

OBITUARY

It is with great sorrow that I have to report the untimely death of our Past Commodore Maxwell Sylvester Cooling who died suddenly on Monday, 20th April, 1981.

Max joined our Squadron on 14th November, 1962, and from that time became fully involved with club activities, subsequently serving as Commodore for two years. His continued support and interest in club affairs will be sadly missed. He originally owned a trailerable motor launch, but for many years his pride and joy had been "Carinya".

To Mrs. Joan Cobling and her family I extend on behalf of the Flag Officers and all Squadron Members our deepest sympathy.

THOMAS G. FLINT

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE (Tom Flint)

I write this report on the morning after the conclusion of our summer racing season - yesterday being the annual race for the C.S. Inkster Memorial Trophy which has been a highlight since 1951. The race brings together all classes and divisions, and as vessels start on handicaps predetermined by the Handicap Committee, many interesting tussles ensue around the course. This year course 10 was used with an outside start, HECATE being official boat. With a WSW breeze of 10 knots, beautiful sunshine and a sparkling sea, it was a sight to behold with the fleet of 38 competitors all with spinnakers flying between the Entrance (Fairway) Beacon and the Southern Silt Mark. WHITE HEATHER, Ken McLaren's D29 was first across the finishing line, NIMROD II sailed by Vice Commodore Howell was second and Ray Brown's QUARTER POUNDER was third. It was an occasion that we will not forget for a long while. The House Committee had organised a dinner dance with an attendance of 180 and with a good band a very happy atmosphere prevailed, and I am sure all who supported the function enjoyed themselves.

The annual visit to Port Vincent was very well attended and I cannot remember ever seeing more yachts there. Besides a good number of Squadron craft, there were vessels from Port Adelaide, St. Kilda and the Small Boat Club, as well as numerous dinghies and trailer sailers. The weather was on the light side, and although the race to Vincent which started on Good Friday morning, commenced with a nice breeze in the River, the breeze faded and all competitors ultimately arrived under power with no race result. As usual the Germein and Correll trophies were raced for on the Saturday and Sunday, the placings being - Germein Trophy: WINDSONG, ARGANA, COOINDA - Correll Trophy: PANDORA, STORM, NIMROD II, with NIMROD II making fastest time in both events.

* Bill Harniman's NYROCA was once again "Official Boat" for the Regatta and we do appreciate his continued support. Members of the Germein and Correll families were present

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on both race days. In the late afternoon after the Sunday's race we held the usual party with NYROCA, BORN FREE and ADRIA rafted together at the wharf. Many vessels dressed ship and again with beautiful sunshine the scene was most colourful. Mr. Stan Germein and Mr. Donovan Correll presented the trophies to the winners who responded with appropriate speeches. I cannot let the occasion pass without expressing my appreciation to Officer of the Day, Alan Ewens, the ladies who organised and served the afternoon tea and indeed all who helped to make the weekend such an outstanding success.

The return race was started on the Monday morning with a good breeze which later lightened somewhat, but ultimately all vessels returned to the Harbour finishing with a good breeze and spinnakers when the Southerly came in. Placings - NIMROD II, JOYLEE, PANDORA.

On Easter Day Allan Quigley, in his yacht YOUTH, returned to the Squadron after his world cruise, having sailed from the Harbor 16 years previously, also on Easter day. Congratulations Allan and we hope to hear more of your adventures.

The General Committee had hoped to be able to present to members before now, the plan which has been produced for updating our Harbor waterfront scheme. Numerous meetings have been held and much work involving planning and costing has been done. I know members will be agreeably surprised when the final plan is submitted for their approval.

I intimated to the General Committee on 19th March that on medical advice I will not be continuing as Commodore for another year. I have not made this decision without serious consideration. Vacancies for the office of Rear Commodore and on several committees will need to be filled, and I request that members come forward and offer their services. Involvement in the running of the Squadron can be most satisfying and attendances at meetings of all committees is excellent.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE...

This being my last message as Commodore to appear in the Newsletter, I trust that you will all continue to support the club in its many activities and make sure it retains its traditions and leadership in South Australian Yachting.

THOMAS G. FLINT.

OUTER HARBOR COMMITTEE

I am pleased to report that the Waterfront Plan is nearing finality and the stage at which it can be put before members. It transpired that a great deal of work was involved in exploring and eliminating alternatives and having regard to the fact that this has all been done on an honorary basis it took a little longer than expected. The Waterfront Planning Sub-Committee has done a splendid job and within the next few weeks you can expect to hear about this proposed major development for the Squadron.

It had been the intention of the O.H. Committee to slip and properly fender the mooring barge as soon as practicable, but it has been in almost constant use due to the backlog of mooring inspections as well as the laying of new ones. Just as we believed we were in a position to implement this we were requested to curtail further expenditure in the current financial year. This work, including the fitting of a new vice, will be undertaken shortly and meantime a few additional rubber tyre have been provided but this is not a satisfactory solution.

The response to the locking at night of the sheds has been extremely good and I thank members for their co-operation.