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and Sports Club, the 2nd  
Tuesday of every month

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## Hal Harpur Award 2010-2011 Jerry Bengtsson, Delfin



### A boy's pledge Lars Frostell

"I was two years old in 1963", writes Jerry Bengtsson of Balgowlah, when my father purchased a gaff rigged sloop, the 'Delfin'. This was on the south coast of Sweden.

Delfin's history from approximately 1890 to 1963 is basically unknown. She would have been some form of working boat, maybe a pilot, some wise old man once said. The date 1890 is based on some writing my father found inside the boat on a piece of timber.

My father absolutely loved this boat and it became a major part in his life. As a young boy (first Mate) we made an agreement that I one day would take over the boat.

One day came along, 3 years ago, and I was living here in Australia and the boat was in Sweden – What do I do now?

A deal is a deal, so I went home

to pack her up and had a cradle made up for her to be able to go on a RoRo-ship. So on a ship full of Volvos she crossed the equator to arrive in Port Kembla. From there I had her transported to Silverwater where I planned to tidy her up a bit.

Well, a bit turned into a major overhaul (which is apparently to be expected with old boats) as we found a few issues that needed some urgent attention.

About two years later, in March 2010, she was ready to hit the South Pacific Ocean. We launched her in Akuna Bay and after a few days there, letting her take up, I took her up to Pittwater where she is currently moored and where I have been doing the final bits and pieces on weekends.

From now on the plan is to enjoy her as much as possible and who knows, maybe one day my son will take over the old boat and keep the tradition going!"

Jerry and his father on the boat in Sweden in 2005.



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# Presidents Report *Alan Stannard*

I trust all our members had a very enjoyable Christmas and I wish you a happy and healthy year ahead.

Congratulations to Jerry Bengtsson on receiving the Hal Harper Award for 2010. Jerry is the proud owner of a beautiful clinker double ended sloop named "DELFIN".

Annually our Association presents the Hal Harpur Award for a completed project which best contributes to our objectives of encouraging the retention of traditional wooden boat building skills and the preservation of historical wooden boats and artifacts.

Hal Harpur died on 5 Dec 2001 and was one of our Association's founding members.

I would encourage all those who have someone in mind and intend to nominate them for the Hal Harpur Award 2011 to contact a Committee member for further details.

Our members meeting for December was held in the club restaurant of the "Gladesville Sporties", close to seventy members and their families attended the dinner and the presentation of the Hal Harpur Award.

The WBA Committee would like to continue this success by having the December 2011 member's meeting held in the Club's restaurant. *Some activities to note on your calendar are:*

**Australian Wooden Boat festival**, Hobart – 11 to 14 Feb 2011

Visit by members and their families to the Sydney Heritage Fleet's Shipyard, Rozelle - Sunday 27 March 2011 (the day following the next NSW State election)!!

Additional information about this activity will be published in the February issue of Scuttlebutt. Lake Macquarie Classic Boatfest, Toronto – 23 to 24 Apr 2011. Easter weekend.

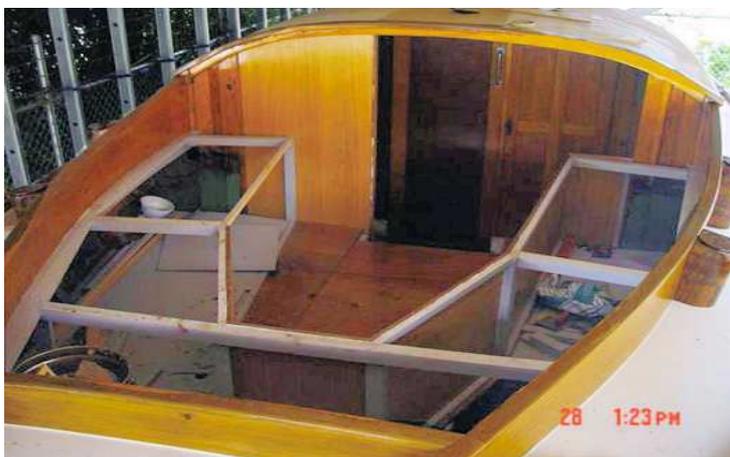
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The deck needed attention



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The cockpit was rebuilt...

