

"Real Life Skills - Build a Yacht and Learn to Sail!"

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What a sight! Lindisfarne Sailing Club fleet building 'Bugs at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart, Tasmania. There's excitement in the air!!

### Lindisfarne at the AWBF in Hobart!

The Australian Wooden Boat Festival in Hobart is a biennial feast for 70,000 wooden boat nuts! I was there again this year as the Lindisfarne Sailing Club built three 'Bug hulls at the show and simultaneously sailed the Tasmanian FireBug Champs in the waters adjacent the show. It was a huge success - one wise looking and older woman said "This is the best stand in the whole show - just look at all those kids and grownups having so much fun!"



Fully rigged FireBug attracts fans, young and old!



Large obstacles on the race track, Tassie Champs.



The wonderful Australian Wooden Boat Festival.

### Champion 'Bug Builders in Portugal!

Dear Peter, We are very happy with Firebug, because now we're watching the first kids that learned in an Optimist jumping to a Firebug with a smile on their faces. You can see they find it a much better boat! Also we had the first experience with an adult that learned to sail first time in a Firebug.

Best Regards, Antonio

An offshoot from Antonio and Carlos's team lead by Joao Macedo is doing 'BugBuilding with adult Cerebral Palsy sufferers. Have a look at the Portugese TV article - this is what Firebugs are about! It brought tears to my eyes..

<http://youtu.be/Jcw7nWnkBiQ>  
See the website for a translation.

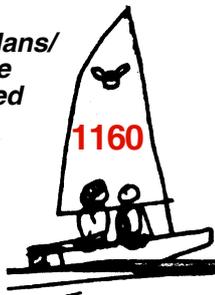


Antonio and the team enjoying lunch break in Lisbon.

### Box of BugBits Stolen!!!

A box full of 'BugBits and cords has been nicked from the postal system on its way to a builder in Marsfield Sydney. Anyone spotting such a collection for sale on Ebay or similar, please get in touch with [pete@firebug.co.nz](mailto:pete@firebug.co.nz) and claim a BIG REWARD!

FireBug plans/  
regos have  
now passed  
1160 in 34  
countries!



Lunchtime break at Lake Hood.



Close racing at the top mark.



Prize winners, NZ South Island Champs.

### NZ South Island Champs - March '13

The South Island Champs were sailed at Lake Hood south of Christchurch, an ideal venue for small boats with flat water, no low tides, easy accommodation including camping and close-up spectating. The fleet of 6 adults and 6 children all had great fun. See the website for full report.

#### Results:

**Juniors:** 1 Narottam Royal, 2 Josh Kilian, 3 Luke Reidinger

**Seniors:** 1 Tom Arthur, 2 Mel Selwood, 3 Ian Douglas.





Nice conditions for the Lindisfarne Sailing Club Twilight Race and Campover which included real fire cooking, pizzas and movies. And what a pretty sight! Story below..

**'Bug Regatta at Carnarvon in June**  
FireBugs from three WA clubs are sailing in a two day regatta at the Carnarvon Yacht Club and Pete's turning up to have a look!

**New Boats Launched..**  
Several photos of new boat launchings have been sent in.. nice work!



PJ Clarkson launching 'AvaRose' at Blairgowry, Melbourne. The kids are soo excited about their new boat. Thanks for a gem of a boat design!



'Wind Buggy' sporting a re-cut-on-the-kitchen-table wind surfer sail, on the water in Dongara WA. The boat sails well and I had a lot of fun building it. Robert Boase



Denis Cassar and grandson David (The boy with the drill in the FireBug ads) ready for a sail!



Ken Hulls' grandchildren enjoyed some Christmas holiday sailing at Waiheke Island in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf.

**Lindisfarne Twilight Sailing.**

Hi Pete,  
Not sure if I mentioned our camp-over at the club a couple of weeks ago. We had such fun as the parents set up tents, caravans and tied boats up at our jetty to sleep on, we lit a couple of contained fires and the kids had their first twilight race. Everyone had a ball, the kids cooked marshmallows, with movies and pizzas to entertain them. The parents sat outside around the campfires until the early hours. Egg and bacon rolls in the morning followed by more sailing. What a great weekend!  
Cheers, Des, Lindisfarne Sailing Club



Archie with 'Volare' built at the AWBF. Nice job!

**FireBugs (and me) in the Mags..**

As I write this FireBugs are featured in two boating magazines - rave articles in Australian Amateur Boat Builder and also the English WaterCraft magazine where it all read well but unfortunately I was mis-captioned. I've been waiting a while for an excuse to put a photo of myself in the 'BugNews and now is the time - this is me!



Correctly captioned Pete!

**'BugNews gets Better and Better!**

Thanks for the great photos and news: Des Clark, Rob Boase, Ray Ellis, PJ Clarkson, Yumiko Aisaka, Denis Cassar and Russell Lund, Antonio Cabrita, Tom Bennett's parents, Ken Hulls, Tom Arthur and Ken Hashimoto.

**Visitor from Japan..**

I recently had a visitor from Osaka in Japan - Yumiko Aisaka took time out from studying English in Auckland to visit us in Russell. She is taking over management of the Marina Club Rivre from her Dad and is looking forward to promote more FireBug sailing and building in the area.



Yumiko Aisaka at Pete's new office in Russell

**Another Perfect Build with Extras**

Kensaku Hashimoto from Sagami Bay near Tokyo in Japan has completed his 'BugBuild and what an immaculate job! Complete with beach trolley and 'easy load and unload' car roof rack. Ken is very pleased with the sailing abilities of his new boat and says it attracted a lot of interest at the local City Festival.



Clever easy load roof rack system



'Hotaru' on display at the City Festival



Fast sailing in a 20 knot breeze

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

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