

Scuttlebutt

February 2017



Lady in Distress, No, Sally Ostlund practices red flare operation at the WBA January meeting under the watchful eye of Pascal Geraghty, RMS Boating Education Officer (Sydney Harbour).

Photograph by the Editor



President's Report

Jon Bell

I hope everyone had enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations and is Well, the year kicked off with a fizz at the January meeting, where a smaller



Pascal Geraghty
Boating Education Officer

but no less vociferous group of members welcomed Pascal Geraghty from RMS as our guest speaker. Pascal ran through the latest regulatory updates affecting recreational boaters, although listening to the rationale for some changes and the example scenarios raised by members, one can't help but wonder if RMS hasn't created a bigger problem than whichever one it was trying to solve. They certainly haven't won the PR war. On a brighter(!) note, Pascal obtained the necessary approvals and the weather gods were merciful so after the meeting we gathered in the car park and those that wished were able to experience first-hand how and when to set off red (bright) and orange (smoke) flares. There were some (flares, that is) that performed as expected whilst others (up to ten years out of date – thanks Chris!) did not, and that in itself was

illuminating (or not ...). All in all an enjoyable discussion and a worthwhile experience – hopefully one never to be repeated in earnest.

Bruce Gregor was our volunteer Michelin Man for the inflatable PFD demonstration and clearly showed why you would not want the device to trigger before you were good and ready for it. Pascal revisited the mandatory maintenance requirements for such PFDs.



Details of updated PFD regulations may be found at <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/safety-equipment/lifejackets.html>. Pascal took some questions on notice and replied the next day – details elsewhere in scuttlebutt – and invited anyone seeking clarification on any recreational maritime matters to contact him on 0429 505 481 or pascal.geraghty@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Peter Cole was our featured "Ask Someone Who Knows" moderator and along the way recommended the website <https://skipr.net> to all cruising skippers and interested observers. There was a long line of boats strung between Sydney and Hobart at the time of writing, reporting varying degrees of happiness. The *James Craig* had not then left Sydney.

The committee is aware that our own website, ably maintained by Andi Morgan for the last 6 years, is due for a refresh and a small working group has been established to determine the scope of, and rationale behind, any proposed changes. All members are invited to offer any written constructive comments or suggestions, or to join the working group as an "interested user" or "technical expert". Peter Widders has kindly volunteered to be the main contact for now – his details are in this magazine.

I'd like to thank our regular contributors and volunteers and to encourage further contributions from other members in all areas to ensure the vitality



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and relevance of the Association is maintained. Articles, event reports, interesting photographs, project progress, etc; all are essential to make the Scuttlebutt Editor's task a little easier. New Events and Guest Speaker suggestions are always welcome as is feedback, positive or negative, on any aspect of the Association's activities.

Our talk at the next meeting will be given by our Vice President, Nick Lawler on "UK Adventures", so come along and catch up with him and other members and guests. Remember to allow extra time to order a meal as the club seems to be attracting more diners on Tuesdays.

Jon Bell



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further to the Hal Harpur Award - 2016

There were 7 acceptable nominations received for the 2016 Hal Harpur Award, the largest number for some years and all new boat builds.

Last month we provided details and pictures of three of the nominees including the winner Ken Barrows. This month we provide pictures of two of the other nominees::

- **Kevin Isle** for fabrication of a half scale model of a Robert Logan yacht, the first racing yacht on Auckland Harbour.
 - ◊ nominated by Christopher Goddard
- **Gary Thorn** for fabrication of a tunnel race boat based on a 30 year old vessel
 - ◊ nominated by Dave Giddings

Gary Thorn for fabrication of a tunnel race boat based on a 30 year old vessel



*Very popular in Japan.
The driver kneels to
operate!*



*The motors are
identical for all
vessels*

Kevin Isle for fabrication of a half scale model of a Robert Logan yacht
Kevin obtained copies of some original drawings and managed to obtain measurements from the re-furbished original boat.



Boats of the United Kingdom and Ireland

by Peter Widders

In May and June, 2016, Grace and I spent 6 weeks travelling around the UK and Ireland. Boats were a bit of a magnet at most stops, as were the craft and quilting shops.

Following is a (mainly) pictorial essay of some of the craft encountered.



This lifeboat was involved in the 1979 Fastnet Race rescues and has a mahogany hull with aluminum superstructure. It is on display at Land's End, Cornwall.

A pair of local wooden boats in the harbour at St Ives. Tidal range exceeded 20 feet.



Detail shot of a replica Viking longship at Waterford, Ireland.



