

Sailing Committee Report

Colin Doudy

Having arranged the family holiday to Tasmania to coincide with the finish of the Sydney-Hobart Race this year, it was a great pleasure to track down Michael Tromp and his crew in *Epsilon* at Constitution Dock and to be informed that they had won in Division C. Squadron Members would be aware that Michael built this van de Stadt design himself, achieving not only a very high standard of finish but a yacht with performance as well. Michael's crew was drawn from his immediate family as well as other Squadron Members including our Commodore, whom he described as, 'A pretty useful bloke to have aboard.' Congratulations to Michael and his crew.

Twilight racing is continuing to have strong fleets. Most Wednesdays see over thirty boats on the water, with 44 having competed in at least one race. The two-start strategy has been well received, particularly by those in the first start! While the second starters have had to sharpen their overtaking skills, the aggregate scores indicate that the handicapper has been quite

astute in accommodating the new starting procedures with a reasonably even distribution of first and second starters in the top ten.

The Australian Keelboat Championships will probably be under way when this is read, with about thirty yachts competing – over half from this State. The results of the local combined IRC races to date show that older and smaller boats can be very competitive under the IRC system, with three Squadron boats in the first five positions (local aggregate) to date. Hopefully, this indicates that the locals will have every chance of doing well in the championships. There will be a number of social events surrounding the series, and I urge all Members to support this event as strongly as possible. Details can be obtained from the net via a link from the Squadron web site.

Just a reminder to all competitors that both the CYCSA and Squadron club time is derived from the telephone time on 1194. Skippers are also reminded to ensure they have valid safety certificates for both the Keelboat championships and/or the Pt Lincoln race, both requiring Cat 3.

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Cruising Committee Report

John Wickham

Well, here we are! 2001 has passed by, a historical year of world events. I will not dwell on those, as we are all well aware of the events that unfolded. Let's mention about the thing we all enjoy – boating, sailing and cruising. There have been four events within this time, and the fifth under way by the time you receive this edition.

First, an update on **The World Chart**: Many of the vessels have been left in their respective ports, while the crews returned home for Christmas. Some that I know about are: *Scotty* — Glenda and Derek Scott — Kusadsi, Turkey. *Marionette IV* — Marion and Roger Holden — Langkawi Marina Malaya. They flew out on 26 January. *Pied Piper II* — Di and Ian Moncrieff — Vila. *Crusader* — Marlene and Phil Tassicker — Rosslyn Bay Yeppoon. Now Mr and Mrs, as I mentioned in the last article, they were to be married. So, yes it all happened; with their reception at the Squadron. I am sure we all wish them all the very best, especially good cruising. I understand that Ian & Di Moncrieff will be returning to Vila on board *Crusader* later this year, which is great news. We have had three vessels return, *Ada* — John and Catherine Lawler; *Exotic Escort* — Andrew & Margie Powell; and *Earrame* — Clive, Anne, David and Michael Arnold. Welcome back. Alan Cotton of *Cabaret* has been sailing around the Pacific in his other yacht for a few years now. Alan left it in Tonga at the end of last year, to return to Adelaide for our summer. Alan learned, while at the New Years Eve party, on Kangaroo Island, held at Jamie and Anthea Cowell's home, that between Christmas and New Year Tonga experienced the worst monsoon in 20 years. It took at least a week for Alan to make contact, as all communication was out. His yacht was beached and refloated soon afterwards, with minimal damage. Alan was returning as soon as he could. I hope that there was only minor damage. There are two new photographs added to the chart, *Pandemonium* — Bonnie and Bruce Marriott and *Marionette IV* — Marion & Roger Holden.

Pt Vincent Cruise Saturday 17 November: A good fleet was anchored at Pt. Vincent by midmorning Saturday, but, the one thing that

influences all out events, yes, the weather, intervened. The wind increased from the northwest, with some rain. So a few who had driven round and were gathered at the wharf decided that no one was coming ashore, so they went to the Ventnor anyway. The traditional story telling at the Ventnor, was postponed until after the barbecue that evening. The weather cleared by the time we were to go to Phil Tassicker's place. Most came ashore and had a great night. The stories were excellent this year. Past Commodore John Butterfield was voted as telling the best story. Early Sunday morning, yes it must have been 0200, brought unpredicted strong winds. They lasted all day. Three braved it and sailed back, three vessels arranged for cars to be driven round from Adelaide to take them home, leaving their vessels at Port Vincent. They returned on Tuesday and sailed their yachts back. The rest stayed Sunday night. Monday saw the weather abate, so all were able to have a good sail back to the Squadron. The weather we had on Monday was what we were suppose to have had on Sunday, but I guess the weather is a bit unpredictable.

Overnighter: 1 December. We planned this to coincide with the Sail SA event at the Club that weekend. The twenty or so who joined up had an enjoyable evening. Long standing Members, Jenny and Peter Last were there, celebrating an annual anniversary dating to 1953. Congratulations to both of you! It was a pity that more Members did not attend Sail SA on either day, as those who did not come down missed out on two good days at the Club. Don't miss it next year!

