

AUSTRALIAN Wooden Boat Festival

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THE RUN INTO HOBART FOR THE Australian Wooden Boat Festival is always exciting. The architecture, thoughts of Salamanca Place, catching up with old friends; Ian Johnston, Cathy Hawkins, Andy Gamlin, and the welcome that the Wooden Boat Guild put on each Festival, just below Battery point. Anticipation this time too that Ian Johnston's Community Boat Building project might be happening on the wharf.

Crowds queuing to get in to The Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart 2009. (above)

And the music ... non stop on the wharfs. (right)



And then of course it is the boats afloat ...



All the way from QLD Ian Mortleman's NIS 26 *Presto* on the Derwent. (left)

All the way from Benalla in Victoria, NIS 31 builders, the Murphy family aboard NIS 26 *Presto*. (above)



The Great Tinaroo Raid

Queen's Birthday Weekend, June 6 and 7, 2009

Tinaroo Sailing Club, Black Gully Road, Tinaroo, Atherton Tableland

Remember : The Mug / The Site / The Movie Night / The Curry Feast / The Companionship

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM :

Sunday morning :	The Raid – Compasses provided!
Other Activities :	Team Balloon Model Boat Racing (up to four a side)
	Sculling Competition
	Precision Formation Sailing (weather permitting)

Hobart was Great, Tinaroo will be Better!

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From the tiniest of Iain Oughtred dinghies ...



Iain Oughtred Puffin tender. (left)
Catching up with old friends around a putt putt launch. (above)



Heavy duty historic tugs, ferries and a brace of square riggers, make this the heavy duty Wooden Boat Festival of Australia.



Brisbane's Lyall Tweedale, Ian Mrtleman and Binalong Bay's Mal Gahan aboard NIS 26 *Presto*.



Hobart's Rob and Jo Nolan and friends aboard their NIS 23 *Shearwater*.

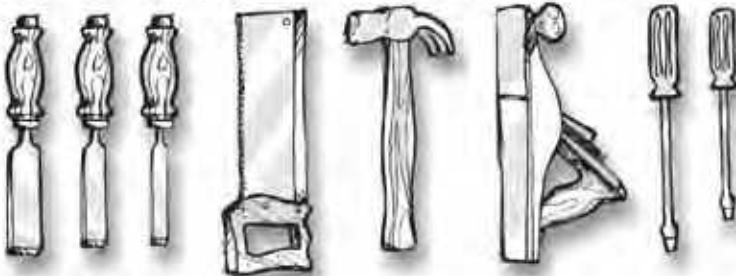


SA winemaker Rob O'Callaghan aboard his Fenwick Williams Cat boat. Robert trailed his boat from the Barossa Valley in South Australia.

Come to this Festival at least three times before you die!

Since you are here, and to help rationalise the already cheap airfares, see Tasmania. It is, notwithstanding the lurking commercial predators, still a very beautiful part of the world. ■

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