

OLYMPIC CLASSES INVITATION REGATTA

In the December 82 edition of the newsletter, we advised readers of the arrangements being made to conduct the 1984 Olympic Selection Trials in Adelaide from the 18th February 84 to 9th March 84 inclusive. In addition to the trials, the Organising Committee will also conduct an Easter Regatta from the 31st March 83 to 4th April 83 inclusive to enable intending trial competitors to gain valuable experience before the series. These events will be conducted off North Haven and the host club will be the C Y C S A. The Organising Committee will be comprised of members from S A Y R A, R S A Y S, C Y C S A and all other yacht clubs.

For the 1983 event we still need boats to assist as:-

official observer boats (high speed motor boats),
sponsor boats, and
spectator craft.

This is a state wide event and any help that can be given will be greatly appreciated as it will directly assist our 1984 Olympic Yachting Team.

Boat owners who can make their vessels available for any period over the Regatta are invited to contact:-

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Committee
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S A Y R A KEELBOAT COMMITTEE NEWS

A record fleet of 85 boats started in the John Lysaght (Aust) Ltd sponsored All Clubs Race held on Sunday 12th December 82. This is the biggest fleet ever to start in a South Australian deep keel race. Unfortunately, a lack of wind forced O O D, S A Y R A President David Saise to shorten the course, and the race finished at Glenelg. Despite the poor sailing conditions, the media coverage of the spinnaker start resulted in a spectacular promotion for the state's deep keel racing.

Our thanks go to those who assisted in conducting the event, particularly Bill Yard who provided BIRD OF DAWNING as the Official Boat, and our official sponsors John Lysaght (Aust) Ltd.

BACARDI (Commodore Howell) won line honours, the sponsor's perpetual trophy awarded to the overall winner, and I.O.R. First Division was won by SEEOGEL (F Brinkworth), 2nd Division - ESCAPADE (R Halliday), 3rd Division - WENOKA (D Morton), and J O G - PIPPIN (K Banwell).

Once again, the Port Lincoln Yacht Club is to be commended for the manner in which it conducted the Adelaide-Lincoln Race and the Lincoln Week Series. In addition to good racing in a wide variety of conditions, visiting skippers and crews were also treated to a number of well organised social functions. CAPRICE II (J Powell, A Marshall, J Boucat) was the overall winner of the Lincoln Race, HECATE (W Tedmanson) won the series 1st Division trophy, and FAR NORTH (F Neill) won the series J O G competition.

John Duncanson and Bob Balfour have offered to become I O R Measurers for South Australia. Arrangements have been made for them to be trained by John Green, Australia's Chief I O R Measurer.

As mentioned earlier by the Commodore, this year's A G M of the A Y F Offshore Committee will be held at the R S A Y S from Friday 15th April 83 to Sunday 17th April 83 inclusive. During their stay in Adelaide, the committee members are looking forward to meeting

as many members of South Australia's yachting fraternity as possible. The Commodore has therefore invited the Offshore Committee to attend an informal get together with Squadron members in the club's Main Bar between 6 pm and 7 pm on the Saturday evening. All racing members are urged to take this opportunity to meet the interstate delegates and measurers.

BOB FRANCIS

HALF TON ASSOCIATION NEWS

Conditions during the Adelaide to Lincoln Race favoured Half Tonners this year. The first 3 places on handicap were filled by CAPRICE II, DYNASTY, and Q E D, with BAD COMPANY 14th, and AMATUANA 29th. The smaller boats had light winds which held up throughout the race allowing spinnakers to be set from the Marion Reef to Donnington. CAPRICE, DYNASTY, and PEACOCK crossed the line within minutes of each other. Unfortunately, PEACOCK was disqualified due to not signing the "Intention to Start".

Eleven boats have entered our championship series which should ensure plenty of competitive racing. The first heat was won by CAPRICE II, with PEACOCK and VALKYRIE second and third resp. The second heat, the Island Cup, was won by ROUSEABOUT. Second and third places went to DYNASTY and CAPRICE II resp.

Five new Pions are being built and should be ready for next season. We hope to see them all racing with us. It is encouraging to see the extra interest being shown in Half Ton racing.

JIM BOUCAT

Few people have known the thrill of sailing a tall ship. An ambitious project is underway to offer this opportunity to many young South Australians. The Jubilee Sailing Ship Project Inc. has commenced the construction of a two masted topsail schooner which is to be presented to South Australia for her 150th anniversary as a sail training vessel.

Many countries in the world have tall ships which are used as an educational experience for young people. The crew trainees learn about life in a way that cannot be obtained in our sophisticated modern society. This learning comes through an appreciation of the skill and courage associated with the heritage of sail.

The Jubilee Ship is based on a famous schooner built at Port Adelaide in 1874 called POST BOY. The designer is Kell Steinman R.I.M.A., IME, A.A.I.M. who has taken the best features and outward appearance of this 19th century coastal trader and combined them with a shape below the water line that should give her excellent windward performance. She will have a draft of 2.1 metres with two drop keels. The ship will have a total length of 30 metres and will carry a working sail area of 511 square metres. Scantlings are well in excess of Lloyds requirements and the vessel is designed to qualify for an unrestricted Commonwealth Offshore certificate so that she can sail anywhere in the world.

When complete she will be sailed by a crew of 28 trainees of both sexes, a professional crew of three and volunteers of up to six on voyages of one to two weeks during the months of September to May. The trainees will be drawn from schools during term time, and various youth groups over the summer holidays. During the winter months it is envisaged the schooner will make longer voyages to Northern Australia and the Pacific.

This ambitious project is being undertaken by a non-profit organisation, The Jubilee Sailing Ship Project Inc. which was formed in 1980 under the presidency of Sir James Hardy OBE.