

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

I attended the Opening Day of the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club and the Largs Bay Sailing Club, and our Rear Commodore represented the Squadron at the Opening Day of the S.A. Small Boat Club. He was impressed with the enthusiasm expressed there, and good sailing could eventuate between these Clubs in the next few years.

Our Racing season opened on the 18th October, and the Ardrossan Race was well attended. We are all very interested in the performance of Mr. David Judell's new boat "Samantha".

You would have received through the mail a considerable amount of literature on Safety. If you have any queries at all on this please see the Safety Officer. I would like to express our appreciation to the Members who have put so much time and work into this. Two Rules come under discussion:-

- (1) 'Rounding marks' - now applicable in our races, and vessels can re-round a mark they have fouled and continue in the race.
- (2) 'Limitation to damages between vessels' - Mr. Cocks has gone into this and the limitation will not apply in Squadron Races and, by agreement, if a Largs Bay Sailing Club vessel is involved.

I must now mention to you a matter which was in the Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting in August regarding the Protest of PAM. I report to you now that this matter has been resolved. The original decision at the Meeting has been upheld.

As you are all aware, our new Clubhouse has been completed, and I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing this about in such a short time. Notices on 'Dress Rules' for the Upstairs lounge will be introduced, and I ask you all to observe these Rules as a certain standard must be maintained. No one under the age of 20 years can be served in the Upstairs lounge. The problem arises with the older Juniors here. Although they cannot be served with alcohol we must consider

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the interests of all Members, and we are currently considering some House Rule on this. There will be a section set apart for the very young children accompanied by adults.

From the Outer Harbor Committee we are advised that dredging near the Hydroplane wharf has been completed, and the dredge is now in the South East corner. I am sure we would all like to see the new Pontoons this year. There has been a suggestion that we move the boats that are waiting for moorings to the newly dredged position down from the Hydroplane wharf as this will keep the eastern pontoon clear.

Another important item to be mentioned is that anyone bringing dogs to the Outer Harbor are requested to have them on a leash. The Committee is conscious of the Members wishing to bring their dogs, but they in turn must respect other Members and keep their pets in close control.

The Social Committee report that on Wednesday, 19th November, the S.A.Y.R.A. conducted their Business Meeting at the Squadron.

Our Junior racing has started with 15 boats, and a State heat of the International Y.W. Cadets was held on the 23rd November at the Outer Harbor.

The design for the Junior Clubhouse has been approved and over \$1,000 has been raised. While there is some merit in building so far as the \$1,000, we will still have to find the money to finish it. Mr. A. Cocks has taken this under his wing, and we need as much support as possible. It would be good to see this Clubhouse built before the Centenary Regatta. I know some Members would like to see the \$1,000 spent as far as we can, but we do not want to see it only half constructed, and when you receive further advice of this in the New Year, I do ask for your support.

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I would like to express my thanks to all Boatowners on the way they conducted the Sail Past on Opening Day. It was 100% better than last year. His Excellency and the Official Party were impressed with the new Clubhouse, and as a general comment, I consider our official relations are highly satisfactory. The Centenary Dinner Dance was very successful, and special mention must be made of Mr. H. Rymill's excellent speech.

With reference to our Centenary Sailing programme, and in particular the Prince Philip Cup, I do underline the responsibility of the Squadron to ensure the success of this Series. A large number of officials and vessels are required to conduct the Races, and if you are able to help on any day from the 26th February to the 14th March next year would you advise our Sailing Committee. The racing standard of the Dragon class yachts is of the highest order, and participation as an official is the opportunity of seeing this at first hand.

We wrote to the Minister of the Navy and asked if a unit of the fleet could be made available during our Centenary Sailing. I received a letter back advising that 2 ships will visit for a week in March. These are H.M.A.S. "Queenborough" and H.M.A.S. "Vampire". They will be available from the 9th March to the 16th March, and arrangements are already being made for their participation.

Finally, I would like to say that I am pleased that you have received your copies of "Cooks to the Galley" and "The First Hundred Years". I hope you treat it in the light we want you to - a good Christmas present, and not too dear. This is our principle fund raising for the Centenary.