

The above items are some of the considerations we must address when looking at the future planning agenda. If we patch up our facilities in a piecemeal manner, someone will be deciding in the year 2000 that we have a 72-year-old building which needs rebuilding, and why didn't we do it sooner? It is not easy to get the right answer, and we do not have the answer yet. What I want to do is to lead a careful review of our requirements and come up with some realistic solutions which will be sufficiently attractive to our existing Members to keep them satisfied, and of sufficient standard to attract a steady stream of new Members.

The slip area is the other key area which requires attention. We do not have any choice but to upgrade this facility to meet current regulations, which are driven largely by environmental considerations. As part of the community, we have to do our part. While we will have to make a financial commitment on behalf of our Members in the next two years, it is not only current Members who will have to contribute to the cost, but future Members as well.

Your perception that we are trying to build up the biggest club is in my opinion wrong. We are actively seeking growth in membership of active men and women, and we need to do this to cover the ongoing turnover of Members. We must prepare for changes in Members' attitudes, and certainly must prepare for changes in Members' security of tenure in their employment. Members will become more mobile, and many may only reside in Adelaide for a few years at a time as they move through their career path. If they are potentially good Members, we must attract them, and we need good facilities to do that.

I trust this response allays your concerns and does not dampen your enthusiasm to contribute further to the Future Planning Committee's deliberations over the next twelve months. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone (08) 231 7766 or fax (08) 231 4239.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Smith
Commodore

Sailing Committee Report

John Moffatt

The traditional light weather Winter Sailing Season has so far produced light weather, rain and abandonment of the fourth race due to gale force winds which were clocked at 50 knots at the Clubhouse. We have been trialling both protest mediation and Windward-Leeward courses in readiness for the Summer Season. Remember that if you accept the decision of the mediator, you will only attract a penalty, but if the full protest is heard and the decision is found against you, then you can be disqualified.

Unfortunately, Max Summers, OOD from CYCSA, has resigned because of ill health. The

position has been taken up by Graham Avery, who is a keen sailor and has had a wealth of experience as OOD further down the coast. Almost at the same time as Max's retirement, our own OOD, Life Member Bruce Tunbridge, became ill. He is currently recovering from major surgery. While I am sure that he will be out on the water this summer, he will have a new understudy in David Henshall. David is well known as an Etchell sailor. He is currently cruising in the vicinity of Ambon after participating in the race there from Darwin. I wish Max and Bruce speedy recoveries and Graham and David smooth management for the coming season.



New Vessels on the Squadron Register

*Adios	Peter McBratney	*Jackall II	David Stone
*Canopus	Lawrence & Theresa Bradley	*Lady Alice	Peter & Susan Klopotoski
Cathryn	Alan McDonald	*Legend II	Bob & Pat Catley
*Chicane	Sabeh Samra	*Lulagui	John & Leoni Loveder
*Frith	Maurice Driscoll	*Magic Dragon	Ken Roberts
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*Indulgence	Rodney & Dennis Furniss	Valkesa	Roy Salmon

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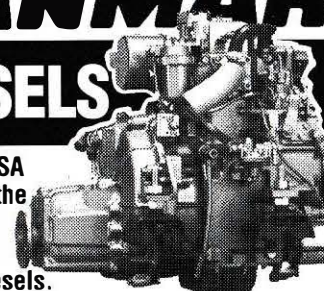
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