

The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

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News From The Friends

From The President

Greetings to you all on a perfect Spring morning, the sort of weather that makes it good to be alive and kicking, with a bright sparkle on the water not far away, lovely!

Do you keep your old issues of the Traverse Board? I have, since March 1985, and I have just finished reading through them all — it has been a most interesting journey, with names, articles and events brought back to mind, despair on occasion at the dwindling membership numbers being voiced by former Presidents. I am pleased to say that just now our numbers seem to be building somewhat, and that can only be good for the future of the Friends — onward and upward, say I.



Our September meeting was a demonstration of this, when nineteen members and guests were entertained by Dr. Rod Wells telling of his early life in the Blue Mountains of NSW, which eventually led to the fulfilment of a long-time dream of sailing his own yacht, Wongga II, to Hobart in 2011 for the big Wooden Boat Festival. Quite a story, altogether, nicely told with many interesting photographs as well. Thank you, Rod.

At that meeting, I raised a topic that has been on my mind for some time, namely, subscriptions. To help defray the costs of producing the Traverse Board, which Neil does as economically as possible, plus postage, in recent times six issues per year, I suggested that the fee should rise to \$25. I was pleasantly surprised when the consensus was that \$30 would be a more realistic figure, and so from January that will be our new subscription. I trust those not present at the meeting will agree with this decision.

Next Meeting

The November Meeting coincides with our Annual Dinner, this year at the RSAYS' refurbished clubrooms.

Date: Friday November 28th 2009

Time: 6:30 for 7:00 pm

Venue: RSAYS Outer Harbor

Cost: A La Carte Menu

Mike and Gay Lewis are in town for a few weeks, I caught up with them on Wednesday last, and I am pleased to say that they will be joining us for our Annual Dinner, which will take place at the Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron on Friday, November 28th. I do hope you will ALL come along for a grand evening in the newly refurbished dining room, you can book with me on 0414 365 294, I look forward to seeing you there.

That's all from me for now.

Regards, Julian.



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MV *Glorious Hibiscus* berthed in Portland Friday 26/09/14.

For a few days before, she had been lying at anchor in Portland Bay.



We spotted young Sammy there on the top of the rudder as we tied up tugboat *Cape Nelson* to the starboard quarter.

Later we learnt why Sammy was so keen to stay there.... a very young female was perched up on top of the rudder carrier, inside the hull.

So Sammy and his young "wannabe my girlfriend" maintained their respective positions for the entire trip - anchorage to berth.



Alongside the berth, *Glorious Hibiscus* gave a full ahead movement on the engine, jockeying into position. This blew Sammy off the rudder. His hopeful conquest grabbed her chance and leapt out of the cavity and raced up the starboard side of the vessel, never to be seen again.

For the remainder of the berthing, poor Sammy was devastated: swimming around the rudder; leaping onto it continuously - peering into where his lost love once was.

So sad for Sammy but a wonderful talking point for the crew of *Cape Nelson*.

Tekko Roos via Facebook – Aussie Ship Spotters

NOTEBOOK FROM CAPTAIN SCOTT'S LAST EXPEDITION FOUND IN ICE IN ANTARCTICA



Levick notebook pages 59B and 60A

These pages refer to photographs he took, including the photo of Lieutenant Victor Campbell using a theodolite for survey work and members of the Northern Party setting a fish trap. Pages from George Murray Levick's "Wellcome Photographic Exposure Record and Diary 1910". © Antarctic Heritage Trust (NZ)

A photographer's notebook left behind a century ago at Captain Scott's last expedition base at Cape Evans, Antarctica, has been discovered and conserved by New Zealand's Antarctic Heritage Trust.

The Trust's conservation specialists found the notebook outside Scott's 1911 Terra Nova base. Each year the summer snow melt around the building causes variations in run off patterns, exposing the notebook for the first time in more than 100 years.

