

Dr. R. Francis' Cooroyba

Clark Designed Craft For Sydney Fleet

ALTHOUGH her lines suggest seaworthiness and her sail plan speed, Dr. R. Francis' Beattie-built auxiliary cruising yacht Cooroyba is not a racing machine.

FRANCIS is not intent upon the competitive angle. He will register, however, with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club and compete in the usual events.

Cooroyba was designed by the English marine architect, Robert Clark, who, because of his originality, has captured the imagination of European aquatic circles.

Clark planned 16 distinct types of craft during last winter. Orloc and Mystery II, his first two efforts, were acclaimed as the epitome of yacht design.

Unique features in Francis' boat are her coachhouse, which comes forward of the mast (she will carry a Bermudan cutter rig), her mast, which will rake aft and her comparatively small mainsail.

Overseas yachtsmen (Sydney is now adopting the idea) are concentrating on larger headsails at the expense of mainsails. Many overseas racing craft are fitted with medium mains, but carry a large assortment of Genoa jibs.

Cooroyba comes under the "10 tons Thames measurement" classification. This "10 tons" does not refer to ballast (she has 3 tons of lead on her keel), but is a formula embracing relative length, beam, depth, sail plan, etc.

She has comfortable cruising accommodation for four. Ice chest, toilet and galley are conveniently situated. Headroom of 5ft. 10in. to 6ft. is provided.

Cooroyba will be launched from Beattie's yards, Balmain, adjacent to Mott's Dock Ferry Wharf, at 1 p.m., on Saturday, October 23.