Cornwall Marine Network was supporting the project and *Classic Boat* would report its building progress.

With its wide deck area, shallow draft and simplicity, this design is also suitable for youth groups to build and go exploring with or as a low cost family cruiser. Back in the Pacific the Tongan government department for fishing in Va'vau, on viewing the design, were interested in its use for fishing expeditions of around three days.

From Micronesia we received an impassioned plea for the design in these words:

'We are interested in the Amatasi 27 as a starter project to reintroduce sailing into much of the outer islands of the Federal States of Micronesia. The inter island transportation system is almost non existent and we are losing people due to many, many reasons but, basically, lack of transport; *help* by responding.'

I hoped, with the Lapita Voyage film being shown and this presentation, we had contributed to the wishes of the organizers of this conference 'for the discussion on the social significance of experimental ocean voyages' and could experimental voyages have influenced technological choices for the future?

James Wharram (died 2021) and **Hanneke Boon**

Further Reading

• *Recreating the migration route of the proto Polynesians.*

The first of two papers, delivered by James Wharram at the Early Man & the Ocean conference, at the Norwegian Maritime Museum & Kontiki Museum, Oslo. As a young man, dreaming of sea adventure, I was inspired by Thor Heyerdahl and his 1947 Kon-Tiki voyage. With this voyage he established the basic premises of experimental marine archaeology, which continue to this day. Heyerdahl had addressed himself to this problem: 'How had Pacific Ocean man arrived across 1,000s of miles of ocean in the central Pacific islands?'

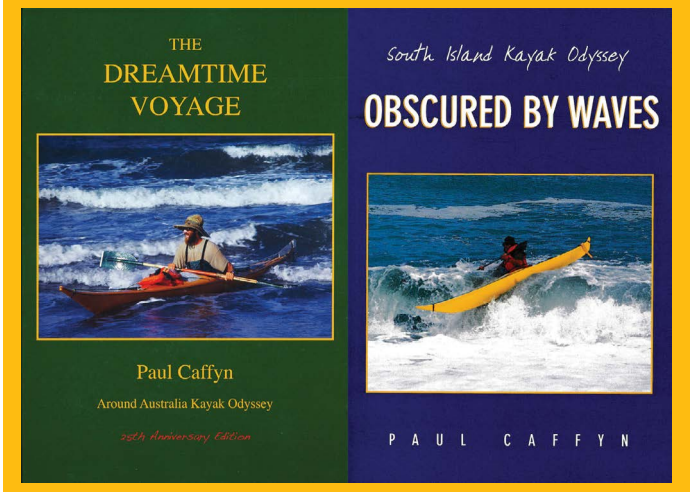
• *Lapita Voyage.*

Read more about the Lapita Voyage expedition, including crew logs and many pictures. This expedition began in the first week of November 2008 when two 38 ft double canoes, designed by James Wharram Designs, based on an ancient Polynesian canoe hull form and built in the Philippines, set out on a 4,000 Nm voyage along the island chains of the Philippines, Indonesia, New Guinea and the Solomons.

The Lapita Voyage was our April 2009 lead story. Other aspects of this story were noted in last month's On Show.

Hanneke's drawing of the Melanesia.

Spirit of Gaia *wintering in Scilly in 2023.*



Paul Caffyn Klassic Kayaking Books

Now available in England, both the Australian and South Island books.
Sadly, the exorbitant cost of overseas postage has killed off mailing these A4 size books from NZ.
However, an old work colleague, Mick, loads up his hand luggage after he visits NZ annually. He has already sold out of the recent 2nd edition of the Stewart Island book but the two classics are available in England from:
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Report losses

Reporting on a day's finds in the Clyde, George Parsonage of Glasgow Humane Society included a damaged canoe. 'I contacted the Canoe Association re the canoe that I had found. The description matched one lost two weeks ago in Lanarkshire. It was unplifted. I explained that whenever someone loses a canoe, it should be reported to Police, Humane Society, Weirman and Port Authority as anyone seeing an upturned canoe could think there had been an accident and a time consuming, expensive, unnecessary search be started. Unnecessary as the person who had come out of the canoe was safe and well at home and of course the emergency services involved in any search could have been required elsewhere.'

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