

CRUISING TO PORT LINCOLN

presented each skipper with a bulkhead mount as a memento of the cruise. Prizes and mounts were donated by the RSAYS.

Further activities had been organised as part of the cruise for the following Tuesday - a Rally from Spalding Cove to the Banks Group. However true to cruising people, some decided to leave for the Group earlier, others travelled to Spalding Cove but were unable to go to the Group. Since flexibility was the main criterion of the cruise this posed no problem - an enjoyable barbecue spontaneously occurred on the beach at Spalding Cove on Monday night with the crews of about ten vessels participating.

Since this event was a "first try" for the Cruising Committee, they would appreciate any comments from those who took part, or other interested members, about any aspect of it. For example, would it be beneficial to know or meet other participants prior to departure? Are predetermined radio skeds warranted? Do you want to travel in a flotilla? Should there indeed be such an event in 1988??

This event would not have been possible without the support of the RSAYS and the Port Lincoln Yacht Club - sincere thanks to both clubs for assisting in its conduct.

The wonderful hospitality afforded participants on their arrival in Port Lincoln was appreciated and ensured that those who "Cruised to Port Lincoln" in 1987 are looking forward to repeating the exercise in 1988.

KAYE CHASE

MELBOURNE TO OSAKA DOUBLE HANDED RACE

Two Squadron vessels, BOHEMIAN and CITY OF ADELAIDE (formerly DOUBLE GEE) have nominated for the 1987 Yamaha Osaka Cup, Melbourne to Osaka Double Handed Yacht Race starting on 21st March 87.

The race has been planned by Melbourne's sister port and city, the City of Osaka, and is being organised by the Nippon Ocean Racing Club (NORC) in co-operation with the Sandringham Yacht Club, the Slocum Society and Osaka Port Promotion Association. The event will commemorate the 120th Anniversary of the Port of Osaka opening to foreign vessels and the completion of the new Hokka Marina.

NORC was founded in 1950 and has been dedicated to ocean racing with the adoption of the English regulations of the Royal Ocean Racing Club thus standardizing international rating and safety requirements. NORC has organised 3 previous single handed trans Pacific races and the World Quarter Ton Championships. The club has a membership of some 3200 offshore competitors and enthusiasts.

The route (5500 NM) will take competitors from 37°50'S to 34°N. During the race the predominant weather patterns will change dramatically. All vessels will pass through two major trade wind belts, the SE and NE Trades. Between these belts is the Doldrums. The race has been scheduled outside of the cyclone and typhoon season. It will be necessary for the boats to plan their routes making best use of ocean currents and trade winds, also having regard for demanding navigable passages through many islands, reefs and other charted obstacles.

BOHEMIAN, a Carter 37, is a masthead sloop built in 1974 to represent WA in the Southern Cross Cup Series. She will be skippered by her owner, Tim Edkins with Rob Harrison as crew.

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Tim is a 32 year old carpenter with over 30000 NM long distance sailing experience including 1 Sydney/Hobart. His other interests including rowing, nautical study, reading and foreign travel.

Rob Harrison, a 33 year old surveyor has 32500 NM long distance ocean sailing experience. He has competed in 3 Sydney/Hobarts including 2 as navigator. He lists his other interests as meteorological forecasting, yacht design, reading and sports.

CITY OF ADELAIDE is an S & S 39 built in Perth in 1982. She will be sailed by her owners, Mike and Ann Wilkinson.

Mike is a Senior Specialist in Radiology and is 37 years old. He has sailed extensively in the Arctic Circle, in and around New Zealand, around Cape Horn, through the West Indies and across the Atlantic to the United Kingdom.

His wife Ann holds a post graduate Diploma in Manipulative Physiotherapy and has been sailing for 2 years. Previously her strong sports background included state representation in touch football, and she also enjoys bush walking, camping and tennis.

Regretfully, in the early hours of Sunday morning, 8th March 87, CITY OF ADELAIDE suffered storm damage whilst battling strong winds and mountainous seas off Portland on her way to Melbourne. In fact, Mike has previously only experienced seas of this magnitude off Cape Horn. With assistance, she made Portland and at the time of writing, they were in Melbourne arranging repairs. They are still confident of starting, and this extreme test of their boat's seaworthiness has re-assured them of her suitability for this type of event.

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For those of us interested in following the progress of the competing yachts, Peter Muirhead has undertaken to relay position reports to the Squadron Office every second day during the race.

The Squadron wishes both skippers and crews every success, and we look forward to their safe return to Adelaide.

DAVE HURFORD

