

FINANCIAL TIMES AROUND THE WORLD CLIPPER RACE

Josko Grubic - a name to conjure with! At time of going to press we still don't know whether his contender will be on the starting line in England, but it certainly will not be for lack of effort, determination and courage in adversity on the part of the dynamic Josko and his stalwart helpers and crew. Despite Josko's severe injuries the boat has progressed, with every day a battle against time, and it would be a very sad thing for not only owner and crew, but for yachtsmen all over Australia, if they fail to make the start.

Most of us know that the contender is but for those who don't, imagine this - a fibreglass sandwich construction 82 feet by 20 feet by 10 feet ketch with a mainmast 100 feet up, 28 winches on deck, on off the wind flyer with 4,000 square feet of spinnaker. Below she is compartmented in an ingenious layout to provide maximum relaxation for off-watch crew and privacy zoned for skipper, navigator and sailing master. One could write pages on Omega navigation equipment, main and auxiliary engines, 24 and 240 volt circuits, air conditioning, micro-wave cooking, deep freezers, salt water evaporators, etc. etc. If you get the chance, have a look.

ASSOCIATE'S NEWS

Our Commodore's Lady, Joan Cooling, proposes to make the Associates' segment really something and it would not surprise if letters to the Editor from this quarter put the men to shame. So go to it, there is plenty of space in the Newsletter.

STRICTLY FOR THE 'BIRDS'

International Women's Year seems to be a fitting time to introduce Associates' News as part of the bi-monthly Newsletter. It is hoped this segment will encourage Associates to await with anticipation the arrival of our "liberated" newsletter and so keep up to date with coming events. From now on skipper will have to race the women-folk to the post. Associates are invited to submit items of interest they feel will make enjoyable reading.

Women can be seen and not heard, heard but not seen, or they be neither seen nor heard, but their influence is apparent in any society, especially at the Squadron!

To all those Associates who have given so generously of their time in decorating the Clubhouse for special function - many thanks!

Just a reminder: *The proposed date for Opening Day 1975 is November 1st - the Saturday before John Martin's Pageant.*

Please send in to the Secretary all those juicy tit-bits, recipes, helpful hints, etc. we would like to read about.

JOAN COOLING
