



# The Traverse Board

Newsletter of the Friends Of The Paul McGuire Maritime Library Inc

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## News From The Friends

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2018

Greetings to you all, and so good to feel warm again! I trust you are all keeping well, that is pretty important.

In September we met at the British Hotel for a very interesting talk by Heidi Ing, from Flinders University, her topic being the movements and occupations of the early arrivals in Port Adelaide.



It was significant that many of them remained close to the Port, pursuing their trades for several generations in some cases.

Late October saw twelve Friends gather at the Royal Oak, Clarendon, for our annual dinner, a very pleasant time indeed, and it was good that the new director of the State Library, Geoff Stempel, took the trouble to attend. We look forward to a happy association with Geoff in the coming years; also present was Sir Jim Hardy, always welcome at our events when he is in Adelaide.

It is more three years since we toured the City of Adelaide, our composite clipper ship at Port Adelaide, so on Saturday, December 1st, we will gather at the ship at 11 am for a guided tour by Peter Christopher, who has been so heavily involved with the project from day one. After inspecting the ship, there will be a BYO BBQ at the Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron, Outer Harbour, I hope to see lots of Friends there then.

On Tuesday, December 4th, young Joseph Hardy will set sail aboard the One & All, for a voyage sponsored by the Friends, duration four days. Neil and I met him a few weeks ago, and I'm sure he will fit in well on the ship, and I look forward to seeing him off, and on his return.

Time to close this and wish you all well, and hope to see you soon!

Regards, Julian.



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### Next Meeting

#### The City of Adelaide Revisited.

Peter Christopher will give us a guided tour of the vessel.

**Date: Saturday 1st December 2018**

**Time: Meet at the City of Adelaide (at the end of Todd Street) by 11:15 am.**

**Then a barbeque lunch at the RSAYS.**

**BYO Lunch, etc.**

To give us some idea of who is coming please RSVP to Neil 0418 821 331 or Julian 0414 365 294

Captain Coconut, AKA member Mark Sinclair, recently was in touch with the RSAYS. He is enjoying the Golden Globe Race and seems to have evaded most of the horrendous weather that has claimed at least three of the other entrants. His rig is standing up well.

He was worried about his water supply running low and was hoping for a decent rain to replenish it.

As I write this he is approaching Cape Leeuwin, an ocean away from the leader, who is experiencing his own difficulties.

All but 8 of the original 18 in the race have now withdrawn, some in rather dramatic circumstances.

A "Times of India" report and a couple of articles from the Navy on the part of HMAS *Ballarat* in the recovery of the shipwrecked sailors are in this Traverse Board.



Christophe Favreau / GGR

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## Golden Globe Race: All efforts made to rescue injured sailor

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KOCHI: Indian Navy on Saturday said all efforts were being made to rescue its officer, who has been injured after his vessel was hit by a vicious storm mid-way across the south Indian Ocean while taking part in the Golden Globe Race.



Commander Abhilash Tomy of the Navy, representing India in the Golden Globe Race 2018 (GGR) on an indigenously built sailing vessel 'Thuriya' suffered a back injury Friday after the yacht was dismantled.

"All out efforts are being made to rescue Abhilash Tomy. Indian Naval stealth Frigate, INS Satpura operating in the Indian Ocean has been dispatched for the rescue mission," a Defence spokesman said here.

The Indian Navy commander is in the south Indian Ocean, approximately 1,900 nautical miles from Perth in Australia, and the Australian Rescue Coordination centre at Canberra is coordinating the rescue mission in conjunction with many agencies including the Australian Defence Department and the Indian Navy, he said quoting information received from organisers.

Commander Abhilash was dismantled in extremely rough weather and sea condition, with wind speeds of 130 kmph and 10 metre high waves.

He was in 3rd position and has sailed over 10,500 nautical miles in the last 84 days, since commencement of the race on July 1.

According to a report issued from the Les Sables d'Olonne, France Friday night, the 70 knot winds and 14 metre high seas have left the yachts of Indian Navy's Tomy and Ireland's Gregor McGuckin dismantled, and have twice knocked down the yacht of second-placed Dutchman Mark Slats.

Both McGuckin and Slats report that they are okay, but 39-year-old Tomy, a commander in the Indian Navy making his second solo circumnavigation, has been injured, it had said.

It had also said other entrants were asked to make towards Tomy's position if possible, and added that the weather was extreme.

The nearest yacht happens to be that of Gregor McGuckin's Biscay 36 Hanley Energy Endurance, some 90 miles to the southwest of Tomy's Thuriya, but she too was dismantled in the same storm.

