

HALF TON NEWS

Five Half Tonners contested this year's Adelaide-Lincoln Race which was sailed in conditions that suited the smaller boats in the fleet. The competition between the Half Tonners was very close with 4 of them finishing within 14 minutes of each other after nearly 27 hours sailing. PEACOCK finished 1st (23rd overall) with VALKYRIE finishing nearly 28 minutes later (25th overall). VALKYRIE was followed by CELERITY, the Port Lincoln Spencer 30 (26th), then DYNASTY (29th) and CANON (30th). Handicap results were CANON - 8th, DYNASTY - 10th, CELERITY - 11th, PEACOCK - 12th, and VALKYRIE - 13th. VALKYRIE and DYNASTY also competed in the unofficial JOG Division of the Lincoln Race, finishing 1st and 2nd resp. On corrected time, they finished 5th and 6th resp., in a fleet of 10 Joggers. Neither stayed on to contest the inaugural State JOG Championships, however CANON stayed to participate in the Lincoln Week Series.

The Association congratulates Tony Human and the crew of TROCHUS on winning the Squadron's recently completed Half Ton Point Score. This series was contested by 8 boats with VALKYRIE and ROUSEABOUT gaining 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Half Tonners dominated the 2nd Division Offshore Point Score with VALKYRIE, PEACOCK, ESCAPADE, ROUSEABOUT and ASHERAH finishing 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th resp., in a fleet of 9 boats. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the I.O.R. Series, as PEACOCK and ROUSEABOUT were the only Half Ton yachts that participated in this competition against 4 other yachts. It is possible that the Half Ton Association's decision to adopt the JOG measurement as an alternative rating for their boats may have contributed to the small number of Half Tonners competing in I.O.R. events.

The Post-Xmas Mini Series was not well supported, but the competition (particularly between the 2 leading boats) was very keen. PEACOCK and TROCHUS both finished the series with two wins, one 2nd and one 3rd. The winner of the mini

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series was decided on the following Saturday after a very exciting race between these two worthy competitors. The lead changed on each leg with TROCHUS finally beating PEACOCK over the line to win the series.

This year's Half Ton BBQ will again be held in the pleasant rural setting of Keith Adam's farm near Mt. Barker. Members, friends and their families are invited to this now annual event on Sunday 17th May '81, commencing at 1200 hours. Further details, and directions to the farm, may be obtained from Association President, Ric Ottaway, Secretary, Ern Finnis, or any Council member.

DAVE HURFORD.

FROM THE OFFICE

Members will be aware that we have had the office staffed on Saturday mornings. I feel this extra service has been of value and appreciated. During the winter however, this will discontinue, although of course the Manager or his representative will be on duty.

I am pleased to say that my comment in the last Newsletter concerning the standard of dress, was well received and there has been a marked response - Thank you. However the standard will only be maintained by example.

May I ask any boat owner who is prepared to assist the Sailing Committee by making his vessel available as Duty Boat for the winter series, to contact the office.

Finally, I wish to draw attention once again to the Visitor's Books. They are not being used correctly and our