

Sailing Committee Report

William Strangways

The Combined Winter Series is off and running, with a healthy increase in nominations. In 1996 there were 37 and this year there are 53, and of the sixteen additional entrants twelve are from the Squadron. Results have been well spread between RSAYS and CYCSA. The very light conditions which we have experienced for the first three races have favoured the lighter displacement yachts. Race 4 gave us 15-20 knots NW, and the heavier yachts had their day in the sun at last.

On Sunday, 29 June we ran the Plympton Cup and TC Flint Memorial Trophy. An excellent fleet of 58 yachts raced to Somerton Yacht Club and return. Light weather prevailed at the start, but the gods favoured us with a 15 knot SE for about two-thirds of the race to give all yachts a chance and a beautiful 14-mile spinnaker run home. The overall winner of both events was Hartleigh Kelly in *QED*, 86-years old [or young! — Ed.]. A wonderful achievement indeed!

TG Flint Memorial

First	<i>QED</i>	Hartleigh Kelly
Second	<i>Magic Dragon</i>	Colin Todd
Third	<i>Wild Oates</i>	Martin Oates

Plympton Cup — First Division

First	<i>Zaphod</i>	Ken O'Brien
Second	<i>Leda</i>	Tess McGrath
Third	<i>Suelan</i>	Geoff Patten

Plympton Cup — Second Division

First	<i>Praha</i>	John Rynes
Second	<i>Divine Madness</i>	Alex Hayter
Third	<i>Magic Dragon</i>	Colin Todd

Plympton Cup — Third Division

First	<i>QED</i>	Hartleigh Kelly
Second	<i>Mondial</i>	Paul Gardiner
Third	<i>Minouche</i>	Greg Yeomans

The next events are the Port Line Cup on 10 August 1997 and Race 5, final of the Winter Series on 24 August 1997.

The 1997-98 Summer season racing program is almost set now, with some interesting innovations for all to enjoy. Both Glenelg and Port Adelaide Sailing Clubs are celebrating centenaries, and we are joining with them to help make their hundredth year memorable for all. We have reinstated the Kintore Cup as part of our offshore series [Hooray! — Ed.]; and we have included an offshore race to Wirrina in March.

As part of an overall promotion of the Squadron we have recommended to the Squadron

Management Committee that we conduct a major regatta at the Squadron during the 1998 Easter break. It is intended to run a three-race series, catering for racers, cruisers, trailer-sailers, Juniors, power boats, etc. Social and novelty events are planned as well. This will be a major function for the Squadron, and we look forward to massive support from the entire membership. We want people to come and stay at the Squadron for Easter in 1998.

We have also managed to include one extra **Twilight Race** before Christmas, giving us six, followed by five early in the new year. A similar trophy structure will apply, with the overall award being sponsored by VicSail and Ansett.

The Sailing Committee has been very active during the last few months in promoting sailing and the Squadron through the Messenger Press and Radio 5AA. We have taken more than thirty first-time sailors out for races on various yachts. We have also encouraged trailer-sailors to use our facilities and in due course join us.

We have co-opted Andrew Waterman, John Phillips, Wendy Simpson and Graham Taylor on to the Sailing Committee. John is to represent and

promote trailer-sailors; Wendy to give a woman's point of view; Andrew to represent and promote Etchells; and Graham to continue with his excellent work from last year our Treasurer.

Two new crew members of the Official Boat are Peter James and Adrienne Stafford. Thank you for helping during the winter series. I also wish to thank Bernie and Carmon Matzat, Austin Gibson and David Rawnsley for making their boats available as 'Official Boat' during the Winter Series. John Ellison and Mike Fowler have done an excellent job as OOD in the absence of David Henshall.

Your Sailing Committee for 1997-98 consists of William Strangways (Chairman), Alan Down, Ian Flint, Mike Hambidge, Bob Catley and John Moffatt. Co-opted members are John Phillips, Wendy Simpson, Graham Taylor and Andrew Waterman. If you have any constructive criticism or suggestions, please contact one of them and make your views known.

I look forward to seeing more yachts on the water in the near future, and a willingness from all Members to promote our Club in any way we can!

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