

SAILING COMMITTEE NOTES

We were very pleased to see the large fleet that contested the recently completed Winter Series. Our thanks go to all those who contributed to the success of this competition, and our congratulations to the winners. The overall winners for this series were:-

- Division I - 'LIAT II' (Graham Brown)
- Division II - 'PEACOCK' (Keith Adams)
- Division III - 'TOM THUMB' (Ian Moncrieff)

The forthcoming racing season's program has been finalised, and details will be advised shortly in the 1982/83 Year Book. Generally, the program will be similar to last year with the main exception being the Neptune Island Race.

This year, the Neptune Island Race will start at 1955 hours on 28th January, (5 minutes before the start of the Adelaide - Lincoln Race) and will finish at Port Lincoln. The course will be :- Start, Marion Reef Beacon, Althorpe Island, South Neptune Island, Thistle Island (to port), Dangerous Reef, and Finish.

Skippers are reminded that safety inspections are necessary for all yachts intending to compete in offshore events. Your co-operation is sought please to assist the Safety Committee in completing this often onerous, but very important task.

Details of the Squadron's Sailing Instructions will appear in the Year Book, and all racing skippers are urged to make themselves familiar with them before the season commences. One important change this year will be the requirement for all racing yachts to have the "SA" prefix on their mainsails.

On behalf of the Sailing Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all racing skippers and their crews a very enjoyable and rewarding season, and we look forward to seeing you out there during 1982/83.

BOB FRANCIS

HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

THE PAST

The first objective for 1982/3 was to hold a successful July social function thereby avoiding the slow start sometimes symptomatic of new committees. "Chook" Smith's presentation of "Sydney to Rio" provided a double success. Firstly, for the committee, a successful July function; and secondly, for the members, great entertainment by a humble, but very experienced yachtsman. Thanks again "Chook".

Friday, 20th August saw the Annual Dinner pass enjoyably into the back pages of our diary. One hundred and forty two members and their guests agreed that a tastefully decorated Squadron Dining Room and a balcony looking out over a floodlit basin of 210 craft is probably the ultimate in dining/dancing venues.

These records of the past have been written and authorised by the House and Social Committee in the interests of persuading more members to enjoy our club.

THE FUTURE

Our third social event to be held on Friday, 17th September will be a Film/Pie/Prize Night (the previously suggested "Fish Gourmet" Night amended). What better way to spend a penny one evening than to watch your friendly foe receive his prize while you indulge yourself with an Eime steak and kidney, or an egg and bacon pie (or both) prior to watching the latest single-handed trans-Atlantic race through the eyes of space technology cameras.

More pleasurable events to come include :-

- Friday, 22nd October : SOCIAL NIGHT
Plot yet to be confirmed.
- Saturday, 6th November : OPENING DAY
Music, dancing, catered meal.