



Lake Macquarie Classic Boat Association inc.

The Adoration of Wooden Boats

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A ghost of the past as a Wooden boat icon floats Quietly past .



The famous Smokey Cape visited our Rathmines Jetty last week to shelter from the bad weather .

This great yacht part of the Sydney Maritime museum

But story of boat and crew follow below.

A new committee



President -- Steve Price

Presidents report July 2024

As the Ptarmigan build nears completion there will soon be space in WS1 for the nesting dinghies to really get going.

Kingfisher, while a beautiful boat, was not considered suitable by the rowers and so it has gone to a new home in QLD.

Unfortunately the Welsford Navigator Bill, Lyndal and I collected from Sydney is in such a poor state of construction that we have decided to scrap it if we can't sell it or even give it away, do you know a Viking that's looking for a funeral?

There are lots of good things happening in WS2 as well with the Petite Breeze now getting serious work done, Guillemot coming along nicely with gunnels nearing completion. Allans TS16 is in as well for finishing work and many other projects coming along nicely both up and down stairs.

The big news today was the trailer requested by the rowers for Catalina arrived and after a frenzy of activity the trailer is fitted to the boat and it looks perfect, rowers will now not only be able to travel to different parts of the lake to row but also to participate in wooden boat and rowing events far and wide.

Vice president— Jeff Marriot

Secretary --- Bill Coote

Treasurer --- Peter Turner

And 5 general committee members.

More next month after 1st meeting and Responsibilities and plans discussed..

Safety Issues

Our safety man Terry P has returned and is keen to get reports on safety issues and upgrades.

From last month please remember Both

1. Switch off Battery chargers before leaving .
2. Dust extraction is installed . please use it on machines **and to clean up**
3. Stroke .. Timing is important . look for signs and Call emergency.

Face masks are also available for dust and chemical /epoxy

Next month safety notes on use of **the Router/Trimmers** . Both **240v and 18v**

See notice board for draft Operating Procedure .

Restoration started on the Petit Brise in WS 2



Not ours but similar when restored



Lots of work available on this restoration
of a beautiful small classic yacht

John Welsford's Navigator This is being offered to interested people who want a challenge. Navigators in good condition are a beautiful cruising dinghy

The Oarsome group

The **LMCBA St Ayles Skiff Community** rowing group have a new trailer that will allow it to move to other locations to show or compete .



An offer has been made to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club to take one of their St Ayles skiffs that is getting limited rowing

The rowers have also used Pres. Steves Tammie Norrie as an extra rowing alternative due to the popularity of rowing with this this section .

Projects progress



A big month for our Treasurer Peter with

1. the sale of the *Whisp* reported on last month ,
2. Record Financial result at last weeks AGM
3. and now proudly restoring this simple sail boat . Sound but it needed a big tidy up, painting and strengthening by fibre glassing the hull .

Joe's Motors



Joe has lots of motors But will need encouragement to part with them..

Make an offer

More progress on the Guillemot.
Turned over and Gunnels attached

Guillimot



ahh



and Lots of Thoughts

The Canoe build

And upstairs The Canoe is progressing With the deck being fitted .. Lots of detail wood work .



Steve's boat, a Ptarmigan 17



Wow the high Quality
Finishing continues on our
newly elected LMCBA
President Steves little ship

Southport Nesting Dinghy

This innovative new build has started

Lot of new work , Router trimming and rebating ,and sanding and gluing etc .

As such we have a very interesting manual on this boat build , but applicable to general wooden boat building . Gluing mix, glassing ,sanding /filling etc

Malcolm's Moxons

... Malcolm has produced some great Moxon Vices

Timbercon have them in kit form for \$425 each

.. BUT you can get them for \$50 or less for Assoc. members . Modern woodworkers have discovered the usefulness of a vice that brings work up to a more convenient height, particularly when working the ends of boards, eg,



