

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The new Squadron year started off with the well attended Annual General Meeting on 27th June last, at which the three flag officers were each elected for their second term; and it was very pleasing that Mr. Pat Hill, who as Treasurer is the fourth officer of the Squadron, is also continuing for another year.

The following Committees were elected:

### OUTER HARBOR COMMITTEE

Mr. W.V. (Bunny) Preston  
Mr. Ivan Godfrey  
Mr. Ellis Mathews  
Mr. Tim S. Paterson

### SAILING COMMITTEE

Mr. Graham Brown  
Mr. Chris Howell  
Mr. David Morphet  
Mr. Rick Ottaway  
Mr. Wilbur Tedmanson

### HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Howard Trotter  
Mr. David Borg  
Mr. Rob Butchart  
Mr. Les Sampson  
Mr. Geoff Semmens

Each of these Committees later selected its own Chairman, these being W.V. Preston (Outer Harbor), Graham Brown (Sailing) and Howard Trotter (House and Social).

Congratulations to these Committeemen and the Squadron's sincere appreciation for all the service last year's Committeemen gave. Likewise to Blythe Lindsay, our "Newsletter" editor, who does such a good job.

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Thirty-nine new members were elected at this year's A.G.M. and the welcoming reception for them was held on the morning of Sunday, 1st July. In being welcomed, they were told that the Squadron is one of the very few Associations in South Australia which are over 100 years old, being founded in 1869: is full of history and tradition with magnificent racing trophies (the like of which are unlikely to be made again) and other treasures gathered over that time; frequently has yachts and members participating in major Australian and World yachting events; and that its members are immensely proud that it is a "Royal" Squadron. The new members and their families were cordially invited to participate in all the Squadron activities, so sharing with us all the good yachting, good friendship, good fellowship and good fun for which the Squadron stands, and in which it so richly abounds.

The organisation for the Half Ton Australian Championships to be held in January next - 11th to 18th - is proceeding. Following on the production of a very high standard Notice of Race, the Organising Committee conducted an equally high standard introduction to the series for possible competitors and interested persons at the Town House.

Trophies amount to a value of over \$2,000.

It is pleasing to report that within one month of the distribution of the Notice of Race, five fully paid up entries have so far been received. Jim Taylor and the Commodore have decided to sponsor or charter a yacht in the series if one is available, and it is hoped others may do the same. "Nyroca" will be available to assist in the conduct of the event.

Boatowners with yachts capable of competing are urged to "lift their sights and give it a go". The Organising Committee will be happy to discuss with you any problems you have. Once you talk a problem over it is diminished.



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Members who are prepared to assist with official duties or as crews are requested to give their names into the Squadron office.

The Squadron is the joint sponsor with our State Half Ton Association at its request, and it is virtually a pre-condition to the success of the series that members of that Association who are not entrants make their boats available for charter (on proper terms as to indemnity for loss or damage) to help induce boats to come from other States so that it is a genuine Australian Championship. Early advice of boats available for charter is accordingly essential and will be much appreciated.

Wilbur Tedmanson is Chairman of the Organising Committee and he or the Squadron Secretary/Manager can be easily contacted for all enquiries.

Interest is mounting in this year's Southern Cross Cup Series and the Sydney-Hobart and Great Circle Yacht Race. Entries so far are Born Free and Dynamite II for the Sydney-Hobart, including the Southern Cross Cup and Vivid as well as Born Free and Dynamite II in the Great Circle Race.

The Dinner Dance this year will be on Friday, 7th September at the Oberoi (formerly the Australia) and the House/Social Committee is providing all details of arrangements. The Committee seeks your full support to make it both a well attended and a bright and outstanding social occasion, well worthy of our Squadron.

Opening Day this year will be on Saturday, 3rd November, and full details will be circulated.

The Year Book for 1979-80 is being printed and will shortly be forwarded to members.

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Jack Gamlin has written with some news of our lucky members who are currently cruising the Barrier Reef. Jack is with Bryan and Helen Price in Ruthean and they all send their regards and best wishes to everyone. When Jack wrote on the 28th July, they were sheltering at Thomas Island, one of the Lindeman group, and had been having mixed weather - some sunshine, and some rain with wind up to 35 knots. They had met with Keith Waterman in Southern Osprey at McKay but had not so far caught up with Achernar or Valhusa, which they think are further north. He says they have also met up with yachts from U.K., Tasmania, New Zealand, Western Australia, Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland and also met Alan Blackburne who designed Kestrel. What a trip!

Thanks again to those who help so much by sending in articles and news items.

BILL HARNIMAN

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## COMMITTEE NOTES

### SAILING COMMITTEE

The Squadron's Year Book is currently being prepared and will contain changes in response to some of the points made at the Racing Boatowners and Crews' Meeting and the "Survey of Racing" conducted at the end of last season.

Possibly the largest area of change occurs over the January long weekend. A picnic race concept has been reintroduced to give more opportunity for getting together. It is hoped that boats other than regular racing yachts and including power boats will take the