

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Our representation in this year's Sydney to Hobart Race is very strong. At this time entrants sailing under the flag of the Royal S.A. Yacht Squadron are:

Adria Australis	Anthony A. Harry
Anaconda 11	Josko Grubic
Dynamite	Paul Smith
Kestrel	Dick Fidock
Quasar	Brian Sutherland
Ricochet 11	Gil Finlay of Whyalla

Chook Smith is taking Rouseabout to Hobart via the West Coaster Race and will then participate in the Australian Championship for half tonners. Jim Howell decided last weekend to compete in the 3/4 ton Australian Championship in Melbourne in January.

The arrangements for the Prince Philip Cup Series are reaching finality with some 27 confirmed entries. Temporary moorings for dragons are now laid off the centre and eastern pontoons. It is expected that interstate dragons will commence arriving and starting to occupy these moorings immediately after Christmas. As the moorings fill up, the centre and eastern pontoons will become reserved for these vessels. This will place a strain on the use of the main pontoon and members are requested to co-operate by restricting their use of any available space. An area will be reserved for the tender. Racing yachts in particular are requested to sail from their moorings and to adopt other, less convenient methods to transport sails ashore for washing, folding and stowing.

Action has now been taken to provide all boat owners a facility for their vessels to undergo a safety inspection. The terms of reference of the Safety Committee have been expanded to include all vessels in the pool. The General Committee has called on the Safety Committee to arrange to inspect all vessels in the pool to check their

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compliance with Rule Number 212 as set out in the Year Book and to report progressively to the General Committee.

This rule requires compliance with the publication of the Department of Shipping and Transport "Safety for Small Craft" - your legal obligation under the Boating Act. All boat owners are requested to arrange for appointments for safety checks and to keep such appointments. This is entirely a voluntary service on the part of some members to assist others. It is anticipated that the membership of the Safety Committee will need to expand if this work is to be completed in a reasonable time and the Chairman of that committee, Dr. Harold Handley, will be contacting selected members requesting assistance.

Racing yachts competing in off shore events are warned to expect a tougher line on safety from now on.

I congratulate Brian Sutherland and the crew of Quasar for their first up performance in winning the Haystack Island Race outright and have noted the successes of Redback, Brian Snowden and that of Bob Lanyon with the Dragon Nan 2 and of course Doug Verco continues with his success in Nautilus 5.

A letter has been received from Malcolm Kinnaird as President of the Cruising Yacht Club of S.A. which advises of the approval of the Premier for the presentation of his trophy to the champion offshore yacht in South Australia.

The sailing events that this year will form the championship series are expected to be:

1. A short race off the Outer Harbour on the Wednesday evening prior to the Port Lincoln Race.
- 2.&3. Two races being conducted during Port Lincoln Week.