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and Sports Club, the 2nd
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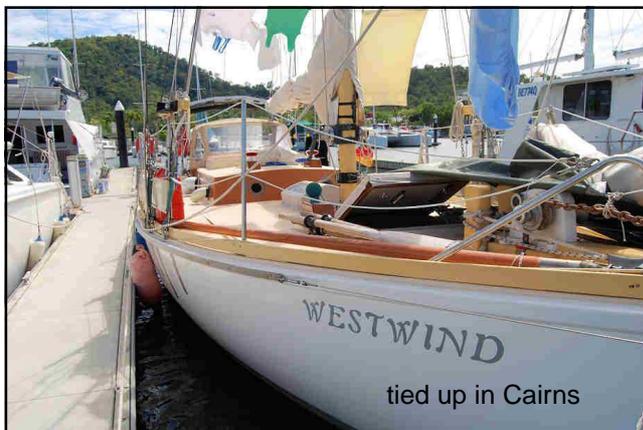
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FLOATING GHOSTS *Chris Dicker*

(how to stop the rot)



WESTWIND
tied up in Cairns

When next you go sailing from bays full of moorings and your bow cuts a clean path through bearded sentries that through no fault of their own are having their keels eaten away by indifferent marine opportunists and their very fabric playing host to insidious fungus, spare a thought. We all do, of course, because we are wooden boat people. If our boat sinks or nearly sinks because we have done a bad repair, that is forgivable because we tried, if we sail our boat too hard and she breaks and sinks ... well, she should have been built a little stronger and she will go to the bottom like a warrior - hopefully not with the captain and crew.

There is an R.S.P.C.A. saying, "A puppy is not just for Christmas but for life." A properly built and cared for wooden boat could live ten times that of a pup. I love dogs. They have a vastly different and individual personality. I don't

like the ones that bite you or the ones that treat you with indifference so much. Having milked and fed a big herd of cows in my youth for quite some time I also like cows very much. They are almost totally indifferent but still have strong individual personalities. You can look a dog in the eye and it will mean something but those doleful big eyes of a cow only mean doing her duty as a milker, motherhood and grass.

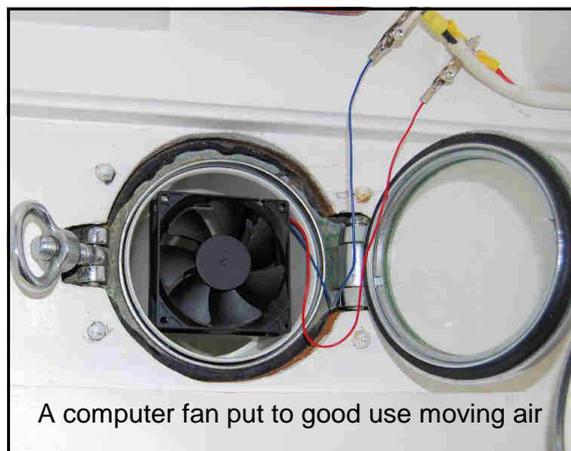
I would never compare a boat designed and built by people's hands to that of a miraculously intricate creature like a dog or a cow ... or a human, nor would I say that this boat or that boat even has a personality but none should be left tethered to a stake to die, to get eaten or to rot. Shame on those that do that!



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As we fuss over leaving Westwind in a marina pen for two months whilst we go gallivanting around the south Pacific on another boat I realise that she has already out lived many pups but so narrowly was she rescued from that terrible fate, half eaten and half rotten. Now she is a fine thing once again.

At very least these boats have a spirit. Don't be afraid if you are confronted by one of them. Their spirit is reaching out for you. If you try to save them and fail the world will not end. At least you have tried. If you succeed, the rewards are incalculable. The Hal Harpur Award needs a deserving wall to be hung on.



A computer fan put to good use moving air

Presidents Message *Chris Goddard*

I am quite uninspired tonight. I have left this task to the last minute and our Editor will be harassing me if I don't get something away to him shortly. I usually have a few subjects in my mind that I contemplate over the month that gradually distil down to a single topic. But this last month has been a period devoid of boating and reading the sailing periodicals.