Kangaroo Island for New Year's Eve. There was only eight Squadron vessels at American River on the 31st: *Aquarius*, *Amarina*, *Audacious II*, *Cabaret*, *Minna*, *Nynja-Go*, of course, *Morning Hustler*, *La Hoja*, resident, and *Time Out*, that was on our slip before Christmas and *Raraku*. There were about eight CYCSA vessels. As the weather was a little unsettled for us to have the beach party, Jamie and Anthea invited all that were in the River, to his home, at American River for a New Year's Eve Barbecue. Peter and Jenny Last had come over to the Island for a few days, so there was a good crowd. We all enjoyed a very

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pleasant evening, until well after midnight. Thank you to Jamie and Anthea for their hospitality, once again. There were only two vessels, *Amarina* and *Raraku*, that sailed down and back together. We went via Port Vincent on the 26th; Edithburgh the 27th; Beatrice Islets 28th, where we met *Cabaret*; Eastern Cove on the 29th; then American River on the 30th. Due to the weather we waited until the 3 January before sailing to Boxing Bay. Then on the 4th we went to the Cutter Patch, where we met up with *Tibia*, heading to Kangaroo Island. Then Edithburgh on the 5th, Stansbury and Port Vincent before returning to the Club. The worst day for sailing was the 26th, the first day out, and the rest were perfect. It was unfortunate for those who missed that weather slot and left a few days later, being thus unable to make it to Kangaroo Island this year. There were vessels spread out all over the Gulf at Port Vincent, Stansbury, Edithburgh and Marina St. Vincent, with quite uncomfortable weather at times.

Australia Day Weekend: We had planned, yet again, to cruise down the East Coast of our Gulf, but with a westerly bias to the weather, a change came through on Saturday night. The destination was changed to Port Vincent. Four vessels sailed over on Friday afternoon: *Audacious II*, *Camelot*, *Wylo IV* and *Raraku*, a couple arriving just after dark. It was a perfect crossing, with calm sea, 10 kts of wind from the S-SE, and an early moon. Saturday saw *Burgundy* arrive, then about 1800 while we were at Phil Tassicker's for an evening barbecue we had the pleasure of watching *Amarina* sail in, followed

by *Earrame*. *Earrame* had only returned to the Club on Friday, so it was a very pleasant surprise to see then sail off again the next afternoon to join us at Port Vincent. We all had a great night. Sunday, yes the change went through, westerly, with rain from early morning, lets say 0200. It usually is. By midday the weather cleared, so we were all able to make it to the beach shelter shed at 1400 for the inaugural bocce play off. The standard of play was very high, the competition was fierce, but there is only one winner. This was the team of *Amarina* and *Burgundy*. Then it was back to *Camelot* for pre-dinner drinks, our final function for the weekend. All had a great return sail on Monday, with 10-20 kt SW winds. It was a very enjoyable cruise.

Future Events: We have left the calendar free up until the **Anzac Day Raft up Luncheon** on 25 April. This was to allow for those who would be sailing to Port Lincoln, and possibly up Spencer Gulf, to be part of the Encounter 2002 in that region, which is all of March and to the week after Easter, with the Encounter at Victor Harbour on 9 and 10 April. Then of course it will be Easter at the Squadron this year. So there will be plenty of activities happening. We will have a couple of overnights during this time for those of us who could not get away. So watch the Cruising notice boards and the cruising web page.

In May Adelaide Cup weekend will be at Barker Inlet. Put this on in your diary.

As always, for any further information, just phone one of your Committee, and we look forward to hearing from you. SQ

Juniors' Jottings

Murray Larkin

Junior sailing has been very busy, with over 14 Juniors attending the AusSail program. We have had some competitive racing on Sundays, with good fleets of Pacers, 12-ft Cadets and Holdfast Trainers.

The Holdfast Trainer State Heats were held at the Squadron on the first Saturday of December 2001. More than 37 attended, coming from as far as Port Lincoln. The racing was held in front of the Overseas terminal, which we were fortunate to be able to use. Our Junior Members Brady Windram and Cameron Larkin finished in eight position. I would like to thank all concerned in helping and making this regatta a great success.

The Cherub National Championships were held at the Henley Beach Yacht Club, and our Junior

Member Glen Emery competed. He finished in 16th place, which was a great effort for his first National competition in this class.

The Junior raffle was drawn at the Sydney-Hobart Race luncheon, the winner being Arnold Fraser of Flinders Park. I am sure he will have great pleasure in consuming the contents of the prize.

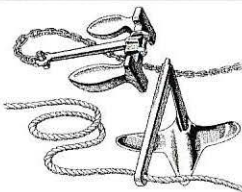
With the increase of participation in the AusSail program, the Junior Committee is embarking on purchasing three new Pacers. To raise the money we are looking for sponsors — companies or individuals. The cost to a sponsor is only \$350, for which your company and its emblem will be promoted on a signage board. If you would like to participate in this program, please do not hesitate to contact me. SQ



Holdfast Trainers competing in State Title heats at RSAYS. (Murray Larkin)

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