

Tacoma

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Mysterious find

During a search for leakages on the upper deck, a previous unknown deck filler was discovered. Does anyone know what it is for.



Tacoma Berth Update

The PLO Council, the mayor and staff visited the Tacoma in January just before we departed on the tuna trips. The purpose of the visit was to give the elected members an understanding of the Tacoma berth project and what it will provide in tourism value. A follow up meeting is planned with the mayor and Mathew Morgan, the city's executive officer. A media release has been issued 10 Oct 2022 regarding a public berth for Tacoma.

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Taylor Island Trip

In November last year, Tacoma sailed to the island collecting 16 wool bales from some 600 sheep belonging to Ray Watherston, the islands owner. It has become a popular trip and is likely to be popular in 2023 as well. We anchored in lee off the homestead and got the baled safely onboard. The hard working crew was PJ, Greg, Daryl and Fred. The rest of us were entertained onlookers.



Paint



The underwater section of the Tacoma hull gets cleaned and coats of antifouling paint every two years when on slip. The working hull gets a white undercoat followed by gloss grey and black oil based paint. The house gets two pot epoxy every ten years. The bright work or varnish gets eight coats through a six year cycle. Finally, the rigging requires regular fresh coats of paints.

All our paints are provided by from international paints for which we are most grateful. Thank you!

Port Lincoln Tuna Classic 2024



The winner, Jenine Gin, with the winning tuna.

Almonta News

There has been a call to Save the Almonta. She sank off Snooks Landing more than a year ago and is now resting on the bottom. The Almonta was an early wooden vessel in the local salmon and bluefin tuna fleets.



The Almonta as she looks today. Photo by Bazz Hockaday (Take2Photography).



Mario Antolini with a model of the Almonta housed in the Axel Stenross Maritime Museum.

The Tacoma Model

Greg Sleeps' skills with metal were put to good use and now the steel (copper) bow is starting to bring the model hull in line with the big one.



Tacoma goes Global

YOUR BOAT IS IN THE SHOW

We're pleased to announce that your boat - listed as **TACOMA - 82' Haldane Bros Seiner (1945)** - has been accepted for this year's online **Worldwide Classic Boat Show**. All boats will "arrive" at the Show this coming Friday, February 17th when the gates open at 10:00am EST, but you can preview your page by logging in at ClassicBoatShow.com and finding **My Account** at the top right of any page and clicking **Profile** then **My Pages**.



Breaking News

The Tacoma media coordinator has met with the Port Lincoln Mayor, Diana Mislou, to discuss progress with the Tacoma berth.



Tacoma 2023 Tuna Poling Fishing Trips



Plotter shot of both tuna trips.

The Tacoma Tuna Poling Fishing Trips took place on the 3rd, 10 and 17 Feb. On the first trip 112 fish were caught at the Cabbage Patch. The stats were a catch ratio of 9.3 fish per poler and average size of the fish 7.2 kg. On the second trip (women' trip), weather was difficult and only 9 fish were caught on troll lines. During the third trip (blokes only), 125 fish were caught over two days. The stats: Catch ratio 8.9 fish per poler, average weight 6,6 kg. Most were single poled.

The Tacoma crew were Chay, Ross, Trevor (the famous cook) and Greg.

So, who caught the biggest fish? Ross keeps it as a well-guarded secret.

Tacoma tuna can be enjoyed at HQ and 1802 in Coffin Bay. In Port Lincoln, the tuna can be purchased at "The Fresh Fish Place" and enjoyed at Boston Hotel, Boston Bay Wines, and FUMO's. Otherwise contact Ross for supply.

Not so Breaking News

Paintwork is in full swing on Tacoma and the surfboat in Greg's shed.



Port Lincoln Tuna Classic 2023

The tuna fishing competition took place over three days 8th to 10th March. Tacoma again participated as start boat providing fuel, shelter and food. The weather was miserable but the spirits high. Tacoma fed (meatballs and spaghetti) more than forty people, and hosted a Saturday evening party on the aft deck. Despite the difficult weather only few boats retired. One fisherman got a hook in his finger close to the bone, but returned after a short visit to the hospital.

The Tuna Classic offers Australia's highest prize money for any tuna competition. This year \$48,125 prize money was taken home by the all-female crew on the *SALTY ONE*. The women's success was a publicists' dream - not only were the women aboard the fleets oldest boat, but it was their first competition together as a crew. State television picked up the story and no doubt next years' competition will be a lot bigger and better - order more meatballs now!



From left to right. Jenine, Kerry, Shaz, and Kelley.

