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Celebrating the diversity and enjoyment of Wooden Boats -Since 1991

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"The wind in the wires made a tattle-tail sound
When the wave broke over the railing
And every man knew, as the captain did too
'Twas the witch of November come stealin'."

From the song"The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald" – Gordon Lightfoot



'Laurabada' at the 51st QCYC Vintage Yacht Race – The "GAFFERS"

Story Inside ***Photo by Bruce Rickeard***

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Regular Meetings and Activities

A monthly 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.
Committee Meetings are held prior to the meeting at 4 pm.

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
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QCYC "Gaffers" race September 2026

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NOTES ABOUT THE COVER QUOTATION

Part of a verse from *"The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"* that is a 1976 folk rock ballad by Gordon Lightfoot that memorializes the sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald and the loss of all 29 crewmen**.** Gordon Lightfoot wrote and performed the song to commemorate the tragic sinking of the bulk carrier **SS Edmund Fitzgerald** in Lake Superior on **November 10, 1975**. The song originally appeared on his 1976 album *Summertime Dream* and was later re-recorded in 1988 for the compilation *Gord's Gold, Vol. 2 (*Wikipedia*.)*

You can listen to the song and see the full lyrics at
Gordon Lightfoot - Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald (Official Audio) - YouTube

FROM THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN

Ahoy there! Here we are and another month's gone and now Christmas decorations are in the shops! Interesting things happening on the horizon. As you know we've been the liaising with the - Queensland Manx Society Inc. representing the people and heritage from the Isle of Man.

The Manx Society is running a Viking Festival in April next year and hopefully we can be involved with boats on water and land and more.

After some deliberation the committee has decided to build the first Viking boat with funding or not. We had to make the decision to go/no go due to the time available. It's a Go.

You will remember those wonderful Dragon figureheads that Ian showed us last meeting. All they need is a boat to go in.

We've been working on some basic construction work for the Viking boat involving steaming, bending gluing ribs and the stem and stern posts.

So do make time to get down there either on the Thursday or plan come in on a Saturday to see what a few talented people are doing and join in the fun of building a wooden boat.

There was a Mens' Shed who offered to build one, but we will probably get ours built first. This is a good opportunity to come in and look how all this process works out.

Have a look at the website below to see the great opportunity for our Association to meet our aims of promoting, using and having fun in wooden boats in general.

On the home front I've finished replacing the rigging on the Heron, floorboards going in; bilge pump, yes bilge pump more of that story later perhaps and a trial rigging carried out so I know this time all the bits work and all the various lines and sheets are there to do to work properly.

I'm looking forward to Lake Cootharaba to catch up with you there.

Visit: Queensland Manx Viking Festival - Queensland Manx Society Inc.

In the meantime, whatever you do, do it safely and have fun

Jon

WORKSHOP NEWS

THE WORKSOP IS OPEN BY ARRANGEMENT

- **EACH THURSDAY FROM 0830 ***
  Ring or text Ian Primrose 0491 120 888

  **But not when there is an away Messabout*
- **SATURDAY AFTER OUR MEETING FROM 0900**
  Ring Jim Jones 0408 443 291



NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to:

IAN NASH of Caloundra. Did not say he had a boat, Now there's a problem easily resolved!

SEAN FRAWLEY of Woody Point
Vessel Name *ROE* - Designer Paul Gartside - Type Sailing Dinghy -Length Overall 3.6 metres Year Built 2019 - Construction Huon pine - Hull Type Clinker Construction - Rig Standing Lug Builder Danny Doyle - Member of the WBAQ at the Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin, Tasmania

THE VIKING PROJECT

The Manx Society of Qld plan to hold a Viking weekend in April next year with on-land and on- water activities at Shorncliffe. They had asked us to build a boat for use at the Festival Festival details can be found at:

Queensland Manx Viking Festival - Queensland Manx Society Inc.

See Jon's piece at the start of this Log for more information

DID YOU KNOW?

Clontarf in Moreton Bay is named after Clontarf in Ireland. A Viking rune stone at the Clontarf foreshore is a modern monument symbolically linking Norse heritage with Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

INTERESTING VIKINGS:

Harald Bluetooth
The unification of Denmark under Harald Bluetooth marked a pivotal moment in Scandinavian history. He later became King of Norway in 970 CE, after ruling Denmark since 958 CE. Meanwhile, his introduction of Christianity to Denmark transformed the region.

WEBWATCH

Go boating without getting wet

The footage in this video shows the building of a kayak but the commentary is more than that. It is about building a boat - any boat and setting reasonable expectations for yourself. Put the sound on – there is some good advice here.

