



Classic Boats

News October 2023



Secret Mezzanine Business (see later)

Events coming up. :

Boatfest 2024 and Boat Bits Bonanza; Planning is underway, the weekend of the 10th and 11th February 2024 has been set

Marmong point marina speed boat show . October 29th Rhythm II on display
come along with your LMCBA gear on .. Lots to see

Men's Sheds LMCBA is a member of the *Australian Men's Shed Association* Inc . A reason was the good advice, on set up, grants etc and the great insurance arrangements they provide. They are accepting of our single purpose and inclusiveness of including women members . So I will include regular items from them .

e.g., The Men's Shed movement has grown to play a significant role in improving the health and wellbeing of Australian men. From what started as only a handful of Men's Sheds, there is now more than 1,300 members IE sheds of the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) and Men's & Community Sheds are entrenched in the social fabric of Australian communities.



President Bills notes

Hi All

A small group had an enjoyable trip to Pymont in Sydney. Arrived at Central at 10am caught the lite rail to Fish Markets traveling through China (Town) and walked the short distance to the Pymont Heritage Boat Club where we were met by volunteer Paul.

After recovering from the shock of seeing a chaotic cluster of derelict boat corpses we uncovered a few gems. Glenn, ever ready with pencil and paper, made a list which we should scrutinise before we commit to a return visit. The Boat Club need to clear their portion of the site by the end of November.

We continued on our visit to Pymont finding a very nice café for lunch, rejoined the tram at John Street and were home for a snooze by 4pm.

On another topic; I anticipate that we will have **spent** during September, nothing wrong with that as we spent on essentials no extravagant items.

- Recovered the Red Mirror from Tin Can Bay and reimbursed the purchaser in full.
- Took two box trailer loads of rubbish to the tip.
- Replaced the aging BBQ with a new cheap version and held an Egg and Bacon “Lunch” on the last Thursday of the month.
- Entertained various community groups. University of the third age and Probus.
- Signed up several new members.
- Ran Rhythm’s engine put Rhythm in the water and home again no leaks.
- Visit from Port Macquarie Rowing Club investigating the Pittwater Sculls. No call back at this stage.
- Moved then turned over Steve’s boat.
- Established Paul’s Hartley 16 on the building frame in WS 2.
- Moved on with the Guillemot build
- Rigged the Heron and the Atomic
- Moved on with the repair of the Blue Mirror.
- Moved on with the strip planked canoe on the mezzanine.
- Fixed several outboard engines
- Published the first of the Boatshed News newsletters to the membership, thanks Graeme who is **looking for material for the October issue.**
- Update the web site.
- Posted on Face book.
- Attended a Lakefest meeting.
- Rowed both Catalina and Seagull
- Took the Pittwater scull down and put the RIB up in its place on the new steel trolley.
- Moved on with the review of our constitution via a sub-committee and committee discussion.
- Copy of the current status revised constitution is available
- Lunch with the RAID boats cancelled due to bad weather I hope they will be returning for Boatfest 2024.

There will be more, items I have not thought of, it has been a busy month you will agree.

Regards Bill

Web site and Face Book are continually being updated so have a look. www.classicboatshed.org.au

Project Progress reports *Rhythm II*



Rythym II launch a success

Thanks to the many hands & minds that have contributed to the completion of Rhythm II,

The hull built by Carl & Joan Gesell 1964 & gifted to LMCBA in September 2019

Hull Red meranti planking , spotted gum keel & ribs

Deck 6mm marine ply overlaid with Australian Red Cedar & Canadian Yellow Cedar

We all look forward to christening day in the near future

John O.

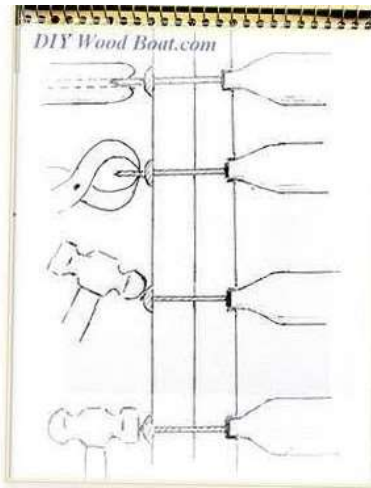


A fantastic job starting with thousands of nails to be peened .

Alf Jaco on the floor with his bucking iron braced against the knee or thigh hold it against the nail head, then peen or chase the rove.

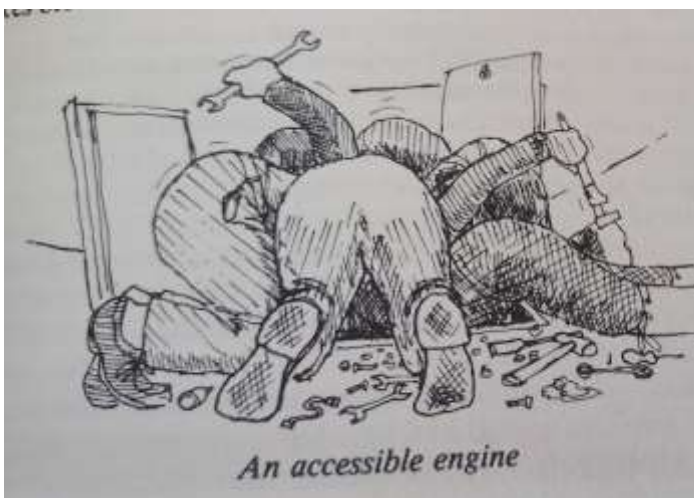
Then the engine mounts ,decking ,

upholstery, steering wheel , engine cover and so on .



