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Ocean Waves

The editor can confirm on the open ocean waves are as shown in the image below. Further below: How to build a boat in France.



FV Tacoma

Tacoma activities

Who said the cold winter months are quiet? There have been lots of activities aboard Tacoma recently: a tea and scones visit for the Matthew Flinders Day Care group, a talk to Probus on all things fishy and of course, all things general on Tacoma.



Fred at it again

Fred is smiling over his success of sealing Tacoma's leaking top deck. Recently he has been seen replacing the gangway ply on the boarding ramp. He is here seen receiving a blessing.



Tuna Trips 2024

There is good news: Jack reckons it will be ok for next years' tuna trip, so he can pole his last tuna at 90 years of age.



Photo: Jack with his catch of tuna.

First men's trip 2 Feb; 5 days.

First women's trip 9 Feb; 3 days.

Second men's trip 16 Feb; 5 days.

Second women's trip 23 Feb; 5 days.

Tuna trip discount 5% for members.

Croatian Visit

It started with the Safari group but soon we had the Croatian Ambassador Betty Pavelich and the Consulate General Joseph Petric aboard with them. They were on a visit to me It et our Mayor Diana Mislov of Croatian



Well what a thrill it was to discover that one of Joseph's relatives, Martin PETRICH from Tacoma, Washington, an immigrant from the island of Hvar (the same island of our Joseph Petric) was a relative of his. The island held an exhibition in 2019 celebrating its famous exports - Martin was featured. JOSEPH PETRIC - his spelling is different but he explained that often people

changed the spelling of their name when migrating, to make it simpler in the new country.

The Tacoma Model Update

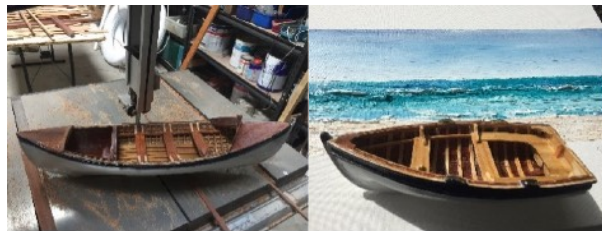
The little "T" has been waiting all summer for some special attention and now that winter is settling in the job begins again. Greg has mastered riveting so there is the mast, boom, funnel, anchor, winch and the rollers in the turn table to come. Meanwhile Fred has been tackling the bridge with all its angles and levels. The teams' next move on the model will be to determine where the boat is to be ultimately housed. Suggestions include The Axel Stenross Museum or some other public space, eg. the P/L Visitor Information Centre, a site in Port Fairy, Vic or the South Australian Maritime Museum. At 1.5m long, it's a big model and could take up a whole room, so if you have any ideas let us know.

The Western Flyer

Tacoma's sister ship, the Western Flyer, became famous among fans of the author John Steinbeck and students of marine biology by an expedition to the Sea of Cortez in 1940. The leader was Ed Ricketts who made a living by collecting animals and selling them fixed to universities. John Steinbeck later described the experience in his book, *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*. The Western Flyer has been restored to its former glory by the Western Flyer Foundation. The vessel will be based in Monterey Bay connecting science and art in the spirit of John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts. (Editors note: They didn't drink spirits in Cannery Road, just cheap California wine. It's good at 1 US\$ a litre).



The Western Flyer before, between and at the end after spending five million \$US.



Charity Days - Riding for the Disabled

As winter approaches, the weather always presents a challenge and so it was with a full passenger load for the first Tacoma charity trip, post Covid. With a rain shower to starboard and a black cloud to port, the tracker on the cps looked like a kids scribble as we weaved and ducked looking for little blue patches in the sky. In a funny way it was fun and for the most part we remained dry.



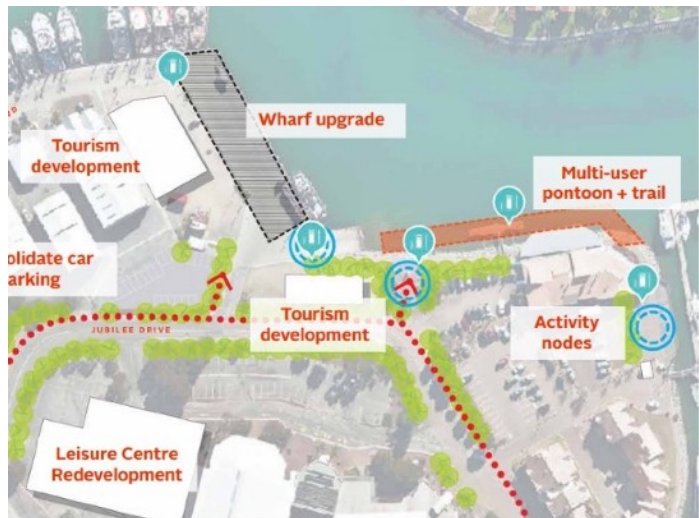
Not so Breaking News

Paintwork is in full swing on Tacoma and the surfboat in Greg’s shed. Rowers and surfers on the move.

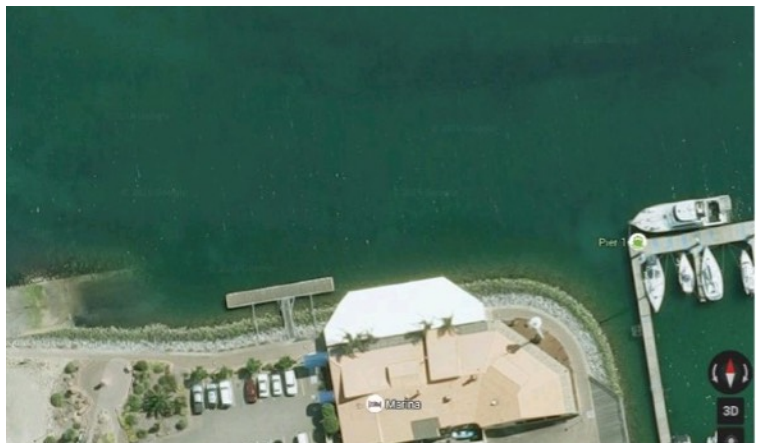


The Tacoma Berth Update

Looks like the incoming council have hit troubled waters with the dismantling of the Andrews children’s playground so not sure where the big Master Plans for developing the foreshore and the Marina are currently sitting. The Marina component of the grand plan appears to be kicked down the road again, so we might have to wait till the coast is clear & wise heads are able to breathe again.



Precinct Plan



Latest...

There is now an entry in the Port Lincoln City Councils’ 2023/24 business plan for a marina pontoon for \$200,000. Progress may finally be underway. How this relates to a home for Tacoma is yet to be established - there is many a slip betwixt cup and lip!