

But finally we came up with the name *Four Seventy* it had a nice easy ring to the name. Also Catalina had announced this year that they were not going to mass produce any more of their pedigree 470s designs and were concentrating on building other popular models, such as the 445s, so it was befitting, we think, to honour the 470 Catalina model. Prior to the naming ceremony the name was approved by the AMSA. (It's worth noting that if you get the registration and or the markings wrong there is a \$20,000 penalty for non-compliance). To our knowledge there is not another boat in the world called *Four Seventy*. The renaming ceremony occurred at the RSAYS Open Boat Day and we had around 30 people in attendance. The link for the correct boat de-naming and re-naming ceremonies are

available at this website:

<http://www.boatnames.com.au/boat-naming-renaming-ceremony.htm>

We would like thank everyone for sharing with us on the day in the festivities of the naming ceremony, and for all the help and support freely given to us by the many friends and members of our club and other Catalina yacht owners.

And yes, you are all welcome to drop in and have a sail with us on *Four Seventy*!

Mal Denton has renamed his Northshore 38 *Blue Diamond*...



Blue Diamond before renaming.

Having learnt to sail at age eight and being a member of Sea Scouts and attending Seahaven Scout Camp, the RSAYS has always been very dear to me, and I had often thought - one day I might be able to be there! I had even assisted on Opening Days, seeing all at the Squadron in their navy and white, transporting members to their boats, which at that time were all on chain moorings.....Yes, I am a little more than eight now!

Having owned and raced numerous yachts and catamarans off the beach, I had the opportunity to sail for the last six years with Paul Bogner on *Arcadia* (weekends) and David Henshall on *Lara 111* (Wednesdays) - both amazing experiences.

The timing was now right, if I didn't have my own keel boat now I would never do it. The hunt began. Numerous enquiries, trips interstate, and out of water surveys. I was already starting to understand the true meaning of boat - bring out another thousand!

Then I found her lying in Sydney, the best of all I had seen within my range (sort of!) and I purchased her, a Northshore 38, then called *Mojo*. I then made the journey home with the driver Keith in the semi, an awesome trip with my new blue purchase following closely behind being handled like a baby by Rob Johns Transport.

She made it to Adelaide safely and work began. Engine work, electrical, new standing and running rigging and some other minor repairs. Three days of scrubbing, cutting, polishing and repainting of decks and she was ready for renaming - after all, could we really have two boats at RSAYS called *Mojo*, owned by Mal Mead. A special 'thank you' to my lovely lady Nicole Marshall and number one crew member Nives Vincent for their hard work preparing the boat too.

Renaming day was here and at 1100hrs on 25th August, 2013 the official ceremony took place performed by our new Commodore Peter Cooling, and *Blue Diamond* started her new life.

This was an exceptionally special day to me with many friends present. The name *Blue Diamond* came from what seemed an endless list but was very symbolic, and those who know me well know that, in particular with reference to my work life not being what it should be. *Blue Diamond* is of great value to me in the 'corrugations of the road of life - a saying learned and honoured from a friend and signwriter.

Her name means 'Precious, rare, and exquisite, formed from great pressure and rising from within'.

Nicole wrote an amazing poem for me for the name changing day. This is just a segment of it:-

'With the rising of the sun,
And it's setting again at night,
Blue Diamond is a sight to behold,
Her timing is just right!'

After just three sail/practice days she entered and won her first race...oh! oh!... there goes the handicap!

I look forward to seeing you all on the water, on the quarterdeck and on board if you chose to visit/sail. We all know crew are hard to find and *Blue Diamond* is no different. Good luck to all throughout the season both cruising and racing. No matter what the weather brings or the result at the end of the day, any day out on *Blue Diamond* is a good one!



Blue Diamond celebrations.