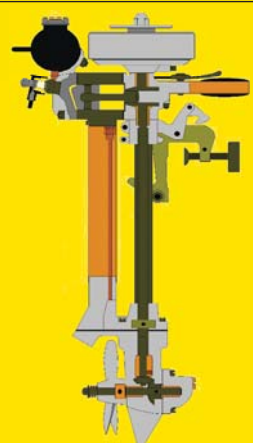


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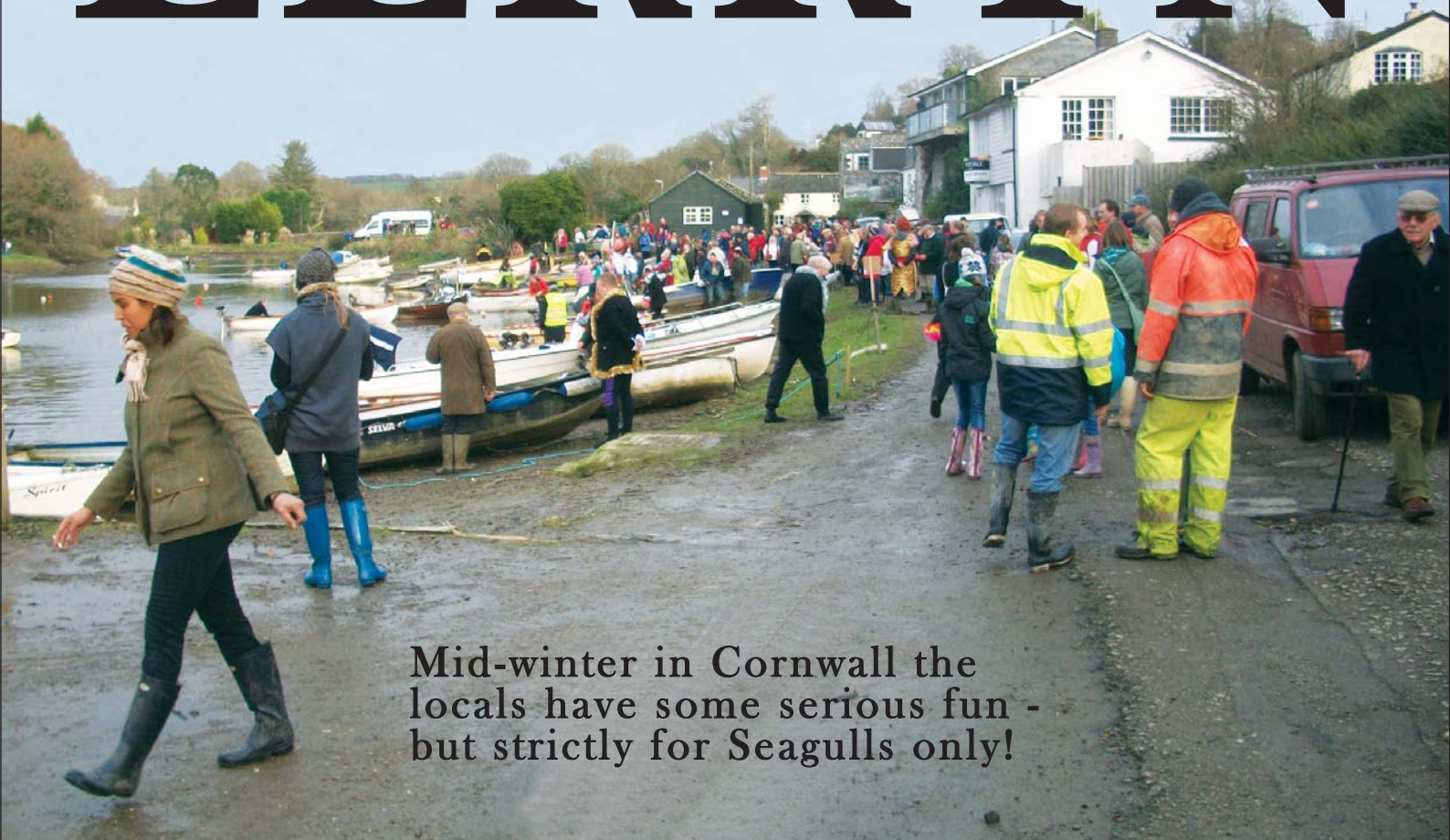
# GULL

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# STRICTLY LERRYN



Mid-winter in Cornwall the  
locals have some serious fun -  
but strictly for Seagulls only!



Myall Lakes



Essex Flocking



Kiwi Flyer

**Elsewhere in this issue:** The Art of the Bermuda Seagull Race; Australian Gathering in NSW; Kiwi Seagull racing from Taranaki; Brits Flock together in Essex; SD Restoration .... and much, much more!!



# EDITORIAL

As the first issue of The Gull was so well received by the international Seagulling community, we girded our loins, primed the carbie, dug out the starter-rope, and got to work to bring you another edition of Seagull news, events and happenings from around the world.

The River Lerryn Yacht Squadron's Annual Seagull Race uses the term 'race' almost euphemistically, with the emphasis of the event on fundraising for the local RNLI and having fun generally. I think the photos speak for themselves.

As do the imaginative and highly creative artworks produced for the past several years for the Bermuda Round The Island Race by local artist Richard J Amos - a different take on the Big Race.

The Aussies have held their first National meet, with around 15 people attending, and apart from the editor's very bad jokes, and some typically Seagullian overheating issues, a good time was allegedly had by all who turned up.

The *Simply Seagulls* crew in New Zealand held their annual event on the river at Waitara NZ, which was well-attended and enjoyed by all except race organiser Graham Keegan, who wasn't allowed to drink until the day was over. Do not attempt to separate this man from his rum! Go the Naki Kid!

Elsewhere the Aussie crew attended a couple of wooden boat events organised by others (best way to run an event) and waved the Seagull flag amongst the Jacaranda blossom in Grafton and among the millionaires' yachts at the Royal Motor Yacht Club - Broken Bay, on Sydney's Pittwater. The group's stand was very well received, although the occasional starting of a Seagull or two - just for 'atmosphere' you understand - was not appreciated by all, but fortunately, no-one called the EPA!

Among other news are photos of Seagulls from far away or unusual places, pics of some of your boats, and the usual round of Dad jokes, trivia, tall tales and true.

*Cheers! Alan*

# Lerryn Seagull Race

**An institution in Cornwall, celebration of the winter solstice provides Lerryn locals with an excuse to dig out their old Seagulls, dress up for the occasion, and raise much-needed funds for the local RNLI. And have a bit of fun along the way!**

From the frigid depths of the English winter comes this famously eccentric event run by the River Lerryn Yacht Squadron, from Lerryn, near Fowey in south-west Cornwall.

This year marks the 24th running of the Lerryn Annual Seagull race, an event conceived when the late and much lamented

former Commodore of the RLYS, Norman Douglass, raced fellow Seagull owner Frank Stevens of nearby St Winnow between the two villages.

They had so much fun racing up and down the River Lerryn they resolved to share the experience and, to give it a purpose and a solid community focus,

decreed that it should be fun, and raise funds for local charities.

