

Sailing Committee Report

Colin Doudy

Having arranged the family holiday to Tasmania to coincide with the finish of the Sydney-Hobart Race this year, it was a great pleasure to track down Michael Tromp and his crew in *Epsilon* at Constitution Dock and to be informed that they had won in Division C. Squadron Members would be aware that Michael built this van de Stadt design himself, achieving not only a very high standard of finish but a yacht with performance as well. Michael's crew was drawn from his immediate family as well as other Squadron Members including our Commodore, whom he described as, 'A pretty useful bloke to have aboard.' Congratulations to Michael and his crew.

Twilight racing is continuing to have strong fleets. Most Wednesdays see over thirty boats on the water, with 44 having competed in at least one race. The two-start strategy has been well received, particularly by those in the first start! While the second starters have had to sharpen their overtaking skills, the aggregate scores indicate that the handicapper has been quite

astute in accommodating the new starting procedures with a reasonably even distribution of first and second starters in the top ten.

The Australian Keelboat Championships will probably be under way when this is read, with about thirty yachts competing – over half from this State. The results of the local combined IRC races to date show that older and smaller boats can be very competitive under the IRC system, with three Squadron boats in the first five positions (local aggregate) to date. Hopefully, this indicates that the locals will have every chance of doing well in the championships. There will be a number of social events surrounding the series, and I urge all Members to support this event as strongly as possible. Details can be obtained from the net via a link from the Squadron web site.

Just a reminder to all competitors that both the CYCSA and Squadron club time is derived from the telephone time on 1194. Skippers are also reminded to ensure they have valid safety certificates for both the Keelboat championships and/or the Pt Lincoln race, both requiring Cat 3.

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Cruising Committee Report

John Wickham

Well, here we are! 2001 has passed by, a historical year of world events. I will not dwell on those, as we are all well aware of the events that unfolded. Let's mention about the thing we all enjoy – boating, sailing and cruising. There have been four events within this time, and the fifth under way by the time you receive this edition.

First, an update on **The World Chart**: Many of the vessels have been left in their respective ports, while the crews returned home for Christmas. Some that I know about are: *Scotty* — Glenda and Derek Scott — Kusadsi, Turkey. *Marionette IV* — Marion and Roger Holden — Langkawi Marina Malaya. They flew out on 26 January. *Pied Piper II* — Di and Ian Moncrieff — Vila. *Crusader* — Marlene and Phil Tassicker — Rosslyn Bay Yeppoon. Now Mr and Mrs, as I mentioned in the last article, they were to be married. So, yes it all happened; with their reception at the Squadron. I am sure we all wish them all the very best, especially good cruising. I understand that Ian & Di Moncrieff will be returning to Vila on board *Crusader* later this year, which is great news. We have had three vessels return, *Ada* — John and Catherine Lawler; *Exotic Escort* — Andrew & Margie Powell; and *Earrame* — Clive, Anne, David and Michael Arnold. Welcome back. Alan Cotton of *Cabaret* has been sailing around the Pacific in his other yacht for a few years now. Alan left it in Tonga at the end of last year, to return to Adelaide for our summer. Alan learned, while at the New Years Eve party, on Kangaroo Island, held at Jamie and Anthea Cowell's home, that between Christmas and New Year Tonga experienced the worst monsoon in 20 years. It took at least a week for Alan to make contact, as all communication was out. His yacht was beached and refloated soon afterwards, with minimal damage. Alan was returning as soon as he could. I hope that there was only minor damage. There are two new photographs added to the chart, *Pandemonium* — Bonnie and Bruce Marriott and *Marionette IV* — Marion & Roger Holden.

Pt Vincent Cruise Saturday 17 November: A good fleet was anchored at Pt. Vincent by midmorning Saturday, but, the one thing that

influences all out events, yes, the weather, intervened. The wind increased from the northwest, with some rain. So a few who had driven round and were gathered at the wharf decided that no one was coming ashore, so they went to the Ventnor anyway. The traditional story telling at the Ventnor, was postponed until after the barbecue that evening. The weather cleared by the time we were to go to Phil Tassicker's place. Most came ashore and had a great night. The stories were excellent this year. Past Commodore John Butterfield was voted as telling the best story. Early Sunday morning, yes it must have been 0200, brought unpredicted strong winds. They lasted all day. Three braved it and sailed back, three vessels arranged for cars to be driven round from Adelaide to take them home, leaving their vessels at Port Vincent. They returned on Tuesday and sailed their yachts back. The rest stayed Sunday night. Monday saw the weather abate, so all were able to have a good sail back to the Squadron. The weather we had on Monday was what we were suppose to have had on Sunday, but I guess the weather is a bit unpredictable.

Overnighter: 1 December. We planned this to coincide with the Sail SA event at the Club that weekend. The twenty or so who joined up had an enjoyable evening. Long standing Members, Jenny and Peter Last were there, celebrating an annual anniversary dating to 1953. Congratulations to both of you! It was a pity that more Members did not attend Sail SA on either day, as those who did not come down missed out on two good days at the Club. Don't miss it next year!

Kangaroo Island for New Year's Eve. There was only eight Squadron vessels at American River on the 31st: *Aquarius*, *Amarina*, *Audacious II*, *Cabaret*, *Minna*, *Nynja-Go*, of course, *Morning Hustler*, *La Hoja*, resident, and *Time Out*, that was on our slip before Christmas and *Raraku*. There were about eight CYCSA vessels. As the weather was a little unsettled for us to have the beach party, Jamie and Anthea invited all that were in the River, to his home, at American River for a New Year's Eve Barbecue. Peter and Jenny Last had come over to the Island for a few days, so there was a good crowd. We all enjoyed a very

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