It is only six weeks to the Classic & Wooden Boat Festival and by the time you read this edition of Scuttlebutt, you should have registered your entry. Planning by the ANMM is well advanced. We had two personnel from the ANMM attend our last Committee meeting to discuss where they are at and to seek the views of the Wooden Boat Association. I know that my boat is going to require more than a little bit of work on the bright work in order to have it looking presentable for the festival. Hopefully I can find the time and the weather gods will be with me.

I hope to see you all at the Festival

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NATIONAL MARITIME FESTIVAL 2011



The National Maritime Festival will be held over two days, Tuesday 25 January and Australia Day, Wednesday 26 January. Combining the Maritime Festival with all the Australia Day events, [Citizenship Ceremony, The Stockton Swim, Fiesta Village and Ducks for Dollars] will no doubt increase the attendance and add to the atmosphere on the harbour and foreshore.

We would dearly love to have as many wooden and steam boats at the festival as possible! In or out of the water! The display in front of the Maritime Centre last year was fabulous so of course we would like to see you out in force again!

I have attached our Boat Parade registration and there are some berths available (free) at the NCYC for overnight on the 25 January for any boats wishing to be in the parade and then on display at the festival the following day.

The Hal Harpur Award

Don't forget that nominations for the 2010 Award close on the 30th Sept. See a committee member for an application or you can download one from our web site

<http://wbansw.org.au> just follow the links to the Hal Harpur award page.



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STOP PRESS I regret to inform you that Brian Olesen, model maker, James Craig sea going guide and the Fleet's Flag Officer died recently. Brian helped me a lot with some very good advice when I took over this job. He will be missed.

Pittwater News and Views *Bob Tullett*

I received e mails, phone calls, handshakes offering support for my second knee operation on 17th August, all greatly appreciated. Regrettably two hours before admission all elective surgery was cancelled due to an unprecedented influx of admissions through emergency, resulting in a shortage of beds. I retired to my boat for three days to simmer down.

It does not need me to remind you that we are in the season for Westerly Winds and have they arrived with a vengeance this year, continuous day after day, it may please the skiing fraternity but not this boat owner.

Very shortly nominations will be sought for the committee of our association. Its not an onerous task, meetings are once a month and its not a life sentence, if you are only able to serve for one year, that's fine. I strongly urge members to consider standing or nominate somebody else, it is essential for the well being of the association that new blood join the executive each and every year.

Social Occasions

Wooden Boat Festival National Maritime Museum October 16th 17th. The president will doubtless update the next meeting on this event after a meeting with the organisers recently.

RMYC Wooden boat festival November 6th 7th I know I know I know I have promised entry forms for this event and nothing has happened, I am still on the case, it is hoped and promised by the RMYC that they will be in my hot little hand for the next meeting, if they are not then I quite accept that I may be entering hospital via emergency.

October 16th 17th Wooden Boat Festival at the Maritime Museum.

October 31st Balmain Regatta.

October 31st Davistown Regatta.

November 6th 7th RMYC Newport Wooden boat festival. I am assured that entry form printing is under way in fact it may even be in this edition.

The Last word

Got my son an iPhone for his birthday the other week, and recently got my grand daughter an iPod for hers, and was dead chuffed when the family clubbed together and bought me an iPad for fathers day. Got Barbara an iRon for her birthday, it was around that time that I made a quick exit to the boat.

Clarence River News and Views

Hi, thought Scuttlebutt may be interested, or know someone who is. Would love to have you and your readers join us for the weekend. Cheers Gregg Good Morning fellow Boaters..., Gregg Spies from Grafton calling,

It gives me great pleasure to advise we are all go again for **Jaca Wooden Boats Celebration for 2010**, and you are cordially invited to attend, and bring along your pride and joy to show it off. (Timber Boat/s that is!)

All participants from last year stated they are coming again, and would like a more social day, so we have changed Friday accordingly to a sail/motor/row/tow to a local pub for lunch, then back to Grafton to watch the Venetian Carnival which is held near the Crown Hotel on the water.

Try to turn up Thursday the 4th November if you can, for the fun and street party, as it is a locally proclaimed holiday.

Check out the web site of www.jacarandafestival.org.au for all the activities available.