These 2 "ships" were in the dock next to the Titanic Exhibition building in Belfast, Ireland. I have been unable to find out anything about the fore-

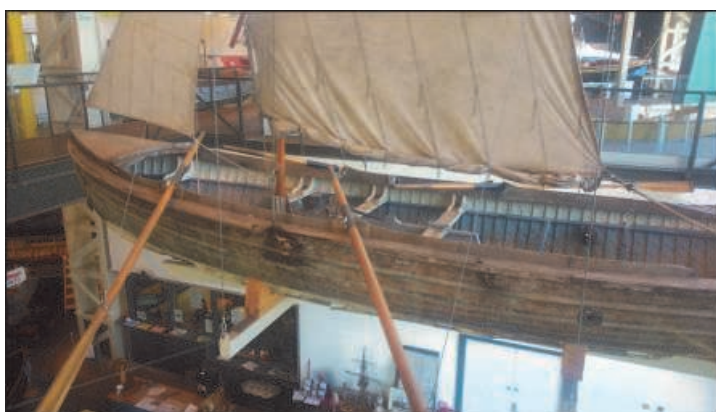
ground "ship" but suspect it may have been a work platform for in-harbour vessel maintenance.



These 2 small wooden boats were used to transport tourists to Muckross House on Muckross Lake near Killarney, Ireland.



We made a return trip to the Isle of Wight on the Hovercraft.



The International Boatbuilding Training College at Portsmouth was a hive of activity (and boats).



A sailing barge in Portsmouth Harbour



A tour of Nelson's *Victory* was a highlight of the Portsmouth Dockyard visit. The *Mary Rose* exhibit was, unfortunately, closed.



This canal boat on the Wye and Arun Canal had been converted to electric power.



The Lakes District Steamers, *Swan*, *Teal* and *Tern* provide access to all parts of Lake Windermere.



Small skiffs could be hired on Derwent Water at Keswick.



Several small launches provided tours of Derwent Water. This one is planked in Iroko.



RMS Feedback

Once again, thanks very much for having me along at the meeting last night. Was good to see you again and I hope people learnt, or at least confirmed, a few things as well.

In relation to the two points I promised feedback on:

1. Re. RMS green safety labels on sailing craft (w. auxiliary engine) – I can confirm that the safety label is **NOT** required on sailing boats even if they have an auxiliary engine (inboard or outboard).

As pointed out many sail boats can be, and are often, used under motor/power. This notwithstanding, they are exempt from the safety label. See below relevant excerpt from the Marine Safety Regulation 2016:

"Division 10 Safe loading of vessels

54 Maximum safe loading level of certain vessels

(1) The owner of a vessel must ensure that a label (a safety label) that complies with this clause is affixed to the vessel in accordance with this clause.

(10) This clause does not apply to the following vessels:

(d) a sailing vessel with or without an engine."

2. Re. Boating Destinations marinas – I have just spoken to Matt from Gladesville Bridge Marina and he has communicated the following:
 - a. The destinations berth is **not** to be used for pick up/drop off. This is contrary to what I previously understood. It is for reasons of allocated parking under their DA approval.
 - b. Access to the listed facilities is during office/business hours – i.e. 9am-5pm or 9am-4:30pm.
 - c. There is signage at the berth requesting a call to the office on arrival and an access button on the security gate.
 - d. The berth has a 1hr time limit.

If you could please pass this on to the members and also reiterate to them that they can contact me by email or phone anytime if they have a question or issue.

Regards,

Pascal Geraghty

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Not THE CAIRNS REPORT

from Chris & Gilli Dicker

THE TOURING CAIRNS REPORT.

Yes folks, the Cairns report is on the road and will be appearing in a town near you as soon as we can get there. Well.....as soon as we can leave *here*, wherever that will be when you read this. One of the places we have to leave is Botany Bay, which has had us for far too long despite several eviction notices. We tried to evict Botany Bay but it is staying. During our time here in the big smoke we have crossed a lot of to do's off our list including visits to family and friends. Many thanks to Dick Branson for loaning us a car and generally being a good bloke.

Yesterday we took my 12 year old godson and his brother out for a sail to La Perouse. They spent most of the trip outbound down below on their mobiles or other electronic gadgets. The brother, who is a little older left us at La Perouse after we assured him there was a train station there. On the sail back as we sliced through the water at 5.5 knots the 12 year old wondered if this was as fast as the boat could go. I replied "if he could swim any faster, he was more than welcome".

On the subject of trains at La Perouse; in 1960 my family and I, brand new immigrants, from over the seas caught a tram to that well visited watering hole. It is still a wonderful place to visit. Botany Bay generally seems to be a well kept secret.

