

CORRESPONDENCE ...

19th April, 1980

R.S.A.Y.S.,
Port Adelaide.

The Secretary,
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Dear Dennis,

My crew and I would like to thank you, your staff and the members of the Squadron for your hospitality during our stay.

My wife and I have visited eight countries in the Indian Ocean - Southern Ocean area, and in my opinion your club is without question the nicest and most friendly we have called in at. I am only sorry that my wife, who is on holiday in S. Africa, has missed the opportunity of sharing our pleasant stay here.

Your Commodore was kind enough to ask for some details of our cruise.

Yacht 'Sonu' is a 40' o.a. ferro-cement cutter-rigged sloop which I built in Durban, S. Africa. She is very much a slow, robust cruising boat and we have done something like 20,000 miles all in the Indian and Southern Oceans, visiting Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelles, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Maldives again, Chagos Archipelago, Diego Garcia and back to Mauritius before setting out for Fremantle and now Adelaide.

We are - Patrick and Alysoun Kenealey
C/- Morney, Ford and Partners,
320 West Street,
Durban, S. Africa.

We intend spending a couple of months in the Sydney area, where I have a daughter, son-in-law and grandson, and then will go up the Barrier Reef. After that our plans are vague.

Once again, many thanks for your hospitality.

Sincerely,

PATRICK KENEALY

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The Editor,
R.S.A.Y.S. Newsletter.

Just a brief note to correct a couple of errors in Keith Adams' excellent report on the Half Ton Nationals. Firstly I was not the entrant for 'DYNASTY'. Perhaps I could have been described as the motivator but she was entered by her new owner Bill Strangways, who is now a member of this club as well, but was then a member of the Port Adelaide Sailing Club and thus DYNASTY was a visiting yacht also.

As Keith said we had very much a scratch crew, part RSAYS and part PASC, but we improved as the series progressed. We had never sailed together till the first race! We were more than somewhat disappointed when we failed by 2½ minutes to beat 'MAGIC DRAGON' in the last race - in 48 hours that isn't much difference (IOR TCF). It would have been nice to take a trophy from her in a race she finished.

With an IOR rating of 20.6 ft. we didn't expect to do as well in the championship but should have done better in the TCF (except the last race).

Regards,

GRAHAM JONES