

COMMITTEE NOTES

Friday 19th December - Christmas Luncheon in the Clubrooms.

Saturday 20th December - A "Fun" night will be held in the Clubrooms.

All of these functions can only be as successful as the support they receive from you, the members - so come along and join in the fun and entertainment.

In conclusion, please watch for coming social events on the notice board in the entrance foyer, and give us your support.

Les Sampson


HALF TON NEWS

The Half Ton Association elected the following office bearers for 1980/81 at its A.G.M. on 4th June '80:-
President - R.J. Ottaway (Valkyrie); Hon. Secretary - E.J. Finnis (Sloth); Hon. Treasurer - A.R. Human (Trochus);
Councillors - J.R. Harry (Canon) and G. Jones; Auditor - R. Lewis; Eligibility Officer - G. Jones; S.A.Y.R.A.
Delegates - E.J. Finnis, J.R. Harry and A.R. Human; Off-shore Delegate - G. Jones; Publicity Officer - D.A. Hurford.

Eleven yachts competed in the Association's Port River Social Race held on Sunday, 10th August '80. The event, conducted in light but pleasant conditions, consisted of a race from Outer Harbor to the Birkenhead Bridge, following which the fleet motored through the bridge and tied up alongside the tug "Fearless". After lunch on board their boats, members, crews and their families inspected the old tug prior to making their way back to the Squadron. The prize for First and Fastest was awarded to "Rouseabout" (C.H. Wall-Smith) and the Most Leisurely prize was won by "Sleek" (F. Scott). The success of this outing has ensured that Half Tonners can look forward to at least one more similar function during the year.

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At a Special General Meeting held in September '80, the Association amended its Constitution to allow yachts with either a current J.O.G. maximum rating of 23.6 ft., or an I.O.R. maximum rating of 22.0 ft. to be accepted for rating purposes. This means that owners who do not wish to compete in I.O.R. events, can now obtain the simpler and cheaper J.O.G. measurement to become eligible to compete in the State Half Ton Championships. In most cases, Half Tonners exceed the limit for J.O.G. yachts, but some are also eligible to compete in J.O.G. events. At least seven Half Ton yachts now have current J.O.G. certificates.

The Squadron's Winter Series was well supported by Half Ton Tonners. Ten yachts participated in Division 1, with eight of these boats contesting the Glenelg Shiver. The three most successful Half Tonners in the series were "Valkyrie", "Rouseabout" and "Escapade".

Although small numbers of Half Ton yachts competed in the early Squadron races and the Premier's Cup Series, seven boats nominated for the first heat of the State Championships held on 25th October '80. The Association wishes all competitors good luck and good sailing for the remainder of the series.

In accordance with its objective of promoting Half Ton racing in this state, the Association has obtained the services of several experienced members to help new skippers, including assistance in gaining a better appreciation of rating measurements. It is hoped that by providing this service, new owners will be encouraged to take up regular competition.

Dave Hurford

FROM THE OFFICE.

UNCLAIMED DINGHIES.

The owners of unmarked and unclaimed dinghies now lying in the Bosun's yard are advised that in the near future those remaining unclaimed will be disposed of without further notice.