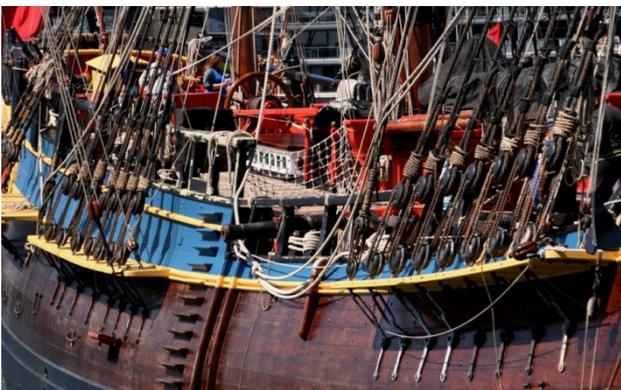


Scuttlebutt

November 2012



A selection of the vessels on display at The Classic & Wooden Boat Festival, Australian National Maritime Museum, October 2012
– Photography by Howard Mitchell.

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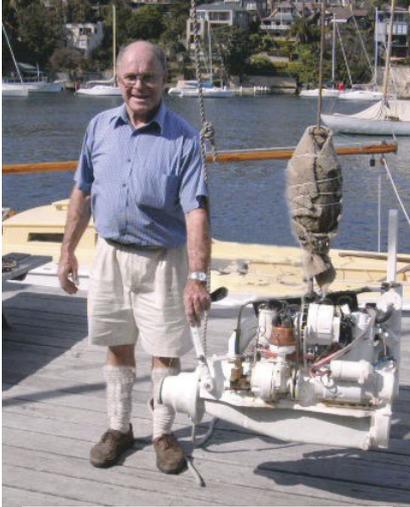
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Presidents Report Alan Stannard

Our November meeting will incorporate the AGM. There are two important positions about to become vacant for the coming year, that of *Treasurer* and the other *Producer* of Scuttlebutt. Please contact me if you know of anyone who may take these roles onboard.

I would like to thank Tony Curtis, our retiring Treasurer of the last five years for his conscientious work, and Andy Morgan & Chris Goddard the producers of Scuttlebutt for a job well done.



Tony Curtis

The October meeting was attended by 43 members and guests. They enjoyed David Pagano's power point presentation on his family's involvement

over the years with the Suez Canal. David brought along his late grandfathers magnificent tin hulled tug



boat scale model. The model was of a twin funnel powerful steam vessel named *Titan* which once worked the Suez Canal under the command of David's grandfather, who was a Master Mariner. The *Titan* was built in the UK in 1899 and was finally broken up in the year 1991.



The 2012 Classic & Wooden Boat festival was held at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour in October. The WBA was represented by 12 entries all of which looked fabulous and a credit to all their owners. Tom Hughes with his lovely ex Tasmanian Cray boat *Lydenne* was awarded a prize in the best dressed boat competition, congratulations Tom.

I have forms for anyone interested in attending the Lake Burley Griffin Regatta being held on the 7th & 8th December 2012.

The WBA Committee has received and accepted four nominations for the Hal Harpur Award 2012; the result will be announced at the December meeting. This meeting will take place in the dining room at the Gladesville Sports and Bowling Club, the club has offered a set dinner for \$25 per head of Turkey & Ham with vegetables & gravy, Christmas pudding with brandy custard, tea & coffee.

Please attend and help make the evening a success.

The Pittwater Report

The big news this month in the land of milk and honey is the opening of SYDNEY HARBOUR WOODEN BOATS at 93 Darley Street Mona Vale. The business has been operating for 10 years at the historic ex Naval establishment Chowder Bay. During this time boatbuilder proprietor, Simon Sadubin has launched 43 beautiful wooden classics from the shed. Some of these were new builds and some restorations of vessels for clients who know the value inherent in beautiful timber classics. Simon is a master craftsman totally dedicated to his trade and enthusiastic about the future of wooden boat building and restoration. To his credit he also trained three apprentice shipwrights during his time at



Chowder Bay, and currently has one apprentice in the new shed at Mona Vale.

The new location has more space and better access which

Simon saw necessary to expand the business and incorporate a new venture, the Pittwater Wooden Boat School. Simon and his new partner Tom Coventry are forging ahead with plans to run a hands on wooden boatbuilding school where clients wanting to build their own boat under expert tuition can rent space for the project. The first project is already booked and the concept will no doubt be very popular. Also on the agenda for the school is



Gippsland Lake Boat

building model racing skiffs and yacht half models which is a passion of Simons', for more information contact Simon on 0421 545 294.