Commander Tomy, who became the first Indian to have circumnavigated the globe in 2013, is the only Indian participating in the Golden Globe Race that involves a gruelling 30,000-mile solo circumnavigation of the globe.

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## Loïc Lepage rescue successful

Dateline 16:30 UTC 22.10.2018 – Hobart, Tasmania



French solo yachtsman Loïc Lepage was successfully transferred from his dismantled yacht Laaland by the Japanese bulk carrier *Shiosai* at 00:53 UTC Monday.

The rescue, which took place in the South Indian Ocean some 670 miles SW of Perth Western Australia, commenced shortly after first light once the Australian P-8A search and rescue plane was overhead. Members of the *Shiosai* crew were lowered down in the ship's recovery vessel, and though the rolling swell presented a few challenges, Lepage was plucked from his yacht and successfully transferred to the ship.

Francis Tolan, skipper of the S/V *Alizes II*, a Beneteau Ocean 43 competing in the Long Route solo circumnavigation who also came to the aid of Lepage, was released from search and rescue tasking and sincerely thanked by both the Golden Globe Race Organisers and the Australian Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Canberra, which oversaw the operation.

In a message to *Alizes II*, JRCC said: "Your efforts and endeavours to provide a fellow mariner with requested assistance in challenging conditions are in keeping with the greatest traditions of a mariner at sea. Well done and thank you."

Don McIntyre, Chairman of the GGR, added: "Everyone at the Golden Globe Race have complete admiration and the utmost respect for all involved with the successful rescue of Loïc. The professionalism, expertise and passion displayed at all levels is truly amazing. You are all a great asset to Australia and mariners everywhere."

The 176,827 Ton Japanese bulk carrier *Shiosai* has now resumed her course with Loïc Lepage aboard, bound for Las Palmas, Argentina and is scheduled to dock there on 22nd November.

The tracking signal for Lepage's yacht *Laaland* ceased at 06:30 UTC today and is assumed to have been scuttled.

Lepage was sailing the Chichester Class within the GGR, having stopped in Cape Town to make repairs and replenish supplies. 8 of the original 18 starters remain in the GGR solo non-stop challenge.

# 'Forever indebted for your efforts' - solo sailor thanks HMAS Ballarat after daunting rescue

Published on 02 October 2018 CMDR Fenn Kemp (author), LSIS Richard Cordell (photographer), ABIS Christopher Szumlanski (photographer)

Location(s): Fleet Base West, WA

HMAS *Ballarat* has returned to port after participating in a search and rescue mission for two solo round-the-world yachtsmen.

HMAS *Ballarat*'s MH60 Romeo Seahawk helicopter recovered Irish national Mr Gregor McGuckin from a French scientific research station on Amsterdam Island after he was transported there by French fishing vessel *Osiris*. The other sailor, Indian Navy Commander Abhilash Tomy, had suffered a back injury and is being picked up by Indian Navy frigate *INS Satpura* for return to India.

Mr McGuckin has paid tribute to *Ballarat* and the many other agencies who helped him survive. "I will be forever indebted for your efforts," Mr McGuckin said. "The real heroes are the professionals that coordinate and execute such missions. All were tested to their limits and they excelled."

Australia's Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan, also praised the quick response of *Ballarat*'s Ship's Company.

"With *Ballarat* about to deploy to the Middle East, the crew had literally proceeded on their first day of pre-deployment leave," VADM Noonan said.

"For the team to respond to a recall at such short notice, and from all corners of Australia, is a tribute to their professionalism and dedication to fellow mariners.

"When sailors are called upon to assist someone in distress at sea, we never hesitate.

"We are very pleased that both yachtsmen are now safe and sound."

Mr McGuckin's partner Barbara O'Kelly was among those waiting to welcome him to Australia.

Mr McGuckin and CMDR Tomy were taking part in the Golden Globe solo round-the-world yacht race when they were de-masted by mountainous seas in the southern Indian Ocean, around 1900 nautical miles south-west of Perth.

Members of HMAS *Ballarat*'s Ship's Company will now resume their pre-deployment leave to ensure all personnel are well rested and able to spend time with their loved ones prior to deployment to the Middle East Region.

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Oct2018/Fleet/4868/'Forever-indebted-for-your-efforts'---solo-sailor-thanks-HMAS-Ballar-at-after-daunting-rescue.htm>



Commanding Officer HMAS *Ballarat*, Commander Paul Johnson, RAN, is thanked by 2018 Golden Globe Race competitor, Gregor McGuckin, onboard HMAS *Ballarat* after a successful search and rescue operation in the Indian Ocean.



