

RMBOA Mini – Newsletter September 2007

A combined mini Amble (3rd & 4th November) and Annual General Meeting (4th November 10.30 for 11.00AM) will be held at Murbko. The Amble is not a member's only event; feel free to invite your friends or prospective new members. There is no registration fee or memorabilia as it is an unofficial get together. You will of course need to be a financial member of RMBOA to vote at the AGM. As we will hold a barbeque (RMBOA will supply the meat) after the AGM it is essential that you contact the secretary (0417 870955; (08)82691530 or secretary@rmboa.org.au) by 19th October to register your interest in attending the barbeque, so we can organise the catering. Please bring a salad!

Some facts about Murbko

- Murbko is approximately half way between Morgan and Blanchetown on a good sealed road. From Adelaide travel on the Sturt Highway past Blanchetown and across the Blanchetown Bridge. The turn off (to Morgan and Murbko) is on the left hand side approximately 200-300m past the entrance to Griffen's Marina (about 2-3km from the bridge), then travel approx 20km in the direction of Morgan, to the Lutheran church in Murbko, follow the dirt track to the left approx 100 - 150m from to the church to the riverfront you may have to open a gate to get there, please leave the gate as you found it, it is likely committee boats "Minxy" and Geza will be there on the Friday afternoon (2nd November), moored near the wooden sign on the riverbank that says "Murbko". UHF Radio Channel 24 will also be monitored. Sue and Michael's mobile number is 0417870955 if you really get bushed!
- Murbko is located at approx. 299km (according to "The Pilot") on the river, with deep water, and many mooring sites. If you have GPS these are the UTM coordinates: 54H 0376.473 6218.593
- Bush camping is possible but there are no facilities (e.g. toilets, showers or shops). There is patchy mobile phone coverage with the Telstra CDMA or Telstra NextG networks. Other carrier networks may have coverage but this is unconfirmed.
- There are good boat ramps at Morgan and Blanchetown for trailerable craft and it may be possible to leave vehicles and trailers at the caravan parks.
- Unlike the Ramble, no toilets will be supplied, if you are camping or your boat has no facilities the disposal of your waste and rubbish is your responsibility, please think ahead.
- You are responsible for organising security of your vehicle and trailer if you bring trailerable craft. Morgan Riverside Caravan Park (08) 8540 2207 or Mobile Service 0408 289 080 or Blanchetown Caravan Park (08) 8540 5073 may be able to store your trailer and vehicle.
- **If you are attending the AGM only, please bring a chair, some shelter will be provided for the AGM, toilet facilities will be available for those attending the AGM only who have come by road that day.**
- A barbeque will be held after the AGM, the RMBOA will supply the meat, tea and coffee will also be supplied please bring a salad or similar for the barbeque and **don't forget to register your intention to attend by 19th October so we can organise the catering.**
- Bring your fishing rods and Petanque boules.
- Please don't hesitate to contact the secretary, Michael Heuzenroeder on 0417 870955 or (08) 82691530 or by e-mail secretary@rmboa.org.au, if you have any questions, **but please do this prior to 19th October as the secretary will only be contactable by mobile phone after that date.**
- **IF YOU DECIDE THAT YOU WISH TO TRAVEL THROUGH EITHER LOCK 1 OR LOCK 2 IT IS **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** THAT YOU CONTACT THE LOCKMASTERS AND SA WATER TO CONFIRM WHETHER THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE**

DO YOU WANT TO "CONVOY" FROM DOWN RIVER TO THE MINI-AMBLE AND AGM?