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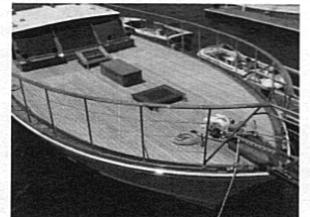


Jerry Bengtsson being presented the Hal Harpur award by President Alan Stannard

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# Soggy News from the Clarence River or my first flood

Jeff Clout

You would have to be “blind Freddie” to not know about the devastation of the floods in Queensland and here on the Northern Rivers. In my area at Lawrence which is between Grafton and Maclean on the Clarence River the rains started back on the October Long Weekend and almost consistently it has rained, showered, and stormed non stop since then. You can imagine how soaked and saturated the ground is, I've lost 7 newly planted fruit trees to water stress.

My 2 acres of paradise is completely waterlogged but it did not stop the grass from growing, try mowing a swamp. Had to do it to keep the snakes down.

The Clarence River for the last 2 weeks has been building and building and as the old time locals tell me when the ferries stop running the flood is not too far away well the Bluff Point ferry and the Ulmarra ferry tied up Saturday afternoon and said “nuffs enough”, too much debris and water coming down the river. Luckily I had Sunday off so down to the local shop and filled the car and every fuel container I owned as the shopkeeper was getting ready to unbolt the bowser from its pedestal, he told me it prevents any contamination and as he owns it, after the flood he is back in business. Why the extra fuel, well in the flood of 2009 (in May) we were told the power was off for nearly 2 days and as I own a small generator I was determined to have ice for a snifter or two and you have to have Ice cream for she who must be obeyed.

**Monday the 10th of January** I went down to the shop to get the papers and the water had cut the road to the Post office and the low lying paddocks were flooded, we drove around to the bridge over Sportsman creek and it was a raging mess. Two yachts and a cabin cruiser all had dragged their moorings, the cabin cruiser was in a flooded front yard of a house, what worried me was the two 50 odd footers cruising yachts had dragged themselves up onto the existing bank still floating and I was wondering what will happen to them once the flood recedes'.

**Tuesday the 11th** it was official, once the shop gets surrounded by water it's a flood, well the water was well past the shop and the Lawrence tavern the water was right to the incline on the road up to my place. It is true what they say, as you get older you start to have senior moments well mine was a beaut, as we were watching the water levels I looked up towards the churches which are on high ground and there were a lot of cars and even ride on lawn mowers parked there and I thought the “God botherers” are doing a roaring trade then I realised the low lying residents had parked their vehicles around the churches due to churches being on high ground, “nuff said”.

As it was previously announced Scuttlebutt for January was going to be late as our printers were not going back to work until the 10th so I put together a brief summer edition and tried to send it Monday morning, the phone line was waterlogged, of course, then the power kept cutting in and out, must say Country Energy were fantastic out in boats fixing issues, we only lost power for 5 hours early one morning. I could not get Scuttlebutt emailed away, even tried my wireless network adaptor out under the carport with the laptop, still not enough signal, managed to get my mobile to work and rung a few members to tell them Scuttlebutt is going to be late. So for the last 4 days, to drive off the cabin fever I re did Scuttlebutt and included this article and some pictures for something a bit different.