2018 Golden Globe Race competitor, Gregor McGuckin, is reunited with partner Barbara O'Kelly onboard HMAS *Ballarat*, at Fleet Base West, Western Australia.



Lines are passed as HMAS *Ballarat* returns to Fleet Base West with 2018 Golden Globe Race competitor, Gregor McGuckin, after a successful search and rescue operation in the Indian Ocean.

## HMAS Ballarat supports search and rescue for injured Golden Globe race sailors

Published on 26 September 2018 Department of Defence (author), ABIS Christopher Szumlanski (photographer)

Location(s): Amsterdam Island, Southern Indian Ocean

HMAS *Ballarat* will reach Amsterdam Island tomorrow, ready to provide medical assistance to Indian Solo yachtsman Abhilash Tomy, injured in rough seas approximately 1800 nautical miles off the West Australian coast.

The French fisheries patrol vessel *Osiris* recovered the injured sailor from the damaged yacht *Thuriya*, and another sailor from a second damaged yacht, and transported both sailors to Amsterdam Island on Tuesday.

Coordinated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, HMAS *Ballarat* and a Royal Australian Air Force P-8A Poseidon aircraft responded at short notice to help locate both yachts and render assistance.

Chief of Joint Operations, Air Marshal Mel Hupfeld, said he was proud of the quick and professional response of the ADF.

“Both HMAS *Ballarat* and the P-8A Poseidon crews deployed at very short notice to support this international search and rescue effort. I am impressed by their response and appreciate their support, and the support of their families, to save the lives of these yachtsmen,” Air Marshal Hupfeld said.

“HMAS *Ballarat*’s crew had just commenced their pre-deployment leave before they depart for the Middle East, and their response in these circumstances was outstanding.

“This was a coordinated effort with the Indian Navy and French authorities, led by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, and I’m glad the ADF could support the safety of life at sea.”

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Sep2018/Fleet/4859/HMAS-Ballarat-supports-search-and-rescue-for-injured-Golden-Globe-race-sailors.htm>



HMAS *Ballarat* steams toward Amsterdam Island in the Indian Ocean as part of efforts to rescue injured Indian solo yachtsman Abhilash Tomy.

## Australian shipbuilder Austal hit by cyber attack, extortion attempt



Austal delivers both commercial and naval vessels from its Henderson, WA, shipyard. Austal file photo

Australian shipbuilder Austal became a victim of a cyber attack and an extortion attempt, the company said Thursday.

Austal said its Australian branch had its data management system compromised by an unknown offender.

The company noted that the data breach had had no impact on its operations, adding that the Austal USA branch was not affected by the issue as the computer systems are not linked.

Following the breach, attackers threatened to offer certain materials for sale on the internet and tried to extort the company. Austal said it would not respond to the extortion attempts.

As explained by the company, the data stolen likely includes ship design drawings which may be supplied to customers and fabrication sub-contractors. These designs are neither sensitive nor classified.

Austal has reported the attack to the Australian Cyber Security Centre and the Australian Federal Police who have launched an investigation.

The Australian defense department confirmed that no compromise of classified or sensitive information or technology has been identified so far.

“The government will continue to actively deter and respond to malicious cyber activity, and any impact it may have on Australia,” the department said.

The shipbuilder and the defense department said no further information can be given as the investigation is ongoing.

<https://navaltoday.com/2018/11/02/australian-shipbuilder-austal-hit-by-cyber-attack-extortion-attempt/>

## Norwegian Maritime Authority Pushes for Stricter Environmental Regulations in Fjords



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The Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) has proposed even stricter regulations to reduce the environmental strain in the world heritage fjords.

As informed, the proposed amendments were circulated for review on October 31, with six-week deadline for comments.

In June this year, the NMA circulated for review new legislation for reduced emissions and discharges and a cleaner environment in the Nærøysfjord, Aurlandsfjord, Geirangerfjord, Sunnlyvsfjord and Tafjord.

The proposal included, among other things, stricter sulphur requirements for the entire area, stricter requirements for NOx emissions, a prohibition against the discharge of sewage, regulations on the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems and a requirement for an environmental instruction.

Based on the comments received, the NMA is now proposing even stricter requirements in the new legislation.

“The Government wishes to reduce the emissions and discharges from cruise ships. Stricter requirements for ships in the world heritage fjords would be a step in the right direction,” Ola Elvestuen, Minister of Climate and Environment, commented.

Now, the NMA is proposing that fuel being used on ships in the world heritage fjords must have a sulphur content of maximum 0.1% by weight. Additionally, a prohibition against the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems in these areas is being proposed, including both open, closed and hybrid systems.

