

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 JANUARY 2019

Welcome to the New Year, and I hope it's warm enough for you all! By now you should all know that Mark Sinclair on the yacht Coconut retired from the Golden Globe race when he reached Adelaide. Although the best antifouling paint was applied to the hull, it was not good enough to keep the gooseneck barnacles at bay, the bottom was festooned with them, so no wonder Mark had a struggle to get any speed at all out of Coconut. But hats off to you, Mark, for a great effort!



In early December we took the opportunity to visit once again the clipper ship City of Adelaide, and enjoyed being shown around by Peter Christopher, one of the main people in the team looking after the ship. Much has been achieved in the three years since our last visit, with more of the lower parts accessible, and some very interesting displays having been set up. Thank you, Peter.

Due to the very strong wind blowing that day, the BBQ idea gave way to a very pleasant lunch at the Railway Hotel, with some good jazz for good measure.

The proposed voyage on the One and All for Joseph Hardy had to be postponed, due to other parties cancelling, so this will now happen in March, after the ship returns from Hobart.

Our AGM will take place at the Railway Hotel on Tuesday, February 5th, and after the official business is tidied away, Captain Coconut himself will tell us about his voyage halfway around the world. Please come along for this special evening. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Regards, Julian.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th February 2019

AGM

Mark Sinclair will tell us of his recent adventures!

Railway Hotel Port Adelaide

Meeting 8:00pm

Join us before the meeting for dinner from 6:30pm

Please book dinner with Neil 0418 821 331 or Julian 0414 365 294 by 30th May 2016.

This month's Traverse Board explores lost yachts, rescues at sea among other things.

These include a couple of articles on the yacht "Wild Eyes" sighted after some years abandoned in the Indian Ocean off the South Coast of the island., and after, some experts say, a number of circumnavigations by itself.

A rather interesting article cropped up in Kangaroo Island's "The Islander" concerning the yacht. The local journalist, Stan Gorton, had done a bit of digging into the history of the yacht and his investigations are included.

I have also included an article by Golden Globe participant Susie Goodall about her emotions following being rescued at sea.

Enjoy!



Troubridge Hill Lighthouse, Yorke Peninsula



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Susie Goodall Racing 15 December

After arriving in Punta Arenas today, I'm still a little wobbly both emotionally and physically as I find my land legs again.

I arrived with a heavy heart, no longer a competitor in the Golden Globe Race – but here is certainly a lot better than the alternative. And I wouldn't be here today without the incredible support and seamanship shown by so many people over the past 10 days.

I want to start by thanking MRCC Falmouth. After successfully picking up my distress call following the incident on Wednesday 5th December, they worked quickly and efficiently with the Golden Globe Race organisers to pass the information onto MRCC Chile. To the captain, crew and owners of Tian Fu, to whom I owe so much, soon diverted their course having received the request. Thanks to the precision and professionalism of the ship's captain, I was safely found and lifted aboard, onto a somewhat bigger boat! Sailing away from DHL Starlight was heartbreaking, she stood up valiantly to all that the elements had to throw at her and looked after me until the last. Onboard Tian Fu, although there was an obvious language barrier, I felt very welcome and was made as comfortable as possible for the week-long journey into Puento Arenas.

After 157 days alone at sea and a very emotional week to follow, I was fighting back the tears as I stepped off the ship and saw my mum and oldest brother. My whole family (Tash, that now includes you!) have been my rock from day one of this journey, way back three years ago when I signed up to the Golden Globe Race. I have put them through a lot, and I know I have a lot of making up to do! But I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for believing in and supporting me in the many, many ways they have – thank you.

To my sponsors – what can I say. I had hoped to make it a full circle, but it just wasn't to be this time. However, I wouldn't have even made it to the start line without you and I certainly wouldn't have been so well equipped. Thank you to Zhik, Selden, Marlow Ropes, Weleda, Adesaskews, Sport Kitchen, Invivo Clinical and of course, to my hugely supportive title sponsor, DHL.

It was lovely to have Jaime and Andreas from DHL here to welcome me in today. DHL have supported me throughout this campaign above and beyond what I had expected. They offered help with logistics, communications support so I could pass on messages to family throughout the race and, the biggest thing for me right now, a ticket to get home!

Having only just touched land today, I have not yet looked at my emails, social media or any media for that matter. However, the race organisers and my family have told me that the support from the public, both sailors and non, has been overwhelming. Thank you so much to everyone who has followed the race and sent messages of support.