The main things I learnt was to have torches and a battery radio, candles and a well stocked pantry, the radio coverage on the ABC local radio was fantastic, the regular updates from the SES re the river heights were timely. The biggest thing I learnt was to talk to your neighbours, in most cases they have lived through many of the events and they freely did give us lots of valuable information and I made some new friends, the community spirit is alive and well. My lot is nothing compared to what happened in Queensland, **wherever you can lend a hand.**



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dragged moorings



That is our local shop, by using a  
boat he kept the locals supplied  
with the necessities we needed

# SASC CLASSIC YACHT TWILIGHTS *Mark Pearce*

On Thursday 4th November the SASC held the first Classic Twilight for 2010, a series of 3 non-spinnaker races that was started by Rob Evans during the 2009 visit of the Melbourne-based 1897 Fife "Sayonara".



Cherub, before the start

Saturday Harbour sailors would find the Thursday evening Harbour unrecognisably clear of yachts, the races having the unusual charm of being able to easily see all of the yachts at once - & all of them lovely Classics.



Josephine



From L-R Josephine, Fagel Grip, Caprice of Huon, Celeste and Karalee Weene

The first 9 boats were within a group of 3 minutes, a remarkable handicapping achievement considering the variety of yachts. The spirit of the event is pleasure & company rather than competition, with a BBQ at the clubhouse afterwards.



Antares and Reveire Reaching

In a wet & gusty evening 12 yachts started in a 10-20 knots south easterly for a course that starts & ends in Athol Bight & goes up to the heads.

The following events will be Thursday 3rd February & 3rd March.

The yachts that took part were: Celeste, designed Knud Reimers; the lovely Caprice of Huon; Malohi; Ben Stoner's centenarian Weene; Karalee designed by Alan Payne; the wishbone ketch Sana; Antares; the 30 sq m boats Fagel Grip & Larool; the Rangers Ranger & Cherub; the gaff cutter Reverie; & the cruising 6m Josephine.

# On The horizon, a new calendar of events 2011-2012

**2011**

Email me your event and I'll add it to the list  
editor@wbansw.org.au

**February 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>** Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart, Tasmania. Contact (03) 6223 3375

**February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** Wooden Boat Rally, Launceston, Tasmania. Contact Adam on (03) 6395 4401

**February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** Wooden Boat Festival, Goolwa, South Australia. Contact (08) 8555 7240

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** "PS INDUSTRY" Centenary at Renmark, South Australia. Contact Sandra Daniels on (08) 8595 5565

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** Classic Boat Fest, Toronto, Lake Macquarie, NSW. Contact Rosie on 0468 682 685

**April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>** Traditional Boat Squadron of Australia Boat Fest and Swapmeet, Canberra Yacht Club, ACT. Contact [tbsaevent@y7mail.com](mailto:tbsaevent@y7mail.com)

**May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta. Contact Darryl Phillips (07) 3408 7888

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** Davistown Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival Contact [www.davistownputtputt.com](http://www.davistownputtputt.com)

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** Timber Boat Club Festival at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Newport, Pittwater, NSW. Contact Cathy (02) 9997 5511

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** THE JACARANDA FESTIVALS CELEBRATION OF WOODEN BOATS, Grafton, on the Clarence River contact: Greg Speirs 0266422272 or 0408420623

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** Boats A Float, Narooma NSW Contact (02) 4476 4444

**2012 March 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>** Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong, Royal Geelong Yacht Club, Geelong, Victoria. Contact (03) 5529 3705

## JACARANDA FESTIVALS CELEBRATION OF WOODEN BOATS 2010

The 2nd Jacaranda Festivals Celebration of Wooden Boats was held on the first weekend of November and it became obvious that He must love wooden boats, as despite inclement weather all around, the Saturday remained mostly clear for the participants. Heavy rain on the coast had some participants reaching for a good book and not venturing out, but those that did exhibit their boat had a great time.

The 'Plywood Pirates' from Coffs Harbour again provided great support for the day by bringing along their beautifully crafted strip planked kayaks. Many thanks to Ray and the crew for their continued support.

Fly casting tuition was also provided by the Big River Bass Fly Fishing Club, who were kept busy showing and coaching people in the art of 'The Long Wand'.

