



WAVE



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Polly Woodside with her new Fore and Main Topmasts sent up rigged and her Upper and Lower Topsail Yards re rigged.

Chairman's Chat:-

This Wave is the biggest for quite a while with so much going on as we have:-
Mizzen Mast-coat completed. Fore and Main mast's wedges nearly completed.
Poop deck canvas cover renewed.
Sanding and oiling pinrails and poop deck for'ard rails.
Sanded and painted midship's capstan.
Ongoing covering and protecting remainder of standing rigging from weather.
And Shara has informed us the volunteers have worked **800 hours** so far this year.

Please Note:- We still require another Ordinary Committee Member.

Volunteers:

Our volunteer numbers are fluctuating between four to about ten on a good day. The stalwarts being, Don Knowles, Roger Wilson, Richard Barber, John Slattery, Campbell McCullough coming down by train from Bendigo, when he isn't crewing on the 'One and All', John Maxwell, Tod Gardiner, and D'Arcy Wells whenever they can. Also Simon with his carer Effie, are doing a great job overhauling and painting the mast fittings. Wayne and Damien Bette, come down whenever their sea time allows them to. We have lost Charlotte for a while,. Don Knowles is continuing overhauling and renovating blocks. between other jobs which seem to pop up all the time Also a warm welcome to our new volunteer Max Baxter coming down from Ballarat, who was welcomed with open arms by Roger, as he has sea time on sailing ships in many roles, and worked on restoration of 'Picton Castle' for 4 years as Bosun..

Richard Barber is continuing to show he can turn his hand to anything.
Roger Wilson has completed the Mizzen mast-coat, but feels that is the easy one, as things are cramped at the Foremast (an anchor) and Main mast (ship's pumps). Any volunteers to set them up?

Maintenance Coordinator: No report for this issue from Ferdi Darley, but the photos that follow say it all.

Management Shara is successfully doing all she can to keep the site functioning smoothly, and is an asset to the Polly.

Pump House Ponderings by Derek Moore - June 2019

The Pump House and its heritage steam engine, boilers and centrifugal pumps continue to be controlled by the State Government. Over the past 2 months, there have been two occasions on which 2 members of Engineering Heritage Victoria and myself have had access to undertake cleaning and lubrication of the engines, pipework and associated fittings.

In addition to general maintenance, some specific tasks have included the reinstatement of some hand painted sign boards that were originally installed during the early years of preservation. These pale blue boards with white lettering

highlight various features in the Pump Room, such as the steam supply to the engine and some engine components.