If you asked me if I would I do this again, now knowing what it's really like, I would say yes in a heartbeat! But as I said to the Chilean Navy captain who brought me ashore from Tian Fu, "I created so much work for everyone involved in the rescue," to which he responded "Of course you must do it again!" You may ask why?! Some people just live for adventure – it's human nature. And for me, the sea is where my adventure lies. Having grown up admiring Tracy Edwards and Ellen MacArthur, I just knew that one day I needed to try to do this too. Every seafarer understands the risks involved but that's what makes us stronger and able to overcome other challenges in life.

I can't tell you what is next beyond spending time with family and friends over Christmas and enjoying a glass of glogg, but that fire in my belly is far from out, so watch this space...!

I'd like to say a final good luck and fair winds to the remaining five competitors in the Golden Globe Race. I look forward to seeing you all at the finish line!



Susie being winched to safety by MRCC Chile. Credit: Twitter/MRCC Chile

I'm sure we all wish Susie all the best. She had the courage to try, which was the main thing. She is safe for which we can thank the mariners involved in her rescue and the maritime safety centres coordinating the rescue.

Navy commissions new 822X Squadron to operate unmanned aerial systems

Published on 25 October 2018 Department of Defence (author), POIS Justin Brown (photographer)

Location(s): HMAS Albatross, NSW

Topic(s): Commissioning, Fleet Air Arm, 822X Squadron



Royal Australian Navy officers and sailors of 822X Squadron on parade during the commissioning ceremony at HMAS Albatross. (photo: POIS Justin Brown)

Today's commissioning ceremony at HMAS Albatross marked a major milestone in the Royal Australian Navy's capability to operate unmanned aerial systems in the maritime domain.

The ceremony marked the formal transition of the Naval Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit (NUASU) to 822X Squadron making it the fourth operational Squadron in the RAN Fleet Air Arm.

Over the past decade, modern militaries have embraced the strategic and tactical advantages offered by operating unmanned platforms which are typically used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

The Squadron will operate the Insitu ScanEagle, a small, long-endurance, low-altitude aircraft and the Schiebel S-100 Camcopter, which can carry payloads such as electro-optics and infrared sensors.

Chief of Navy Australia, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, said this was a significant moment for the Navy and the Fleet Air Arm.

"In the near future unmanned systems will be deployed to every operational theatre," Vice Admiral Noonan said.

"Autonomous systems are growing in importance and 822X Squadron will realise the full potential that these technologies present."

Commanding Officer 822X Squadron, Commander Michael Rainey said the Squadron has a big job ahead of them.

"We will be working with the Fleet and other ADF units to use this technology to enhance our unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) capability."

"While there are no people in the airframe, present levels of autonomy in UAS necessitates the well trained professionals on parade today to safely and effectively operate the system"

"By necessity, we already think differently to manned aircraft Squadrons, because at 822X Squadron, each person that fixes the system also operates the system." Commander Rainey said.

This is the first time the Squadron number 822 will be used by a Navy Squadron. The X indicates the developmental nature of the Squadron. The motto of 822X Squadron is 'See the Enemy'.

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Oct2018/Fleet/4900/Navy-commissions-new-822X-Squadron-to-operate-unmanned-aerial-systems.htm>



The Royal Australian Navy Hobart class guided missile destroyer HMAS Hobart berths alongside her sister ship HMAS Brisbane at Fleet Base East following a highly successful deployment to the US West Coast. RAN

Lost vessel identified off Kangaroo Island

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An overturned vessel found off the coast of Kangaroo Island on New Year's Eve has been identified as the 'Wild Eyes'.

The vessel was spotted from the air by a tuna spotting plane about 11 nautical miles south of Vivonne Bay, Kangaroo Island about 12.30pm on Monday 31 December.

The police helicopter (PoAir) was sent to investigate, along with two commercial fishing vessels operating nearby.

The boat was subsequently identified as the 'Wild Eyes', which had been abandoned eight years ago in the middle of the Indian Ocean during a round the world voyage.

On 10 June 2010, the "Wild Eyes" was dismantled in rough seas halfway between the Western Australian coast and Africa in the Indian Ocean while American Abby Sunderland was attempting to become the youngest person to sail around the world solo.

A rescue was coordinated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and she was eventually rescued by a French commercial fishing vessel on 12 June.

The unsuccessful voyage by Sunderland was the teenager's second attempt to travel around the world solo.

Following the unsuccessful attempt, the US teenager voiced her determination to set sail around the globe again.

"I'm definitely going to sail around the world again or really give it another try," she said at the time.

