group for which you have to apply or have been invited to join. Members can post information, photos or videos about their activities, share information about their builds, restoration or repairs. You can ask for advice on a problem or "How do I do this" Everyone in the Group can reply to your request or comment on your post

The Association and the three other Tenants at the Boat Shed have not yet had our meeting with the Brisbane City Council to determine the ongoing costs of our occupation of the complex. At this stage the Association is paying a monthly "rent" of \$44.91 a month. I have requested updated costs associated with the complex. However these have not been forthcoming.

The work on the Lazy E has been slow due to a number of factors. I have had a couple of medical problems that have restricted my activities. Hopefully these have been sorted and we should be get back work on the boat. I will be in touch with the Members who have indicated that they could work on the boat.

Flinders Day is being held at Norfolk Beach on Coochiemudlo Island on Sunday, 21 July, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Markets will be held on Main Beach. If you cannot attend with your boat, hop on the ferry at Victoria Point, join in the celebrations on Norfolk Beach, visit the Markets and spend the rest of the day on Coochie.

SAIL ON, JIM

POSITION VACANT

SECRETARY WANTED. We need to have a Secretary under incorporation laws. Malcolm Hodgen has been standing in. It is not an onerous position, mainly dealing with correspondence and recording of minutes at monthly Committee Meeting. If you can fill this role, advise the President.

LAUNCHINGS

NAVAL flags meaning "Well Done"



None advised

NEW MEMBERS A hearty welcome to:

Marco Kienzle of Manly West

No boat at present but is looking for a suitable wooden boat. (See advert section)
He found us online.

Russell James & Sonya Carr (joint membership) of Killarney

They have a 16ft Scruffie built in Bundaberg mid 1980s pre bowsprit design. They have also rebuilt a mirror dingy and 3 Hartley TS 16 over the years
Contact source, Bribie Classic and online.

Bryan Cheetham of Wakerley

He is currently constructing an Iain Oughtred "Puffin" dinghy hoping to complete it by the end of 2024
He knows three or four of our members.



WEBWATCH

Go boating without getting wet.

Some good hints here:

[Genius Woodworking Tips & Hacks That Work Extremely Well](#) | by @marcip | [Watch \(msn.com\)](#)

ESKIMO KAYAK – FREE PLANS

Shrike Too (ocean cockpit), Shrike-LV (low volume) and Shrike-R (rolling hybrid) variant. Included with the plans is the Build Option documents contains information on the differences in the design and build methods that were used to build each Shrike design. The manuals also contain builder’s tips and frequently asked questions. You will need a PDF reader installed to be able to view the manuals, we recommend the [Adobe® Reader](#). The plans are provided in DWG, DXF, DWF, DWFx and PDF formats which will allow you to use either your own plotter or a local professional print shop to print them for you. All the files are zipped into a single compressed archive.

Plans:

Interesting to just have a look at these:

[The Shrike Kayak | CNC Kayaks](#)

[Shrike Build Manual-English.pdf \(cnckayaks.com\)](#)



Length: 17' 4 7/8"

Beam: 21 1/2"

Weight: 32 lbs

Jim says: The files are compatible with laser and CNC router. Just need to lay them out to fit the machines. So if you are interested in building one, we might be able to get it cut. Contact Jim.

REPORTS

PEEL ISLAND PLEASURE

19th – 23rd JUNE

Alex Malcolm

Photos by Marco Kienzle

Peel Island Pleasure – An impromptu voyage to Peel Island in Moreton Bay

(Meeting up with the Moreton Bay Classic Regatta on the 23rd)

Some of The Boats and Skippers





David Sloper in 'About Time', Dick Reynolds in 'Kathleen' (Bobcat) Alex Malcolm and Marco Kienzle in 'Explorer' (Bobcat) launched at VMR ramp at Raby Bay and Maurie Munroe from his pontoon in 'Infusion Whitsundays' and sailed to Horseshoe Bay at Peel Island. The wind was from go to no, so some motor was applied. On arrival, Marco set up camp onshore while David and Alex set up boom tents. David had a cabin! Maurie tendered over for happy hour.

In the morning the boats and their crew, (Dick returned home the previous day due to work commitments) sailed to lazarette Gutter for lunch. Marco jumped ship (with permission) to sail with David. The winds remained fickle, and more e-power was used. Phil Brown joined us in 'Play Station Too'.

The Main Event. More than 90 boats registered. Today the Moreton Bay Classic fleet motored from Manly in a race to Horseshoe Bay where a lovely lunch was prepared and waiting for them. The few Wooden Boat Association of Queensland members displayed their boats on the beach.