Tools in use in the Shop

Stanley No. 78 Hand Plane

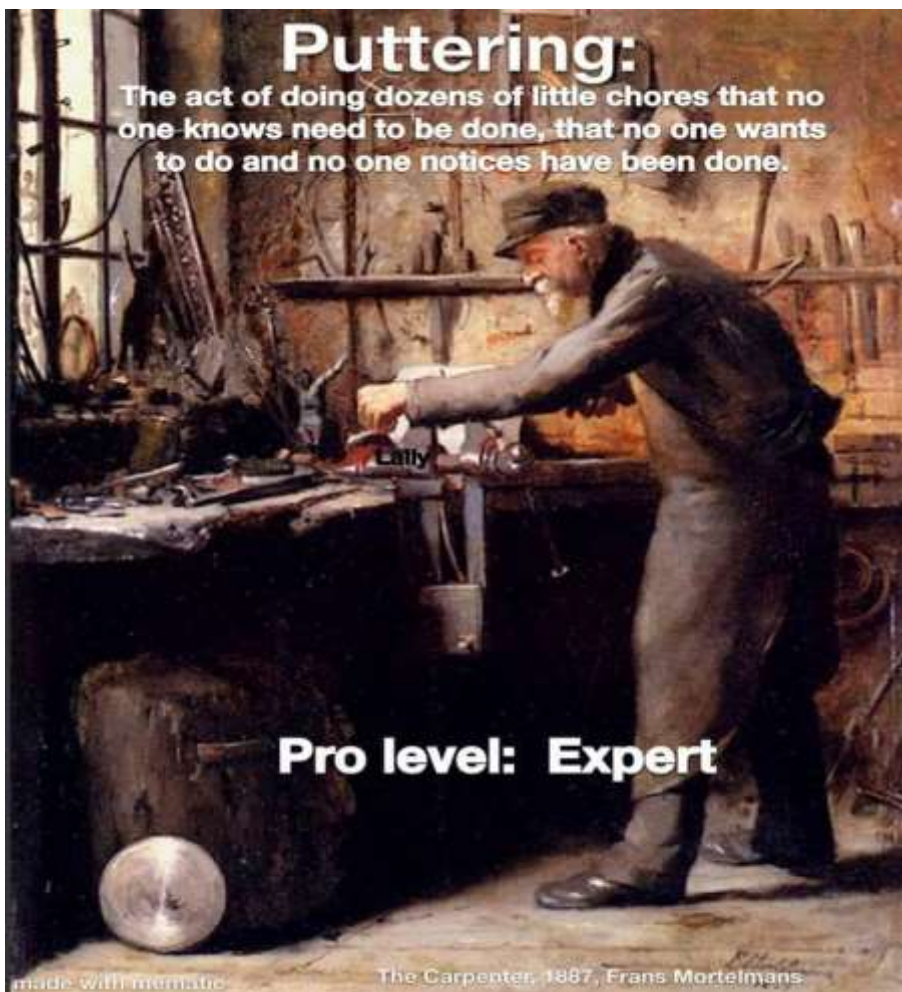
The Stanley No. 78 is a popular choice for woodworkers due to its versatility, compactness, and ease of use. It is a relatively small plane, measuring about 6 inches long and 2 inches wide. This makes it easy to handle and control, even in tight spaces. The plane is also relatively simple to adjust, with a lever-operated depth stop and a screw mechanism for adjusting the blade angle. The Stanley No. 78 was first introduced in 1893 and has been in production ever since. It is considered a classic tool by many woodworkers and is still widely available

today. If you are looking for a versatile and easy-to-use rabbet plane, the Stanley No. 78 is a great option.



Duplex design allows for cutting rebates on either the left or right side of the board Lever-operated depth stop for easy and accurate adjustments and Screw mechanism for adjusting the blade angle

What we Do ???



SMOKEY CAPE At Rathmines F Jetty

/ was greatly excited to hear, from a local walker, of this great wooden boat and 2 legendary sailors being at our local jetty but she had gone when I arrived ..

Find that the two yachtsmen visited our 2 sheds and looked at our boats

Graeme

Below is a detail on **Smokey Cape** , She visited Rathmines last week with Owner Painter and yachtsman **Ian Hansen** and 1st Mate **Peter Mounsey** (a youthful 98 yo) both onboard .. At 24 ft long and in great order she has a remarkable history .