Although the event took place on the 7th January 2012, technically it was the 2011 event, but as time and tides wait on no race organiser, the 7th January was the first available slot in the tide tables after Christmas that was found to



ABOVE: Typically hectic race start in one of the three races: Under 12ft; Over 12ft, and Canoe class, for which 1st and 2nd prizes are awarded



ABOVE: Three up, these narrow boats are ideal for the Canoe Class, largely determined by the beam of the craft not exceeding 1150mm



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correspond with high water at lunch time on a weekend.

The bumper entry of 35 boats were, like their crews, dressed for the fray with a 'Strictly' theme.

A huge crowd of locals and visitors lined the river banks to cheer on the competitors, who collectively rose to new heights of skill and expertise. In other words, unlike last year, no-one sank!

The weather was very clement for

the time of year. Given the strange old English climate, event organisers have had to cancel three summer events due to the weather, but never the Seagull race, which is always held in winter!

Much was raised for the RNLI and local charities via the raffle and lots of hard-working ticket sellers.

Prize giving took place in The Ship Inn, otherwise known as the committee room of the River Lerryn

Yacht Squadron.

A few people were heard to say that they really enjoyed the day, but most, by all accounts, were unable to remember very much about it.

Which is generally a sign of a great event and a worthwhile activity. Such is Seagulling!

**Words: David Vipond**

**Pics: Nick Stuart, Paul Weatherhogg, Jo Willcox**



ABOVE: This shot of the crowd at the pre-race briefing outside the RLYS shed...sorry, clubhouse, shows the ingenuity of participants and the flavour of their costume creations



ABOVE: RLYS Commodore and Lerryn stalwart David Vipond, wearing the 'Top Hat Of Office'



ABOVE: Allan and daughter Roberta as PC Plods in Team Strictly 6 Knots, won Under 12-ft Class



ABOVE: Tracey Graham picked up the Norman Douglass 'Spirit of the Contest' award for her outfit in Team Strictly Between You and Me



ABOVE: Team Strictly Come Dancing sent along 'Bruce Forsyth' and 'Tess Daley'. Alas, the BBC did not send a TV crew, so we won't be seeing Lerryn on the tellie any time soon. Sigh.



ABOVE: This devilish chap from 'up country' is clearly having way too much fun!





ABOVE: Never mind Penzance, there are plenty of pirates in Lerryn, as this race participant shows

ABOVE and BELOW: A cross-section of the largely local crowd gathers outside the RLYS boathouse.....



.....where the hard-working volunteers so vital for such community endeavours to flourish take down the registrations and entry fees



.....or provide a warming cuppa and a snack, welcome fare on a freezing winter's day!



ABOVE: Lawrence, 12 (at helm), and his cousin Abigail, 15, brought the spirit of Hogwarts to Lerryn in Team Strictly No Muggles



ABOVE: All the events' participants brought a sense of humour and a spirit of fun along to this unique annual event



ABOVE: The event is supported by The Ship Inn, where the RLYS has it's 'official' clubrooms, and is a great spot for a post-race tippie

There are loads more pics of the event here: <http://www.lerryn.net/gallery?os=0>

and videos here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gS6dH0dGaE>

and also here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25DDXuM26xs>



# Inaugural Australian Seagull Owners Group National Gathering

**From a zero base, the Australian Seagull Owners Group has grown rapidly to more than 80 members, of whom almost a quarter attended the Inaugural National Gathering, at Myall River Campground on the Myall River, 45 mins from Newcastle, 2 hrs drive north of Sydney.**

With the insertion of a cheeky 'ad' on eBay Australia, the author began to accumulate the names and email addresses of like-minded Aussie Seagull enthusiasts keen to participate in Seagull-related events.

The National Gathering, of which this event at Myall Lakes is the first, is intended to be an annual event, re-locating each year to enable those from further afield to attend a major local event.

Based at the Myall River Campground, 3km north of the seaside suburb of Hawks Nest, two hours north of Sydney, event participants arrived for four days of festivities and activities.

First up was a run down river to the village of Hawks Nest. Well, actually, it was intended to go quite a bit further than that, but the Seagull gods were not kind, and Hawks Nest was as far as it was deemed wise to go, with two motors overheating and a chop getting up on the river, never mind the open waters of Port Stephens.

Day Two was largely a make and mend day, with motors and carburettors being inspected, cleaned or replaced.

Day Three saw individual adventures, with boats heading off both up and down river, and the finale of the meet was the communal supper around the big

table under the awning, with the distribution of Awards and the Seagull Trivia Quiz, for which prizes were awarded.

Although only four boats made it to the event, another dozen or so people dropped in or made a special effort to travel out of their way to somewhere else in order to meet the folks and introduce themselves.

It bodes well for future events that two couples travelled more than 1500km to attend!

**Words: Mark Walker**

**Pics: John and Jenny Badcock & Rob Ripley**



ABOVE: A 'pause' to allow engines to cool, opposite the village of Hawks Nest. L to R: Rob, whose boat is the light green-painted 'Green Bean'; Mark's son Jasper, Bruce, Jim (obscured) and Mark. Jenny and John, whose boat 'Bitzan' is in the foreground, are behind the camera.





ABOVE: Rob drove 1200km from Melbourne to attend the Myall Lakes Gathering. A stalwart of the Victorian branch of the Wooden Boat Association, his 'Green Bean' was formerly 4-ft shorter and called 'Green Pea' until he cut the hull and lengthened it. Mark's nephew Harrison, looking cool and collected and quite the experienced sailor, acts as 'official ballast' for Rob to help keep the bow down.



ABOVE: Rob and John discussing John's Century, which from formerly perfect running has begun to inexplicably overheat. It had run for hours continuously last time it was used. Seagulls, eh??



ABOVE: Hugo steers his SD attached to a vintage Metzeler inflatable, while Jim is at the tiller of the 40 Plus on his 10-ft fibreglass clinker dinghy with neighbour and engineer Bruce in the bow



'Bush tucker'

ABOVE: Plenty of wildlife: a 4-ft goanna came to visit the Seagullers camp



ABOVE: Rob switched carbies to cure his problems



Refueler uses standard priming bulb as the 'pump' to refill the tank

'Official Ballast'

Remote Telltale

Seagull Throttle lever

Existing Evinrude clutch lever (inside hull), adapted for Seagull clutch operation

ABOVE: Mark and son Jasper, 16, beaching the 11ft Caribbean 'speed' boat. Note the remote fuel filler, remote telltale and remote throttle (ideas 'borrowed' from the Kiwis) and the custom tiller for steering cables and Clutch cable





# The Saving Old Seagulls Annual Essex Flocking

The weather was kind to those who ventured out to Essex for the annual SoS Flocking, an event John Williams of *Saving Old Seagulls* turns on every year in some part of the county not too far from his Tillingham base.

There were ten boats, 20 people, and two dogs in attendance, including a couple of American tourists, Mark and Toula, who heard about the event and popped up from London for a look-see.

Two inflatables, four fibreglass boats, one tinny and three wooden boats made up the flotilla that descended on the Paper Mill lock at North Hill, Little Baddow, Essex, on the pretty Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation - or canal - as it is known to most people.

The fleet meandered west towards Chelmsford along the canal to the next lock, dodging ducks and the occasional narrow boat, before heading back to the Paper Mill Lock, where they descended the lock, then tied up and headed to the Cafe for lunch.