This is not a travel log but I have to tell you that it is the first day of a brand new year and we are in Eden, which is 200 miles south of Botany Bay. We had an offer we just could not pass up; North easterly winds 10 to 15 knots becoming variable then turning north to north east forever, or at least for the rest of our trip. We did get a n'easter for at least an hour, which with a grand puff turned to dead south, albeit with not much strength. There was a lot of radio traffic with stations talking over one another and lots of "are you on channel Geoff, copy that, ten four good buddy etc". I very rarely get on the radio and I should, but I could not help sending an observation to Ulladulla or Merimbula that despite their forecast the wind was actually and really and truly blowing from the south as it did except for a tiny land breeze early in the morning all the way to Eden.

On the second night it was very dark with a total overcast and almost no wind, so we were motoring with a sail up to steady us. The phosphorescence was spectacular especially on the glassy sea, our wake sending out a scallop effect, the propeller leaving a great trail behind us like a shooting star and the bow wave lighting up the sails. Much of the magic goes out of these strange phenomenon when we know what causes them but when a dolphin jumps out of the water on a night like this and creates a green sparkling arc and just for the heck of it, reality becomes a shady area. I love science but give me magic any day.

Eden is a wonderful port, a quiet country, coastal town in some ways but a very busy hub in others. We anchored early in the morning and I could only think of sleep. After a few hours of heavenly oblivion, coffee and breakfast, the dinghy was swung over and we rowed ashore for the normal two kilometre walk to the service station for fuel, shopping, washing, a beer at the fishermen's club then back to the wharf for a cold shower.

Westwind has flown. She sailed the 345 miles from Eden to Freycinet Peninsula in 61 hours. Hello Tasmania and I have already been for an invigorating swim. In fact the water was glorious.

Now that is all well and good but I must report on some varnish observations. I had used a Cabot's exterior clear before we left Cairns so it has only been on for about three months. I can only report that it has not done very well and I am now faced with redoing it for the festival, which I will do with great pleasure. I was also talking to a chap down here who had done some wash boards with Feast Watson marine varnish and I saw that they were kaput after 6 months. The Sikens he had used in other areas had performed very well. I know a chap who sanded and re-varnished his bright work every 6 months with a high quality varnish. He ran onto rocks on his way here to Tassie and his boat was a total loss, so



and it went lower!

what can you do??

As of today we are tied up in a marina in Hobart after 10 or 12 days of sailing around, to Franklin and places like that. Today was the first time we have had full sail up, before that I was afraid to sail without two reefs in. I never thought I could get used to 30 knots but you can, and it really sharpens you up.

So now it is sanding and varnishing and a bit of painting and



The Huon River before it really started to blow

polishing. For those who are lucky enough to experience the spectacle you will see you at the festival.

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or less on Amazon. WBA members can get copies from Alan at meetings for \$ 20.

Based on a series of highly popular articles written for Classic Boat Magazine, this witty collection recalls some of the incidents the author has survived in over half a century of messing about in boats.

Most sailors will find something to relate to in these escapades from around the world and they will bring a wry smile to any boaters lips. The author's wonderfully witty cartoons help bring these anecdotes to life. All these stories are true so WBA member Alan Williams writes under a pen name so that his architectural clients do not think they are entrusting their work to a seagoing Mr Bean. Copies are available from Boat Books in Crows Nest at \$24.95



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Remember, the weekend at Bantry Bay
February 25th/26th. BBQ lunch on the
Saturday, some will stay for the
weekend.



G'day Editor,

Thought you may be interested in Brian's tally of canoes. Brian will be building more in Hobart at Paul Cullen's (General Manager, Australian Wooden Boat Festival) invitation.

From: Brian Jones

Sent: Saturday, 14 January 2017

Subject: Re: Another flock of canoes

Greetings guys,

Have just finished a very hot (!!!) week in Bellingen, and this is the result- 115 built so far, and Hobart coming up for some more.....what fun!

Cheers,

Brian.



See the March 2015 Scuttlebutt for the article on Brian.



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THIS YEAR 2017

February 10 th - 13 th	Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart
February 14 th	WBA Meeting, Sporties Club, Nick Lawther : 'UK Adventures'
February 20 th	Committee Meeting
February 25 th /26 th	Bantry Bay weekend
March 14 th	WBA Meeting, guest speaker, Jon Simpson from TANZ
March 20 th	Committee Meeting
April 11 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club, Guest Speaker: - Ken Barrows (HHA 2016)
April 17 th	Committee Meeting
May 9 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club, Guest Speaker: Malcolm Boyd
May 15 th	Committee Meeting
June 13 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club
June 19 th	Committee Meeting
July 11 th	WBA Meeting, Gladesville Bowling & Sports Club
August	
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