Eric Bale was able to bring his Viking long boat replica along (with small inboard motor), and Bruce Keogh made the much appreciated effort of bringing along his beautifully restored boat 'Hen' down from the Tweed.

John Douglas also brought along his half cabin constructed from 'Build a boat' plans, and showed his incredible workmanship. The strip planked flare on the bow was a work of art. Ross Pollard from Dorrigo brought along his replica Endeavour long boat and was seen regularly sailing mates up and down the river. A great sight. Jason from Skinner Marine had his vintage outboard display and promises to have more motors to show in 2011. Coffs Harbour TAFE were on board to show their boat and to advise of their boat building classes held over summer. Contact Dominic De Masi via the TAFE for further information.

We are all go again for 2011, and regardless of weather, the show will go on. The program will be similar again this year to last, with the Friday again being a social gathering of boaters to proceed via water to a local venue for lunch, then on Saturday we will set up at Corcoran Park for public viewing of boats both static and on the water.

With over 55 boats promised to be exhibited, the Festival is picking up momentum, and promises to be bigger and better in 2011. For further info call me, Gregg Spies on 0266422272 or 0408420623

The Jacaranda Festival itself began in 1934 as a celebration to give thanks to the generosity with which Nature blesses this part of the World.

The Festival has many things to offer for the cruising boatie and his or her better half, with street parade, Venetian Carnival on the Riverbank, woodwork displays, markets, fairs, vintage cars, fashion parades, and many other events to cater for all interests. The Jaca week starts the last weekend of October, and the Thursday following is a locally proclaimed Public Holiday and many local businesses provide entertainment in the form of skits and musical numbers outside their premises both for the public and to try to take out the 'best performance' trophy for the year. It is a fantastic week of fun and festivities, and well worth making it a family holiday for the full week (and bringing your wooden boat along too!)

Gregg Spies sent me this article he wrote for AABB, I'm happy to promote wooden boat events in the district., Jeff

## From the Archives *Mark Pearce*

In July-August 1946 the local magazine Seacraft was launched, & on the cover of issue #1 was a dramatic painting of Jack Earl's gaff yawl "Kathleen" in the inaugural Sydney-Hobart. Her elapsed time was about 8 days 6 hours, enough to gain 4th place in a field of 9 yachts.

The painting shows the helmsman with what looks like a lightly held single hand on the tiller - if this is true she must have been a well balanced yacht indeed, as the wind looks to be strong.

## Flotsam and Jetsam

### My Country

by Dorothea McKellar  
(1885–1968) an iconic poem  
about Australia

The love of field and coppice,  
Of green and shaded lanes,  
Of ordered woods and gardens  
Is running in your veins.  
Strong love of grey-blue distance,  
Brown streams and soft, dim skies -  
I know but cannot share it,  
My love is otherwise.

**I love a sunburnt country,  
A land of sweeping plains,  
Of ragged mountain ranges,  
Of droughts and flooding rains.  
I love her far horizons,  
I love her jewel-sea,  
Her beauty and her terror –  
The wide brown land for me!**

The stark white ring-barked forests,  
All tragic to the moon,

The sapphire-misted mountains,  
The hot gold hush of noon,  
Green tangle of the brushes  
Where lithe lianas coil,  
And orchids deck the tree-tops,  
And ferns the warm dark soil.

