

COMMITTEE NOTES

Both at the Boatowners Meeting and in correspondence, boat-owners have been advised that they may not leave their vessels unattended overnight at the pontoons without obtaining prior approval from the Manager. This is not being done and damage has occurred. We nearly had the No.1 Slip out of action for a considerable period. If it is necessary for you to do so will you please obtain approval from the office and see that there is an entry made in the book kept for that purpose. Failure to comply will be regarded as a breach of the Outer Harbor By-Laws.

There are still some who have not reported on the condition of their moorings within the last two years in conformity with By-Law No.8. Letters will shortly be going to those concerned which will unquestionably result in an abnormal demand for the mooring barge. In your own interests you are urged to attend to this important matter now, without waiting until this situation arises.

The Police are again regularly patrolling our premises at night so members there at unusual times may be asked to identify themselves. Unfortunately thefts continue and any losses should be reported to the Manager so that he in turn may inform the Police.

The boatsheds are now being locked at night and anyone likely to be requiring access during the locked period should ascertain from the office where the key is hidden. When using it please ensure that the key is returned and the door locked behind you so that everything may be done to protect our property.

Opening Day was a great success due in no small measure to our hard working, enthusiastic staff. Both inside and outside staff, under Mr. Mike Dyer's leadership, saw to it that everything went smoothly and the grounds and Clubhouse were in splendid shape. We thank boatowners for their co-operation, especially regarding the use of pontoons, which enabled everyone to have "a good day".

With Opening Day now past the Outer Harbor Committee wishes you all a good season's sailing.

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HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As I write this report our Opening Day has once more been successfully held on 1st November. This Committee would like sincerely to thank all those members who so willingly gave their time on the previous Friday, clearing out and helping to decorate the main shed; and again on the Sunday morning, replacing all the dinghies and racks etc.

Our thanks go also to Mrs. Annie Howell and her class of school children for the artistic drawings which decorated the walls of the main shed for the dance, to all who gave flowers for this occasion, and to the ladies who so capably arranged them. I think all who were present will agree that the flowers in the lounge on Opening Day were magnificent.

Since the last Newsletter, several social functions have been held in the Clubrooms:

On Wednesday 13th August, Ion Ullett (Achernar), Bryan Price (Ruthean), and Hugh Bower (Valhusa), gave a most interesting talk and slide evening on their recent trip to the Barrier Reef in their respective yachts, to a large and appreciative gathering of members.

One of the most successful social events, our annual dinner dance, was held for the first time in our dining room at the Outer Harbor. It was so well attended, and the subject of such favourable comment that I feel, we can look forward to this function being held in our Clubrooms in future.

On Friday 24th October, a dinner was held for members with 20 years or more continuous membership. According to the glowing reports received about the success of this occasion, it could well become an annual function.

Coming Events: From Saturday 15th November, light music will be provided for your entertainment and dancing in the dining room on Saturday nights, except on those evenings when there are offshore races.

Friday 28th November - an evening in the form of a "Shipwreck Party" will be held in the lounge and dining room.

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Friday 19th December - Christmas Luncheon in the Clubrooms.

Saturday 20th December - A "Fun" night will be held in the Clubrooms.

All of these functions can only be as successful as the support they receive from you, the members - so come along and join in the fun and entertainment.

In conclusion, please watch for coming social events on the notice board in the entrance foyer, and give us your support.

Les Sampson

HALF TON NEWS

The Half Ton Association elected the following office bearers for 1980/81 at its A.G.M. on 4th June '80:-
President - R.J. Ottaway (Valkyrie); Hon. Secretary - E.J. Finnis (Sloth); Hon. Treasurer - A.R. Human (Trochus);
Councillors - J.R. Harry (Canon) and G. Jones; Auditor - R. Lewis; Eligibility Officer - G. Jones; S.A.Y.R.A.
Delegates - E.J. Finnis, J.R. Harry and A.R. Human; Off-shore Delegate - G. Jones; Publicity Officer - D.A. Hurford.

Eleven yachts competed in the Association's Port River Social Race held on Sunday, 10th August '80. The event, conducted in light but pleasant conditions, consisted of a race from Outer Harbor to the Birkenhead Bridge, following which the fleet motored through the bridge and tied up alongside the tug "Fearless". After lunch on board their boats, members, crews and their families inspected the old tug prior to making their way back to the Squadron. The prize for First and Fastest was awarded to "Rouseabout" (C.H. Wall-Smith) and the Most Leisurely prize was won by "Sleek" (F. Scott). The success of this outing has ensured that Half Tonners can look forward to at least one more similar function during the year.

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At a Special General Meeting held in September '80, the Association amended its Constitution to allow yachts with either a current J.O.G. maximum rating of 23.6 ft., or an I.O.R. maximum rating of 22.0 ft. to be accepted for rating purposes. This means that owners who do not wish to compete in I.O.R. events, can now obtain the simpler and cheaper J.O.G. measurement to become eligible to compete in the State Half Ton Championships. In most cases, Half Tonners exceed the limit for J.O.G. yachts, but some are also eligible to compete in J.O.G. events. At least seven Half Ton yachts now have current J.O.G. certificates.

The Squadron's Winter Series was well supported by Half Ton Tonners. Ten yachts participated in Division 1, with eight of these boats contesting the Glenelg Shiver. The three most successful Half Tonners in the series were "Valkyrie", "Rouseabout" and "Escapade".

Although small numbers of Half Ton yachts competed in the early Squadron races and the Premier's Cup Series, seven boats nominated for the first heat of the State Championships held on 25th October '80. The Association wishes all competitors good luck and good sailing for the remainder of the series.

In accordance with its objective of promoting Half Ton racing in this state, the Association has obtained the services of several experienced members to help new skippers, including assistance in gaining a better appreciation of rating measurements. It is hoped that by providing this service, new owners will be encouraged to take up regular competition.

Dave Hurford

FROM THE OFFICE.

UNCLAIMED DINGHIES.

The owners of unmarked and unclaimed dinghies now lying in the Bosun's yard are advised that in the near future those remaining unclaimed will be disposed of without further notice.