After lunch it was down the canal towards Maldon, as far as the next lock and then a turnabout and back up to the Paper Mill lock, thru the lock and back to the cafe for afternoon tea and the award of the Prizes. Fortunately it didn't rain, and only John's brother-in-law, Keith



ABOVE; TOP: Team SoS, with John at the helm of 'Seagull', wife Darian at point, with grandson 'Young Horatio' and Keith Heywood making up the crew. BOTTOM: Grandson Brandon on steering duty, with dad Paul and springer spaniel 'Bouncer' crewing.

Heyward was forced to double-up after his Seagull cried enough, and poor Charles was once again faced with the embarrassment of being towed home after his ignition system failed to proceed.

Apart from those minor incidents, and Keith misplacing his coat, a good time was had by all and John is looking forward to next

year, when hopefully there will be a bit more time allowed on the canal and a few more locks can be attempted, now that the authorities have, hopefully, been pacified by two flawless runs through the one lock!

**Words:** John and Keith

**Pics:** Nigel, Darian, Keith and Paul



ABOVE: Paul clearing the almost inevitable weed



ABOVE: Event host, John Williams of Saving Old Seagulls at the head of the flotilla





ABOVE: Gathering in the lock are, from left, Keith's father-in-law, Colin, Brandon, Keith, Paul, Charles, with Bouncer in front, then Allan in the middle, Andrew and Richard at rear, with John Stevens hiding behind Paul, Roberta right down the front, and finally Sam at the far right, with onlookers on the towpath...er....looking on!

MIDDLE, LEFT: Nigel and Heidi from Leicestershire with Archie; MIDDLE, RIGHT: The two inflatables with, at left, John Stevens from Milton Keynes and Richard and Andrew from Hastings on the right.

BOTTOM, LEFT: Keith Pizey re-starting his beautifully restored 102 after re-attaching the float chamber cap as Colin observes from the bows; BOTTOM, RIGHT: Hazards on the canal - the fleet passing a long, narrow canal boat which is based at Paper Mill Lock and hired out.



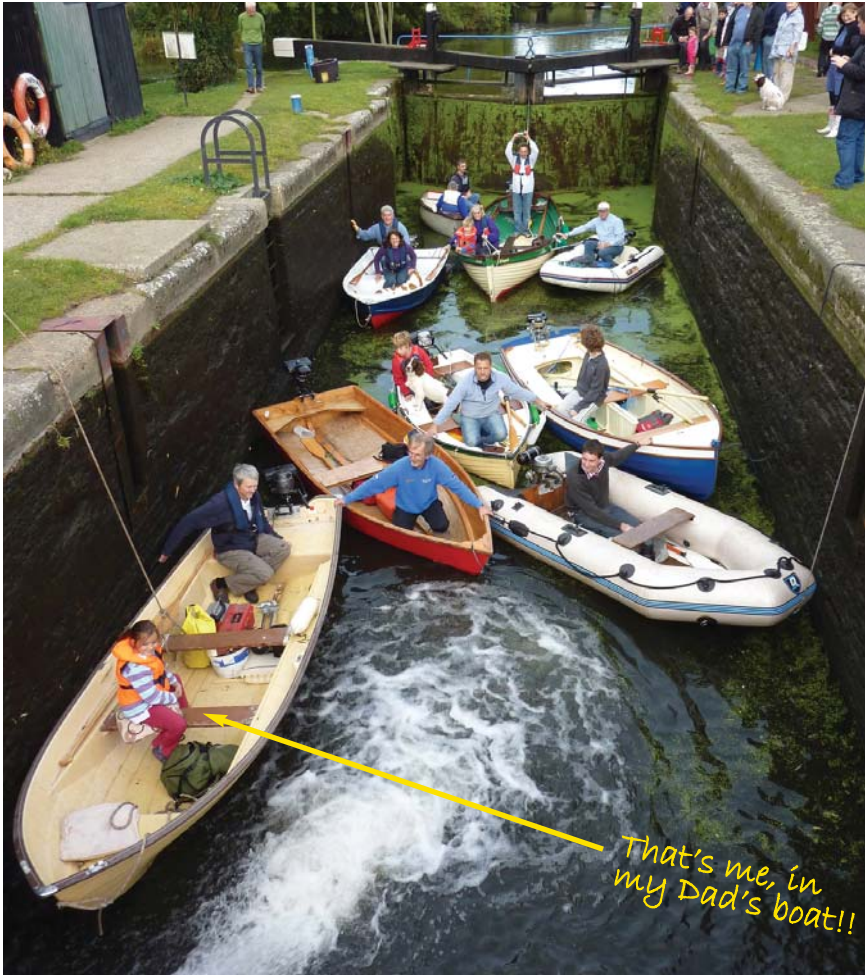


# My Seagull Trip Report

One early Sunday in October me and my dad got up very early to go to a little Paper Mill lock but first we had to get the boat ready. It was tiring cleaning the boat because you have to get all of the water and leaves out and then my grandpa came at half past seven. Then we loaded up the van with Seagull outboard motors but one of them wasn't a

Seagull it was different. The whole point of the outing was to have fun with Seagulls! Using the sat nav we went through the Dartford tunnel which was extremely exciting for me because I had never been through it before and it was my first ever time going under the Thames.

**By Roberta MacMillan, aged 8**



We soon arrived at Paper Mill lock. We launched the trusty boat into the weed covered water. When all the boats were in the green water we all started chugging down the river. Whilst we were coming back Daddy's friend Charles broke down and we had to rescue him by towing him back to the lock.

Next we had some yummy lunch but whilst I was getting out the snack bars I dropped one in the water by mistake. After that we all got back into the boat and slowly motored down past people walking along the side of the river. Finally we got back to the cafe which was really busy so we had to wait. In that time the organiser John was giving everyone prizes for the best engine and for all the people turning up for the occasion. The best prize was an engine cover and the others were a spark plug and a poster.

Eventually most of the people had gone home and we were allowed to get our boats out of the water, then back on the van to go home.

On the way back home we went over the QE II bridge and I knew we were nearly home. I was tired but I had a really fun day.



## NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

# Waitara River Seagull Outboard Race, Taranaki



This annual event, hosted by the *Simply Seagulls* crew, Graham and Jan Keegan, has been a regular feature on North Island Seagullers radar.

Although the weather was less kind this year than it has been in the past, with 20 boats competing and 50-odd people attending, the event was as usual well-supported.





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ABOVE: Al Ward in his newly built 'wedge' boat, the cloud of smoke from his 'above-water' motorcycle exhaust clearly visible; Jim and Jenny in 'El Kapakize'; and Flash and Hayden in 'Titanic'.

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM BELOW: Ben & Gary Fitzgibbon; Andy Murray in his 20ft Waikato Flea; Ian Aitken with his ply-bottomed inflatable; Mark McMurtry's 'Manta Board'; Paul Gilchrist hotly pursued by Graham Keegan's Porta-Bote; Flash and Hayden in Titanic with Graham and Lorraine from Whangamata



Featuring usually five separate races, competitors were treated to some unusually close Seagull racing in the 'more serious' classes, where long, light weight boats like Paul Gilchrist's and Andy Murray's vied for line honours.

One unusual vessel was Mark McMurtry's manta-like 'surfboard boat' which skims along quite well due to its light weight and minimal displacement.

Al Ward was hoping for better things from his recently modified Silver Century, complete with motorcycle style power pipe, but it was not running as it should.

Competitors camped at the local Marine Park Campground, in the *Simply Seagulls* yard and across the far side of the boat ramp, where the team had put on portable toilet facilities for the campers.