In practice, this means that the use of heavy fuel oil in the world heritage fjords will be banned, and that ships that currently use heavy fuel oil combined with an exhaust gas cleaning system will have to use marine diesel instead when sailing in the world heritage fjords, according to the maritime authority.

“Experience shows that today’s cleaning systems emit visible smoke emissions, and some systems also generate discharges to sea. Even if the visible smoke is partly water vapour, it has a negative impact on people’s experiences of our world heritage fjords,” Bjørn Pedersen, Head of Department of Legislation and International Relations in the NMA, explained.

The NMA is also proposing a prohibition against incineration of waste on board ships in the world heritage fjords, which will contribute to reducing the visible smoke emissions.

“We have a particular responsibility for taking care of the fjords inscribed on UNESCO’s World Heritage List,” says Pedersen.

The new proposal also lays down the possibility of exemption from the Tier I NOx requirements to be met by 2020 for ships that can document that they will satisfy the strictest NOx requirements (Tier III) by 2022, i.e. three years before the deadline.

<https://worldmaritimeneews.com/archives/264206/norwegian-maritime-authority-pushes-for-stricter-environmental-regulations-in-fjords/>

## Austal Splashes Molslinjen’s New Ferry

Australian shipbuilder Austal has launched a high-speed vehicle/passenger ferry for Danish ferry operator Molslinjen.

The launching of the 109-meter-long Express 4 follows the roll-out and joining of the hull and superstructure in August. The vessel is now undergoing final preparations to begin sea trials as part of the acceptance and handover process, according to Austal.

This next-generation catamaran commenced construction in April 2017 and remains on schedule to meet contract handover date in January 2019.

The Express 4 features an optimized hull form designed to minimize fuel consumption. Also built into the vessel is Ride Control System, which will result in superior sea-keeping and comfort for over 1,000 passengers traveling at speeds up to 40 knots, as explained by the shipbuilder.



Image Courtesy: Austal

“The commercial ferry market has further strengthened over the last 18 months, with the Austal Auto Express 109 setting the benchmark for large, technologically advanced, super-efficient, high-speed ferries,” Ben Marland, Austal Vice President of Sales and Marketing, said.

“This is a record sales period for international high speed ferries... With demand continuing to increase we have cemented the company’s largest forward order book and are continuing to add to it,” he added.

<https://worldmaritimeneews.com/archives/263514/austal-splashes-molslinjens-new-ferry/>

## Brisbane joins the Fleet

Published on 27 October 2018 LEUT Celeste Ecuyer (author), LSIS Nicolas Gonzalez (photographer)

Location(s): Garden Island, Sydney



Members of the ship's company march on board during HMAS Brisbane's commissioning ceremony held at Garden Island, Sydney. (photo: LSIS Nicolas Gonzalez)

The Royal Australian Navy welcomed a new ship into the fleet today, with the commissioning of the guided missile destroyer, HMAS Brisbane (III).

In the ceremony at the Garden Island Naval Base in Sydney, the Brisbane officially became one of Her Majesty's Australian Ships.

Before an audience of dignitaries, family and friends, the Commander of the Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, AM, RAN, welcomed Brisbane to the fleet.

During the ceremony the Governor-General of Australia, inspected the Brisbane's crew and HMAS Brisbane received a blessing. The Australian White Ensign was hoisted signifying completion of the commissioning. The crew marched onboard for the first time, where they cheered ship, as a mark of honour.

The Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Scott Morrison, MP and Minister for Defence, the Honourable Christopher Pyne, MP attended the ceremony, and noted the importance of the occasion for both Australia's national security and domestic shipbuilding capability. The commissioning marks a major milestone in the life of the ship, and the Government's multi-decade commitment to enhance the Navy's capabilities to protect our maritime interests.

The second of three Hobart class guided missile destroyers, Brisbane is the third ship to carry the name. Her motto, 'Aim At Higher Things', encompasses Navy's core objectives of being a fighting Navy and a thinking Navy.

Brisbane's Commanding Officer, Commander Josh Wilson, RAN, is proud to lead the ship's company as she joins the Australian Navy surface fleet.

"My crew and I are honoured to continue the name and proud history of Brisbane in the Royal Australian Navy and excited to be given the opportunity to realise the incredible capability she represents," CMDR Wilson said.

Brisbane will now undergo her test and evaluation period where she will integrate into the fleet and Navy personnel will train to operate the warship.

Brisbane will provide air defence for accompanying ships, in addition to land forces and infrastructure in coastal areas, and for self-protection against missiles and aircraft.

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Oct2018/Fleet/4902/Brisbane-joins-the-Fleet.htm>



Nuships *Hobart* and *Brisbane* at Techport Adelaide 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