The notebook is a "Wellcome Photographic Exposure Record and Dairy 1910". It belonged to George Murray Levick (1876-1956), surgeon, zoologist and photographer, his name clearly written in the opening pages.

Levick was a part of Scott's 1910-1913 expedition and a member of the Northern Party. The notebook contains his pencil notes detailing the date, subjects and exposure details for the photographs he took during 1911 while at Cape Adare before undergoing a harsh winter in an ice cave on Inexpressible Island.

"It's an exciting find. The notebook is a missing part of the official expedition record. After spending seven years conserving Scott's last expedition building and collection, we are delighted to still be finding new artefacts," said Nigel Watson, Antarctic Heritage Trust's Executive Director.

The notebook's binding had been dissolved by 100 years of ice and water damage allowing the pages to be separated and digitised before repair. Close examination reveals links between the notations in the notebook and photographs held by the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge and attributed to Levick.

Each page of the notebook has been conserved by the Trust back in New Zealand before being rebuilt back into sections and sewn back together. The cover has been reconstructed.

The notebook has been returned to Antarctica; one of 11,000 artefacts at Cape Evans.

In 2013 the Antarctic Heritage Trust (NZ) discovered photographic negatives left in Scott's 1911 Cape Evans expedition base. In 2010 the Trust discovered three crates of whisky and two crates of brandy under Ernest Shackleton's 1908 base during conservation work.

Antarctic Heritage Trust (New Zealand) 20 October 2014

Franklin expedition ship found in Arctic ID'd as HMS Erebus

HMS Erebus is believed to be the ship on which Sir John Franklin, from 1836 to 1843 Governor of Tasmania, died.

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Franklin expedition ship identified as the Erebus

The wrecked Franklin expedition ship found last month in the Arctic has been identified as HMS Erebus.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper confirmed the news Wednesday in the House of Commons.

"I am delighted to confirm that we have identified which ship from the Franklin expedition has been found. It is in fact the HMS Erebus," Harper said in response to a question from Conservative Yukon MP Ryan Leef.

Harper noted the discovery has been of "interest to Canadians across the country and people around the world."

Two ships, HMS Erebus and HMS Terror, were part of Sir John Franklin's doomed expedition in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage from the Atlantic Ocean to Asia.

The ships disappeared after they became locked in ice in 1846 and were missing for more than a century and a half until last month's discovery by a group of public-private searchers led by Parks Canada. It was not known until now which of the two ships had been found.

Franklin commanded the expedition from the Erebus and is believed to have been on the ship when he died. The wreck of HMS Terror has not yet been found.

Underwater archeologists confirm identity



Parks Canada underwater archeologists have been conducting dives at the site of the wreck since the discovery was made.

In a release, the Prime Minister's Office said the confirmation of the ship's identity was made Sept. 30 by those Parks Canada scientists, following a "meticulous review of data and artifacts" from the seabed and using high-resolution photo and video along with sonar measurements.

Ryan Harris, a senior underwater archeologist with Parks Canada and the lead on the project, was the first to venture down to the wreck along with his colleague Jonathan Moore.

"Without a doubt it is the most extraordinary shipwreck I've ever had the privilege of diving on," Harris told CBC News on Parliament Hill Wednesday.

Harris said he was able to drop down between the exposed beams of the wreck and "peer around" some of the interior, including the crew's mess. The pair could see below decks through old skylights and other openings but did not penetrate the interior of the ship.

"Most of our investigations have been external to this point in time," he said.

Parks Canada two-man teams conducted seven dives in all for about 12 hours of investigation so far, Harris said.

Where is Franklin?

One question on many observers' minds is whether Franklin's body might be found on the wreck. It is not known whether Franklin perished on board or was given some kind of burial at sea before his men abandoned ship.

"We do know that he passed away in June of 1847, but the terse note left by the crew after they deserted the ships in Victoria Strait didn't say what happened and why he died, but I suppose anything is possible," Harris said.

"There are all kinds of suggestions that he may have been buried on shore, perhaps buried at sea, or perhaps he is still on the ship somewhere. Hopefully archeological investigations will be able to identify the answer to that question in the years to come."