Current projects in the shed are a classic 1890 26' clinker Gippsland Lake boat which is receiving an exquisite repaint and some motor work, and a Riva style 1958 Donoratico varnished mahogany outboard runabout. The Donoratico company was formed by a group of ex Riva employees who went into production building this type of runabout, it will receive a complete refinish.



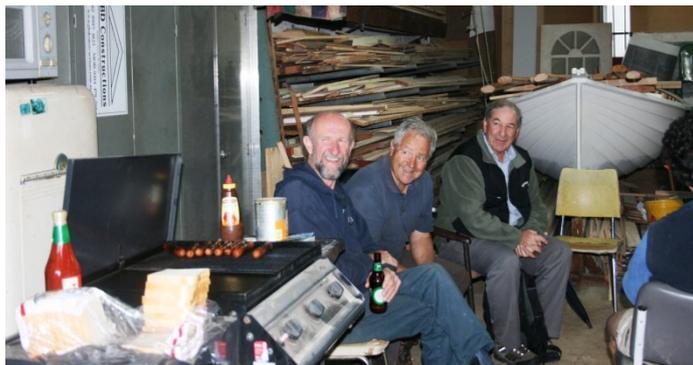
1958 Donoratico runabout

Other services provided by Simon and the team include on water maintenance with their workboat 'Brit' which is a chubby half cab clinker launch, that has a lot of history which I will detail in a future Scuttlebutt.

News from the Pittwater Wooden Yacht Group is that CAMILLE has won the point score for 2012, with FLEETWOOD and MAGIC equal second.

The final two events for the year include participation in the annual RMYC Timber Boat Festival on the 3rd and 4th November, and the Christmas party TBA.

Splinter.



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Not The Cairns Report

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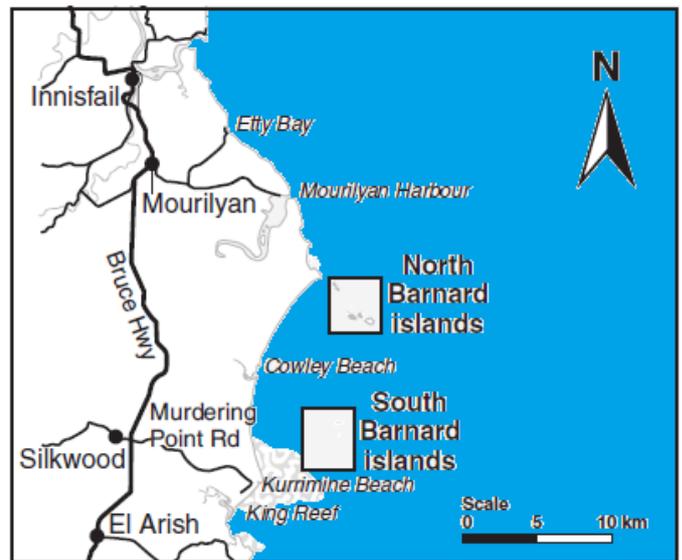
On the 22nd of October in the am, the Blue Peter was clearly displayed on Westwind's spreader. By 1300 all stores and the mate were aboard and with no further takers; Westwind slipped her moorings and we headed off into a stiff southeaster and an adventure that is not wasted on us.

We look forward to seeing our friends again.
 Best wishes to all

(Editor's Note)

Chris phoned me (puffing) from the top of the ridge on Fitzroy Island, east of Cairns, where they had moored for the evening. He later sent a second email-

Not to many words this month, hope you are loaded with material. My next report will be written in transit with hopefully some pictures.



We are down near the Barnard Islands Group, near Innisfail hard on a light SE. I have re-run all the sheets to get them in a little tighter. We had our spoon lure in for 40 minutes and one fish has provided a week of protein. You can tell Brian Hunter it was another Spanish mackerel!! We have also clicked over 10,000 miles on our plotter since relaunching Westwind.

Our next intended stop is Townsville, which is about 30 hours away at our current rate.



An archive photo of Westwind under sail

Can you assist?

Mr Editor,

A SWISH Popular Mechanics runabout

I am trying to find out whether one of the boats (see attached), that my father built in the 1950s might still exist?

I have been in touch with the Aust. Maritime Museum to submit photos and information. It was suggested that I try and see if the boats still exist, or any others of the same design. Plans were specifically designed for and published in Popular Mechanics, March 1958.

