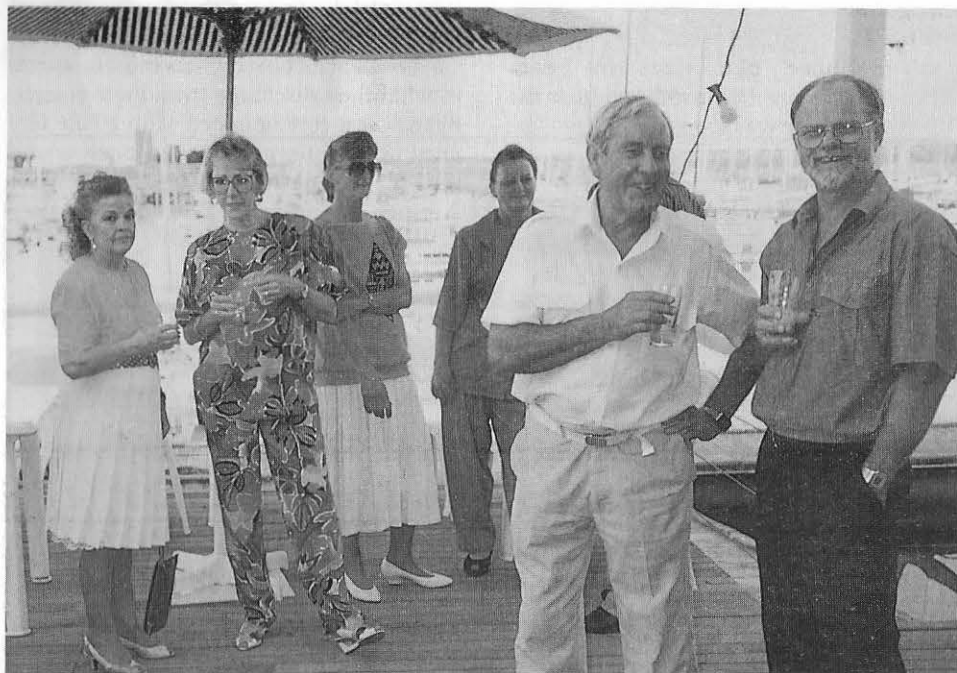


House and Social Committee Report

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The Christmas Luncheon was well attended. We thank Norm Peterson, Local Member and a Squadron member, for his interesting account of the historical role and responsibilities of the Speaker in our Parliament. New Year's Eve signalled another milestone in the development of the Squadron. More than a hundred members and friends enjoyed pre-dinner drinks and nibbles on our new Quarterdeck. This was an excellent outcome for Martin Webster and his small band of helpers. Well done to all those involved! As usual, the New Year's Eve dinner-dance was sold out. Judging by how quiet it was next day, everybody had a

good time. That afternoon the new Quarterdeck was officially launched for the presentation of trophies for the Matthew Flinders Regatta. [How can you launch a deck? Does that require sinking the ship? — Ed.] Those who haven't seen the latest acquisition are urged to come down on a Saturday or Sunday to sit under an umbrella and enjoy the benefits. New Year's Eve emphasised yet again that if you want to come to a function you must book early. We saw some well known committee members who missed that happy event. Don't be disappointed at the foot-stomping and thigh-slapping German Night on Friday 12 March and the haggis, whisky and Highland Fling on Friday 28 May. Book early! SQ



Launching the Quarterdeck —

Jan Butcher, Joan Wilkinson, Marlene Swinstead, Ian Moncrieff, Tony Baldwin

Cruising Committee Report

Brian Williams

Once again the Christmas Party was a very successful evening. About sixty members and friends danced the night away, some to wake next morning regretting all that physical exercise. The Sundowner Friendly Fun Events continue to be popular. Eight to ten boats have been plagued with calm seas and little wind, but then cruising gentlemen and ladies never sail to windward or allow their drinks to be diluted with salt water. Five boats met in Eastern Cove for New Year, joined by about twenty boats from other clubs. As I write some boats are still cruising gulf waters, so we expect good entries for the Gulf Waters Cruising Trophy this year.

Col Harrison has returned from Turkey for a short time, but we could not arrange a Cruising Evening presentation. He was fit and full of enthusiasm to continue his adventures. We hope to catch him for a talk

when he returns. It is hard to find guest speakers during the winter months. Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed by any of our committee members.

Cruising Calendar —

19—21 February	Blanche Point cruise
6—7 March	Homestead Beach overnight (keg provided)
21 March	Cricket Match on sand flats
28 March	Wooden Boat Day
2 May	Fishing Contest
15—17 May	Barker Inlet cruise

Watch the notice board for details. SQ

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