

of our Squadron — not the Clubhouse building but what the organisation will develop into?

Strangely enough, and with no apparent sense of inconsistency, many people who stridently defend old objects, endangered species and that amorphous entity The Environment, equally emphatically wish to change drastically or even destroy inherited old institutions, whether this be the way we administer justice, trial by jury, the way we govern ourselves or the symbols of our national identity by flags and anthems. Perhaps that applies to the intensely democratic governance of the Squadron through Quarterly Meetings and elected management committees. One Member who wants Australia to become a republic with a new flag, still would retain on the stern of his vessel the undefaced British blue ensign, with a treasured warrant issued by the British Admiralty. He denied that there was any incongruity in doing so.

Opening Day is the one day of the year when we show ourselves to ourselves, to our guests and to the community. What image should we present? Do we demonstrate the conservation of the gracious ways and the best features of a spacious but almost extinct past? Or do we demonstrate that we will discard all that in favour of something newer and better, but if so, what?

I am quite certain of *the* most important thing to show to ourselves and to the world. We are an organisation with Members whose great business is yachting under sail and power. We must display that we can do that very well, manoeuvring our boats with skill, consideration for others, unfailing good humour and decent decorum.

There is another quality we can show, which I try to demonstrate both overtly and sometimes covertly through this magazine. We have something enjoyed by no other yacht club in South Australia, and not too many elsewhere in this country. It can easily be lost or allowed to atrophy by default.

That is a heritage nobody can match. The debate on whether to allow outsiders to compete for our trophies has shown that many Members are well aware of it. Trophies are objects, and if the Clubhouse burns down we will lose them for ever. The traditions of how we relate to each other, how we support our Squadron as a club, how we behave when we take our boats elsewhere, how we wear our burgee with pleasure and pride to show the world who and what we are — I hope they will always survive, whatever may happen to symbols, imperial and otherwise. Opening Day is the great occasion to demonstrate that, on and off the water, and long may we do so. SQ

We welcome —

Philip Catley
Graeme Footer
Adrian Henshall
Colin Jones

New Members

Donald Lee
Jeffrey Lenaine-Smith
Brian Lewis
John Oliver
Caroline Rainsford
Phillip Tyrrell

New Vessels on the Squadron Register

*Bolero	Bob Jackson & Angela Mickan	*The Boardroom (formerly Gambol)
*Chardonnay of KI	Ants Harris	John Wicks and Tony Goldsworthy
*Christine	Rex Tyrrell (new owner)	*Scuderoo
*Gemini 4	Murray and Kaye Chase	Jeremy Fry
*Hyjacker	Alan Smith (new owner)	*Warlord
*Soleil	Richard and Dianne Mollison	Tony Hooper (new owner)
Sonsy	Bruce Yates	*Wavelength
		Stuart and Sue Sparke
		(new owners)

*Denotes vessel moored in the pool

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