The photo shows my father - Arthur Conrick, sitting in his 'pride and joy' ski-boat taken in 1960 at Palm Beach. The boat had a jeep engine and was capable of pulling 5 skiers.



We were at Palm Beach in the days when caravans were allowed there. My father sold his 2nd Swish boat while we were still holidaying at Palm Beach.

Length overall 15ft
 Beam 8ft 4in
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 Hull depth at transom 29in
 Hull weight 440 lbs



Vee bottom, hard chine hull developed for sheet plywood planking



The boat was designed in the '50s when fins on cars were all the rage!

Any information would be appreciated.

Kate Cocker (nee Conrick) 0407 481 410

New Members

We welcome two new members in the past month:

- Simon Riddell, of Bayview, who is the proud owner of a 1960 'Peter Bracken' cabin cruiser
- Andrew Ross of Bondi Junction who has a 30t trawler.



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Meets at the Gladesville Bowling and Sports Club,
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ON THE HORIZON

THIS YEAR 2012

November 3 - 4 Nov 3-4 RMYC, Broken Bay - Timber Boat Festival. www.royalmotor.com.au

November 13 AGM - WBA meeting

November 16-18 The 7th Narooma Traditional Boatsafloat. For details visit: <http://www.naroomaboatsafloat.com/>

Dec 7-8 Lake Burley Griffin Regatta, Canberra - www.tradboatsact.com

December 11 WBA Meeting, end of year dinner and Hal Harpur Award Presentation

NEXT YEAR 2013

January 8 WBA Meeting

January 25 - 26 National Australia Day Maritime Festival. Visit: <http://www.pleasetakemeto.com/australia/hunter/national-australia-day-maritime-festival-9149207>

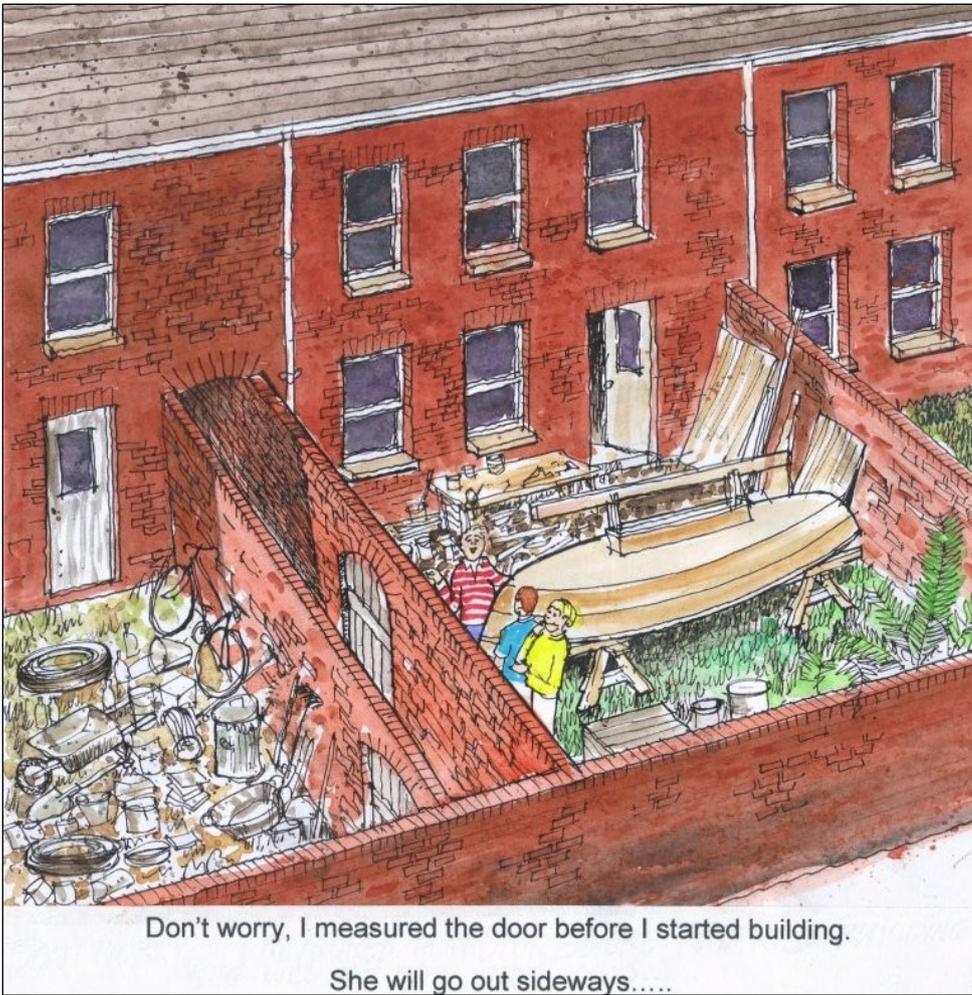
February 8 - 11 Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart. Visit http://www.australianwoodenboatfestival.com.au/images/enews_23_Nov11.pdf

