

SAILING COMMITTEE NOTES

With more than 110 retirements, this season's Sydney to Hobart Race had people in South Australia searching for reports of the 7 entries from this State. Only two South Australian boats arrived in Hobart, these being Josco Grubic's seasoned maxi ANACONDA II, and D L Black's fractional rigged 3/4 tonner AFTER U. Congratulations to both crews.

Constitution Dock in Hobart, which last year was crammed with yachts two deep on all sides was virtually empty this year. By New Year's Day only one side had one row of boats while in the wharf outside, only five large yachts were tied up.

The Royal Australian Navy chartered the 48 foot yacht PACHA for the Hobart Race and among the crew that was selected after lengthy sea trials was Iain Jarvie, son of John and Barbara. He celebrated his 18th birthday immediately prior to the start of the race.

Jim Howell with BACARDI won his division in this year's Melbourne to Hobart race and also the Sovereign Series Cup which is awarded on the aggregate of points gained from the three races; the Cock of the Bay (sailed in Port Philip Bay prior to the Westcoaster), the Westcoaster and then the King of the Derwent. Jim previously took line honours in the Westcoaster with NIMROD II in 1980 and crewed on MINNA in 1974 when Jack Williams was owner. Jim also won the Sovereign Series Cup with BORN FREE in 1982 when he chartered it from Bunny Preston. Jim will be presented with the Sovereign Series Cup at a Lord Mayor's Reception in Melbourne on 7th March.

Jack Waterman was in first position in the JOG National Titles being sailed off Sydney in late December, with JLAW having two firsts and a second from the first three races. The boat was going well in the fourth and long race of the series when the rudder broke. It is understood that JLAW was still third overall on aggregate points.

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The Adelaide to Port Lincoln Race and the 10th Lincoln Week Regatta recently conducted were very successful events and the Port Lincoln Yacht Club is to be congratulated for its efforts. The attention given to competitors in Port Lincoln during Lincoln Week really lifted the enjoyment of those who stayed for the regatta.

Congratulations to Ray Brown who won the Adelaide to Port Lincoln Race in SILICON CHIP, and to Bob Francis for winning Lincoln Week in RENEGADE.

The attention given by Les Rishworth to the handicaps was reflected in the results as there were some 15 boats within 10 minutes of 3rd place in the Adelaide to Lincoln Race, and the winner of the Lincoln Week Regatta was decided only in the last race. At the start of the last race, the aggregate points were so close that there was less than two points separating the first 7 competitors.

The Sailing Committee is still experiencing problems with yachts withdrawing from races. Competitors when withdrawing from a race and failing to notify the OOD or their Club (in the case of CYC boats) as soon as possible after the race, will be disqualified, and will not have points awarded to them for that race.

The races that were signalled "N" over "X" on 16th February will be resailed on Saturday, 4th May, except for the race for Etchells which will be resailed on Sunday 17th March.

Bob Catley (MARIKO II) took over from Roy Wybrow as the representative from Division 2 on the Handicapping Panel during December.

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It has been observed that some competitors are still not displaying their correct numbers on sails when racing.

A number of Etchells are to compete in the National Titles off Williamstown during April, over Easter and the week following. We wish them well.

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HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

"Isn't it nice to sit on our balcony"

We have new table settings, chairs with comfortable cushions, a resurfaced balcony floor, and at last, new pendant light fittings that are in harmony with the character of our clubhouse. We are very please as a committee to see so many members now using this facility which has the best view in Adelaide.

Very few clubs in the world have the facility of offering their members such a pleasing view, as our pool at sunset on a balmy night.

More improvements for your comfort and enjoyment are in the pipeline with our program to continually upgrade our social areas.

Our members and friends have obviously enjoyed our social functions as all events in our calendar have been well attended.

The Members' Xmas Luncheon, with our ladies and Anne Fullwood was a great success, and all enjoyed Anne's entertaining and professional presentation.

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A record turnout welcomed 1985 with a noisy and happy function on New Year's Eve.

More recently we have had a busy time with the Pre Lincoln Week and the ever popular Ladies Day Social. Caps off to the older member who obviously enjoyed a dance at this function.

We will continue to remind you via window drops of our coming functions, so please assist us by booking early for your required number.

SATURDAY, 27th APRIL : INKSTER MEMORIAL RACE DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY, 17th MAY : ANNUAL PRIZE NIGHT

FRIDAY, 14th JUNE : MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

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Don't miss the JUNE MEMBERS' LUNCHEON. It promises to be a boomer with a sensational surprise.

BRYAN LOFTES