

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Since last February's Newsletter there have been a number of events. The Lincoln Week functions appeared to be well enjoyed, including the formal cocktail party reception for competing skippers and crews and the day-trip to a winery.

Ladies Race was held on 23rd February, a day of flat seas and little wind, the course having to be shortened. There was just enough breeze for spinnakers, and the ships in the firm grips of the ladies certainly presented a beautiful picture. The evening dinner dance was a jovial affair and the trophies were presented to the winners as follow:-

1st Division:	Hecate - Althea Greaves
2nd Division:	Pippin - Mrs. Barwell
Half Tonners:	Trochus - Jillian Human
Dragons:	Sapristi - Jill Baker

The Quarterly Meeting on 12th March was well attended and sixteen new members were elected and welcomed at a new members' reception on 23rd March. In welcoming the new members the Commodore told them that our members were very proud of the Squadron's Royal status, of its long history of over a century, of its traditions and high standards and invited them to help us maintain this heritage and to share with us the wonderful spirit of good friendship, good-fellowship and good yachting which so richly abound in the Squadron.

The Easter weekend at Port Vincent commencing on 4th April was very well attended, there being about 80 yachts present, and the weather was ideal. The Easter Gulf Race was won by Norm Howard's Southern Myth (1st on handicap and 1st over the line) and the Germein Trophy also by Southern Myth with Dynamite II first over the line. The Correll Trophy for the 50 year race (held over from last year) was won by John Jones in Janus, with Richard Fidock in Kestrel first over the line. John Jones received the special 50-year Correll presentation. The Return Gulf Race was won by Tony Baldwin in Joylee with Kestrel first over the line. Special thanks to the ladies for all their work in helping entertain the

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Squadron guests at Easter time and to Les Sampson for his handling of the House-Social side of operations.

The social evening on 19th March and the Inkster Memorial evening function on 19th April were both well attended and enjoyable occasions. In the Inkster Memorial Race there were 47 starters and Janus was first over the line and first on handicap.

The Boat Owners' meeting on 16th April and Racing Skippers and Crews meeting on 30th April were chaired respectively by Mr. W.V. Preston and Mr. Graham Brown. Both meetings were well attended and provided useful material for the appropriate committees.

✧ It was with deep regret that we heard of the passing of Mrs. Eileen Hardy, who for so many years has been part of the Squadron. Her happy and cheerful personality will be much missed and long remembered by us all.

As to coming events, there will be the Annual Prize Giving evening at the Squadron (Dining Room open) on Friday 6th June, and the Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 25th June. Nominations for Officers and Committeemen close on 28th May.

As this will conclude my Messages from the Commodore, I would like to say how much the editor Blythe Lindsay and I have appreciated the efforts of all those who have helped Newsletter so much by their most interesting contributions and articles. We look forward to their continued support and new contributions in the future.

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