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Clubhouse Damage: At 2.52 a.m. on 14th November a severe squall struck the clubhouse. Mock Sarah and Rob Butchart were on their vessels and heard a terrific roar of wind which lay Taworri on her side. On looking out, Mock saw the front verandah peel off, followed by a major section of the roof, of which a large part landed in the car park near Rob's car, after passing over it. The force of the wind wrenched off and blew in two of the large sliding doors to the dining room, sending them about two-thirds of the way across the room and shattering glass and woodwork everywhere. Our wind gauge registered in excess of 70 knots.

We have been wonderfully fortunate that no one was hurt, for had it happened that the dining room and bar area were fully occupied, the consequences might have been very serious.

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Jim Howell and Denis Harcourt, all necessary protective and security action was under way very early next morning with a gang of experienced workers on the job by 9.30 a.m.

The extent of the damage moneywise is not yet known, but everything possible is being done in conjunction with our insurers to proceed with the restoration as early as practicable. In the meantime the clubrooms have been made usable and it is hoped to restore the air conditioning as a priority. There has not been any need to cancel or delay any functions. The dining room and bar are in full operation on a "business as usual basis".

It is pleasing to report that none of our boats suffered any structural damage in the storm, when only minor chafing occurred.

Achernar and Ruthean: As anticipated, both these vessels are now safely back, Ruthean having to weather the worst

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of the recent storm.

Obituary: It is with sadness that we record the death of two Squadron members, Mr. H.Y.N. Sprod and Mr. Harry Perry Snr., of whom the latter was an Honorary Life Member. The Squadron extends its most sincere sympathy to their respective families.