## Race Entrants:

### DINGHY CLASS

- 14 Gavin Fabish, Waitara
- 21W Graham Keegan, Waitara
- 66 Paul Gilchrist Snells Beach, Warkworth+ Allen Pool, New Plymouth
- 127 Ian Aitken, Purangi, Taranaki
- Taurus Two Dave Candy, Taihape
- Surfboard Mark McMurtry, Paihia, Bay of Islands
- 11 Warren Vaughan, Foxton
- Pops Ian Roberts, Waitara
- 481 Colin Heath, Hamilton
- 210 Al Ward, Hamilton
- 18 Tony Kunac, Taupo
- 18 Andy Murray, Whangamata

### 2-UP CLASS

- 111 Richard & Les, Whangamata
- 85 1/2 Gary & Ben Fitzgibbon, Omata, New Plymouth
- 165 Graham & Lorraine, Whangamata
- 1524 Jenny & Jim Hunua, Auckland
- Titanic Flash & Hayden, Waitara
- Yellow Top Dave, Connor & Luke Gould, New Plymouth

### 3 HP CLASS

- W4 John Leith, Oakura, New Plymouth





# NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

## RMYC Wooden Boat Festival

The Australian Seagull Owners Group was able to infiltrate the millionaire's yachting playground of the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Broken Bay, and attend their annual Wooden Boat Festival in early November 2011.

A display stand was constructed then erected on the fuel wharf, immediately adjacent the entry to the marina wharves at which all the wooden boats were moored, so visitors had to walk right past the

Seagull stand to access the marina.

Hundreds of people attended the Festival over the two days, and many of them dropped in to ask about the Seagulls. Many had not so fond memories of Seagulls from years ago, but Nick was able to demonstrate the fundamental reliability of the Seagull by resurrecting a 'barn find' by the simple expedient of borrowing parts from other motors and getting it to fire on the fifth pull after countless

years stuck in a shed somewhere.

A few people even had good stories to relate, about similar feats with their own Seagulls, and a few even signed up to the Seagull Group and promised to come along to other events.

A big thank-you to Jim, who helped us infiltrate the RMYC, and to Steve, Nick and Marco for coming along to help man the stall and display their boats and motors.

**Words:** Mark Walker  
**Pics:** Steve Stuart & Jim Geddes



ABOVE: Purpose-built Seagull group Display Stand features a rack for 4 motors and a double-sided display board for posters and memorabilia, with a small shelf below to hold brochures, postcards and other ephemera



ABOVE: A couple of Steve's beautifully restored Seagulls on the stand with Display Posters describing what they are and including a bit of Seagull history



ABOVE: Marco with crew members Tim and Luke in their Fairliffe Gull fibreglass-clinker sail/row/motor boat. The rectangular custom tank on Marco's Century has since been replaced with an age appropriate brass tank thanks to Nick



ABOVE: Steve and Nick in front of the stand, complete with British Seagull banner and the author's 102 and ESC 75





ABOVE: Another view of the stand with the test tank in the foreground in which we occasionally started a motor - just to keep ourselves amused. In the tank at the moment is the 'barn find' that Nick brought along and eventually got going

ABOVE: Nick and Steve in Steve's clinker-ply dinghy Firefly, reversing out from the wharf to go for a lap of the marina - just to add a bit of local colour to the proceedings, of course!

# Jacaranda Festival - Grafton



Grafton's annual Jacaranda Festival celebrates the brilliant purple-flowering street trees planted along most of the town's avenues with a cultural festival and a wooden boat festival organised by a few local boaties.

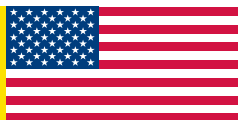
Mark Jensen and wife Raewyn drove down from Kyogle to attend, run their boat up the river and set up the Seagull stand in Corcoran Park, while Glenn Berry drove down from the Gold Coast, a 5 hour drive, bringing one of his motors for display.

There was quite a lot of interest in the Seagulls, both from the boating fraternity and from the public, and Mark duly fired up the 102 on the back of his boat whenever anyone professed an interest - and occasionally just for the heck of it!

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Stand set up by Mark Jensen with assistance from Glenn Berry; Mark doing a demo; Mark and his boat surrounded by curious locals; display of motorboat and sailboats; Glenn's highly-polished 40 Plus; Mark's 102 burbling away happily in its suitably rustic galvanised dustbin test tank







## NEWS FROM THE USA



ABOVE: Ted's Century Plus Longshaft on the back of his sailboat and, RIGHT: His 40 Plus Longshaft keeping warm and dry in the shed ready for it's next excursion come summer time



Not a lot of Seagull events happen in the USA, but that doesn't mean there aren't enthusiasts over there.

The owner of these two motors, Ted Allen from Delaware on the East Coast, is one such quiet enthusiast, using his Century Plus Longshaft regularly to power his small sailboat around the coastal waterways. With Lewes his home port he can access, thanks to the connecting canal, all the waterways of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.

## So where do you go to get British Seagull Parts and Supplies??

### Spares

#### UNITED KINGDOM:

Saving Old Seagulls - Tillingham, Essex  
*[owner John Williams posts parts all over the world]*

<http://www.saving-old-seagulls.co.uk/>  
Ph: +44 1621 77 8859

British Seagull - Sheridan Marine, Oxford  
*[the owners of the British Seagull trademark]*

<http://www.britishseagull.co.uk/>  
Ph: +44 1491 65 2755

#### NEW ZEALAND

Simply Seagulls - Waitara, Taranaki  
*[Jan and Graham Keegan accept orders only from within New Zealand]*

[seagullparts@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seagullparts@xtra.co.nz)  
Ph: 06 754 4056

#### AUSTRALIA

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<http://www.britishseagull.com.au/>  
Ph: +61 2 6766 7663

Know of any other Seagull Spares outlets? Please let us know via email.

## Special Offer to all readers of The Gull

If anyone would like either a **FREE** Boat Specs Sheet (right) or a Motor Specs Sheet like those seen in the RMYC Wooden Boat Festival feature on p11, please email Mark at The Gull for further info.

Sheets can be personalised for your boat or motor, with photo or without, include a blurb or not, be a different colour, sized A4 or A3, and so on....

Comes as a PDF file for you to print and/or laminate.

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# SPECIAL FEATURE

## Prickly Pear - Beware!!

The instructional artworks of Bermudian artist Richard J Amos

Richard J Amos first started doing these amazing Seagull T-shirt artworks when he and some friends took over the running of the Bermuda Round The Island Seagull Race (RISR) upon the untimely death of the previous race organiser, Peter Moran. He recalls it was around 1987.

They hit upon the idea of “participant T-shirts” as a way of promoting the annual event using human billboards that would be visible throughout the year. Richard came up with the artwork for the first shirt, and it spiralled from there.

The shirts became so popular with boating types that they were

soon selling them to non-participants as well.

The two characters in most of the pictures are nick-named “Peas” and “Rice” after the popular savoury local dish made of black-eyed peas and rice. Richard reckons that as peas and rice go really well together – and are served in a bowl – it’s kind of like two close friends in a boat.

He has never let on which character is Peas and which character is Rice as, ultimately, it doesn’t really matter.

As anyone who has seen the T-shirt artwork will know, their dinghy is called “Prikly Per Beewer”. The

name is spelled phonetically with an implied Bermudian accent.

