

COMMODORE'S REPORT ...

Over recent months with the increased use of facilities, it has become evident that our septic system is being overtaxed. The Health Department advise that swimming must be prohibited within adjacent areas to the septic outlets which are under the main wharf. In your own interest, please make sure that your crews and particularly children, are aware of this problem, and do not allow any swimming near the Club-house. We hope next year to overcome this problem with alterations to our sewerage system.

Our yacht racing activities have been extremely successful with big fleets. The Offshore racing is seeing excellent fleets both for long distance races and Saturday afternoon events. The Adelaide to Port Lincoln race saw 41 starters. Congratulations to Bus Myers in Adria for his win, second and also recording fastest time was Josco Grubic's Anaconda and third to Malcolm Kinnaird in Bandit. The race provided a great deal of variety in conditions. The Friday night was hot and quiet, smooth seas and balmy conditions with off watch crews sleeping on deck. The prawn fleet working off Tapleys Shoal created interest, taking a while to work out what the blaze of lights was. Saturday morning turned the tables with a strong cold front moving in, bringing strong head winds giving the larger vessels the advantage.

The Picnic Race weekend was perfect - weather, company and fun. Thirty seven Squadron boats anchored at Black Point, creating quite a sight and a great barbecue ashore by courtesy of John Germain was very popular.

Apart from the fact that we have only had 3 weeks of summer, the season seems to be successful. Perhaps March will be hot and give us a warm Easter - let's hope.

JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

LIVE-IN WEEKEND

The second annual live-in weekend was held on 3rd-5th December 1971. It was a very successful one and we are very grateful to all who helped to make it so, not forgetting the mothers who undertook the breakfasts. Plans have already been made to repeat it next year, and due allowance will be made then for the generation gap between the younger and more mature juniors.

TROPHIES

Mr. M.B. Butterfield has donated a trophy for a long distance race. Mr. and Mrs. Les Sampson have donated a trophy for a crews race. The Captain of Juniors has donated a Captain's trophy, which will be awarded to the boat gaining fastest time in a special race for the purpose.

COURSES

During the first half of the season, short courses have been sailed with wide fluctuations in results under an automatic handicapping system. In the latter half of the season, it is hoped to lengthen courses to give crews experience more comparable with that of beach clubs.

TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF JUNIOR CAPTAIN

Dr. Last will be abroad from 3rd February to 29th March. During this period, the acting Captain will be Mr. R. Wooding.