Feb 12 WBA Meeting

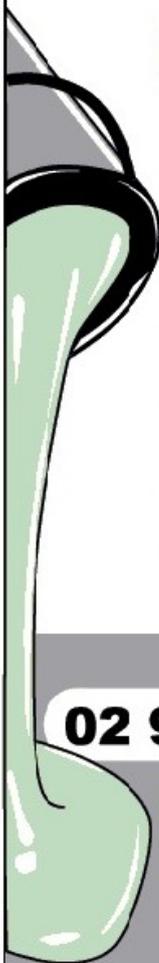
February 23 - 24 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival, River Port of Goolwa. Visit <http://www.woodenboatfestival.com.au/>

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Of Interest

At the last meeting a new member, *Rob McWilliams*, mentioned that he has a small industrial unit in Artarmon which he is currently using as a “shed” with a couple of friends.

There is room for another person who wishes to build a boat up to perhaps, 17ft long.

There is a small contribution to outgoings involved but it is very modest.

He has a very substantial set of woodworking machinery that is available for use by shed members.

Rob also mentioned that he had attended the two week “Fundamentals of Boatbuilding” course at the Wooden Boat School in Maine and may write a note about it – hopefully for a future Scuttlebutt.

If you are interested, catch Rob at a meeting or contact the editor and we can pass on your details.



Wooden Boat School, Maine, USA



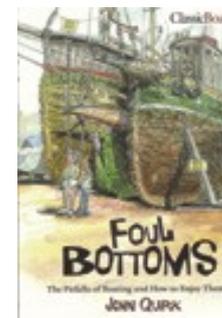
The Boat Shed, Maine

From Alan Williams

I had a look at this and it is a very fine space indeed. It is the secure ground floor of an industrial complex in Artarmon equipped with just about every tool the budding boat bodger could ever need. There is enough space to build a 19 footer there. The only limitation is in getting it out through a 2150 door which opens onto a 3470 corridor. This would probably mean a sideways delivery, not a problem with a boat under 2 metre beam.

This space, and the tools, could be available for about \$200 per month. Maybe members would like to rethink the idea of building a boat for the use of the WBA. The space would allow something like David Payne’s 17 foot Snapper boat to be built, or if we wanted to save the time and labour of strip planking, a clinker ply version similar to Roger Dongray’s Cornish Crabber range

would be quicker. It has also been suggested that as most members have access to boats, how about something for children and grandchildren? For example, a couple of car toppable double kayaks? There would also be ample space to store these in the shed’s lofty ceiling space. Have a think about this folks, and let the committee have your ideas.



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



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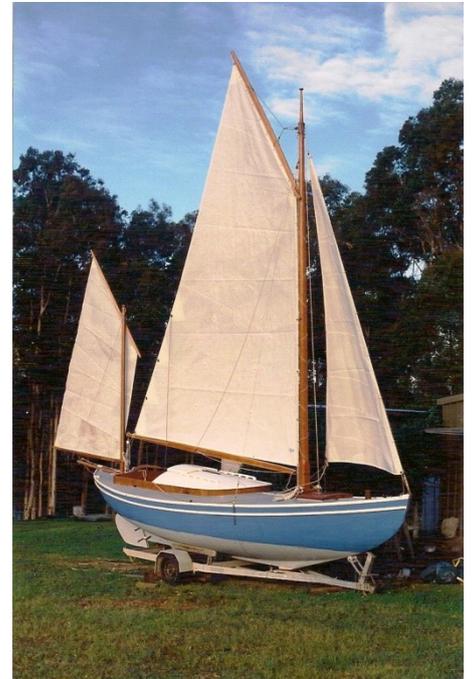
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The AGM

Our next meeting on 13th November will be the Annual General Meeting. Under the Rules of our Association, Appointment of Proxies is permitted.

Rule 33

(1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than seven (7) days before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

APPENDIX 2
[Rule 33(2)]

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(signature of member appointing proxy) _____ (date)

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Of Interest

Grant Holmes is advertising a "perfect project for an Albert Strange fan". Now your unapprised editor had to question "who is Albert Strange" but the wonder of the internet has revealed all.

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