A normal person might pronounce it “Prickly Pear Beware” – “prickly pear” being a local euphemism for a coral reef. “Beware” is actually a bit of false bravado; the implication being that in a contest, the coral reef will not come off so well as the boat.

It is also a kind of confession that Peas’ and Rice’s boat handling may be a bit lax at times.

In most of the pictures Peas and Rice are depicted flagrantly breaking race rules.

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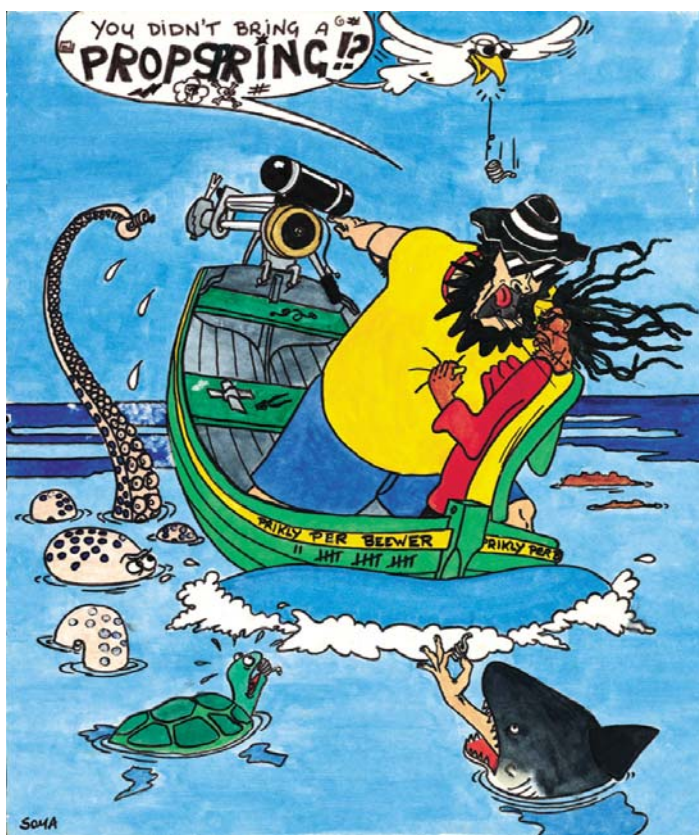
This one from 1992 features the intrepid duo Peas and Rice, fast asleep and snoring, heading for a big chunk of ‘prickly pear’, thus breaking the rules about staying awake, alert & safe



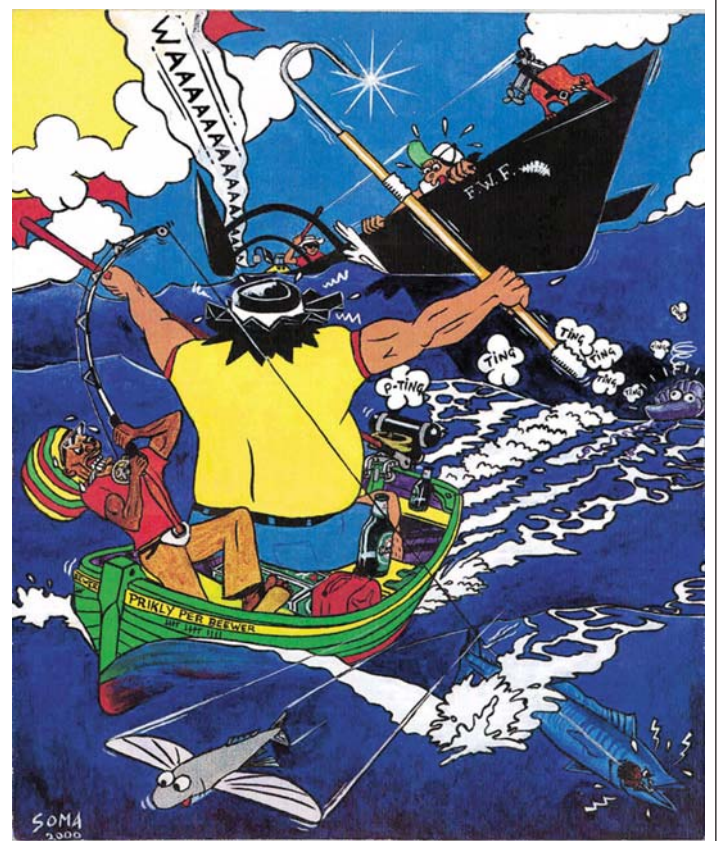
For 1993, Peas and Rice use cannon to bombard and sink other competitors in order to win the Race...



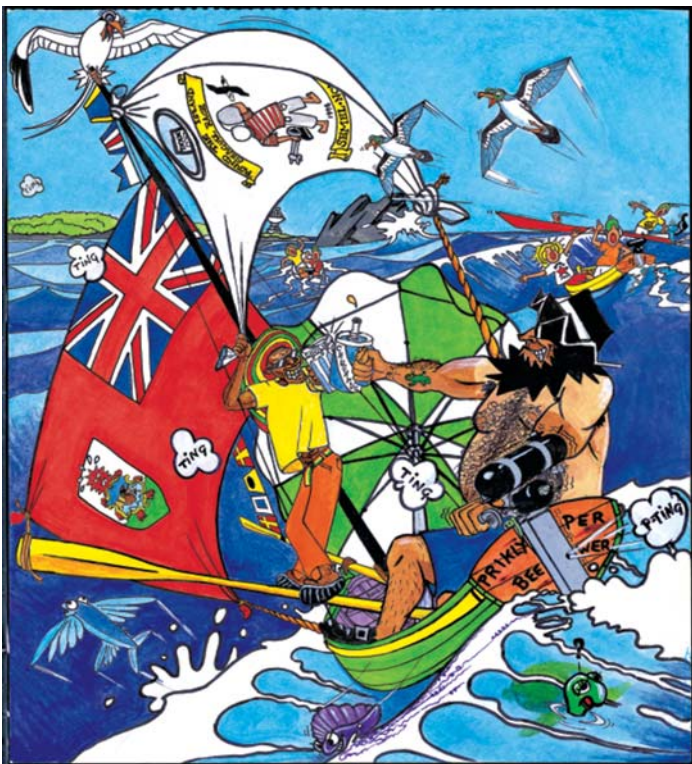
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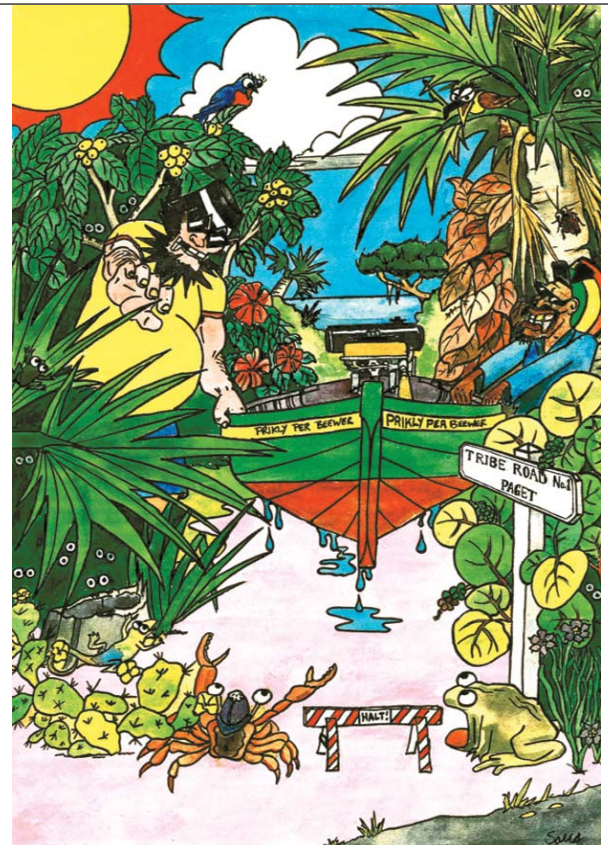
.... while in 1994, they fight over whose responsibility it was to carry adequate spares, as helpful locals offer assistance.



