

Barker's Passage Update
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News from Bow Tie Lady, Friday 13 July:

We have reached Thursday Island and will be here till a parcel arrives - more spares.

Had the opportunity yesterday to have the [BSCCD] pennant photographed with one of the elders here, Joe Sabantio, who 30 years ago took me turtle and dugong hunting when I lived with these people on Hammond Island. He is a man of the sea, started his career as a pearl shell diver, skippered boats for years and has taught the young men the fishing and hunting skills.

He was delighted that the club had adopted the dugong as a symbol. He said they are beautiful creatures, a challenge to hunt and he had much respect for them. As you know only the locals can hunt for these animals. His wife Bonnie said they are the best food to eat from the sea and should only be eaten for celebrations. They seem to celebrate a lot and have much to celebrate with their lifestyle.

Having the time of my life.

Thanks for your interest.

Regards
Peter Barker