Originally built for the Legendary Jack Earl, founder of Sydney hobart race and original owner of the famous **Kathleen Gillett which he sailed around the world in 1947** . (1988 the Norwegian government presented the boat to the [Australian National Maritime Museum](#) as a bicentennial gift, where it remains in sailing condition.)

Veteren yachtsman Peter Mounsey aboard SMOKY CAPE at the AWBF 2017

Ian Hansen Photo



Smoky Cape and Peter Mounsey at the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival

Date Built 1973

Builder Cec Quilkey

SMOKY CAPE was designed by Len Randell from WA. It was a sloop rigged design for a “24 foot Double Ender” and was featured in the August 1955 Seacraft magazine. This plan was adapted to suit Earl’s requirements. The hull design is a double-ender with a seaworthy hull, and the article points out it had a “Norwegian Stern” with a raked

sternpost and deep rudder. The style overall is one that takes inspiration from Norwegian Colin Archer and his seaworthy double-enders. Designs of this concept have been prepared by a number of boat designers world-wide. Earl had owned KATHLEEN GILLET HV000042 a design adapted and built from a set of Archer's plans held by the builder, and Jack had always been keen on the Archer concept. He sold KATHLEEN in 1950, and toward the end of the decade began sailing his second big yacht, the Alan Payne designed Tasman Seabird MARIS HV000233. Both were yawl rigged. After extensive voyages around the Pacific with his family MARIS was sold, and Earl revisited the small double ended sloop that he had admired since he saw it in the magazine. Randell's plans and Jack's revisions were realised by one of Sydney's premier boat builders, Cec Quilkey, whose experience with cold moulded construction was widely recognised, including yachts such as LOVE & WAR HV000572. The hull has a triple skin of Oregon, a plywood deck and a teak superstructure. The yawl rig was a favourite rig for Jack and he redesigned the sail plan to fit the mizzen mast and sail. Jack liked how a yacht could be simply balanced in strong winds with the small mizzen and a small headsail only, making the craft easy to handle. In some conditions the helm could be secured and the yacht would hold its course. Part of the fitout includes a large chart table which doubled as a spot for Jack to work on a painting, and SMOKY CAPE certainly became part of the process when subjects were local. Vince Walsh commissioned Jack to do a painting of his son's 12 foot skiff in 1984. Jack said he would come across to do some sketches of the boat at their Watson's Bay waterfront house, and surprised the family when he anchored off the front garden in SMOKY CAPE and called out to them instead of turning up by car, as he preferred to go by yacht whenever he could rather than drive there in his VW Beetle. Amongst the changes Jack added a toe rail, higher camber on deck house and a larger hatch. Jack designed the fittings including the yoke that runs around the mizzen for the tiller to swing. It was simply rigged boat and easily managed by Jack, reflecting his many years' experience in yachts of different sizes'. Moored below his house in Mosman Bay, he could be out sailing in minutes if he wanted a break from painting. Shortly before Jack passed away in 1994 it was bought by Steve and Michela Moss. They sailed SMOKY CAPE extensively including a voyage from Tahiti to Australia, a passage Jack had once wanted to do in the little yacht.

Ian Hansen the current owner, also a marine artist, took sole ownership. Ian is an artist specializing in maritime art and has been the owner for the last 12 years. In those 12 years he has been to Lord Howe 4 times in Smokey Cape and attended a number of Australian Wooden Boat Festivals. In 2022 he replaced the deck of the yacht with flexi teak. SMOKY CAPE is maintained in superb condition and in 2016 featured at the ANMM Classic and Wooden Boat festival alongside KATHLEEN GILLET and MARIS, bringing all three yachts together. In 2024, its designer Len was honoured with an Order of Australia in recognition of his services to Sailing and Naval Architecture.

Dimensions 24 ft long and Ian Hansens great painting of them handling a big sea



What a shame we missed a visit to Smokey Cape.

Smokey Cape Lighthouse just south of Trial Bay a great beacon going north with Trial bay good shelter in a Storm..