

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The first event to report since our last newsletter is the Special General Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August. This meeting was held to consider the waterfront development plan and 158 members attended. Members approved of the development scheme as submitted and finance scheme "A" was adopted as an amendment to the Squadron's Constitution.

A waterfront construction committee has been formed comprising:

Rear Commodore Merv Butterfield
Alan Smith
Colin Taylor and myself.

This committee has considered at length the merits of the numerous materials available for pontoon construction and have decided to adopt and proceed with steel pontoons with timber decking, similar to our existing centre and eastern pontoons.

Final detailed construction drawings are now being prepared. Tenders will then be called and contracts let for the various specialized stages of the project.

The Squadron's Annual Dinner Dance was held in our clubrooms on Friday 21st August. The Dining Room and Balcony was transformed for the evening and took on a festive air with help of the House and Social Committee and their ladies. The evening was an unqualified success.

A Quarterly Meeting of Members was held on Wednesday 9th September. Unfortunately the weather was extremely bad and only 63 members attended. 16 new members were elected and a function to welcome them to the Squadron was held on Sunday 20th September.

Alan Quigley's first of a series of illustrated talks on the "Voyages of Youth" held on Friday, 18th September, was an outstanding success with our clubrooms packed to capacity. Our caterer provided four times the anticipated

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number of meals and it was necessary to shut the kitchen hatch at 9.00 p.m. with members and guests still queueing for sweets and coffee.

Alan's talk and slides captured our imagination and took us from Durban, around the Cape of Good Hope, up the west coast of Africa, across the South Atlantic and 1,000 miles up the Amazon River of all places. Alan's next series of talks will be held on Friday, 23rd October, together with Prize Night for the Winter Races.

The slipping and traverse areas are heavily booked at this period with members preparing their vessels for Opening Day and the New Season's Racing and Cruising.

Bob Francis' new 40 foot Holland designed "Renegade" arrived in our pool on Sunday, 4th October. Congratulations Bob and good luck.

We are still hoping to form a State Team for the Southern Cross Series to be held in Sydney in December with the final race of the series being the Sydney/Hobart Race.

The team hopefully will be:

"Infra red"	Peter Mander.
"Renegade"	Bob Francis and another Holland 40 chartered by Dick Fidock.

Other yachts going to Sydney for the Hobart Race are:

Anaconda II	Josko Grubic
Adria	Anthony Harry
Minna	Harold Handley
Morning Hustler	Jamie Cowell
Mocking Bird	Don Nichols

Also possible entries:

Emma II	Ralph Phillips
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On your behalf I wish them all success, good racing and a safe enjoyable cruise home. Also good luck to our Dragon Skippers and Crews for the Prince Philip Cup Series in January 1982.

You will have received your Opening Day Information Memorandum and the Flag Officers and their ladies are looking forward to your company that day 7th November.

As this is our last newsletter before Christmas, the Flag Officers extend to all members and their families the Season's Greetings and best wishes for 1982.

JIM HOWELL.

HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you "Alan Quigley" and "Youth". Members have greatly enjoyed the adventure, lessons and entertainment found in your illustrated talk.

We look forward to hearing more of this remarkable achievement of a kind that all club members should be proud of.

"Negotiations" and "tastings" are currently being undertaken for your 'Squadron Port'.

It will be a rich, pleasant product, reasonably priced for bulk purchases and slightly more for a Saturday/Sunday dinner chaser (per bottle).

The idea of a Commodore's Port is also afloat. This one is for the discerning, more expensive taste, that insists on port in a nautical single bottle package. More will be known and told shortly.

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In respect of Opening Day - yet to come - my Committee extends its thanks to: our ladies for providing and arranging flowers; Annie Howell and her many children for their paintings and sketches which will decorate the boat shed; the willing members assisting before and after the day by removing dinghies, decorating, lights, bunting, etc.
- Thank you : it's the only way it's such a success.

An item of news for the ladies, is the decision of the House and Social Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee of Associate Members to assist it in establishing what we trust will be a better service to members and their families. We are now seeking likely "Associate" candidates from a cross-section of the club's membership. To many, this will not be new as it is an old idea and is in fact, a provision within the Squadron's Rules.

COMING EVENTS

- Members' Christmas Luncheon - Friday, 18th December.
3 course menu of credit to our caterer. NOTE it now in your diary - invite a business colleague.
- New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance. Dinner with a D.J. - bring a friend. Decorations, bubbly and midnight welcome to 1982 - it will be a good year.
- Prince Philip Cup Series - in conjunction with the South Australian Dragon Association, the R.S.A.Y.S. is host to yachtsmen from around Australia during January. It will provide first class sailing of a considerable standard.

Members are invited to attend:

Welcome - January 2 / Dinner and Dance

Barbecue - January 7

Presentation - January 20.

Support our local boys by ensuring that this Series is a SUCCESS.

ALAN SWINSTEAD