In 2000 they are about to be run down by a rampaging Kiwi...



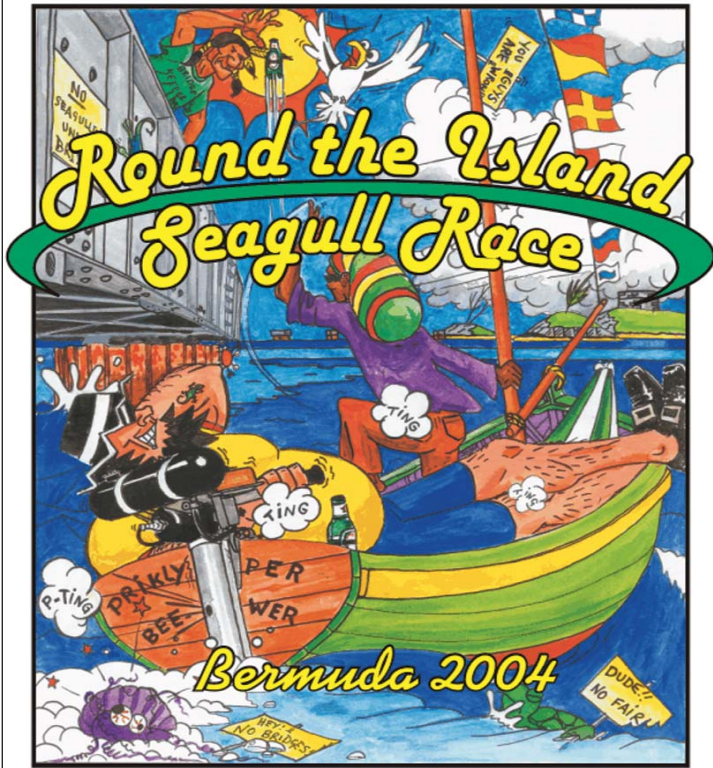
...while in 2001 they attempt to gain advantage from the wind.



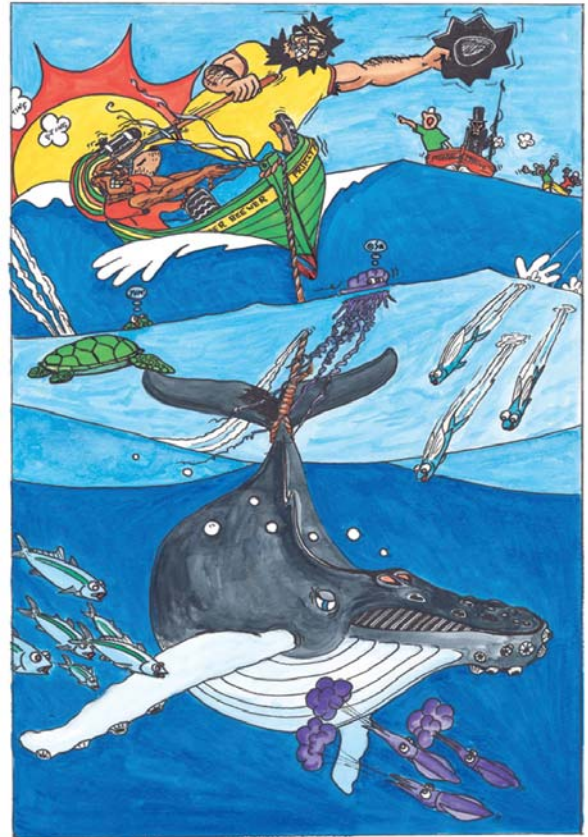
In 2002 they attempt a portage to shorten their race distance



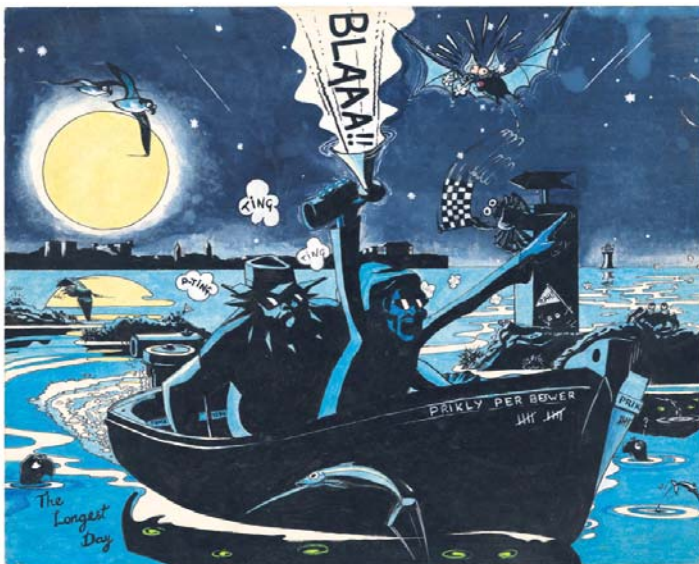
# SPECIAL FEATURE



2004 sees our duo bribing locals to let them pass beneath a bridge, while placard-carrying locals call them to justice!



In 2005 they cadge a tow from a humpback whale, much to the apparent annoyance of the Ahab-like character in pursuit.



