



AMATEUR BOAT BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

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PHIL'S GANNET - THIS IS WHAT ABBA IS ALL ABOUT

The Toolbox visit on Saturday 7th May was to ABBA member Phil Cook's project. Phil is building a 4.5m Iain Oughtred designed 'Gannet' sailing dinghy. As a teenager, Phil used to sail Lasers on the Lane Cove River in Sydney and has not sailed since then. But he has wanted to build a boat for years and bought plans for the Gannet about six years ago. However, it wasn't until January 2015 that he decided to start building in his car port at home, not an ideal workshop he says. This is the first boat he has owned or built, and he's been a member of the ABBA for about a year since starting work on the project.



Iain Oughtred's website describes the Gannet as the medium sized design in the range he calls his 'Planing or Elegant Tinny' range. Gannet, like her smaller sister, Shearwater, and larger sister Fulmar has a flat planing body and wide transom, ideal for planing under sail in ideal conditions and planing under power with modest outboards and a load.



The vital statistics of the Gannet are;

Length Overall:	4.40 m - 14' 5"
Beam:	1.73 m - 5' 8"
Draft	0.2 m – 8"
Sail Area:	10.96 sq m - 117.93 sq ft
Weight:	118.00 kg - 260 lbs
Construction Time:	310 hours
Crew:	4

The plans for all Iain Oughtred's designs are available in Australia through Oughtred Boats at their website www.oughtredboats.com and plans for the Gannet are currently priced at \$238. These plans give the builder a good level of detail, show several deck layout options and alternative rigs – lugsail, marconi or gaff/gunter.

Phil's Gannet project is well advanced and has reached the final fit out and internal finishing stage with launch not that far away. His woodworking is of a high standard and has resulted in a very nice looking example of a very pretty design.

The hull is lapstrake construction from 6mm Okoume plywood supplied by Aaron Woodall and the centre case, thwarts and other structural timber components, as well as the solid wood transom, are Victorian Ash (also known as Aussie Oak) from Austim in Landsdale. Phil has added Banksia trim to the top of the centre case for effect. West System epoxy from Fibreglass & Resin Sales in Welshpool has been used throughout the project. The exterior of the hull has already been painted with a single pack polyurethane from Boat Paints in Fremantle and Phil will be using a marine varnish finish for much of the hull interior. So it's great to see members supporting those businesses that have been good to ABBA over many years – well done on your buying approach Phil!



Phil is intending to adopt the gunter rig and the pictures show his mast, gaff and boom already constructed from oregon sourced from Auswest in Osborne Park. He has his sails on order from North Sails and where appropriate is using bronze fittings on the mast and hull. His masthead fitting and a rudder pintal were available for our inspection at the Toolbox. These fittings are of a very high quality and finish supplied by Davey UK via Classic Boat Supplies in Australia (see www.classic-boat-supplies.com.au).



So all that remains to do is to finish the few remaining components and source a trailer before launching can be planned. Sounds pretty straight forward but Phil is not in a hurry. He hasn't planned a date at this stage except to say that his proximity to the river will facilitate a planned pre launch wetting to ensure he is happy with final product before the official launch.

In the video, Ron Morrison and Franz follow the trails of the old Huon pine loggers in the Tasmanian forest east of Strahan. It's a gentle documentary, un-staged and lots of friendly banter, with cuts to the interesting interviews with the various old piners. There is a strong connection to Tassie boat building through the Huon pine subject matter, and there's a reasonable smattering of pictures/films/discussions on boats. But the main focus is the relationship between Ron and Franz, which is entertaining, and the wilderness through which they were travelling, which is stunning.



ADMINISTRATION NOTES

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JUNE TECHNICAL MEETING

Our next tech meeting will be on Wednesday 1st June, as usual in the Heritage Room at South of Perth Yacht Club, 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

Our presenter for this technical meeting is Gary Martin, owner and manager of Boat Paints in South Fremantle, who has kindly agreed to present on his classic yacht Acrospire IV. Members may recall Gary presented a talk on boat paints and painting at the ABBA technical meeting exactly one year ago, during which there was a bit of friendly banter between him and Ralph Newton over their respective classic yachts, Acrospire IV and Eun Mara (we visited Eun Mara around that time during her refit at Maylands Boatyard). ABBA thought it only fair that Gary be offered the opportunity to tell us about Acrospire IV. She was designed and built in St Kilda in 1929 by Charles Peel, and is a half scale of the famous J boat America's Cup yachts. She rates as an International 9 metre (the forerunner to the 12 metre Americas Cup yachts), is 54 ft long and weighs 13 tonnes. She was brought to WA from Victoria in about 1970 by B. Moss and spent much of her time at South of Perth Yacht Club before Gary bought her in 2007. Gary had known her for 20 years and worked on her for 10 years prior to buying her. He has carried out a major restoration of the yacht and now sails and races her regularly. Gary will be showing pictures and talking about the restoration as well as showing pictures of her on the water around Fremantle.

