

The two 'Special Inshore' winners were Graham Taylor in *Quartet* and Wayne Cosgrove in *Wizard Of Oz*.

It is pleasing to report that, overall, our number of series entries for this season is up on last year's figures by just over 20%. These increases have been noticeable, particularly in Division Two, Division Three and Special Inshore events. Division One entries are the same as last year, and it is disappointing to see an apparent drop of interest for JOG and IMS racing. The real disappointment was the lack of entries in our new Cruising Division. Our last season's survey indicated that there was a lot of interest in cruisers racing, but we have received only two entries! For those interested in this new category, it's not too late; we will still accept your casual entries!

This report brings a sad farewell to one of our well known vessels. We understand that *Helsal II* has been sold and will be departing for interstate on 10 November. For most of us, our last chance to see her was at the sail past on Opening Day. It was good to see many give her a rousing send off! In her place will be *Sweet Caroline*, a Dubois 44. Keith Flint is confident that we will see her as a regular competitor for all racing events.

Whist talking about new vessels; a warm welcome to Anthony Gates with *Legs Eleven*, Chris Juttner with *Wild Goose* and Neil Dell's new boat *Here an Now*.



Julian Murray (boat identifier), David Harries (General Manager), Vice-Commodore David Henshall (back to camera), HE the Governor, Commodore Butterfield and Commodore Di Richard (PLYC).

Twilight racing is set to start on Wednesday 3 November. We are confident that this season will be as successful, if not better than last year's. So, in response to last year's comments, we have scheduled extra races. For those that have not experienced this fun social racing, together with the excellent meals and camaraderie after the event, you should try it! What's more, the prizes for the series are really worth competing for. We averaged 28 starters for twilight racing last year, so we are hopeful of getting the figure above 30 for this season!

One reminder on twilight racing: all vessels competing should have Cat 6 compliance. This involves an inspection by one of the friendly RSAYS inspectors, but really it is a very simple and easy process. Please do not be deterred, as quite simply, if your vessel doesn't comply with Cat 6, it shouldn't be on the water!

Our new computerised handicap system is now fully operational. We have had a few teething problems and these are being sorted out with the system's designer. We apologise for the delays that you may have experienced in getting your results and report that these have been caused by a number of minor problems, resulting in manual checking of the figures. We are confident that these problems are close to being resolved and that we will be able to provide results much earlier than ever before.



Adrian and Christine Anderson's *Freelance* saluting on Opening Day.

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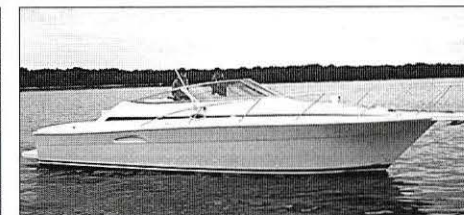
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