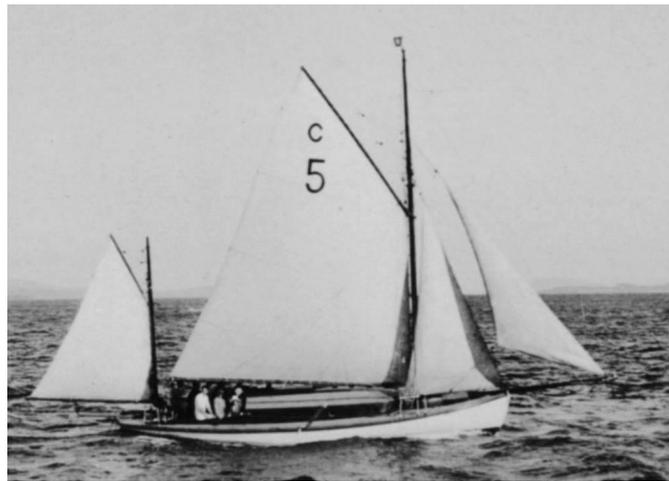


Monthly Lunchtime Talks Program

Tuesday, 1 August 2017

Identifying Tasmanian Vessels for the Australian Register of Historic Vessels



Two vessels on the ARHV – Terra Lina (left) and Gypsy (above)

Presented by Peter Higgs, Researcher for the ARHV Project

In 2016, Peter Higgs was appointed as Research Assistant on the Tasmanian Research Project for the Australian Register of Historic Vessels (ARHV), at the Australian national Maritime Museum. The project was to identify and nominate Tasmanian historic vessels for the ARHV. During the six months appointment, Peter conducted seven regional ARHV Information Sessions, identified 70 potential ARHV nominee vessels, nominated seven for the ARHV and is continuing as a volunteer with further research to enable more of the 70 vessels to also be nominated. This presentation will cover Peter's work and research findings as well as discussing the ARHV selection criteria and nomination process. Peter will present an overview of some of the 70 Tasmanian vessels he has identified. During the Information Sessions, important cultural and community stories emerged, some oral histories were recorded and Peter will highlight some of these stories. He will gladly take questions about the ARHV and provide advice for historic vessel owners wanting to nominate their vessels for the ARHV.

Peter Higgs is a retired educator, who is also an active researcher of old boats. Peter has been very keen on boats and anything maritime since a very early age of growing up on Seacliff beach in SA. He can still recall at the age of seven, late one evening, returning to Seacliff beach in a 14ft Clausen clinker craft in very rough seas after a southerly squall hit. Both he and his father were scalded severely by Mother on the beach! Peter has had a keen interest in the Piner's Punt, a unique Tasmanian work boat. Over a two-year period, he has researched the origins of the Piner's Punt and written a thesis on the same as an ongoing research project. He has been a member of the Wooden Boat Guild of Tasmania since 1991 and, during that time, he managed restoration of the yacht *Terra Linna* as well as writing its history. Peter has also been a Board member of the AWBF since 2006.

Time: 12.00-1.00pm, Tuesday 1 August 2017

Place: Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Customs House, 19 Davey St entrance.

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