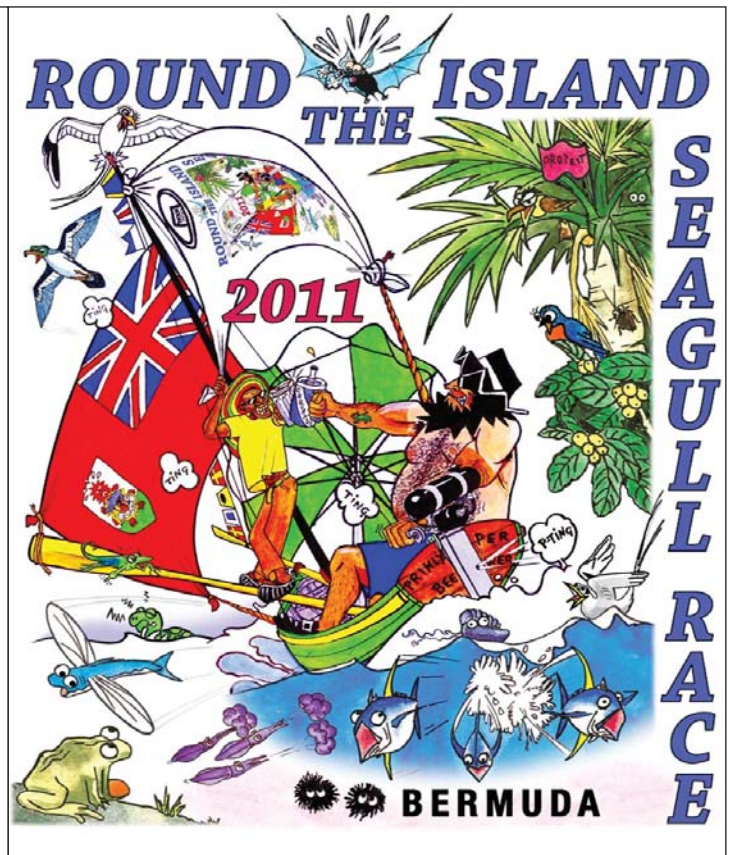
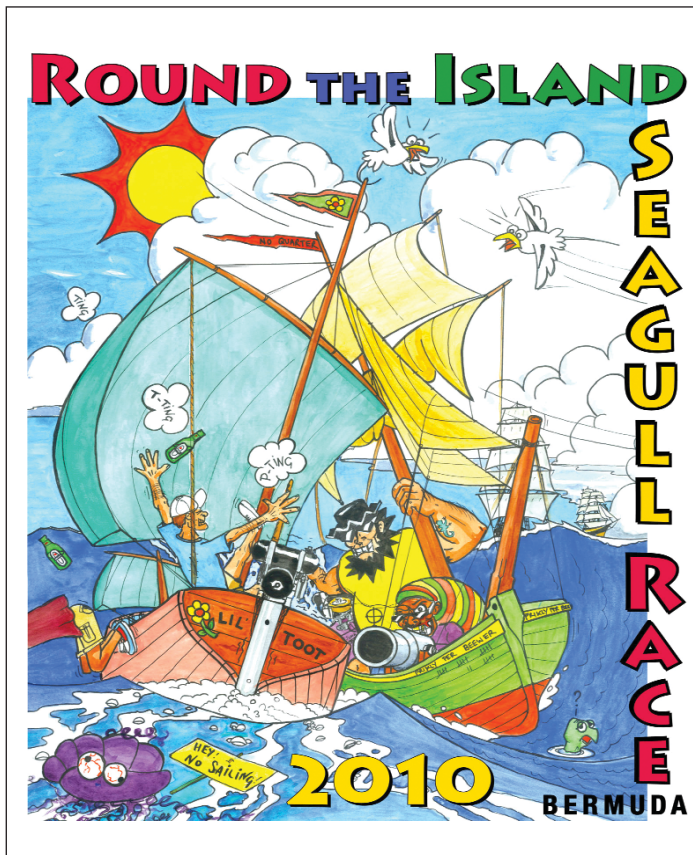
2006 saw Peas and Rice heading into port long after dark, and long after every race participant was supposed to have been safely back in harbour!



2007 again sees them bombarding fellow Bermudian Seagullers - this time from the air!



# SPECIAL FEATURE



2010 saw the Tall Ships fleet visiting Bermuda, so naturally Peas and Rice fitted an old-style sail rig and went for their competitors - piratically - with cannons blazing

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They indulge variously in irregular sailing, flying, getting towed by a whale, portage, navigating a channel spanned by a bridge, ramming, engaging other competitors with cannon, aerial bombardment and so on).

The T-shirt designs are essentially a set of rules in pictures

— instead of in a narrative — a hieroglyphic list of prohibitions that is transparent and easily deciphered by a Bermudian Seaguller.

To orient the viewer and to make it easier for his fellow countrymen to interpret the pictures with legal certainty, he has depicted many actual locations in Bermuda and included an assortment of

native and endemic flora and fauna in the foreground and background.

Some of the animals are quite literate and have taken the time to spell out some of the prohibitions on placards.

If you don't already have a shirt from the RISR, this is as close as you can get without going there.

**Words:** RJ Amos & Mark Walker

**Pics:** Richard J Amos

## Even if you can't get to Bermuda, you can buy the Tee-Shirt

The RISR Event Committee is offering a deal that might be of interest to you!!

If you would like to own a 2012 Bermuda RISR "Competitors Tee-Shirt", the organisers will be happy to take your US\$30 contribution to their annual Environmental Cause fundraising activities. Simply email the Co-Ordinator, Martine Purssell (martine.purssell@law.bm) with a request to go on the "Pre-Ordered and Pre-Paid" list and this will ensure they produce enough shirts! Once the artwork is finalised you can decide if you wish to proceed with purchase. Contact Martine for more info!!





# DROPPINGS

Humour, Jokes, Tall Tales, Trivia and Tidbits

## A Few Laws to Live Your Life By....

- ☹ It doesn't matter if you win or lose... until you lose – O.J.'s Law
- ☹ Assumption is the mother of all screw-ups – Wethern's Law of Suspended Judgment
- ☹ There are no answers, only cross-references – Weiner's Law of Libraries
- ☹ To err is human, but to really f\*ck things up requires a computer – Law of Unreliability
- ☹ Once you give up integrity, the rest is easy – Evan's Law
- ☹ Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other – Ameringer's Axiom

## Joke Of The Day

A very loud Texan Engineer was visiting Australia, and talking big about all of the large civil works in the USA that he was involved in. To be polite his Australian counterpart took him on a tour of some of Sydney's larger constructions.

First he took him to Gladesville Bridge. The Texan exclaimed, "What's that!" In reply the Australian said, "That's the Gladesville Bridge".

"Hmmp" said the Texan, "How long and how many men did it take to build?" The Australian replied, "About 5 years with 1000 men."

The Texan replied, "Well in Texas we would've done it in 2 years with 500 men."

Next they went to the Sydney Opera House. "What's that" said the Texan. "That's the Sydney Opera House" was the reply.

"Hmmp" said the Texan, "How long and how many men did it take to build?" The Australian replied, "About 10 years with 200 men". The Texan replied "Well in Texas we would've done it in 4 years with 200 men."

By this stage the Australian was a little put out by the Texan's attitude so he decided to get some revenge. They walked around the Sydney Opera House and as they did the Sydney Harbor Bridge came into view. Immediately the Texan exclaimed, "Wow! What's that?"

The Australian Engineer replied, "I don't know, it wasn't there yesterday."

## Did You Know...??

...that the company John Marston Ltd, designer of the 'Marston Seagull', was once owned by the same company responsible for the Nobel Peace Prize?

Nobel Industries, owned by ICI at the time it purchased Marstons, was founded by Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, after whom the company and the prize are named.

He suffered a moral crisis in later life and determined to make amends for all the wars fueled by his products by setting up the Nobel Foundation who award the Nobel Peace Prizes.

## How To Start A Fight...

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....



# YOUR BOATS

Seagull Boats Come In Many Shapes And Sizes

## Camden Sutherland's 'Waikato Bullet Boat'



ABOVE: Only the two bow frames have been pre-cut, with the amidships frames left solid to assist with stiffness during construction



ABOVE: Part way through skinning the hull in 4mm marine ply



ABOVE: Here, with the deck beams installed, you can clearly see the 3 X 2in temporary 'posts' that kept everything straight whilst upturned



ABOVE: Almost complete with motor rigged to test steering and controls. RIGHT: Cam aboard on the Waikato Race 2011

It isn't often young people get involved in Seagulling, never mind build their own boat to do so. Here's one such 'young person' and his first boat.

