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I have written Mr Potts of Bleasdale Vineyards, Langhorne Creek for information about the boats built by his grandfather and uncle and he has been good enough to go to the trouble of looking up his records and sending along a transcript.

Altho these boats are not in any way Goolwa boats they are in any way of thinking worthy of mention in this type of boat history of a place so close to us on the same water.

I always regard it as a marvel that these old settlers found the time to do what they did on the land in its raw state and also find time to build steamers, barges and these sailing boats and probably use them personally.

Mr Potts tells me that some of them carried 100 bags of wheat per trip to Goolwa and the bags of those days were nearer 300 pounds than 200 and I have personal recollections of that.

Now to the boats themselves. One of these boats was taken overland to Port Adelaide and raced there but records are not available.

Mr Fred Potts, the uncle of the present Mr Potts is credited with building the following boats; PASQUIN, DARWIN, GALATEA, NYROCA and BRIGAND. and some of the particulars are as follows; PASQUIN, 25 foot on the waterline

28 foot O.A.
Beam 6 foot 8 inches
Draft 4 foot 9 inches
Ballast total $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons
Ballast in keel 7 hundredweight
Mast 21 foot
Diameter of mast 6 inches
Bowsprit (outboard 12 foot)
Boom length 23 foot
Gaff length 16 foot
Topsail Yard 21 foot
Area of sail 713 square feet.

NYROCA 23 foot at waterline
26 foot 6 inches O.A.
Beam 7 foot
Draft 4 foot
Ballast total 2 tons 11 hundredweight
Ballast in keel 2 hundredweight
Mast 19 foot
Diameter of mast 5 inches
Bowsprit (outboard) 11 foot
Boom length 22 foot
Gaff length 15 foot
Topsail yard 22 foot
Area of sail 600 square feet.

BRIGAND 24 foot 6 inches on waterline
28 foot O.A.
Beam 8 foot
Draught 4 foot 6 inches
Ballast 3 tons.

Other boats were FOX, CHALLENGER, TAM O SHANTER, SOUTER-JOHNIE, BUTTERFLY, SWALLOW.