JULY TOOLBOX VISIT

Our Saturday 2nd July, the Toolbox Visit will be held at the home of Brent Ireland, who is building a Farrier F32R folding, trailerable trimaran. This is a larger version of Harry Speight's F82A, the construction of which long standing ABBA members will recall from previous technical and toolbox meetings. At Harry's request, Brent presented his project at ABBA's Toolbox meeting on Saturday 18th June 2011, and he has kindly agreed to host our next Toolbox Visit. The Farrier F32R is 32 ft long, and the R stands for Racing, which Farrier reserves for foam built boats (Harry's boat is designated A for Amateur(!) since it is strip planked). Brent's project is now at the fitting out and joining up stage, with main hull, floats and beams ready for assembly. Brent's address is 1 Lexcen Crescent, Ocean Reef and visit time is between 2 and 4pm.

SPECIAL NOTE -- SHIRTS & ABBA LOGOS

Don't forget — if members wish to bring along their own shirts to the next meeting then Bruce Cadee can arrange for logos to be embroidered. Members can bring as many shirts as they like but the club will pay for up to 2 logos. If we could do this in batches if at all possible this would be best for our supplier.

ADMINISTRATION NOTES (Cont'd)

ABBA LOGO

Members are reminded that Bruce Cadee has made arrangements with Shaun Luong of Image Embroidery at 26 Tulloch Way, Canning Vale (Phone 9456 2324 Mobile 0403 250 389) for an embroidered ABBA logo. The logo can be applied to your own clothing (assuming it can be accommodated in their equipment) or to shirts, caps or hats purchased through Image Embroidery. Feel free to call in on Shaun to look at the limited range of clothing he has on site or visit the following web sites to choose your preferred style, size and colours. The weblinks below are only examples of the wide range available. Half chest measurements are included on the web sites to help ensure you select the correct size. Ladies styles are also available.

Clothing (excluding Logos)

Style 1300 – Aussie Pacific Mens Murray Polo, Navy/White/Ashe or White/Navy/Ashe - **\$20.00 + GST each**

Weblink: http://www.aussiepacific.com.au/the-murray-polo-navy-white-s?color=Navy%2FWhite%2FAshe&primary_color=Navy&secondary_color=White

Style 1304 – Aussie Pacific Mens Eureka Polo, Navy/White/Ashe or White/Navy/Ashe - **\$21.00 + GST each**

Weblink: http://www.aussiepacific.com.au/mens/polos/eureka-polo-sky-navy-s?color=Sky%2FNavy%2FAshe&primary_color=Sky&secondary_color=Navy

Hats/Caps (excluding Logos)

Style 4199 – Headwear Brushed Heavy Cotton Cap, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$6.50 + GST each** **Weblink:** <http://au.headwear.com.au/productDetails.cfm?&prodID=53&prodCatID=2&pageNumber=1>

(Also refer poly/cotton legionnaires hats Styles 4057 or 4126 for maximum sun protection under website sub heading 'Hats, Visor & Beanies' <http://au.headwear.com.au/productList.cfm?&pCategoryID=7>)

Style 4199 – Headwear Brushed Heavy Cotton Cap, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$6.50 + GST each (includes poly/cotton legionnaires hats for maximum sun protection under website sub heading 'Hats, Visor & Beanies')**

Weblink:

Style 4223 – Brushed Sports Twill Bucket Hat, White/Navy (many other colours available too) - **\$8.00 + GST each**

Weblink: <http://au.headwear.com.au/productList.cfm?&pCategoryID=7&page=2>

To make your annual membership even more value for money, ABBA will pay for up to 2 logos per financial year to be applied to your items of clothing. The current cost to ABBA is \$7.15 per logo. There is no intention for this to be an ABBA uniform so the choice of style and colour is totally yours. If you are seen wearing the logo while building, working on or using your boat or anywhere for that matter it might get people asking questions and wanting to join our association. You are free to deal direct with Image Embroidery but please ensure you get an itemised invoice showing a separate price for the logo and present this to Bruce Cadee for reimbursement. Bruce Cadee is happy to take orders and liaise with Image Embroidery if you so wish.