

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Our annual pilgrimage to Port Vincent for the Easter Regatta was well attended until early Sunday morning. The deteriorating weather caused a mass exodus from the wharf anchorage and resulted in yachts dragging their anchors all over the bay.

Saturday's race for the Germein Trophy attracted a good fleet, but only 6 yachts started in the race for the Correll Trophy on Sunday in far from ideal weather. However, the drizzle let up for the trophy presentation and "Happy Hour". BELLA won both events, and Rear Commodore Merv Butterfield was presented with the Germein Trophy by Mr John Germein, and the Correll Trophy by Mr Andrew Correll.

* I wish to record my thanks to Past Commodore Bill Harniman for providing his vessel ALTAIR, as the Official Boat for the regatta, and to his crew for acting as sailing staff. Thanks to John Jarvie who was O O D and to Mrs. Jarvie who acted as time-keeper and calculated the results.

Our final race for the season, the Inkster Memorial proved to be even more popular than ever, with a large attendance at the dinner dance causing us embarrassment by the late hour some members were provided with their meal. Our apologies to those inconvenienced that evening.

The sailing season was very successful with record entries in most divisions. At our recent Annual Prize Night, 77 yachts shared a total of 409 prizes for the summer season, and 66 prizes for the 1982 Winter Series.

On Friday night, the 10th June, Mollie and I represented the Squadron at the Royal Presidents' Dinner which this year was hosted by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Representatives from 30 Royal organisations attended.

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The following evening we had the pleasure of being invited to a reception at Government House in honour of the Queen's Birthday. (My old dinner suit is still recovering from all this unaccustomed activity.)

At the end of another season we can look back on the club's achievements over the year with pride. I believe that the past year has been a most progressive one for the Squadron with members taking a keen and active interest in their club's affairs. The management committees and special project sub-committees can be justly proud of their achievements.

My term as Commodore is nearing completion, and at this time I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to my fellow Flag Officers, committeemen, our Manager, Squadron staff and members for the co-operation, support and friendship extended to me during my 5 years as a Flag Officer.

My best wishes to the incoming Flag Officers and committeemen for a successful 1983/84 season.

Thank you all.

JIM HOWELL