The last members of the Franklin expedition are believed to have faced starvation, disease and possibly cannibalism before their deaths in the Arctic.

The government's partners in the search for Franklin's ships this summer included Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Royal Canadian Navy, Defence Research and Development Canada, Environment Canada and the Canadian Space Agency, as well as the governments of Nunavut and Great Britain.

The discovery comes at a time when the Canadian government has been trying to assert its sovereignty over the Arctic waters of the Northwest Passage.

In a news conference announcing the discovery of the wreckage, Prime Minister Harper said, "Franklin's ships are an important part of Canadian history, given that his expeditions, which took place nearly 200 years ago, laid the foundations of Canada's Arctic sovereignty."

The U.S. and other countries have not recognized Canada's claim, saying the area counts as international water.



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HMS Erebus believed to be the ship on which Sir John Franklin died

A selection of lighthouses



Cape Willoughby Kangaroo Island



Cabot Head, Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada



Big Tub Lighthouse stands guard over the entrance to both Big and Little Tub Harbours in Tobermory, Ontario, Canada.



Cape Leeuwin Western Australia, is mainland Australia's tallest lighthouse. It is the south western corner of the continent.



Bunbury, Western Australia



Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse

Prosecutors Want Death Penalty for Sewol Ferry Captain



South Korean prosecutors have asked for a death sentence for Lee Joon-seok, captain of the Sewol ferry that capsized in April 2014, claiming lives of 294 passengers, mainly high school students, with 10 still missing, Reuters reports.

The 68-year-old should be sentenced to death on the grounds of failing to carry out his duty, an action which amounts to homicide, the prosecutors told the court.

The court was presented with evidence that passengers followed the orders and waited in their cabins while the crew, Lee included, fled the listing ferry, which spurred a wave of public anger and hostility.

15 crew members are charged with abandoning the ship, four out of which are facing homicide charges, while others are charged with less serious offences, including negligence.

The verdict is expected to be announced in November.

“Lee supplied the cause of the sinking of the Sewol ... he has the heaviest responsibility for the accident,” the lead prosecutor in the case, Park Jae-eok, told the court.

“We ask that the court sentence him to death.”

Other three crew members charged with homicide should get life sentences, while other 11 should get prison sentences spanning from 15 to 30 years, according to the prosecution.

The defence lawyers, mostly state-appointed, argued that the defendants handled the disaster badly due to their insufficient training, saying that they believed it was the responsibility of the coast guard to rescue the passengers.

World Maritime News Staff

Warships on their way to Albany

Published on 30 October 2014 LEUT Kara Wansbury (author), LSIS Jayson Tufrey (photographer)

Location(s): Fleet Base West

HMAS *Stuart* and Japanese Defence Ship *Kirisame* departed Fleet Base West late yesterday to participate in the Albany Convoy Commemorative Event this weekend.



HMAS Stuart (bottom) and JDS Kirisame depart Fleet Base West en route to Albany to participate in the Albany Convoy Commemorative Event. (photo: LSIS Jayson Tufrey)

The event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the departure of the first convoy of troop ships to the First World War which carried 30,000 men from the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) and the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (NZE) to the Middle East, from Albany, Western Australia.

In 1914, the troop ships were accompanied by warship escorts, HMS *Minotaur* and HMA Ships *Melbourne* and *Sydney*. Two days after they departed Albany, the convoy was joined by the Japanese cruiser *Ibuki*.

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN, said the international participation demonstrated the importance of this event.