On the Beach
The next day 3 boats motor sailed to One Mile for lunch at Little Ships Club. After landing on the adjacent beach, Dick and Marco walked into Dunwich while David and Alex moved the boats out on the dropping tide, eventually tying up to the public pontoon. Dicks panicked face said it all, where's my boat? This night we slept at anchor.



Back at the north end of Horseshoe Bay it was time to try drying out again. This was disastrous as the weather picked up and waves started breaking on the beach. We moved out to deeper water and the waves grew with a 20-knot wind. It sounds bearable in a big boat but in a 12 ft one rock, roll and twist about, nearly seasick.

On the Sunday it was homeward bound, a very brisk sail with one reef in and about 15 knots of wind.



Around the Campfire



We had a mixture of weather, lots of fun and good camaraderie.

Not to be a week later ...

Unfortunately the Messabout scheduled a week later on July 6th, Raby Bay to Peel Island, was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

THINKING OF ALTERING PLANS? CONSIDER THIS:

Interesting things happen when you alter the size of a boat. Let's say you double the size of a vessel evenly all around. Here's what happens:

- Length, beam and draft increase 2 times.
- Wetted surface area increases by 4 times.
- Interior volume increases by 8 times.
- Weight increases by 8 times.

ON OARS AND PADDLES

There are many theories regarding oar length- this is just one but it seems to work.

To estimate oar length:

1/2 beam of boat in feet at oarlocks X 7/25, round the answer up to the nearest 6 inch increment if the boat is over 10 feet long , round down if the boat is under 10 feet long. i.e. a boat with a 48 inch beam, 12 foot

length: $24 \times 25/7 = 85.6$ inches – divide by 12 = 7.14 feet. Round up to 7'6"

Another theory just says twice the beam which would give 8' oar. It depends on your strength and conditions. If you have long leathers (eg 10-12 inch), then you can change the gearing by bringing the oars inboard and using an overhand action if conditions change. Also you must consider the gunwale height – a high boat will need a longer oar than a shallow boat.

Other considerations:

Personal preference, some prefer to row with their hands overlapped, add 6 inches. **Stowage:** If the oars are used for auxiliary propulsion only and must be stowed in a restricted place you may reduce the length by 6 inches. Reducing by more may compromise comfort and efficiency too much.

Rate of stroke

The rate of stroke is directly affected by the outboard length of the oars. Longer outboard length, less strokes per minute shorter outboard length more strokes per minute. 24 to 30 per minute is a comfortable rate.

Guide to Length of Paddles: For a Canadian type canoe – up to your nose when standing.

For a Kayak to the tip of your fingers when standing with arm extended. However, consideration needs to be given to the beam of the kayak.

BOAT TRAILERS
An article by Guy Light in Small Craft Advisor

Next Month – WHEEL BEARINGS & MORE

During runs from home to the launch ramp, and back, trailers can inadvertently abuse the boats we so lovingly entrust to them.

There are several reasons our boats can suffer a harsh ride while on the trailer. The tyres are typically small in diameter; air pressure in these smaller units is high, and the springs don't exactly mimic "Rolls Royce" ride quality....

Did you know that tyres have a date-code stamp from the factory and that if the tyre is over seven years* old it's what they call "timed out" and should be replaced. This fact is hard to accept when you look at your tyres and they have plenty of tread left on them! Timed-out



tyres are a large problem on our highways today, causing many accidents due to tire failure.)

(*Our Australian advice is 10 years max)



Leaf spring rusted metal fatigue and broken

To illustrate the amount of vibration a boat experiences while on the trailer, you could do the experiment I did with a friend. He didn't understand why stuff came out of cupboards, drawers opened and things fell off the table of his small camp trailer while in transit. I had him ride inside the trailer while I drove around a city block at 30 mph. He was amazed at the amount of vibration and movement in the trailer, even at relatively slow speeds on smooth roads, and was happy to escape from the pounding.

So with this in mind, it's important to stow your gear in a logical manner with padding or carpet to protect the boat from being chewed by the gear. (A thin spot in the hull made by a bouncing anchor could make for a bad day.) In my Monty 15 project, that problem basically cost me a new mast, due to the way the forward mast crutch was fixed to the trailer, the rear crutch was on the boat, and the trailer flexed enough to cause a lot of fore-to-aft movement. The crutch padding was inadequate, triggering significant abrasion damage on the mast. So as you secure and store items for transport, think a lot about padding to protect your boat and your gear.

SPRINGS

The springs on our trailers are supposed to do several things. One is to hold the axle-tire assembly in place so the trailer goes straight down the road, and another is to allow controlled vertical movement of the wheel-tire assembly over irregular surfaces of the roadway. If springs fail, bad things happen very fast. First the trailer drops on the tire that is spinning at speed. That acts like a one-wheel brake, stopping the tyre and potentially twisting the axle 90 degrees to the direction of travel.