Aussie teen takes record

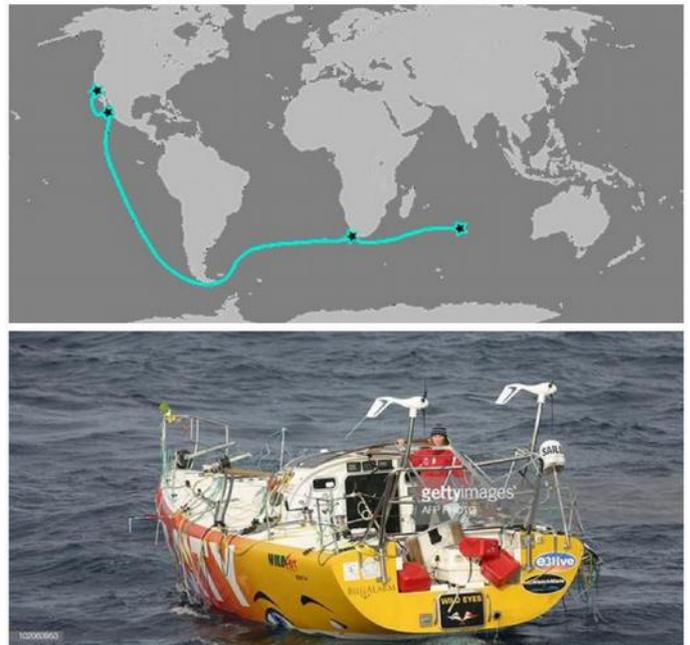
But the incredible feat was successfully reached by Australian teenage sailor Jessica Watson.

The then-16-year-old from Queensland became the youngest person to sail around the world, solo, non-stop and unassisted when she completed the journey in 2010.

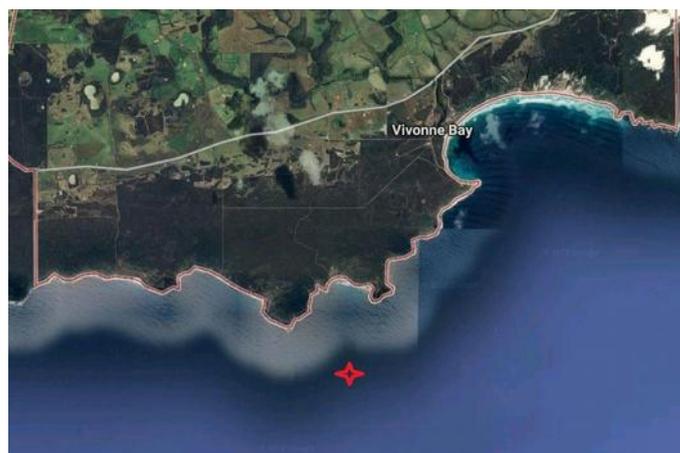
Just two days shy of her 17th birthday, Watson sailed her 10-metre yacht Ella's Pink Lady up Sydney Harbour, the same spot she left from almost seven months earlier.

The teen battled six-metre swells and a ripped mainsail, with the final leg of her journey taking several hours longer than predicted.

She disembarked at the Opera House, made an emotional reunion with her parents, and then met the official welcome party including then-prime minister Kevin Rudd, who at the time called Watson Australia's newest hero.



SA Police and ABC.



An Update from “The Islander” on the abandoned yacht “Wild Eyes”.

The yachtsman who built the yacht now abandoned off Kangaroo Island says it will never sink.

And if the yacht does wash ashore and break up, he said there would be foam everywhere.

There have been no additional sightings of the vessel since it was last spotted only 2km off Cape Kersaint west of Vivonne Bay on the weekend of January 4-5.



The yacht “Wild Eyes” was abandoned by then 16-year-old Abby Sunderland eight years ago after being dis-masted in the mid Indian Ocean.

A tuna spotting aircraft first sighted the 40-foot yacht on New Year’s Eve about 11km south of Kangaroo Island and it was subsequently identified as the abandoned Sunderland yacht.

KI rock lobster fisherman Ben Tyley said Wild Eyes was spotted again by a tuna spotting aircraft on the weekend but there had no additional sightings since then.

The Islander after its previous article about the abandoned yacht was contacted by Laurence Sunderland, father of Abby Sunderland who wanted to make contact with the American River Volunteer Marine Radio to assist in salvage attempts.

Mr Sunderland has since made contact with American River Radio and has alerted to the possibility of a larger mainland charter boat getting involved in a salvage operation, if the yacht can be located.

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard unit on Kangaroo Island was considering assisting with the salvage but its 7.1m Sharkcat rescue boat was not suited to towing a large, partially submerged yacht.

