

The officials of the new K.I. Yacht Club are to be especially congratulated for organising the terrific prize-giving and dinner at George and Anne Murphy's Ozone Hotel which was attended by about 80, including only 18 visiting yachtsmen and their ladies. The smorgasbord was above standard and it is hoped an even larger fleet, plus more cruising boats, will visit and enjoy this warm-hearted hospitality next year. Keep this in mind and make your Christmas plans next year accordingly.

CASUAL CRUISING COMMENTS.

The North Coast of K.I. witnessed the usual migration of yachts from the Northern Zones from Christmas Day onwards. All boatowners of sea-going proportions could gain by thoughts of cooler breezes, bigger fish and lazy days in K.I. waters - especially along the north coast. Emu Bay seems to have the biggest complement of boats passing through and considering the good anchorages and the generally abundant catch of fish in nearby bays it is no wonder. Many of the sea-going motor boats of the Squadron would find it of real pleasure to go down to this area any time up to perhaps the end of March.

BRIEF REPORT ON "KINTORE CUP" by John Harrington.

Early on the 12th January everyone said "Yes, it will blow and we will have a rollicking blow down to the Bay but it will be plenty wet and cold". Consequently local hotels exhausted their supplies of rum and brandy.

About midday the sun was out and the breeze dropped to 15 knots and was lightening rapidly. As the mercury climbed several fast cars revisited the locals and stocked up on cold cans.

Soon the record number of 22 starters were joggling and jostling off the start. A few of the confident skippers rolled down to the line with spinnakers up and filling and then the audible starting gun sent them all on their way.

A booming run it was, for within minutes of the gun the breeze dropped and went S.W. All the multicolours were downed smartly in most cases skippers called for the largest headsails in the wardrobe and all but three were successful in not setting them upsidedown.

Lucky Enchantress and Cooroyba seemed to make the best of it all

As they led out of the Harbor followed by Taeping, Jedda, Maluna and Gip.

Fairly flukey conditions on the beat to the Bay resulted in the inshore boats rock-hopping over Pt. Malcolm and then being able to observe at close quarters the scenery on the jetties and beaches. Those close by weren't fooled by that head and binoculars poked out of Jedda's forehatch!!

Ron Boswarva (Maluna's owner) was holidaying in Fiji and they don't pick up the shortwave messages too clearly over there - but we understand when Ron heard Maluna rounding the breakwater second to Enchantress the price of Maluna jumped £500. Jedda following close was third round followed by Cooroyba, Taeping, Coocinda, Gip, Celeste, Venture, Clipper, Demeter, Seevogel, Marina, Serene, Wylo, Liat, Spindrift and Fiona. (No correspondence please.)

Enchantress and Maluna broke away from the breakwater grip but all of the others were caught in a real flattty and the boats coming south closed right in at the Bay.

The wind went right round the clock several times during the leg to the Orontes and at least one boat carried a mast head balloon for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. Maluna rounded Orontes 26 mins. ahead of Enchantress followed 18 mins. later by Jedda. All rounded in extremely light variable winds and each had several attempts to weather the tide and round the mark.

Soon after the sou-wester romped in and pulled all the rear division well up into the picture and then downed everyone's spirits by bringing the rain.

The lead home was fast and furious. Marina did in two headsails and a few others lost a sail or two...

Enchantress must take the honors for she crossed the line 20 mins. ahead of Maluna to make up $\frac{3}{4}$ hr. on the home leg. Jedda crossed third followed by Seevogel, Taeping, Coocinda, Wylo, Liat, Cooroyba, Clipper, Marina, Demeter, Venture, Spindrift, Serene and Fiona last. Celeste, Gip and Tot retired.

Handicap adjustments gave the honors to Fiona and Serene with Maluna

third. Asked after the race - What was Fiona's success secret Colin White's quick reply was "Well she was the only boat in the race with four chiefs and no Indians".

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES.

Due to the Public Exams. the Junior sailing season began slowly. However the earlier races were very well attended by the new skippers eager to beat the older hands at the game. Amongst these are two lady skippers, Sue Tipping and Felicity Shepherd. Five new male skippers also appeared on the scene; Locky Gosse the new skipper of Mouette, the Sidey brothers owners of Wix, Leonard Lindon with his Preshapak, Geoffrey Simpson the proud owner of Bouncing Billie and Geoff White the skipper of Frolic.

This year the number of boats increased from twelve to seventeen and 1963 was our turn to be hosts for the State Championships. Twenty boats competed from Somerton, Henley and R.S.A.Y.S. Miss Vivienne Cocks came second in the State Title and won the Handicap and Mermaids Prize. Congratulations to this small member of a keen yachting family.

MOORINGS.

There is still a great demand for moorings at the O.H. and although some new allotments have been made recently it is mainly because of the dredging operations last year and re-arrangement of space for Dragons.

The Sub-Committee in charge of Harbor Improvements report that as soon as a design change has been made to the suction end of the dredge pick-up pipe the whole plant will be relaunched and set to work.

It is planned to commence at the eastern end of the pool and so long as the finance is forthcoming the work will be continued. This should ensure that more boats will be admitted and additional revenue gained.

PRINCE PHILIP CUP REGATTA AND OLYMPIC SELECTION RACES.

Commencing 28th December next these events will be conducted in S.A. There will be 13 races over 17 days so, what with up to 30 visiting Dragons and a large fleet of Flying Dutchmen, terrific sport is in store for those of us interested. The public will also have an opportunity of seeing first class events which will give the sport a major uplift.

ROYAL VISIT.

The following is an extract from a letter received from the S.A. Harbors Board regarding arrangements in the Port River for February 19th and February 21st.

19th February - Arrival.

1. Private craft may form up at anchor between No. 3 side channel beacons and No. 11 side channel beacons outside the channel. After the Royal Yacht has progressed through the line no craft may follow closer than 200 yards and no craft to be permitted between No. 11 beacon and the Birkenhead Bridge during the time the Royal Yacht is proceeding to the berth and berthing.
2. All private craft should be kept clear of the approach channel and river from the Fairway Beacon to No. 3 side channel beacons from the time the Royal Yacht reaches the pilot anchorage until she is clear of No. 3 channel beacons in the river.

21st February - Departure.

1. The River will be closed to all traffic seaward from No. 3 beacon between the hours of 9 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.

LOST.

One Dragon boat cover made of cotton duck. Has anyone by mistake picked up same with their gear. Would the finder please advise the O.H. Caretaker or Mr. T.G. Flint. Reward.