This causes the trailer to roll, possibly ripping it off the tow vehicle and destroying your prized possession.

I belong to a group of trailer-sailors called the Potter Yachters, about 50 members strong. Of that number, in recent times five people have had spring failures, myself included. Luckily, none of these incidents has caused injury.

I've talked to trailer manufacturers and after-market suppliers, concluding that problems often relate to where most trailer components are produced: nations with low wages and questionable quality control. The metal in good springs is expensive and cannot be sold for \$25 per spring, such as the only ones I could get locally for my trailer.

I think that from a safety standpoint, the only thing you can do is **remove and inspect springs on a mileage or time basis**, and understand that immersing the springs in salt water cuts into the life of the metal. Check out the adjoining photos—you will see that the failures are from metal fatigue because the steel is of poor quality and won't flex indefinitely without fracturing. (This problem is so widespread that a company in California is marketing a bolt-on skid-slide device so that in the event of a spring failure you can get your trailer to the edge of the highway without a catastrophic accident.)

Small Craft Advisor is an online source of boating stories and information – worth a subscription

WORKSHOP NEWS

SASSAFRAS CANOE IN THE WORKSHOP

We have a Sassafras canoe that was donated to us to redeploy to a good home. It is wired ready for gluing / glassing. We are open to suggestions and offers. A pre-cut kit like this would cost you in the vicinity of \$1800. It could look like this when finished.



"The Sassafras 12 canoe is so light that you can put it on your shoulder and stroll casually down a wooded trail to a hidden lake or stream, fishing rod and tackle box in the other. That was the idea behind the original



"trapper" or "pack" canoes. CLC's 28-pound Sassafras 12 carries on the tradition - but with modern building methods.

Though she can be carried, or paddled, by a child, she'll hold a 250-pound load. She tracks well, turns easily, and is stable enough for fishing. For maximum efficiency you'll want to paddle the Sassafras 12 with a double (kayak) paddle.

Model:	Length:	Hull Weight:	Beam:	Max Payload:	Cockpit Size:	Paddler Weight:
Sassafras 12	12' 0"	12 kg	71 cm.	120 kg	Open Cockpit	45 - 115 kg."

JUST FOR PUN!

My fear of moving stairs is escalating.

THINK ABOUT THIS...

Save the earth- It's the only planet with chocolate.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE LAST MEETING

Alex Malcolm ran one of his great nautical quizzes, this one based on the qualification of Able Seaman. Out of 20 questions a pass to qualify was 13 correct. When the results were in there were not too many "able" prospects. One team produced an excellent score of 18 but most were at borderline failure level. All good fun especially when the results were disputed.

Following that we viewed a professionally made video on the 25th Bribie classic Regatta in May this year. T features some of our members and their boats. You can view this video here:

[Facebook](#)

More on Bribie, we watched a video by Dennis Smith, to great applause, a captain of a Scruffy Y Knot Wood. He and Alex in his Bobcat added a few days to the Bribie Regatta, spending them in the Passage and Mission Point.

Dennis is a skilled camera operator, presenting a smooth, well-produced video. He has a few videos on Youtube. Search Dennis John Smith on Youtube.

Although no formal speaker, it was an interesting night. Fortunately, the rain stayed away from the time of the BBQ.



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
JULY		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 21st Flinders Day Re-enactment Coochiemudlo Island Boats on display. 	Saturday 20 th QCYC Vintage Yacht Regatta.
AUGUST	S,M,P S,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 4th- Friday 9th Caloundra week 21st- 25th South Moreton Bay camp cruise weekend. Finishing in time for the Point Talburpin Sailing Day 	
SEPTEMBER	P P,R,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 7th Enoggera Dam Paddle Saturday 21st Dohles Rocks upstream .HT 2.38m @1146hrs 	8 th Sausage Sizzle at VW Club – Volunteer cooks needed.
OCTOBER	S,M,P,R BB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saturday 19th Manly to King Island HT 2.53m@1040hrs 	
NOVEMBER	S,M,P S,R,M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 3rd –Friday 8th Lake Cootharaba Camp, Boreen Point Saturday 30th Brisbane River , South Brisbane upstream, HT2.36m @ 0856hrs+1 hr 	
DECEMBER	EAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 15th Christmas Lunch at the Boat Shed, Argyle Street. 	



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.

21st JULY FLINDERS DAY AT COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

Parade and re-enactment of the noon sighting by Mathew Flinders. Launch at Victoria point and join the event off the beach with boats on display. Ferry runs from Victoria Point every half hour if you just want to be a spectator.