There are also no proper boat launching facilities on the South Coast of KI, only beach launching from Vivonne Bay and D’Estrees Bay to the east.

Previous owners

The yacht off KI was built by Jon Sayer in Brisbane for sailor Alan Paris for his solo circumnavigation solo in the Around Alone 2002/2003 yacht race. Her name then was BTC Velocity.

Mr Paris, a New Zealander, was then living in Bermuda and after his successful 30,000-nautical-mile circumnavigation, he kept her there and sailed around the Caribbean.

When having her built, he said the race regulations stipulated that vessels be at least 115 per cent buoyant and he said he personally made sure that every last available space was filled with expanding foam.

“The aft compartments were filled with foam on both port and starboard, and almost the entire forward compartment was filled with foam,” Mr Paris said. “All the structure you see is foam with fibreglass.”

He said he actually used the Titanic “unsinkable” analogy in his lectures about his sailing and said even if she broke up, each individual piece would float.

And if she ever broke up the rocks, there was enough foam contained within to spread over a large area.

In the sad event, she did break up on the rocks, he said he would be very interested in securing a small piece to hang in his garage as a memento or souvenir.

The yacht’s second owner, Michael Millard of Stamford, Connecticut, USA has also been in touch and wanted to be kept abreast of developments.

“I was the owner between Alan Paris and Abby Sunderland,” he wrote. “Contrary to custom but for very good reason, I renamed the boat Wildeyes. For some unknown reason, Abby changed the spelling.”

“I enjoyed my time with the boat racing her shorthanded for five years back and forth to Bermuda.”

“She meant a lot to me. She meant even more to Abby... If it weren’t for Wildeyes, that girl, at the time, wouldn’t be here. She was damn lucky to be in the unsinkable Wildeyes.”

Stan Gorton, The Islander 17th January 2019



Aussie Hero Quilts deliver ten thousandth gift

Published on 30 December 2018 POIS Phillip Cullinan (author), ABMT Leo Baumgartner (photographer)

Location(s): Fleet Base East, Sydney

Topic(s): HMAS Collins (S73)

Aussie Hero Quilts have just reached the milestone of ten thousand items produced by volunteers to help bring a touch of home to deployed ADF members.

Most members of the Australian Defence Force know who Aussie Hero Quilts are. Volunteers from behind the scenes, many unsung heroes give freely of their own time to create quilts and laundry bags for people they have never met. The generosity from the volunteers has become legendary.

“Our hero quilts and laundry bags are gifts to say thank you for your service and the sacrifice that you have given to be apart from your loved ones,” said Jan-Maree Ball, founder of Aussie Hero Quilts.

In late November 2018, Jan-Maree made a special visit to one of the Royal Australian Navy's Submarines, HMAS Collins, while berthed at Fleet Base East, Sydney, NSW. Jan-Maree was there to deliver quilts to ten members of the crew who had performed extremely well during the recent Unit Readiness Exercise and who had not yet been recognised in other ways.



Founder of Aussie Hero Quilts, Mrs Jan-Maree Ball, OAM, presents Commanding Officer HMAS Collins, Commander Christopher Ellis, RAN, and members of ship's company with the 10,000th hero quilt. (photo: ABMT Leo Baumgartner)

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Able Seaman Acoustic Warfare Analyst Submariner Ryan McDougall-Fisher inspects his laundry bag which was presented to him by founder of Aussie Hero Quilts, Mrs Jan-Maree Ball, OAM.

In a significant milestone for Aussie Hero Quilts, the 10,000th quilt was presented to Able Seaman Shawn Guganovic during a clear lower deck of the entire crew, watched on by Commanding Officer, HMAS Collins Commander Christopher Ellis. Once dismissed, the entire crew was given the opportunity to select a personal laundry bag from a collection of nautical and submarine themed bags made especially for them.

Volunteers who make quilts and laundry bags come from all over Australia and range in various ages from children to the elderly.

“Many of our quilts are personalised for individual members,” said Jan-Maree.

“We like to think our quilts are not works of art, but works of the heart.”

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Dec2018/Fleet/4992/Aussie-Hero-Quilts-deliver-ten-thousandth-gift.htm>



Queenscliff Victoria with the Searoad Ferry "Sorrento" loading. 29th December 2018

AusOcean research team discovers underwater wonders at Smith Bay, Kangaroo Island

Stan Gorton, The Islander

A large 2-metre-tall coral structure was just one of the underwater features discovered by marine biologists diving on the AusOcean research mission to Smith Bay last month.