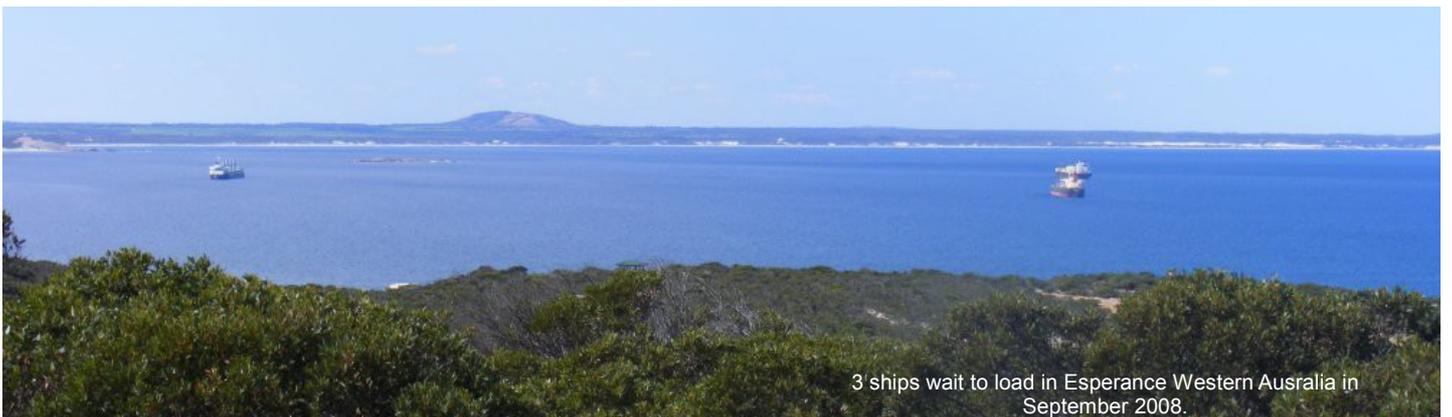
“We are proud to support the events in Albany and I am pleased that our French, New Zealand and Japanese colleagues are able to join us,” Vice Admiral Barrett said.

HMAS *Stuart* led the two ships through Cockburn Sound and into the Indian Ocean where they will engage in training activities for two days before rendezvousing with the remainder of the Albany convoy commemorative event participating vessels.

JDS *Kirisame* is a Murasame-class destroyer, with 165 crew. HMAS *Stuart* is an Anzac class frigate based at Fleet Base East, Sydney.

HMA Ships *Arunta* and *Sirius* and HMNZS *Te Kaha* are also currently en route from the east coast. All participating ships will rendezvous outside King George Sound, on Friday, 31 October and then proceed to anchor approximately one nautical mile from shore for the weekend's commemorative event.

Navy Today. Royal Australian Navy



3 ships wait to load in Esperance Western Australia in September 2008.

Annual Dinner

Friday 28th November 2014

Royal South Australian Yacht Club

Please join us at the recently refurbished R.S.A.Y.S. Dining Room for our 2014 annual dinner which will take the place of our November meeting.

A La Carte Menu.

6:30 for 7:00

RSVP by 21st November to Julian 0414365294 or Neil 0418821331



The steel fully rigged ship *Balclutha* is shrouded by fog at the San Francisco Maritime Museum at the Hyde Street Pier.

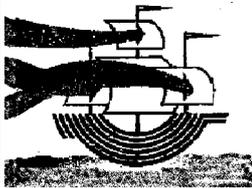
Balclutha was built in 1886 by Charles Connell and Company of Scotstoun in Glasgow, Scotland, for Robert McMillan, of Dumbarton, Scotland.

She traded from her home port to Australia for wool, the west coast of the USA for grain and the Pacific Northwest of the USA for timber.

Latterly she traded between San Francisco and Alaska as the Spirit of Alaska before ending her days as an exhibition ship in San Francisco Bay.

She appeared in the film *Mutiny on the Bounty* starring Clark Gable and Charles Laughton.

Membership subs are due on the 1st January. Please return the form below to the treasurer at the address shown. Alternately he will be only too glad to receive your subs at a meeting. You can renew online for a fee of \$0.30: <http://www.fpmml.org.au/membership.shtml>.



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Membership Renewal

Ordinary Memberships are all due for renewal in January each year. Please send your \$30 to

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