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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Once again the active season is upon us with good fleets participating in the racing and cruising activities organised by our Club.

A large contingent of Squadron vessels will again travel interstate to compete in major events. NED KELLY, WARGAMES and WARLORD have entered the Sydney to Hobart Race, BOHEMIAN and GIVE EM PLENTY have nominated for the Melbourne to Hobart Race, CITY OF ADELAIDE and BOHEMIAN will contest the Melbourne to Osaka Race, ARMALITE, EXCALIBUR and FRENCH STICK will compete in the Etchell Nationals at Lake Macquarie, and ANACONDA II, ADRIA, WARGAMES and WARLORD are off to Perth in the OTC Southern Ocean Yachting Classic. We wish them all good luck and good sailing.

Another successful Opening Day, graced with fine weather is now behind us. My thanks go to our Manager, Alan Wilkinson and his staff for their efforts. The day was well organised and the grounds were in first class condition as a result of their hard work. The Squadron was fortunate to have the assistance of Mr Lance Le Cornu (MISS MICHELLE III), the Department of Marine and Harbors (DES C CORCORAN), Mr Harry Cook (ANYNDAH) and Mr Dean Paterson (PAULINE). Thank you Gentlemen.

Our thanks also go to the Ladies who transformed the Dining Room into a showpiece. Past Commodore Wilbur Tedmanson has the happy knack of being able to grow a huge array of flowers for each Opening Day and I don't know what the Ladies would do without him.

Regretfully, at the Sail Past, it was evident that some yachts will need to practice prior to next year's Opening Day. Unfortunately flag etiquette left a lot to be desired and I hope that all yacht owners will know the correct procedure for saluting with

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flags before next November. It is most embarrassing for the Flag Officers in the company of our Patron to return the salute to such a gaggle of yachts, most of which make little attempt to perform the salute correctly.

Our traditional date for Opening Day is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve, and this matter will need careful consideration by your Committee before next year.

The Outer Harbor Committee has finalised its investigations regarding security and we look forward to its report to be presented at the March Quarterly General Meeting.

The sub-committee researching the possibility of providing marinas in the Pool has evaluated several alternatives. A quotation has been sought for the preferred option with the aim of presenting a total package at the March General Meeting.

The OTC Southern Ocean Yachting Classic has now received over 20 nominations and our sponsors have agreed to proceed with the series. We have now decided to moor the visiting yachts at the Squadron during their stay and this will be a very exciting time for the Club. All members are urged to participate in the activities organised during this time. I invite you all to the presentation and BBQ on the Squadron lawns on Saturday, 10th January 87, and I am sure that our visitors will be welcomed with our usual club spirit. Details of the proposed arrangements are included in the article describing the event appearing later in this edition of the Newsletter.

On behalf of the Flag Officers and the General Committee, I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and good sailing.

MERV BUTTERFIELD

CRUISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cruising conjures up images of palm-lined tropical beaches, calm seas and gentle breezes. This, however, was not the picture for the first cruise of the season! Gale force winds, very rough seas and dragging anchors were the order for the long weekend in October when some intrepid (and determined?) skippers ventured to Troubridge Island. There were benefits from the event though - those who ventured down to Troubridge spent a pleasant and interesting day wandering around the Island (which is teeming with many varieties of bird life) followed by a convivial barbecue. A secondary benefit to emanate was the impetus events of the weekend provided to put cruising in the Squadron on a more formal basis.

The Cruising Committee has developed a set of Cruising By-laws which will apply for any event they organise that involves overnight passage, or is longer than 24 hours in duration (such as the Troubridge Island Cruise, and the proposed cruise to Port Lincoln). The Committee feel that such By-laws will enhance the image of cruising within the Squadron and ensure adequate safety standards are adhered to while not conflicting with the "spirit of cruising". The importance of safety has been the theme of two well attended functions organised this year.

Those who attended the Cruising Prize Night agreed that the evening proved interesting and informative. Congratulations to Myra Wright for winning the Youth Trophy.

The next major event on the Cruising Calendar is the Cruise to Port Lincoln in February. This area is one of the best (some say the best) cruising areas of the state, with plenty of anchorages, interesting places to visit and excellent fishing. Details of this event are now available from the Office.

Seasons greetings and pleasant cruising to you all!

KAYE CHASE