AND THE MOTOR

The marinised Chevy was just the start . Drive shaft s ,fuel pumps, exhausts , water system ,steering , sump blowers and timers etc,and so much more . This brought out all the skills of LMCBA members and more and all ably managed by John O'Neal.



Guillemot Dinghy



This has started in WS2 with progress and building frame well on its way .

Keelson being shaped

Lots of tasks if you want a job ask.

e.g., Centreboard Case needed soon .

Rudder, masts, cleats etc

The aim



The harbour master's skiff Terry in the WS2 loft

This boat given to LMCBA in poor condition is advised as the Darwin Harbour master of years ago.

Terry has been working on this boat for some time and has transformed it .



Another new Boat

Noel and the crew in the WS2 Mez are building a

Pintail Kayak



From the designers

Pintail is a 10' Kayak with a unique origin. When planning the script for the kayak DVD we were producing, we wanted a design that would **show building techniques** which incorporated tight curves and would require us to demonstrate our shop tips for dealing with them. At the same time, we wanted to produce an ultra-light weight kayak that would easily fit on top of even the smallest car.

The video can be watched as follows .

[Kayak Building - Sandy Point Boat Works](#)

Pintail is the name of a small USA Duck

Kayak Statistics:

Max Beam = 27.5"

Length overall = 10'

Capacity = 225lbs comfortably

Built Weight @ 20 lbs

Cockpit Size = 22" X 48"

Climb the ladder for a close look at progress on this Unique build

Selway Fisher Ptarmigan 17. I.e. Steves Boat

Steves boat continues from last month

A lot of internal cabin and cockpit detail work .



We're making real progress lately, the aft deck beams are in, the hanging knees are being finalised and most of the hatches have solid timber backing in place. The forward bulkhead has been reinforced inside and out to prevent any possibility of the hatch distorting.

Mapping Lake Macquarie (our Marine Heritage)

The earliest detail Charts of the Lake were produced by **Captain Deed** prior to the 1st world War .

Cpt. Deed was Harbour master of Newcastle. His sons also were later employed as harbour master

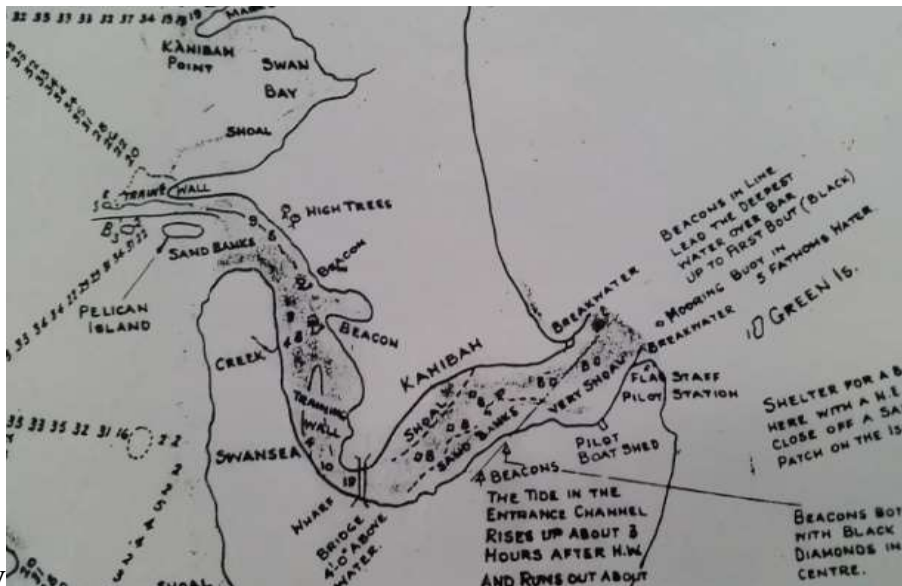


In **1902 Captain Deed**, purchased a large waterfront allotment at Carey Bay, backing onto Excelsior Street. He built a large boatshed on the waterfront as a weekender. This became known as 'The Camp, where Deed kept an ex-naval cutter from "HMS Powerful" which he converted to the "Black Angel". The cottage is still in use as a B& B is known as “The Captains Cottage “ and is on the water front at the end of Laycock St CareyBay



Capt. Deed used an ex-naval cutter converted into to a 35 ft yawl rigged yacht, which he named the "Black Angel" (later the "Seabird"). It was from this vessel that he and his sons, Neville (then nine years) and Ernest (then seven years) took soundings of Lake Macquarie during their summer holidays - the boys swinging the lead line, while their father jotted down the depth measurements on a rough linen chart. The crew was later joined by a younger son, Alan. .

Commencing in 1907, the family set about to permanently record water depths of the lake, which was then sparsely populated and mostly bordered by dense bushland. This project was completed at a leisurely pace and within seven years Captain Deed had produced the first chart of Lake Macquarie. This was the standard of hydrography for many years, a real boon to fishermen and sailing enthusiasts.



Swan bay

The above section of the chart now called the Airforce channel is older than WW2 when it was used by the air force crash boats. The present channel runs past Swan Bay to Marks Point

Something to think about in getting a better channel long term. This article has previously been used to encourage revised thinking on channel dredging. The old channel has recently opened itself and may now be dredged.

As well as recording depths, Deed also named many unnamed points around the lake, which can be seen on his maps. Snake Point near Valentine was named when young Ernest stepped ashore disturbing a coiled snake, Marjory's Bay (now Chain Valley Bay) was named after Deed's daughter.

The deepest point marked on those maps was off north-east Pulbah Island - a depth of 44 feet.

The Full Chart is available for lmcba members from the boatshed at cost . (See Graeme)

A further article on the chart is for later if members are interested.

GB ..Based on Research by Dulcie Hartley per LMCC Library

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