Corcoran park off Kirchner Street has been booked again as the venue, and hopefully the weather this year will be a little kinder to us and those that got flooded in, or couldn't make it last year. Over 32 boats did make it last year, despite the inclement weather, and word of mouth at the event promised us with heaps more for this year, with well in excess of 50 boats envisaged.

We had putt putts, steam boats, a 40 foot sloop, power and sail, both modern and vintage. We also had two boats still under construction bought along to show processes involved, and a woodwork and metalwork display. We will also be chasing sponsorship and prizes, so fingers crossed! It would be good to have numbers for the pub, so if you can make it, please send me a return email accordingly. Feel free to email/call me if you have any queries.

We all had a great time last year, and regardless of the weather, the foundations have now been laid for an even better event this year. **See inside for flyer and contact details, Jeff**



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DRESS FOR SAFETY: PUT ON A LIFEJACKET

New lifejacket rules to improve boating safety and reduce deaths from drowning were unveiled today by Ports and Waterways Minister, Paul McLeay.

“Twenty three lives have been lost in boating incidents over the past 12 months, and too often lifejackets are on board but not being worn,” Mr McLeay said.

“**Drowning doesn’t discriminate** - fatal incidents have involved both small children and pensioners.

“A lifejacket can’t save your life unless you’re wearing it, and so we’re changing the rules to ensure that in times of heightened risk it’s now essential rather than optional.

“We want boating to be fun so we haven’t said a lifejacket has to be worn at all times. Instead, we’ve worked with boaters to identify the higher risk boating activities where lifejackets will now be required.”

Member for Kiama, Matt Brown said nationally **over the last 18 years over 500 people have drowned in boating accidents.**

“Closer to home, in the last 12 months, there have been four deaths along the Illawarra and South Coast. The deceased were not wearing lifejackets.

“These reforms are as much about education – reminding people that our waterways are fun and beautiful places – but they can also be dangerous and it’s important to take care.

“There was also a case in April at Montague Island, offshore from Narooma, where a boat was struck by a wave which resulted in a split hull. The 3 occupants were wearing lifejackets as the boat sunk and as a result, survived without injury,” Mr Brown said. Mr McLeay said a NSW Maritime lifejacket discussion paper had touched a nerve in the boating community with a record 3615 responses. “There was overwhelming support for the proposals. I’d like to thank boating organisations and the maritime industry for driving these reforms, and for boaters in general for taking the time to make a submission.”

“**Wearing a lifejacket increases your chance of survival after a boating incident** and it is clear the boating community takes this issue seriously,” Mr McLeay said. Mr McLeay said changes will take effect from 1 November 2010

There will be a 12 month advisory period whilst boaters get used to the new rules, where NSW Maritime will on penalise repeat offenders. For more information,

visit: <http://www.maritime.nsw.gov.au>



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Of the 3615 responses, more than 90% of submissions supported the idea of water-skiers wearing a lifejacket and for skippers to be more responsible in ensuring everyone onboard wears lifejackets when necessary.
- 86% supported lifejackets being worn during times of heightened risk.

The new rules for wearing lifejackets include:

- By children less than 12 years of age when:
 - o in a vessel less than 4.8 metres;
 - o when in an open area of a vessel less than 8 metres in length that is underway;
- By all boaters in a vessel less than 4.8 metres in the following heightened risk situations:
 - o at night;
 - o on open (ocean) waters;
 - o on alpine lakes;
 - o when boating alone; and
 - o when the boat is being used as a tender more than 400 metres from shore;
- At times of ‘Skipper Judgement and Direction’ in ‘heightened risk’ situations such as when the weather worsens or the boat breaks down;
- When water-skiing or wakeboarding;
- When operating a canoe or kayak on:
 - o enclosed waters, when more than 100 metres from shore; and
 - o ocean waters.



Celebration of Wooden Boats Grafton - Friday 5th and Saturday 6th Nov 2010

An invitation for anyone with a wooden boat to participate. Be it a canoe, kayak, sailing boat, speedboat, or steam boat, bring it along for both static and on-the-water displays. This is a great opportunity to display your pride and joy on the mighty Clarence River and take part in the 76th Grafton Jacaranda festival. Prizes will be awarded.