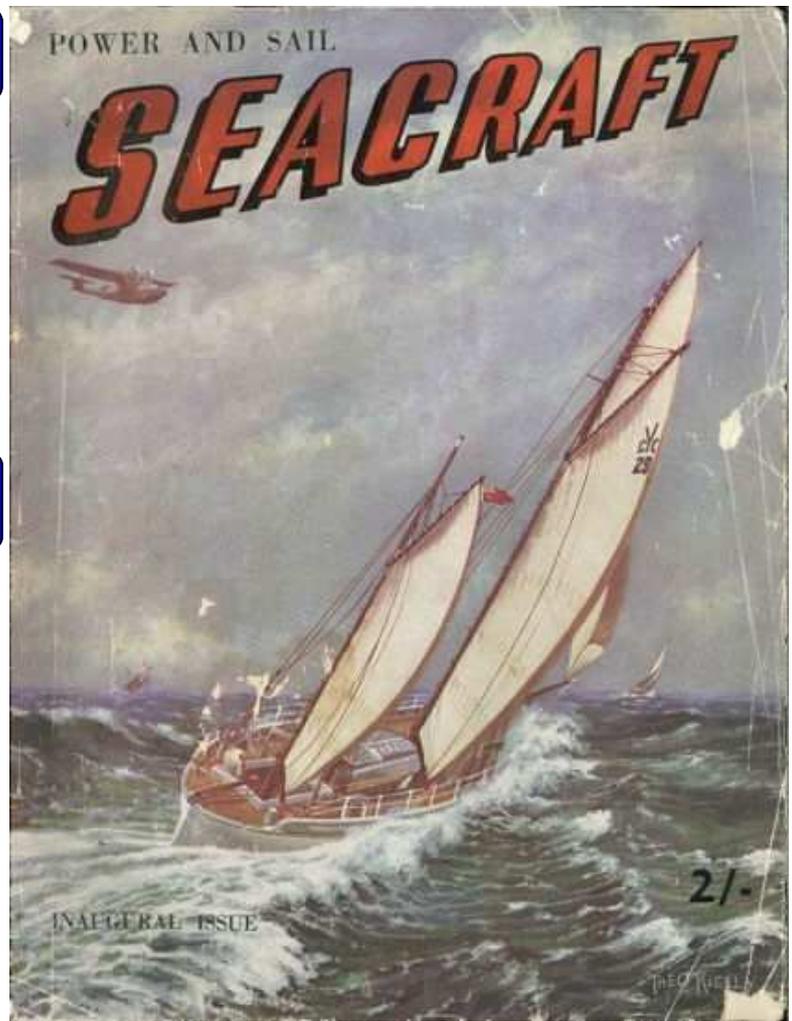
Core of my heart, my country!  
Her pitiless blue sky,  
When, sick at heart, around us  
We see the cattle die –  
But then the grey clouds gather,  
And we can bless again  
The drumming of an army,  
The steady soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!  
Land of the rainbow gold,  
For flood and fire and famine  
She pays us back threefold.  
Over the thirsty paddocks,  
Watch, after many days,

The filmy veil of greenness  
That thickens as we gaze.

An opal-hearted country,  
A wilful, lavish land –  
All you who have not loved her,  
You will not understand –  
Though earth holds many splendours,  
Wherever I may die,  
I know to what brown country  
My homing thoughts will fly.

This is the full version, it's a poem we learn at school, a timely reminder I thought, enjoy.



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**We have a new president,** A HUGE congratulations to our new President Alan Stannard, looking forward to pestering you for your reports, jokes aside you have great team supporting you.

**January** is usually a quiet month for Scuttlebutt apart from the Hal Harpur award generally every ones on holidays, this year for me something different, I've lived through droughts and dust, this was my first flood. Lots of stories to tell in the future, one chuckle came from a couple of the locals, down right on the river is an old cottages owned by a retired prawn trawler man. Old Ted he usually spends his days on the verandah quietly demolishing a carton of stubbies and chatting to anyone that passes. The boys were telling me that Ted has a knack of predicting how big the flood will be and the locals keep an eye out for him as he takes his wheelbarrow across the way to the pub and fills it up with cartons and ice, last flood in 2009 it was 8 cartons this flood it was only 5 cartons and 4 bags of ice. The locals then had a prediction that it was not going to be a big flood and you guessed it old Ted was correct.

**This edition** I have started a calendar of upcoming events for the next 2 years, To make it work, you the members need to keep me informed and I'll ensure its added to the list. Thanks to everybody who rang up during the flood, it was appreciated.  
Jeff



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