

Commodore's Message

John Butterfield

The Squadron has been well supported by people from outside the Squadron using our facilities for their functions in and around Christmas. This trend has continued in January, with the top room being used more for functions and some visiting vessels from the Small Boat Club.

The guest speaker at the Christmas luncheon was Squadron Member, Mr Jack Tromp, who gave an excellent talk on his family's seven-year cruise round the world. Whilst the function was very good, the attendance left a lot to be desired, with numbers well down.

The children's Christmas party is still a great day, and some 45 children saw Father Christmas arrive on Austin Gibson's motor-cruiser *Zitania*. Father Christmas set himself up under the verandah of the clubhouse to distribute the children's presents to all the eagerly awaiting youngsters. After each of the girls and boys received their gifts, Father Christmas moved about through some of the older boys and girls, with Dave Morphet and Colin Todd asking for special presents.

Thank you, Austin, for bringing Father Christmas to the Squadron once again.



All other Squadron social functions went well, and I shall leave the House and Social Committee to report on them, but I would at this point like to thank all who helped organise and who did the actual work to put these shows on, a special thank you.

James Cowell, our immediate past Commodore, was made a Life Member of the Squadron at the December Quarterly meeting. Elsewhere in this issue he has written his own account of his yachting life. He has contributed a great deal to bring us to our present situation, especially in setting up the Management Committee system. Congratulations, Jamie, from all the Members of the Squadron.



Beachcomber on the North Coast of Kangaroo Island. It's very spectacular close inshore, but not too close. (Alan and Fay Duncan).

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