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Bill Park's 'Black Pearl'.



Six square riggers and 525 wooden yachts on display at the AWB Festival in Hobart - wooden boat nut's heaven!

## Australian Wooden Boat Festival

Not at all like a conventional boat show this festival was a great big, 4 day party for wooden boat nuts and about 40,000 of them came out of the wood-work for the occasion! There was all types of nautical entertainment for the crowds including a.. you guessed it - a 'BugBuild'. Many thanks to: **BoatCraft Pacific** for the building space, local 'Bug' owners Mike Greene and Frank Eaton who brought their boats along and helped out, and the show organisers who were a pleasure to deal with.



Two local 'Bugs' on display at the AWB festival



Scott from

BoatCraft & Frank Eaton BugBuilding

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FireBug plans/regos have now reached into the 960s in 32 countries.



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Mike Greene in Hobart

## What a ship! Star of the Festival!

The 1880s sailing ship, James Craig which was once a rusting hulk in a bog, is now restored and based at the Maritime Museum in Sydney. The ship sailed to Hobart for the wooden boat festival and I was lucky enough to do a harbour cruise for the end-of-show fireworks display, and even better, see the sun setting and the full moon rising over the Derwent - what a sight!

\*\*Auckland was the JC's home port for many years and I think we should ask for her back! The old beauty would look great tied up at the Viaduct!



Square rigger sunset over the Derwent.

## Auckland Boat Show

The **International Paints** stand this year featured 'Little Blew' Dave Shepherd's new 'Bug'. A tight promo budget unfortunately meant no building action this year, just a static display.



Family interest at the Auckland Boat Show



Late in the day sailing at CRSC

## Mordialloc Sailing Club

In Melbourne the MSC are organising a building scheme which will see a good fleet of 'Bugs' on the water for next season. Contact is Richard Lozell: [richard.lozell@getintosailing.com](mailto:richard.lozell@getintosailing.com) [www.mordiallocsc.yachting.org.au/](http://www.mordiallocsc.yachting.org.au/)



Connor Sunkel-Lozell and the first of the Mordialloc Sailing Club boats in Melbourne



Tom Stegink from Tannum Sands with a kite up! Great stuff Tom!

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## Work/Fun in Progress..

'Bugs, new and old are on the mind in all regions. Thanks to those who have sent in photos and news..



Liam and Joshua Treacy, Melbourne.



Irakli and Mom in the Republic of Georgia.



Brian Jones with a FNC boat, Open Day.



Portland Central School pupils putting it out, near Bathurst NSW



Edi and Izzie at Tutukaka, Northland NZ



Club boats with new paint for the new season!

Good newsletters require photos and good stories. Please send yours in now!



The CYC FireBug fleet stopping for lunch after a fun day sailing the bar.

## Winter Visitors to FBHQ

FireBug visitors to FireBug HQ over the winter included Ray O'Brien from PPYC in Christchurch NZ and Chris Spooner and his boys Ben and Sam who normally reside in Gladstone but are currently making a 'bob' in the big sand pit, Dubai!



The  
Spooner  
boys  
from  
Gladstone



Ray O'Brien  
from PPYC

## South Island Owner's Group

Many of the sailing clubs in NZ's South Island now have Firebugs so an owners group has been formed to oversee the sailing program and keep things running smoothly. Simon Rutherford of the Canterbury Sailing School has teamed up with the PPYC Commodore, Ian Douglas to keep things on the right track. Simon says 'The 'Bug is the ideal club boat for young and smaller adults!' Contact Simon to get on the 'Bug emailing list: simon@canterburysailing.co.nz Web: www.canterburysailing.co.nz or Ian at frogfrog@xtra.co.nz

## South Island Championships

The next Firebug South Island Champs are to be held on March 13 and 14 at Lake Hood, just south of Christchurch. The lake is an excellent venue with modern facilities, no tide issues, close-up spectating and near to NZs tourist highlights for any Aussies who would like to come over, borrow a boat! This will be a fun regatta by PPYC with a big fleet expected. See [www.lakehood.co.nz](http://www.lakehood.co.nz)

## Nice Sailing Photo

These South Island boats are powering along and it's easy to see how other small boats are left in their wake! The skippers are a mix of young and old making for fierce competition.



'Bugs in top gear, youngsters in front!.



Joshua and Terry with their hull just off the jig.

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Some have been held over for the next issue.

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