Learning From Mistakes: The Challenges of Finishing a Project – Chesapeake Light Craft

This is an interesting discussion and a warning about accepting a "free" boat –in particular, a moored one and a fibreglass one. The best boats are trailable ones and wooden ones and the reasons for this are revealed. (We knew that!)

Nobody Wants Small Sailboats Anymore. They're Almost Free

From Off Center Harbour- Some boats from the Port Townsend Festival

Heading Home from the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival - OffCenterHarbor.com

And Another one

A Baltic Ketch Worth Saving... Twice! - OffCenterHarbor.com

REPORTS

SHORNCLIFFE TO WOODY POINT 12th SEPTEMBER

Story – Gerry Kelly

On Saturday the 12th we woke up to light rain but it was only water! So it was off to Shorncliffe boat ramp on Cabbage Tree Creek. Still a little rain but today was going to be the day we made Woody Point after two previous failed attempts.



Four more boats showed up but things do happen and two of the boats that had troubles called it a day. That left three. Blue sky revealed, so Woody Point here we come. The wind was from the south at around 12 knots which meant a downwind run with a slight sea. After a two hour sail, Woody Point was close and with an onshore breeze, we headed to Clontarf boat ramp where there is a small harbour.

On arrival more troubles, when one boat broke a rudder, but not a worry – with a quick jury rig and after a bite of lunch, we headed back to Shorncliffe. The return trip had the wind on the nose with seas up to 1 metre but we arrived back to the ramp with all boats on their trailers safely.

We had a great day sailing in great company and we are now looking forward to the Coomera River trip next month. Thanks all. Gerry

QCYC 51st VINTAGE YACHT RACE
KNOWN AS "THE GAFFERS

Photos – Bruce Rickeard

There was a weekend of racing out of Cabbage Tree Creek, Shorncliffe on 19th & 20th for 25 or so Vintage Yachts. They raced off the Sandgate Pier creating a wonderful spectacle in good weather and light breezes. Competing boats had to be pre-1985 (but most were older) or be traditionally rigged.

Member and keen Gold Coast Photographer, **Bruce Rickeard** was on the pier on Saturday armed with his Canon camera and long lens and he captured these amazing images:



Lining up for the start



"Pagan" a Tasman Seabird (1962) 11.27m leading another Tasman Seabird, "Joanne Brodie" (1960).



"Laurabada" 54ft (14.9m) built 1953 returning to the Creek



On Laurabada after the Races





NEWS

NEW SITE : BUILD PHOTO LOG

I run boatbuildlog.com, a free site where amateur boat builders keep a dated, photo log of their build. Given your community of wooden boat enthusiasts in Queensland, I thought this might be a nice resource to mention to your members.
It's free to use, no ads. boatbuildlog.com

Happy to answer any questions.
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JUST A PASSING BOAT

Some people arrive at the Boatshed by car – others by boat! We were having smoko and Russell, Gladys & crew happened to pass by in “Little Princess” Looking good and sounding sweet – the boat, that is!

The Brisbane Paddlers, who occupy the shed next to ours have arranged for a pontoon to be installed in the Creek.

While we were at the Boatshed on Thursday, a walkway was installed using a barge and crane. Interesting to watch.





LAURABADA – A Classic Beauty

Story: Ivan Holm
Photos Bruce Rickeard



Laurabada is widely regarded as one of the icons of yachting in Queensland. Conceived as a comfortable and sea worthy cruising yacht by Ivan Holm (Snr) OAM,while serving as a young Lieutenant commanding ML809 one of Australia's Fairmile class patrol boats during the second World War. Having not found the design he wanted he set about designing a boat himself and laid her keel in 1947.

After 5 ½ years working mostly by himself (while still working full time as a technical trade teacher) she was launched in January 1953. Her keel is grey iron bark, her ribs mostly yellow wood, most structural members spotted gum with iron bark garboard strake. The hull is copper fastened throughout with Monel screws fastening the hood ends and butt blocks. The scrounging and salvage involved in her original construction are part of her legend.

The Melaleuca knees were salvaged from local bush land, red cedar for hatches and teak for her wheels were salvaged from the wreck of the ex-Queensland government motor yacht Lucinda.

The original engine, a 671 Gray Marine was a "donation" from the American navy in Port Moresby and returned to Brisbane on ML809. The original timber masts were salvaged from 80 foot by 22 inch Douglas Fir poles that were part of an American army radio installation on the outskirts of Brisbane left standing at the end of the war.



