

Quarterdeck

We warmly welcome Wayne Knill as Honorary Assistant Editor. Many times we have emphasised that we willingly serve as Honorary Editor, but that is not the same as a reporter. Furthermore, we don't do much actual sailing these days and racing lies in our distant past. Accordingly, we are very grateful for Wayne's noble offer to provide better coverage of the quotidian events occurring at Outer Harbor and at sea, the deficiency of which has longed troubled us.

Please don't hesitate to give Wayne the material to allow us to expand our coverage of Squadron activities. Thanks to him, we hope to balance our interest in what went on in the past with what is current and topical. The historical work depends heavily on newspaper reports of the time, which recorded races and Monthly Meetings of SAYC and RSAYS in considerable detail. That source no longer exists, so it is up to us to recognise that we are all living history and ensure that those who look back on our time won't be frustrated by not knowing what went on and who were those involved.

On an important point of detail, if you take photographs of people in bright sunlight, *always* use a flash. This helps to reduce the impact of shadows beneath eyebrows and headgear.

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John Phillips has sent us an interesting article from the *Meat Industry Digest*, September 1957: 16-17. This is about *Pedare*, with photographs of the boat and of her then owner, Ern Stuckey. We well remember this long-standing and classical motor cruiser with her cutwater bow, when owned by another member of the meat industry, Jock Walker. John and Annie Rogers joined the current owners, Graham and Marcia Jordan, for coffee and cake during the 2000 River Ramble. She has been lovingly restored as near as can be achieved to her original state.

There was a tragedy at the Squadron years ago, when a fire broke out after refuelling the motor boat *Mab*. According to Peter McBride, the engine was missing, and someone suggested shorting out the plugs one at a time to track

down the site of the problem. There was an immediate explosive fire, and Ern Stuckey dashed below to drag from the forepeak the children who were playing there. The Squadron premises were crowded, which impeded the ambulance from getting close to the scene. Ern Stuckey sustained extensive and fatal burns, as did one of the children.

We would value other memories of this terrible event, including precisely when it happened.

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It was very good that Ian and Di Moncrieff have made contact from Cooktown. We encourage any of our Members who are further afield to let us know where they are and what they are doing. Quite apart from anything else, it will add more locations on the new cruising map.

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Dr Reaburn Reynolds (*Marisa*) is celebrating his 60th birthday at the clubhouse on Saturday 24 February 2001. Lee Sydenham's band 'Late for Lunch' will be playing in the dining room from 2000 hrs (8 pm) and the Reynolds family invites diners that evening also to enjoy the music. As there should be a good crowd after the race for the Bunday Cup and for the Hawaiian Luau, it promises to be a great evening! Happy birthday, Rea!

Dr Reynold's wife Yvonne becomes another Dr Reynolds on 18 December, when she formally receives her PhD for her impressive thesis of 529 pages, *Progress, Pubs and Piety: Port Adelaide 1836-1915*. A former archeologist in Queensland and in Jordan, she has been involved with the Maritime Museum and as an architectural historian to Heritage SA. She is Honorary Historian with the Port Adelaide Historical Society.

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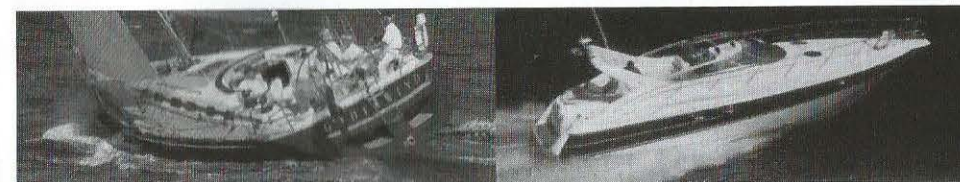
Because of recent thefts from boats, the marina gate will be locked each day at sunset. The same key fits the locks on the trolleys. Please ensure that these are always locked after you have used them. 50

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