



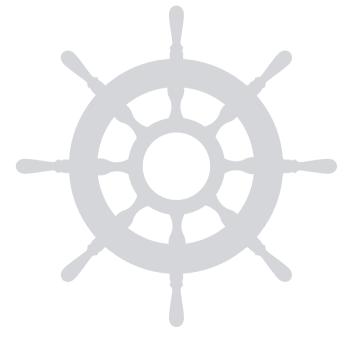
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VIRTUAL SAILING

With "real" Sailing still postponed due to the Coronavirus, Jacob and I have been keeping our skills sharp on Virtual Regatta.

We have finally completed our circumnavigation of the globe on replica's of Magellan's *Victoria*, which has been underway for the best part of a year. It has certainly been a learning experience, as you need to look at a passage from a completely new perspective compared to a race on a modern IMOCA or Ultim. With a top speed of around 7 knots, and an average of 3, it is not possible to sail all over the ocean to pick up favourable wind. Instead you need to plan your voyage so that you receive tailwinds as much as possible, with little regard for small wind shifts or localised pressure.



Last Sunday, instead of buying Potato Gems with Gravy at the Drysdale Shop on the way to the club, I spent the morning competing in the Hempel World Cup Series Genoa aboard my virtual 49er. It was a session of very intense racing, with the Ligurian Sea throwing large shifts and big gusts at all competitors, particularly in the corners of the course.

Typically there would be around 16 skippers per race, with each race comprising two laps of a windward-leeward course. Typically the top 3 boats finished within 0.5-2 seconds of each other after 5 minutes of racing, making the final couple of gybes critical.

I was fortunate to finish 54th overall out of around 11,800 skippers. This was a somewhat disappointing result after running 31st for most of the day, but it was one of my first times competing in a World Cup Series event.

Virtual Regatta Inshore and Virtual Regatta Offshore are both available in the App Store and I strongly recommend them to anyone looking to improve their skills on the water during these difficult times.

For those not interested in getting out on the virtual seas, I can highly recommend building a boat as an excellent pastime to fill the time between work and sleep. I have included a couple of pictures of my sailing canoe project for those that are interested.

I've noticed that there seems to be a lot of people on Facebook using their time in lockdown to build boats they've always dreamed of.

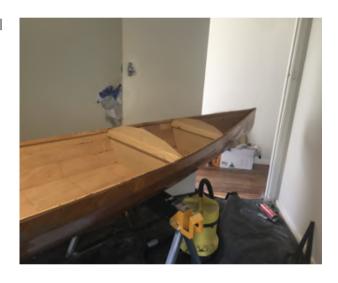
If you want to waste a couple of hours looking at boats you could potentially build, I have comprised a quick list of fantastic websites that you can really get lost in:

- John Welsford Yacht Design
- <u>Dudley Dix Yacht Design</u>
- <u>Stray Dog Boat Works</u>
- <u>Duckworks</u>
- Woods Designs
- Team Scarab
- HarryProa
- Schionning Designs

My other great discovery this past week has been the YouTube Channel <u>Yachts and Yarns</u>. However, be warned, once you start watching you won't be able to stop! Another great one to get into is <u>Sampson Boat Co</u>, following a talented British Shipwright restoring a classic sailing yacht.

If anyone has done anything interesting sailing-related during these difficult times and would like it included in the next edition of the newsletter please send me an email at Thomas.Stuchbery@gmail.com.









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Below is the internet link to apply for a check: https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/in dividuals/applicants/how-to-apply

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