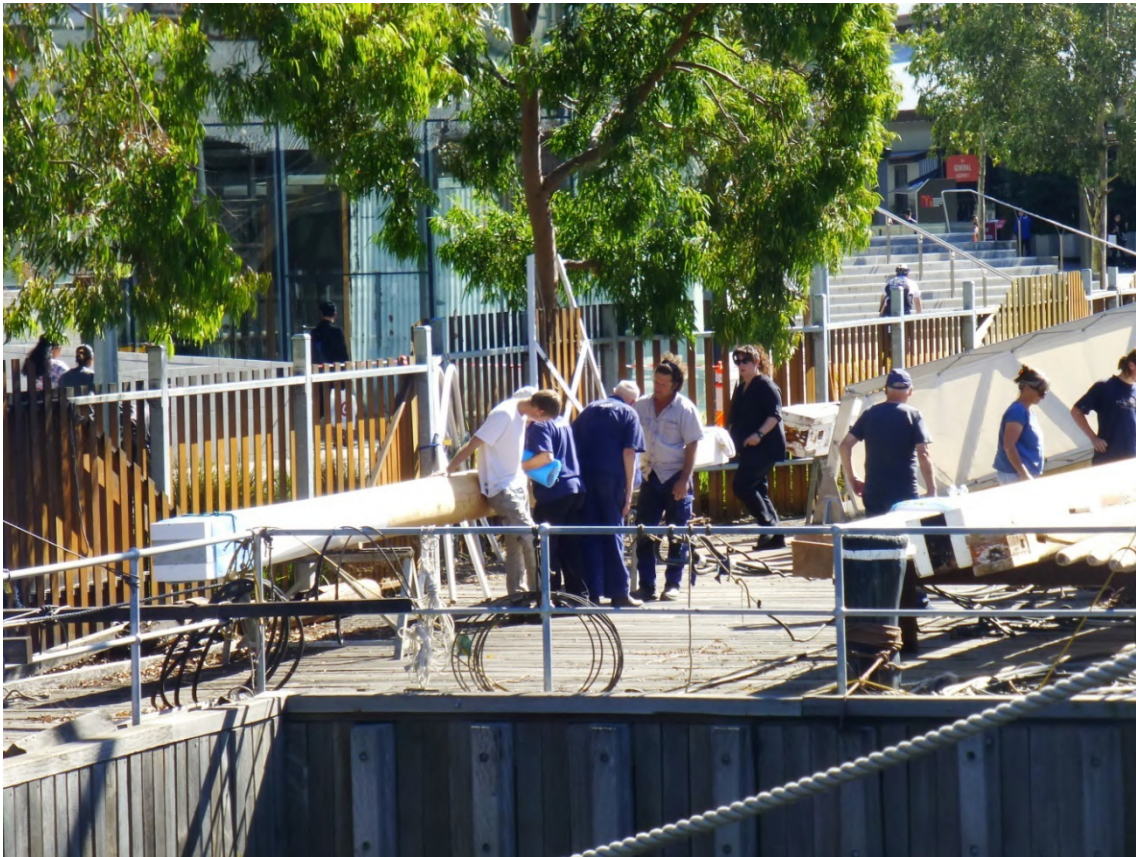
The builder's plate has been reinstated on the HP engine cylinder on the Dry Dock side of the engine, thus complementing the plate on the HP cylinder on the boiler side.

Further painting has taken place on the engine bed, columns and the steam accumulators.

The active interest and support of PWVA volunteers and associates is greatly appreciated, including that of Polly Woodside management.

These are changes that have been occurring since the last edition of Wave.

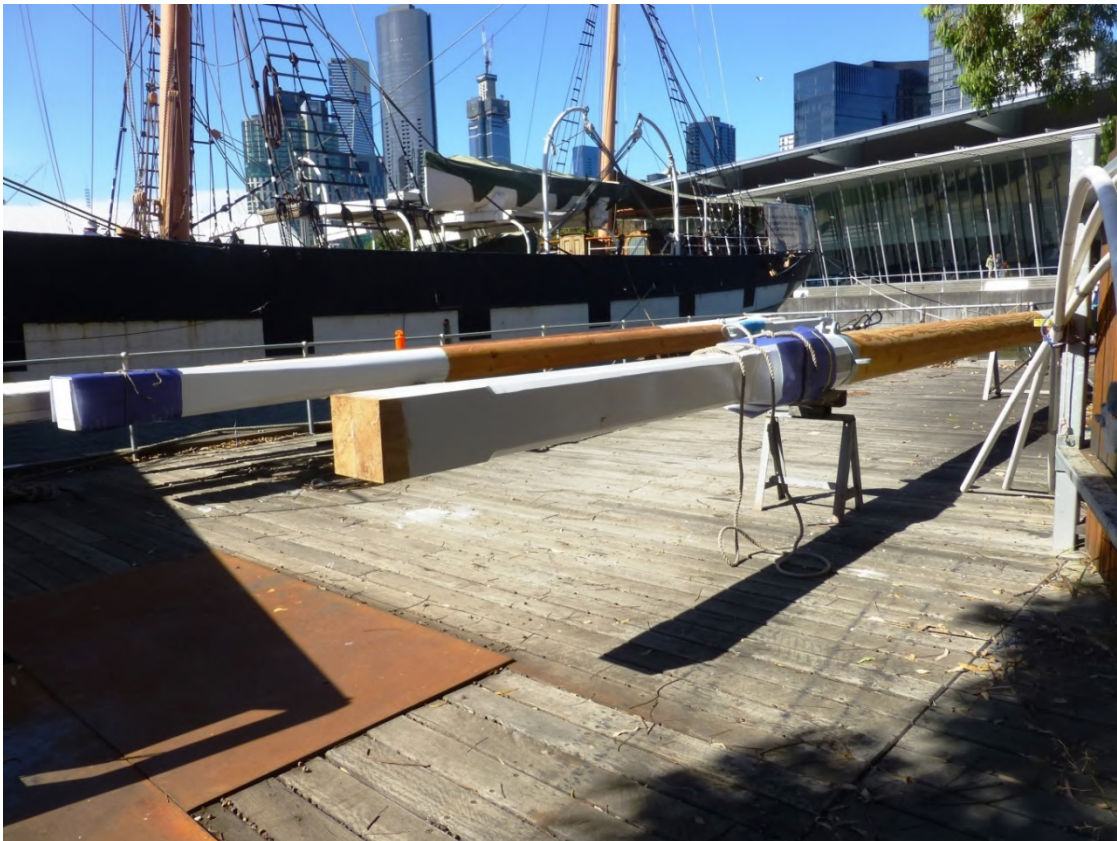
On the 2nd April 2019 the masts arrived.