A team of five divers and four tech support members made up the multidisciplinary team that dived Smith Bay on the north coast of Kangaroo Island on the AusOcean research project over one week in December.

The not-for-profit Australian Ocean Lab or AusOcean was recently founded by retired Google engineer Alan Noble, a part-time resident of Kangaroo Island.

AusOcean's mission is to use technology to advance and share knowledge of the oceans.

Mr Noble said the idea of last month's research mission was to conduct an extensive marine life survey of Smith Bay, as very little was known about it or the underwater world generally around Kangaroo Island.

AusOcean's goal is to undertake a number of marine life surveys, starting with the first-ever comprehensive marine life survey of Smith Bay, where Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers is planning to build a seaport.

"We are not making comment on the seaport proposal, we are just objectively trying to document what we saw in the transects and other observations," Mr Noble said.

"When the Environmental Impact Statement comes out, we will make a determination as to whether we respond."

Diving of Mr Noble's yacht *Arriba*, the team employed the standard research method of diving along transect lines, identifying marine life either side of the lines.

The information would be forwarded to the Reef Life Survey citizen science organisation and AusOcean also planned to produce its own scientific report.

The mission was also documented on its Facebook page and on the National Geographic Open Explorer website.

Mr Noble said the amazing coral structure was discovered at the end of a transect dive when the divers had some free "air time".



"It was over 2m tall and over 2m wide. It is believed to be the species *Plesiastrea versipora*, although we will confirm this on our next dive," he said, noting it could be at least 300 years old. "The discovery of the coral structure was very exciting."

The team plans to conduct several more dives off Kangaroo Island and hopes to return to Smith Bay this February to conduct more transect dives and searches for coral.

Marine biologists believe that Southern Australia's marine environment is as diverse as that other Australian marine marvel, the Great Barrier Reef, he posted at the start of the mission.

"Yet there is much we don't know about the region. Only recently 400 new species were discovered in the deep waters of the Great Australian Bight, which begs the question, how many more species await discovery."

The team of marine biologists on the Smith Bay project was led by Catherine Larkin of Adelaide University.

"The Reef Life Survey (RLS) method developed by researchers at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) was utilised to gather data that will help assess the complexities of the local flora and fauna," Catherine Larkin posted about the mission.

"RLS is a non-profit citizen science program in which SCUBA divers undertake standardised surveys of reef biodiversity on rocky and coral reefs around the world.

"The North Coast waters of Kangaroo Island consists mainly of mixed rocky reefs and seagrass systems, exhibiting strong heterogeneity, providing unique experiences at every location.

"From swimming scallops, baby octopus to gigantic corals, these systems continually exuded magnificence. At the end of the last dive, the dive team stumbled upon a 2m high coral, home to at least 12 different fish species, possibly the first of its kind to be discovered in the area.

"This exceptional discovery highlights just how beautiful and uniquely diverse Kangaroo Island waters are with much left to be discovered. An environment that is well worth protecting."

The team also deployed its first underwater towable camera sled prototype called "Cool Runnings" that can video footage as it is towed along the seafloor.

Following the KI dives, the AusOcean team travelled up Gulf St Vincent to check out the shellfish restoration project at Windara Reef, near Rogues Point on Yorke Peninsula.

The coastal waters of southern Australia once contained extensive shellfish reefs comprising the native Australian oyster *Ostrea Angasi* and other shellfish such as *Pinna Bicolor* or razorfish, Mr Noble said.

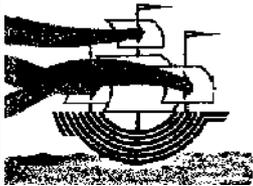
The reefs were destroyed during the 19th and early 20th century through over exploitation.



The "White" lighthouse at Queenscliffe, Victoria.

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Revenues			
Income	\$0.00		
Events	\$300.00		
Raffles, Supper Tickets		\$120.00	
Grants	\$0.00		
Donations	\$420.30		
Interest Income			
Term Deposit Interest	\$633.33		
Working Account Interest	\$1.55		
Membership Subscriptions		\$960.00	
Other Income	\$0.00		
Total Revenue		\$2,435.18	
Expenses			
Expenses	\$0.00		
Award Scholarship	\$0.00		
Bank Service Charge		\$1.90	
Donations to the Library		\$872.00	
Events	\$216.00		
Meeting Costs	\$0.00		
Advertising	\$0.00		
Supper Costs	\$0.00		
Venue Hire	\$0.00		
Secretarial Expenses		\$0.00	
Traverse Board	\$0.00		
Total Expenses		\$1089.90	
Net income for Period			\$1,345.28



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