One of the founding members of the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club, Ivan was one of a group of sailors who started Queensland's premier off shore ocean race the Brisbane to Gladstone race. Ivan served as navigator on board several different boats between 1949 and 1952 before Laurabada was launched and began her long and illustrious Brisbane to Gladstone career .Ivan went on to set an unequalled record sailing the Brisbane to Gladstone for 47 consecutive years before retiring from racing after the 1995 race at the age of 82 entrusting the care of the boat to son Ivan Jnr. Laurabada continued her unbroken record until 2002 when she completed her 50th consecutive

Brisbane to Gladstone race –a record very unlikely to be broken.



Following Ivan Snr's death in 1997 son Ivan Jnr and wife Anne have taken on the weighty responsibility of caring for this fine vessel. There have been several phases of work done to ensure her future. By far the most significant is that Laurabada has spent over 2 ½ years out of the water in the shed at Deagon Slipways on Brisbane's Cabbage Tree creek (and only about a kilometre from where she was originally built).

Peter Kerr and a small crew took on a project to ensure Laurabada lives on hopefully for another 70 years. The interior has been completely refurbished and partly redesigned while remaining true to her 1950's Queensland origin. The hull has been significantly refastened and completely splined and is probably now stronger than she was in 1953. The hull was glassed with two light (non-structural) layers and given a shiny two pac finish. She is now powered by a Perkins 6354 saving about 1 ton compared to the old GM.

The entire electrical, plumbing and electronic systems have been replaced. While now far more complex than in the past she is now equipped to cross oceans safely and cruise in comfort for years to come which was in the beginning Ivan Snr's dream.

During the weekend of 19th & 20th September, Laurabada took part together with 25 classic boats in the 51st QCYC Vintage Regatta Races (known as the "Gaffers") out of Cabbage Tree Creek, Shorncliffe.

MORE THOUGHTS ON THE BRIBIE REGATTA

Stan Wood

I met up with Chris Treloar at Pacific Harbour Marina on Saturday afternoon on the weekend of the Bribie Regatta. We shared the same sentiment regarding that Regatta as he expressed in the last edition of The Log. Its founder shares a similar sentiment. Once it is contrived to turn it into a "cruiser" show it will finish up within a year or two. Since its inception I 1997 it was always a small boats on the beach event with a scattering of Moreton Bay cruisers. We always had a run to Donnybrook down the Dunlop Channel and back via Gallagher's Gutter to Toorbul for lunch on the beach at high tide. Sunday on the beach was where the public interacted with the owners of small craft. There was a sailboat race; rowboat race and a putt-putt race all for a bit of fun; all now gone.

The public clearly aren't interested in viewing wooden cruisers scattered amongst plastic ones in a marina that are hard to locate anymore than their interest in viewing them anchored offshore at Sylvan Beach. On Saturday they arrived at Toorbul like Brown's cows after an 8am start with no vessel in sight.

All these regattas have finished over the years. We used to go to Port Macquarie [Hibbard], Yamba, Noosa and Caloundra {short lived}, Wentworth [Murray/Darling Rivers], Goolwa S.A. Repton {Bellinger/Kalang Rivers}, Stansbury and Port Vincent in S.A. and the Tweed River. The last mentioned ran for years, well organized. Only Goolwa and Stansbury still run.

The Tweed Regatta's demise is precisely the way Bribie is headed in my view. I recall on one of the last meetings on the Tweed, some thirty odd small craft of all descriptions beached gunnel to gunnel in a small inlet off the river at Fingal for lunch. Then was the attempt to create a big cruiser regatta; boats from Brisbane and the Gold Coast over the Tweed Bar; lasted

two events and the novelty died. At the end, half a dozen cruisers ran up to a rowing club at Murwillumbah for a lunch that the club couldn't organize. The sole small craft was Ray Muggeridge in "Jimmy Hall". We both agreed this was the end of the Tweed Regatta. Incorporated. Sponsors everywhere and a healthy bank balance thanks to Bruce Keir, the original driving force.
Bribie is headed the same way. The owners of many of these cruisers will be attracted to the now established Moreton Bay Cruiser Rally; a show and tell event From Manly to the Horseshoe; closer and more convenient to the Brisbane River and Manly.

The recent Bribie Regatta attracted little publicity One article in one of three local newspapers submitted by an entrant who threw a cheque book at a refurbished Halverson The organizers have a sizeable group of local business sponsors who I can't see deriving any benefit businesswise from the regatta.

Stan has made some suggestions for the Committee to consider to complement this event. After 27 years, it would be a shame to lose the Bribie Regatta.

JUST FOR PUN...

I HAD A TOTALLY WOODEN BOAT ONCE- IT EVEN HAD A WOODEN ENGINE
Really, how was it?
IT WOODEN GO.