The Arrival of the masts - L-R. Rupert (Ferdie's son), Richard (hidden), Don, Ferdie, Shara, John, Wendy (Ferdie's wife), Unknown.



Got them. - L – R John, Ferdie, Don, Richard.



The New Masts. See the join between the two pieces on the end of the closest mast.

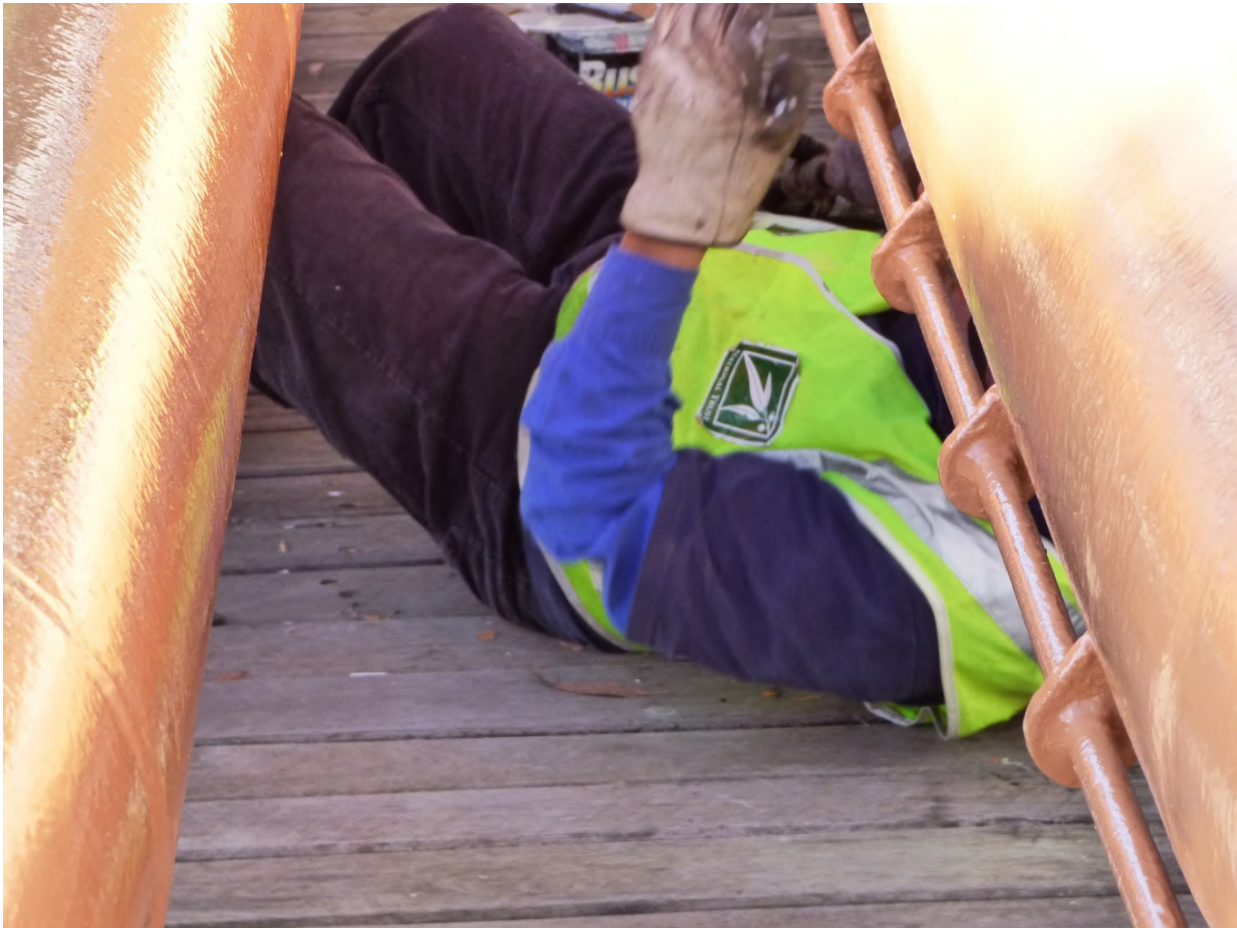
Getting the Upper and Lower topsail Yards ready.



