

House and Social Committee Report

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Well, it has been a busy last three months! The House & Social Committee assisted Annie Rogers to hold a very successful Wine, Fine Foods & Jazz afternoon, which was attended by almost three hundred people. Food and fine wines were displayed on tables in the dining room and people lined up to sample the various cheese and smallgoods from all over South Australia. The wine tasting had many eager participants. We would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the organisation of the day.

At the time of writing, we are still to have Opening Day, and therefore it will be reported in the next issue.

Opening Day is expected to attract a large number of boats this year and there is a new enthusiasm in the Club, as was demonstrated by the large number of eager and willing volunteers who turned out to assist with the pre Opening Day working bee. Volunteers painted, gardened, cleaned slipways, washed down walls and barbecues, pruned trees and generally made the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron appear very well presented. More volunteers attended on Friday to assist with the flowers and general presentation for Opening Day. Flowers and greenery were donated by many people and the Squadron was decorated in a most colourful manner.

The following events are planned for the near future, so make room in your calendar.

On **Saturday 23 November**, at a dinner meeting, Peter Roberts will do a presentation of the efforts to restore the clipper, *City of Adelaide*, which is currently lying in a boatyard in Scotland. This clipper was built in 1864 expressly for the South Australian trade and the transport of passengers from England. There are plans to return her to South Australia.

On **Saturday 21 December**, Father Christmas is coming to the Squadron just to visit the children. The afternoon should be quite

exciting for the children, as a clown magician is going to do a magic show before Father Christmas arrives. Our clown magician does many things, including balloon twisting and sculpture, juggling and balancing strange objects and pulling white rabbits out of hats. Father Christmas should arrive by boat at about 1730 and there will be a barbecue served for parents and children. Please notify the Office if you wish to book your children or grandchildren to receive a present from Father Christmas.

New Year's Eve is another exciting night for your diary. We plan to have a fairly casual night with some music and seafood. Interested parties will need to find the stripiest outfit in their wardrobe and the theme is **WEAR STRIPES**.

Plans are also in progress for the **Classic Timber Yacht Regatta** to be held on **Sunday, 9 February 2003**. This event will be a great opportunity for owners of wooden vessels to showcase their yachts and a great opportunity for other Squadron members to enjoy watching glorious vessels under canvas. Peter Kelly (*Asherali*) will be recruiting a small sub-committee to run the event, and registration forms will be made available soon. SQ

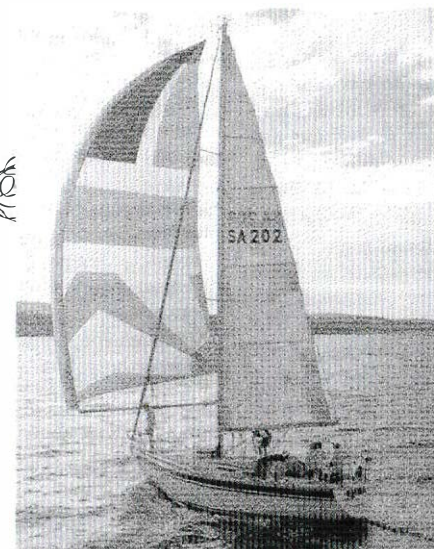


Rear Commodore Annette Rogers at the highly successful wine, fine foods and jazz afternoon.

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