THOUGHTS ON AGING ☺

"AGE IS A HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR MATURITY".



CORRECTION

In the Log we intimated that **MARK FORT** was jumping ship and moving to NZ. Only partly true – He's spending summers there and winters here. Sounds like a plan!

WHAT HAPPENNED AT THE LAST MEETING

JOHN STEWART from BCBC (Breakfast Creek Boat Club) where I believe he is the Commodore gave us a talk on his Life in Boats or more correctly "An Indecent Obsession".

He blames his Scottish ancestors who hung about boats so he reckons it's in the blood.

He bought a doer-upper house on the Brisbane River at Bulimba that came with a doer-upper boat shed. After the doing bit is done and you have a large boatshed on the water, then the obvious thing to do is to fill it with

boats. The boats always take up the available space until there is no more space. This is normal and that happened.

He started small when he was small with a ply canoe at Caloundra at age 8 and moved up in size though a Sabot, a flat-bottomed dinghy with a 4HP Seagull. Then there was a Glen 12 and later a nicely shaped hull with a bit of a shoebox top named Seawind". Several re-builds later he still has it. As they say.. too many boats are never enough.

NEXT MONTH: The Coomera Messaboutheld last Saturday where 4 boats went along and had a great day out. Maybe someone will write about it.

CALENDAR OF MESSABOUTS & EVENTS
One day, weekend and week-long Messabouts and big events in 2026

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 the Messabout Coordinator, Phil Brown 0416 057 277

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 recommended*

MONTH	TYPE	MESSABOUT	EVENTS
November	**S,M,R,P**	Friday 13th – 20th Lake Cootharaba week. Camping at Boreen Point or staying in various accommodation	
December	**Eat**	Sunday 13th Christmas Party lunch at the Boatshed	



COMING EVENT DETAILS

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

MESSABOUT CO-ORDINATOR	Phil Brown 0416 057 277 Assistant – Dick Reynolds 0419 791 326 Contact designated host for each event where stated.
NOV 13th – 20th	Cootharaba Week with camping at Boreen Point Boreen Point Campground | Noosa Holiday Parks Or stay at Motel or Pub



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Phone Mal for more info and photos 0478 221 391





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MARINE ARTIFACTS FOR SALE - COLLECTABLES

- S/s Perko bow clamp nav light 2x dd battery and works well. PAT.DEC.20.1921
- 2X 10 ish inch chrome Attwood 'sharkfin' nav lights.. look like a 57Chev.
- Chris Craft I believe s/s ashtray with emblem and mounting bracket.
- A 150mm or so round with handle heavy chrome detachable spotlight and old phone cord type wire.. unsure of brand.
- And a couple maybe of small chrome flag stems.

Bryce Johnston <johnston20194215@gmail.com>
Located Southport

FOR SALE

HARTLEY 1968 Hartley 12ft Runabout

For sale by original owner since new, this 12-foot Boat with Reg'd Trailer has a 1972 Evinrude Outboard in good excellent condition. Both have been in the water less than 20 times in their whole life and well looked after.
The boat was fully restored a couple of years ago and is in mint condition, not actually being in the water since then.
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FOR SALE **PROCEEDS TO WBAQ**

STRIP PLANK KAYAK KIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



We have been donated a Kayak kit that was imported from America but never built. The kit comes with everything you need to complete the build- Full instruction manual, all moulds, building frame, full-length strips in two differently coloured timbers. It even includes epoxy, gloves and clamps. The photo above shows the frames set up on the building frame, so you get the idea of the shape. We are looking for an (+$) offer from someone to build it. If you are interested, Contact Jim 0408 443 291

The kayak kit was imported from America from ACTION FISH. The design is an Empire Fly, Leaf Beyond. (length 503cm, beam 60cm, weight 16kg.) This is a strip build kayak using western red and white cedar and finished with fibreglass and clear epoxy. The kit came with a comprehensive Assembly Manual.

A complete set of moulds and a strong-back on castors, clamps, epoxy comes with the kit.
The Empire Fly is a discontinued hard-shell sea kayak manufactured by Action Fish Kayaks.
The Empire Fly is classified as a sea kayak (designated as class "SK" in official regional paddling and racing association boat classification lists)
Key Details & Specifications Class: Sea Kayak (SK) Length-to-Width Ratio: 7.9:1
Original Price: Ranged from roughly $5,200 to $8,500 USD depending on the model and specific build
Weight Range: 35 lbs to 65 lbs depending on the materials

It is known for its specific length-to-width ratio, the Empire Fly is generally used in racing and endurance events.