Roger with a long way to go.



Neil and the ups of painting.



Don and the downs of painting.



Fitting footropes-(L-R) Roger (just) Ferdie, Richard, Don, Campbell (watching from afar), and Roger (Ferdie's gang).

On 14th May 2019 The cranes arrived and the Main Topmast is being sent up.



Crane installing Main Topmast.



Guiding it into position.



**Welder in cage, supported from the crane welding support bracket for Fore Topmast.
*Now for the Upper and Lower Topsail Yards.***



Roger, Don, Crane rigger, & Ferdie preparing yard for lift.



Main Lower Topsail yard Being hoisted.



Mainmast done, Fore topmast in position, Yards ready to go.

The cover picture completes the transition.

For completion, all we need now are the Fore and Main T'gallant Masts with their T'Gallant

and Royal yards.
Donated by Anonymous.

I have been assured that the following transcript is of an ACTUAL radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations, of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in Oct. 1995.

Canadians: Please divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Negative. Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the captain of a US Navy ship, I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH. THAT'S 15 DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: THIS IS A LIGHTHOUSE. Your call.

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Vladimir Putin, wanting to get onto the good side of voters, goes to visit a school in Moscow to have a chat with the kids. He talks to them how Russia is a powerful nation and how he wants the best for the people.

At the end of the talk, there is a section for questions. Little Sasha puts her hand up and says "I have two questions" "Why did the Russians take over Crimea, and why are we sending troops to the Ukraine?" "Putin says "Good questions" But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes, and the kids go out to Lunch.

When they came back, they sit back down and there is room for some more questions. Another girl, Misha, puts up her hand and says "I have four questions".

"My questions are – Why did the Russians invade Crimea? Why are we sending troops to the Ukraine? Why did the bell go 20 minutes early? And Where is Sasha?"

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A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered.

Upon their arrival the doctor said he had invented a new machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's pain to the baby's father. He asked if they were willing to try it out. They were both very much in favour

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10%, for starters, explaining that 10% was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. However as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and 'kick it up a notch'.

The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20% pain transfer. The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing at this point, they decided to try 50%. The husband continued to feel quite well.

As the pain transfer was obviously helping out the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him.

The wife delivered a healthy baby boy with virtually no pain. She and her husband were ecstatic. When they got home, the mailman was dead on the porch.

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