

CRUISING COMMITTEE NOTES

This sailing season seems to have gone very quickly. Most cruising people would be aware that we have a recess of events between December & March. This is because many are away cruising, including the committee members. Our activities will pick up from now on.

The New Year's Eve Barbecue at Rocky Point was particularly memorable this year with about 45 people present. The weather was excellent as was the company. Dick Jay & Wilbur Tedmanson & his sons led us in song to a noisy transition into the New Year.

Welcome back to ALLIANCE & NYROCA, now in the pool after extended cruises, NYROCA to Tasmania & ALLIANCE to Queensland. Hopefully the crews of these yachts & others who have cruised locally are giving thought to their entries for the Cruising Trophy. Also congratulations to AIRBORNE and crew for winning the Cruising Division of the Jubilee 150 Two Gulf Rally. Those of us who entered the first leg to Kingscote will remember it for the spectacular down wind start & the Southerly Buster which caused plenty of drama & effectively sabotaged the Kingscote Yacht Club's program of entertainment for us. The club rooms emptied rapidly as yachts started to drag in all directions.

Unfortunately, occasionally I still hear criticism of the Cruising Committee's existence, & from surprising quarters. The claim is that we are divisionary & splitting the activities of the Squadron into two camps. I am anxious to allay fears that would give rise to such criticism. I believe that we have given the Squadron a new dimension, & that we have opened up the facility for a range of activities & social involvement of members & their families who previously just moored their boat at the Squadron. We are in fact interested in improving & extending

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this process, & in addition welcome the involvement of the racing fraternity in any of our events or meetings. It would be a great pity if any member felt inhibited about loading his family & friends aboard for our children's picnic day or the Club Hotel day because he felt inhibited by a "them & us" philosophy. Similarly one would hope the cruising yachtsman could indulge in racing when it suited him without feeling he was crossing some traditional social barrier. There are in fact members who have involved themselves in both spheres of activity without apparent conflict or difficulty since the Cruising Committee was formed. I would hope this is a growing trend & by example demonstrates our efforts are complimentary to the general welfare of the Squadron.

On a lighter note, the Cruising Committee is looking at the pros & cons of the Squadron installing playground equipment. We have been requested by the General Committee to put forward a complete proposal for consideration. We would welcome the opinions & suggestions of members on this subject.

Keep in mind the following events.

Sunday, 20/4/86	Dinghy recovery competition and BBQ.
Wednesday, 1/5/86	Cruising Meeting. Please note the change of date to that advised in the Year Book.
Long W/E, 17/5/86	Flotilla Cruise.

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