Gil and Angie Leaver (wooden cruiser "AHWANDRA") are planning to travel upstream from their mooring at Greening's Landing to Murbko. If you wish to attend the Amble and AGM and would feel more comfortable and safe in a "convoy" situation whilst navigating the stretch between Swan Reach and Lock 1, please don't hesitate to give Gil and Angie a call on (08) 83395822 or 0429 993955

OTHER FORTHCOMING RMBOA EVENTS

1st - 2nd December 2007 Christmas Party Mini – Amble, Mary Anne Reserve, Mannum

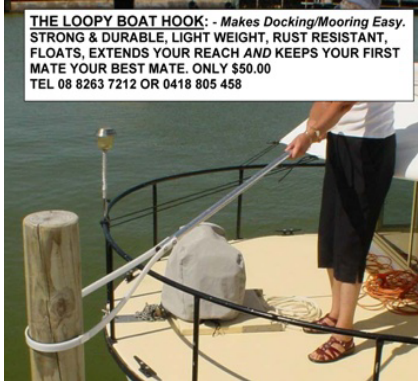
Spend the weekend on your boat socializing with fellow members from Friday (30th November) afternoon or come on Sunday (2nd December 2007) by boat or car for our Christmas get together at the Lions Club Shelter 12 noon start. Father Christmas will attend, please bring male and female gift to maximum value \$5.00 if you want to participate in the gift giving. Tea & Coffee Supplied.

RAMBLE 2008 14th – 21st APRIL 2008. Itinerary is yet to be finalised. However more two day stopovers are to be included. Tentative start point is Riverglen marina to finish in Swan Reach. At this stage Kroehn's Landing is proposed as an alternative to Walker Flat. More details will be in the next Rambler.

LAKES/GOOLWA Mini-AMBLE 2008: The management committee is also planning to hold a mini-Amble in the Goolwa/Lakes area in 2008. Please keep an eye on your Rambler and the website www.rmboa.org.au for further details. If you have any suggestions for other events please contact the secretary.

ODDS and ENDS

AVOID DIVORCE – AND KEEP YOUR FIRST MATE YOUR BEST MATE!



The Loopy Boat Hook (left) was developed by RMBOA members Warren and Lynn Booth; I first saw this product at the Wooden Boat Festival and thought what a brilliant simple idea for simplifying the often difficult and stressful task of docking and mooring your boat. Perhaps the greatest property of the Loopy Boat Hook and that is increased safety when mooring. It eliminates much of that hit or miss of throwing a rope or trying to alight from a moving boat and thus reduces the risk of falling and possible injury this is especially so in windy conditions. We certainly have some talented people in the RMBOA! It's only 50 bucks so do yourself a favour and call Warren or Lynn on 08 82637212 or 0418 805458 and get yourself one today!

THE AGM AND COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms have been included with this newsletter, if you feel strongly about something or think you can contribute, here's your big chance. All current Committee members will be renominating for their positions, in order to take on the mammoth task of Ramble 2008. Can't attend the meeting? then section 17 of the constitution states "**A member shall be entitled to appoint in writing to the Secretary another member of the Association to be his/her proxy and attend and vote at any meeting of the Association**" If you wish to put a proxy vote in please contact the secretary in writing well before the AGM as he will be away from the 22nd of October and will not return until after the AGM, he and Sue are having a well deserved holiday on the River.

MEMBERS MEETING

The last Member's meeting at The Tower Hotel on the 23rd of August was highly successful, thirty-five attended the dinner prior to the meeting with 46+ attending the meeting itself. Our webmaster Mark Little gave a fascinating account of resources on the internet and also available on www.rmboa.org.au to aid the river traveller. Our members certainly have embraced the change to brighter more and convivial venues for our meetings, members might be interested to know that "The Tower" allows us to use the room and plasma screen for our presentations for free, previously we paid a \$50 donation/fee for the use of the TPI facilities. If members have any suggestions for other reasonably central venues that have a private room and good reasonably priced meals, please don't hesitate to contact the secretary, we are always open to suggestions from our members.

WEEKLY RIVER E-MAIL NEWS

Mark Little, our webmaster, sends out a very interesting and popular electronic newsletter automatically to all members on e-mail, nearly 50% of our total membership now receive this electronic newsletter and the number of on-line members is continuing to grow rapidly. **If you're not receiving this very popular service and you have computer and e-mail it's probably because we don't have your e-mail address.** If you would like to register for this service, just drop the secretary (secretary@rmboa.org.au) a quick e-mail note. If you don't have a computer, don't worry we'll continue to keep you informed of the essentials by newsletters such as this and "The Rambler". We will continue to send these to members for as long as required.

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