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Sailing Director

Jim Boucaut first sailed from the Squadron over half a century ago, as a schoolboy aboard the twenty-one foot class yacht **ARDALE**. (This was with Rev Arnold Morely before it passed to Dr Neil Wigg. The twenty-ones raced nationally for the Forster Cup. Many became cruising boats.) A few years later in the United Kingdom he had the first Utility built by the legendary Uffa Fox. This was a lug-sailed dinghy beneath which he slept as he explored the British coast. On returning to Adelaide Jim paused with a heavyweight sharpie at Glenelg before resuming racing from the Squadron with John Powell in the H-28 ketch **CAPRICE II**. In 1980 he and John acquired a van der Stadt half-ton Pion, also named **CAPRICE II**, in which they have won most available trophies. **CAPRICE II** took part in the 1983 Sydney-Hobart race.

As long-serving member and Chairman of the Sailing Committee Jim obtained an unrivalled knowledge of all aspects of our racing, including liaison with other clubs

and the governance of the sport. The work involved has outgrown the time available to volunteers, however strong their commitment. Accordingly the General Committee has created a new post of Sailing Director, to which Jim has been appointed.

He has responsibility "for all matters relating to sailing." Within this huge brief Jim's first commitment must be to racing, in which the Squadron's identity is being marked by separate calculation of results when yachts cover the same course as those from the Cruising Yacht Club. Jim is very keen to attract more entrants and to widen the range of events to appeal to those who might otherwise be concerned only with cruising. Neither has he overlooked the need to encourage sailing by those who are not racing. We congratulate him on accepting his formidable responsibilities, with the confidence that he will do as well in this aspect of sailing as he has in his racing career. SQ