



Office Staff: Matthew Laming, Anne Nelson & David Harries.

embarrassment they may be suffering on this account. I know that my near namesake, Treasurer David Harris will do the same.

The response from Members to this year's Opening Day was very positive and satisfying, particularly in view of the work done by the Outer Harbor Committee and the House and Social Committee in tidying up the grounds and setting up for the day.

I would like to thank Robert Henshall and David Borg for their enthusiasm and drive. Thanks go also to David Rawnsley for making available *Irene's Endeavour* at such short notice to be Flag Ship, in place of *One & All*, which was delayed by bad weather; and to Alan Rice for providing *Tarooki* to carry official guests. I would also like to thank Julian Murray for identifying boats during the Sail Past. And I thank Anne, Sam, Philip and Matthew for all the work they put into making the day a success. Proofs of our photographs taken on Opening Day are now available at the Office.

Through the generosity of Robert Henshall and the efforts of Bill Tiss, we have been able to upgrade the Library substantially. I appeal to

Members with books from the Tom Hardy Library which they may have overlooked at home to return them, so that the Library can be catalogued properly. If there is a librarian among us, who has some time to spare, I would appreciate assistance in setting up the system properly. Those Members who visit the Library frequently will be pleased with the results.

Now that the work has been done in tidying up the grounds, the momentum should be maintained. The dinghies in the sheds must be appropriately identified and fendered by their owners. During the next few months those not attended to will be taken out of the sheds and stored on the northern bank until they are disposed of.

Discussions with the Outer Harbor Committee have also raised the matter of dinghies being stowed properly after use. Please do not leave them on pontoons, as there are adequate facilities to store them.

Members should note Bylaw OH12, *The Manager may direct the removal or relocation of any yacht, vehicle or other object from slipways, traverse areas, car parks or other parts of the general premises.*

This will be enforced if necessary.

In the slips area there are a number of privately owned cradles. I am keen to see them properly maintained, and I would appreciate the efforts of owners to attend to them. Bylaw OH 22 applies — *The Outer Harbor Committee has authority to determine the suitability of any vessel, cradle or trailer to enter or remain on the general premises of the Squadron, and may direct the exclusion or removal of a vessel, cradle or trailer held to be unsuitable, without giving any reason. A yacht owner may appeal to the General Committee against such an exclusion. The decision of the General Committee on this matter shall be final.*

Owners of boats on chain moorings are reminded that the mooring chains must be inspected regularly to maintain their safety, and that you are obliged to report to the Office when this has been done. There have been recent cases of vessels breaking away due to poor maintenance.

EFTPOS is now available, and can be used for purchases from the bars, regalia and payment of fees and subscriptions. We can accept debit cards linked to savings and cheque accounts, together with the major credit cards. Depending on demand, Amex and Diners Club may be added at a later date. We encourage you to make use of these facilities. Unfortunately, at this stage we cannot provide cash withdrawal facilities.

The Twilight Series has now commenced. I am pleased to announce the very generous sponsorship of the series by VicSail SA, Catalina Yachts and Ansett Australia. The grand prize for the combined series is a weekend charter on Sydney Harbour of a Catalina yacht, with return tickets (subject to load) by Ansett Australia. We encourage all Members to participate in this series. The Dining Room will be open on Wednesday evenings for Members and guests after sailing.

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