SUNDAY 4th – FRIDAY 9th AUGUST CALOUNDRA WEEK

A relaxing week on the water at Caloundra for sail, motor or rowing. We stay at The Moorings but camping / dongas available in the area.

WBAQ MARKETPLACE

Members – advertise for free here for 3 months! Boats, tools, accessories etc
WBA Qld accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided by the vendor, nor can it act as an agent in relation to any item listed. It remains the responsibility of the vendor and the buyer to verify the accuracy of information posted and to agree on the details of sale

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.

NEW DOUBLE-SIDED BURGEES \$15.

SINGLE- SIDED FLOPPIES \$7

See Leo at the Merchandise Table at every meeting



LEO'S SHOP ROPE. Available to members at cost. 6mm - .70c; 8mm-\$1; 10mm-\$1.20 per metre. Suitable for rigging or general use. Also 3mm cord in spools – only \$3 while stocks last. Order before the meeting by phoning Leo Sines 0418 781 755

For sale

BOLGER BIRDWATCHER WITH TRAILER FOR SALE New Build - Most of the work is done. Finish it quickly and easily and get on the water. See details on the last page of this Log.

WANTED: Hartley TS14 or TS16 in sound condition suitable for refurbishment project. Neither a pristine one nor basket case required. Phone Dave Guy 0437607280.

WANTED: 15-foot Sailing Cruising Dinghy on Trailer

Looking for a sailing cruising dinghy approximately 15 feet in length, complete with a trailer. Open to all offers. Please contact Marco at 0405 795 090



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Smith Macleay Is 0417 761 738
peterandevesmith@gmail.com



NEW! Classic wooden Moreton Bay 14 foot "flattie" dinghy
thought to have been built by and certainly later restored by Hugh Morris,
a high-profile Brisbane boatbuilder, who built many very well-known
wooden Classic Moreton Bay Cruisers. In beautiful condition with full 2
pack paint in perfect condition, inside and out plus sailing rig including
centreboard, rudder, mast and sails – including two spinnakers. On a
registered trailer (include 12 months rego). Comes with almost brand new
Mercury 4 HP hardly used in perfect condition. Trailer completely restored
also, new jockey wheel, straps & rewired.
Price \$2,960 Craig Templeman mob 0407 151 829



CLEARANCE - A bit of de-cluttering happening here.
Centreboard for Norwalk Island 23 Sharpie made to
specs.. Glassed with 20Kg Lead embedded.
Six Lead casting for fitting to NIS 23 Hull around C/board.
Total weight of Lead is around 200 Kg so I'm selling for
\$300 which is the going price for scrap Lead.
Also, free to a good home, copper sheeting and coil from
an old water heater. **Doug Watson 0419 705747**





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PUTT-PUTT MOTOR

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FOR SALE

BIRDWATCHER a Philip Bolger design 23'6" cruising dinghy, [Bolger book & plans included]. Also included is a new, registered, purpose built trailer.



The boat is nearly finished - all timber, perspex fittings and gear to complete is included. The buyer can drive away, ready to use the fittings and gear to complete the build.

The Bolger plans and photos in magazines show BIRDWATCHER is designed to be very versatile. In this photo, the boat takes off while a family of two adults and two children sit below, looking through the perspex upper sides, as sails are adjusted.

Birdwatcher. Author Mason Smith. Photographs Patricia Evans. WoodenBoat July/August 2004, p.58



Birdwatcher takes off in a breeze of wind. The entire boat sits low, where their weight is effectively placed far from the water. They can see through the smoked Lexan and have well enough to pilot the boat—even in crowded harbours.



Measuring the mainsheet - note the stability with our son stand

And, the Birdwatcher is a stable boat says the owner and builder who took this photo on the day it launched.

*Downing, a Phil Bolger 'Birdwatcher'.
Author: Ian Singleton,
Australian Amateur Boatbuilder
No 68, 2008 p.33*

The plans include auxiliary oars. This boat is modified slightly to take a 4 HP outboard instead. Motor not included nor are sails. The builder intended to use a junk rig, a style he used in a number of the boats he built and sailed in later years.

The boat builder, Don Halliwell, is well known among Brisbane wooden boat sailors for the many Bolger boats he has built over many decades and sailed in Moreton Bay, Lake Cootharaba and the Great Sandy Straits. He is moving interstate and is sad to be leaving his workshop where he has built so many wooden boats.

So this is a MUST SELL.

Don's suggested silly price is \$4000.00 though he will consider even sillier offers, especially from those already or ready to be passionate about Bolger boats.

Contact Don 0405 185 575
or
Don's wife Gail 0410 696 038

