

CORRESPONDENCE

December 13th, 1976

Dear Mr. Paterson,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th November, 1976 and thank you for your kind remarks. I am an assumption that my Senate colleague, Senator Don Jessop, may have had something to do with your intervention. I am indebted to both of you.

For some time I have had an opinion that those of us who are old men should extend to those who are younger, some of our hard-earned experience. I know that I benefited from such remarkable seamen as the late Norman Ford, Thomas Hardy, Carl Angove and Arthur Rynill and others who were members of the R.S.A.Y.S. many years ago. The sailing members of today (i.e. the Squadron) are better sailors than we were but I think that we were better seamen for our ships and gear were not so technically efficient; we had to achieve, against the sea, the same ambitions with lesser equipment. None-the-less, the sea remains with the same energy irrespective of equipment and thus the laws of seamanship remain.

I suppose that this means that all members of our Squadron of sailors should be encouraged to write of their experiences. Let me illustrate. Some years ago, I had tucked my ship into an anchorage in anticipation of a weather change which experience had taught me to expect. I had an anxious five or so minutes while I watched to see my anchor hold; while this was going on, five squadron vessels went up on the beach in other areas in a radius of thirty miles. Last summer I watched a yacht sail into an anchorage and said to one of my crew; "That fellow is going to get a surprise, he will be aground in twenty yards". Sure enough, he went aground and on an ebb tide. I called in two yachts to half drag the fellow off. No luck, and he did not have the faintest

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Idea of how to get himself off.

I saw him two days later and snarled to him: "Don't you read your chart? Don't you have a lead-line?" No answer! So I ended by saying: "Next time there will be no one to help you". These are the sort of lessons that the collective experience of squadron members should demonstrate by the lessons they have learned.

The news-sheet is first-class and you should be congratulated and you should continue its publication.

Yours very truly,

MAGNUS CORMACK.

VESSEL CHANGES, ADMISSIONS, DEPARTURES, ETC.

"Karisma"	A. Elia	
"Capricorn"	R. Grill	
"Charisma"	J. Manson	
"Silenus"	H.E. & M.E. Mayr	NEW BOATS IN POOL.
"Shaula"	K.W. Flint	
"Chicken"	E. Mathews	

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

"Riot" R. Hambour to A.A. Simpson
 "Halloween Australis", J. Taylor to B.C. Dixon
 "Gustel XI", I. Godfrey to R.A. Keavy
 "Antares", D. Evans to K.Z. Kapelis
 "Sea Breeze", K. Flint to D.T. Evans

BOATS OUT OF POOL

"Dynamite"