Owners of boats over 8m in length will need to provide public liability insurance. All owners are asked to provide the organizers with an A4 sheet detailing the particulars of their boat. It is recommended that participants arrive on the preceding Thursday to avoid the rush and also to take part in Thursdays "Jacaranda Day" celebrations.

Friday 5th Nov. Social Day

10:00am – 11:00am Meet & Greet, Corcoran Park, Kirchner St (enter via Villiers St)
 11:00am – 4:00pm Boat launching & Sail/Row/ Power downstream to Ulmarra pub for social lunch.
 4:00pm onwards Return to Crown Hotel Grafton (waterfront) for viewing of Venetian Carnival.

Saturday 6th Nov. Wooden Boat Display

8:00am – 4:00pm Display wooden boats for the public at Corcoran Park
 Gold coin donation for entry
 1:00pm – 2:00pm BBQ lunch, Corcoran Park

Also on display will be Blacksmith and Woodwork displays, Model boats, Fly casting tuition, Vintage Outboard motors, Nautical Knot display and vendors.

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I am trying (very trying), to track down any known history, and or current whereabouts of this vessel built in 1911 in Burraneer Bay by John? Ellis. Cliff Gale sailed her in the Anniversary regattas of 1912 ~15 and reputedly did quite well, a Mr Frank Coates owned and raced her in the 1920's (I have spoken to his Grandson) I owned her in 1966-7, and went alongside "Ranger" and spoke to Cliff Gale (then about 80) who said he remembered her from many years ago and had sailed her up to Sydney from Port Hacking. When I bought her she was in North Harbour the hull was fair with some broken ribs near the stern gland and she was fitted with an (old) 10 - 12 Simplex, and providing the magneto was dry remarkably easy to start. The sails at that time were in a poor state and I did not have the money to buy new ones, The Jib was fair, but the main had a tear in the luff at about the spreaders. Yesterday I spoke to a Mr Michael Kirby of Yowie Bay following a letter to Afloat" (August ed) He said that he had owned her in the period 1971 ~ 1977 having bought her from a Mr Singleton and she was in Burraneer Bay at that time. He sold her to a Mr David Roberts (1977) and it is believed he sold her to somebody in Pittwater, the last known sighting was in Salt Pan Cove (Pittwater) in 1983 when she was seen in a sinking condition. The spur of interest is that next year she will be 100 years old if still afloat!

Burraneer was 25 ft on deck with a bowsprit about 3 ft a vertical stem and stern, a "barn door" rudder about 3 ft square beyond the transom. Beam was about 8 ft 6 in and she had a deep keel with lead on the bottom and drew about 5ft6in

Regards
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Major upgrade for NSW & ACT weather forecasts



On 1 September 2010, the Bureau of Meteorology will be introducing improved forecast services for NSW and the ACT due to a major upgrade to the forecast and warning system.

"One of the most significant changes is that rural and regional centres will have access to the same level of service that has previously only been available in major cities" said Bureau of Meteorology NSW Regional Director, Barry Hanstrum.

NSW communities can expect to see an increased number of forecasts, and existing forecasts will extend out for 7 days. For many locations, this means an upgrade from a 1 day forecast to a 7 day forecast.

The amount of weather information will increase, with the addition of UV alerts, fire danger ratings, chance of rainfall and predicted rainfall totals to some forecasts.

The Bureau of Meteorology is also changing some forecast areas and marine forecast zones to ensure that people are receiving the most relevant and precise information for their location.

Mr Hanstrum said "This upgrade will give people in NSW access to more weather information than ever before".

Some of the improved services available from 1 September 2010 include:

7 day forecasts provided for nearly 70 locations across NSW and the ACT. Previously, only 2 locations - Sydney and Canberra - received 7 day forecasts

26 of these locations will receive fully worded, 7 day forecasts that include weather descriptions, wind speed and directions, temperatures, fire danger and UV.

68 locations will receive a 7 day, summary forecast, with the weather description and the minimum/maximum temperatures.

Some district forecast boundaries will be changed, particularly those in southern NSW, to better match the Local Government boundaries.

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