Home built by 16-year old Kiwi Cam Sutherland, this 'bullet-style' skin on frame boat took him to third place in the 4.5HP Dinghy Class in the 2011 Waikato Seagull Race.

Although not the lightest weight boat possible, Cam built the boat from plans which included the framing, making it a bit easier to build, and relied on his own slim, light stature to compensate for any excess weight.

His Dad helped him along and Ross Leger built the motor, including a late model Yamaha leg, similar in concept to the Seagull 5R.

They also set him up with remote refueling to save time, an extended telltale to help give early warning of any water blockages, and wheel steering like an old style hydroplane.

Cam might have done a better time in the Waikato race if he had not given in to temptation and stopped for a feed at Maccas along the way!

But he knew he had time up his sleeve and with both the other boats in his Class already ahead of him, he had nothing to lose.

He is building a new boat, but with only weeks to go, will be pushing it to finish, so hopefully we'll see that on the water at Easter heading rapidly down the Waikato!





# RESTORED MOTORS

Seagull Motors Come In Many Shapes And Sizes

## Terry Wilding's post-war Seagull SD restoration



ABOVE: The "before" pics. Rust tank and driveshaft, corrosion everywhere, and look at the muck that came out of the gearbox!



ABOVE: The "after" pics. Authentic gloss black paint on the tank, with repro age-related Seagull logo; cleaned rebuilt and polished gearbox; the completed motor, ready for use if Terry can bear to do so!

The Skye Toy Museum website is:  
<http://www.toy-museum.co.uk>

Lancashireman Terry Wilding runs the Skye Toy Museum, near Glendale in the far north-west of the Isle of Skye.

He's also a keen Seagull enthusiast, as this astonishing restoration of his circa-1944 British Seagull SD 8561 clearly demonstrates.

According to British Seagull nomenclature, this motor features a Villiers ignition system with the distinctive 'copper top' to the flywheel, is a 102 Series produced in 1944 around the end of WWII, and according to the oral history of previous owners, may have been used during the infamous 1962 Hamburg floods in Germany.

The 102 Series is the second oldest motor to wear the British Seagull badge, (the first being the re-badged Marston Seagull 102 in 1936), continuing virtually unchanged till production officially ceased in the sixties, although a few more were made into the eighties, apparently.

It was this type that cemented British Seagull's reputation for simple, rugged, practical workhorse outboards, when an order for 10,000 of them (for use on small craft) by the UK MOD provided sales that ensured the expansion that enabled the company to grow in the post-war era.

Distinguished by its mono-block design, the 102 does not have a detachable head, making it more prone to waterway siltation and rust as it is more difficult to clean the channels out.

The fuel tank is heavy-gauge steel, and was painted gloss black by the factory, and the 'flying seagull' is an early version of the logo.

Almost astonishingly, given it's 'before' condition, Terry's SD required no major new parts, everything requiring simple cleaning, polishing and painting to produce the beautiful result you see here.

He's not saying how long it took him, but many many hours of painstaking work. The restoration is a credit to his perseverance and dedication.





# International Events Calendar

## MARCH 2012

**Saturday 17th March**

### Pre-Waikato Warm Up Run

Ohakuri Dam, Taupo. Cruising up the Waikato River to approximately White Rd. This is a chance to warm up your motors before the Easter Race. Bring your togs for a hot-water swim in the river. Cost of \$20 per boat to cover costs including a barbeque and the end of the Warm Up. Accommodation available at The Pukeko and Bull Tavern and Restaurant, cnr State Hwy 1 and Humphrey Rd, Atiamuri Ph 07 3332389. For more information:  
Contact Norm Short 02 74471014

## APRIL 2012

**Sunday 8th (bad weather fallback Sun 15th)**

### Bobbin Head to Akuna Bay Day Trip

Australian Seagull Owners Group NSW Day Trip from Bobbin Head on Cowan Ck round to Akuna Bay on Coal and Candle Ck, via Cottage Point village. About 2-3hrs run with options for lunch - cafe or DIY. Bring SWMBO for the waterside house tour!  
Contact Mark Walker 0407 929 834 or email [ozseagullgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ozseagullgroup@gmail.com)

### Saturday/Sunday 7th-8th April 2012 (Easter) The Great Annual Waikato River Seagull

Boasts to be the Longest Seagull Outboard Race in the World at 142km. The race has been held annually since 1983\*.

Starts from Karapiro Dam near Cambridge, south of Hamilton. Half way overnight stop at Rangiriri north of Huntly is a camp out, although the nearby Rangiriri Hotel may have accommodation, but best to book early. Finishes Sunday evening with dinner and celebration at Waiuku. For more details or an entry form:

Contact John Crichton [sandspitmotor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sandspitmotor@xtra.co.nz)

\*NB: The 2013 event will be the 30th Anniversary!

## JUNE 2012

### 15th-17th June - The 'Frigid Seagull' Lake Rotorangi Winter Run, Patea River, Southern Taranaki

Start / finish from the hydro dam end of the lake . A scenic excursion Saturday with stops for morning & lunch & afternoon tea (bring & share style). Beach bonfire on Saturday evening.  
Contact Dave & Anne email: [macanddoc@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:macanddoc@vodafone.co.nz)  
Contact Phil Bennett 04 902 2575 email: [philbent@paradise.net.nz](mailto:philbent@paradise.net.nz)

### Saturday June 16, 2012 (rain date June 23) Annual Heineken Round the Island Seagull Race, Bermuda

Venue: Spanish Point Boat Club from 8.30am  
Sign up Wednesday June 13 at 6pm  
Route anti-clockwise around Bermuda (42 miles)  
Entry fee \$65 per person – includes T shirts which feature original artwork created specially for the race each year, and BBQ dinner  
All race profits go to "green" causes on the island.  
Enquiries: [martine.purssell@law.bm](mailto:martine.purssell@law.bm)  
[See story on the race T-shirts in this issue]

## JULY 2012

### 21st July - Round Hayling Island Marathon, Itchenor, West Sussex UK

Start / finish from Itchenor Sailing Club, West Itchenor, down Chichester Harbour, out into the Solent, then back up Langstone Harbour and thus clockwise round the island. This event is the longest Seagull race in UK/Europe at 22 miles (35km) and the first event in 2011 was featured in the previous issue of The Gull. Contact Charlesuk or H-A via the Hayling Island thread on the Saving Old Seagulls forum, under Racing Seagulls <http://www.saving-old-seagulls.co.uk/phpbb3/viewforum.php?f=16&sid=c7f68396bddec35842b91fb0304e9ae4>

## FORWARD PLANNING - OCTOBER 2013 - MURRAY RIVER, AUSTRALIA

**Proposed trip 2500km (1553 miles) down the length of the Murray River which forms the border between New South Wales and Victoria in S-E Australia.**

Okay, so it's a long trip, but a once in a lifetime opportunity. Book the long service leave, advise the boss and SWMBO that you need 4-6wks holiday in Oct 2013 (plenty of time for reasonable notice or roster planning!!) So far we have interest from at least two New Zealanders and two Americans, plus the usual local suspects, so it's going to be fun! For more info email Mark on [ozseagullgroup@gmail.com](mailto:ozseagullgroup@gmail.com) or Ph: +61 2 6562 4619

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**<http://seagulloutboard.com>**

To get your event listed or to update a listing email: [rexcharlton@gmail.com](mailto:rexcharlton@gmail.com)