

It is to the credit of Enchantress, her skipper John Muirhead and those valiants who sailed in or on her that she went so well in the conditions prevailing, proving the capabilities of these craft.

'Audrie-Mae', our base radio station was alert, but not many craft reported as they usually do on the off-shore races.

At about 8 p.m. Saturday Southern Myth was off Troubridge with the next part of the fleet about ten miles and more astern.

The conditions lightened off as the night progressed and most boats had an easy if not tiring journey home to the Harbor from Orontes.

During the hectic squally conditions one craft noticed her stove, which is set on gimbals, turned a complete 360 degree circle, together with the kettle of water standing on it. Some motion. We understand the design is to be called 'Plummet' not 'Plymyt'.

Sunday morning saw many red eyes floating around from craft to craft in the pool and not so many saw fit to go straight to bunk but stayed up for the post-mortems. Small eye balls and blurred faces were the order of the day. One most melodious session rendering 'Hooray for Normie' evidently became influenced by the water-melon dispensed by Cooroyba to celebrate Southern Melon Myth's superb victory.

There is no doubt about it there is more and more interest and keenness being taken in these excellent off-shore races, which should gain more and more starters in the coming season.

DREDGING.

Project 2 of the Outer Harbor Improvement Scheme is about to begin and as a vital part is dredging, and the dredge has been returned to the pool, work is about to commence. Bulldozers will be used to push off the top sand down to low tide level first, then the suction dredge will take the depth down to a minimum of 6 ft.

Slip work will also be undertaken almost immediately, so that the new approach for No. 2 slip and traverse should be ready for boats to use in time for the coming fitting-out time.

During the above operations about 12 boat berths in the back row will have to be moved. Owners will be notified accordingly.

NEW PUBLICITY OFFICERS.

Mr. Colin 'Fiona' White and Mr. Peter 'Marconi' King have agreed to take over the job of keeping the public informed as to our doings both whilst afloat and ashore. From recent results it is obvious these officers are entirely competent.

TWO-WAY RADIO.

This has become ever increasingly popular with sea going craft, and it is hoped all sea going boats will soon be fitted. Not only is the safety angle a great boon, but from evidence in the past a most interesting and informative racing and cruising period can be achieved to a great extent because of the said two-way radio. Our 'Audrie-Mae' base radio station has gained many members' appreciation by its alertness and keen interest and efficiency. A very fine job by the owner-skipper-and operator, Mr. Peter King.

Thanks are also extended to Mr. Merv. Morton for his co-operation in similar fashion during the past Lincoln yacht races.

OUTER HARBOR PARKING.

Each member may now purchase 1 sticker for his vehicle (cost 2/- each) from the Secretary's office. More control is intended especially during days when great numbers of visitors are present. It is obvious that boatowners must have the space to unload, and members have prior rights. However, with more order there should be more room for our welcome guests.

INTERNATIONAL C-DET CLASS.

The choice of this class of racing dinghy as a Junior Class has proved a wise one. This 10'6" plywood dinghy, accepted as an international one design, is a delightful little yacht, easy to learn to sail by any boy or girl from ten years to seventeen years of age, yet fast and exciting enough for competitive sailing.