

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Since Opening Day, the Squadron has been busy in each of the sailing, cruising and social spheres. In sailing, our members have performed very creditably. Keith Adams' Peacock sailed magnificently in the Sydney-Hobart classic, being the winner in its Division on corrected time. The following reply to the Squadron's congratulatory telegram to Keith and crew best describes its part in the race:

"Dear Bill: Thank you very much for your congratulations. It is nice to know that a South Australian boat can break through in this classic event, dominated by the big boats and the eastern States. The weather was kind, but it could not be called an easy race. There were areas of light and variable winds requiring a lot of concentration and I was fortunate in having a very excellent and dedicated crew.

Division D is the most sporting division - all amateurs in the true sense. It comprised 24 boats rated 24.5 ft. or below, ie. all the 3/4 Ton S&S 34's which with their age allowance are highly competitive. Sinnerman, the successful 2 year-old Victorian S&S 34, our greatest threat towards the finish, had only 36 minutes handicap against us over the entire race. However, she crossed the line only 20 minutes ahead of us and we thus beat her by 16 minutes on corrected time. Sinnerman won the 3/4 Ton level rating division and we were second boat in that division, beating all other S&S 34's on level rating.

I think the Almighty was very kind to us and sent us one or two very nice puffs of wind at the right time."

The other Squadron yachts in this race were Jonathon Harry's Canon, which came third in its division, Gil Finlay's Ricochet II, Josco Grubic's Anaconda II and Dr. McComb's Silver Cloud.

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Rear Commodore Jim Howell's Born Free did very well in the Great Circle series by gaining a first, second and third in the three preliminary races and fourth in its division in the main race. Paul Smith in Dynamite II likewise gained first, second and third places in the preliminary races and third in her division.

In the Adelaide-Port Lincoln Race on corrected time, Quasar was the winner, Rebel second and Fifty Three from Port Lincoln third. Anaconda II was first over the line and won that trophy for Squadron yachts, and the Matthew Flinders Teams Trophy was won by the Squadron with Quasar, Rebel and Karisma.

Heartiest congratulations to all the place-getters in the various races and to all the other entrants as well. Winning and place-getting is thrilling, but being in the events and trying is also of the true spirit and essence of yachting, and a credit to the Squadron, and it would be nice to see as much more of this as possible.

On the social side, the Christmas Luncheon at the Squadron was a happy and jovial affair, with an attendance of 68. For the Port Lincoln Race this year, full provision was made for visiting yachtsmen on the social side and the Squadron dining room and bar facilities available to them for the period prior to the race. The two highlights were the cocktail party reception for skippers and crews entered in the race, which was held on the Wednesday evening following one of the Premier's Cup races, and a bus trip to the Barossa Valley and Orlando Winery on the Thursday. The reception was well attended and a bright and enjoyable occasion with excellent catering by the Squadron caterers. Guests present included the Hon. Minister of Recreation and Sport, Mr. Tom Casey and his wife, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Port Adelaide, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marten. A picture evening presented by Ellis Mathews also helped entertain the visitors.

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It was particularly pleasing to have with us also the yacht Imogen from the Royal Geelong Yacht Club, which was an entrant in the Port Lincoln Race.

The Dinner Dance for Ladies Day on 24th February was very well attended, as well as being bright and cheerful. The winners and placegetters in the Ladies Race were:

1st Division

Born Free (Mrs. Ann Howell)
Karisma (Miss Jenny Holmes)
Nemesis (Mrs. Kay Human)

2nd Division

Medina (Miss Prue Flint)
Janus (Miss W. Jones)
Wirra (Mrs. Y. Nichol)

1/2 Ton

Redback (Miss Amanda Snowden)
Trochus (Mrs. Jill Human)
Valkyrie (Mrs. Libby Ottaway)

Dragons

Cynthia II (Miss Evie Lupp)
Sapristi (Mrs. Jillian Baker)

The members of the House and Social Committee under Howard Trotter have all put a lot of work into making all of these functions successful. Many thanks to them indeed. Port Lincoln Yacht Club also expressed its appreciation for our entertainment of their members at its formal prize-giving. Incidentally, the receipts from the various Lincoln Week activities, after deducting all expenses including the full costs of the reception, showed a gain.

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We were all very sad at Phil Henshall's passing in December last. Phil was a long-time member of the Squadron, whom we all regarded with the greatest affection and respect, and he will be missed very much.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that in response to the appeal for a librarian to come forward to help save our valuable books with the assistance of Mrs. Margaret Daenke, was answered by Mrs. Marj Jones, wife of Sailing Committeeman Dr. John Jones. These ladies have already made a beginning on the most important work. The Squadron is most grateful to them both, as our books are far too valuable to be allowed to deteriorate.

The Squadron is grateful too, for the many excellent articles and reviews that members prepare and contribute to the Newsletter. Obviously a lot of thought and care goes into making them so interesting and enjoyable - so please keep them coming. New contributors are always welcome, too. David Judell was in Adelaide in February and his wife Judy is writing more for us on their fascinating cruise.

Please note the coming functions set out on the first page of this Newsletter.

For Legacy Day on Sunday, 25th March, about eight boats are needed to take out about 120 Legacy children. Will those boat owners willing to help please hand in their names to the office as early as they conveniently can?

Easter will soon be here and we are looking forward to a good attendance at Port Vincent. The House and Social Committee is looking at the feasibility of providing some appropriate Easter Saturday night function if at all practicable.

BILL HARNIMAN
