

HALF TON NEWS

Half tonners were well represented in the 2nd Division Winter Series this year with CAPRICE II and PEACOCK taking out 3rd and 4th position overall.

Unfortunately both QED and PUMPKIN EATER tangled with the Northern Silt Pile super structure with disastrous results for PUMPKIN EATER who lost a mast.

As you will see from the 1984/85 Year Book we again have Half Ton Championships and Opens Series. Please remember to send your series nomination form to the Squadron Office.

Some members have pointed out that the championship race on Saturday, 16th February will coincide with Port Lincoln Week. This championship race will therefore be transferred to Saturday, 20th April.

The Half Ton Association will be looking forward to seeing several new boats racing next season and wishes all starters the best of luck for the season.

JIM BOUCAUT

RACE TO PERTH FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP

The Squadron has agreed to co-ordinate the proposed Australian Southern Ocean Racing Series following a request from its interim organising committee.

This series will be conducted in 1986/87 and will comprise 4 major offshore races commencing with the Sydney/Hobart to be conducted by the CYCA. The second leg which will be conducted by the RYCT, will be from Hobart to Adelaide. The next leg, to be organised by our club, will be from Adelaide to Albany, with the final leg from Albany to Perth conducted by the RPYC.

I was pleased to accept the General Committee's appointment as our club's representative and Chairman of the organising committee. In addition, I will also undertake the Co-ordinator's duties until we appoint someone to this position. Other members of the committee are Gordan Marshall (CYCA), Olif Hedburg (RYCT), Ian Cameron and Pat Pinder (RPYC).

The interest already shown in this series is very pleasing. However it's success is dependent on the committee obtaining suitable sponsorship and it is hoped that an announcement may be made in the near future.

Whilst our recent efforts have been directed towards the race to Perth, those members who have indicated that they would like to cruise to the America's Cup have not been forgotten. Their interest has been registered, and they will be kept informed of our progress towards securing facilities in Perth on their behalf.

ALAN SWINSTEAD