

Seevogel's Sorry Fate ... By Lynda Walsh

THOSE who remember *Seevogel* will be saddened to hear that she has sunk at her moorings in the North Arm. She was a Gauntlet class 48 ft double-ended cutter designed by HG May and commissioned from Clausens by Wesley Harris, a Nuriootpa dentist. She was launched in 1939 just before WWII began, and was requisitioned for naval patrol work during the War.

Seevogel belonged to the heyday of Squadron sailing when she, and yachts like *Nerida*, *Ingrid* and *Cooroyba* raced hard and cruised extensively. She was the first South Australian yacht to sail in a Sydney to Hobart race, coming second in 1948. *Nerida* was fifth. In 1950, the year *Nerida* won, *Seevogel* was ninth. In home waters *Seevogel* won, or got fastest time, in practically every off-shore race. She won the inaugural Adelaide to Lincoln race. She cruised extensively in the Gulfs and the far west of the state, making a dent in fish stocks. She circumnavigated Kangaroo Island and cruised in Tasmania. During all this time away contact was kept with the families at home by post!

Wesley Harris sold her to Fred Brinkworth and under Fred's care she continued to race and cruise. Fred added a coachhouse which Peter Last thought was 'unsympathetic' but undoubtedly helped keep her dry. Fred sold her to a West Coast farmer and she left the Squadron. We know little more of her.

Seevogel proudly wore SA1 on her mainsail but, sadly now, her future is quite uncertain.

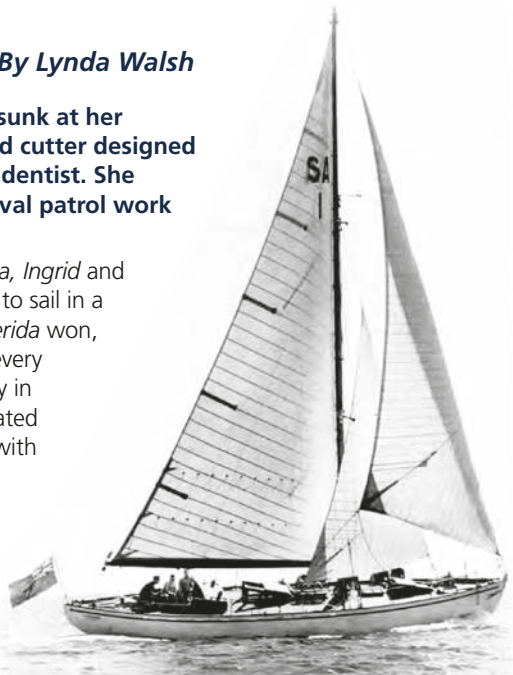


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More on Magic Beach... By Helen Moody



Helen with the children's book *Magic Beach* by Alison Lester

SINCE the story behind the naming of the Moody family's boat *Magic Beach* appeared in the *Squadron Snippets* section of our Winter edition, *Magic Beach* has been in the limelight again. Helen reports:

"Both the book and the beach that 'our' *Magic Beach* was named after were featured on the ABC TV show *Back Roads* in July. It makes for good viewing, showcasing a lovely part of Victoria called Fish Creek and adjacent Magic Beach, both of which are near Wilsons Promontory."

It can be seen on iView *Back Roads*, Series 5, Episode 6, or accessed from the following link: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/back-roads/series/5/video/RF1827V006500>

Helen says it was lovely that many members contacted her to let her know that they had seen the segment. "It just goes to show that people do read the SQ, and take note of the contents!"

Calling all Nautical Cooks! By Rae Eldridge



Rae holding the 1969 Cook Book

WE are endeavouring to collate and publish a boating Cook Book to celebrate our 150th Birthday. A Cook Book was published for our 100th Birthday, and we thought this should be updated in our Sesquicentennial Year.

If you have any recipes which can be easily prepared and cooked on board your vessel, we'd love to hear from you. Cruisers and racers alike are always looking for new culinary delights to satisfy their crews.

Savoury and/or sweet, we would love to hear from you. We even have some liquid refreshment recipes. Anything you've done on board that you are willing to share and help your fellow yachties now is your chance. Drop us a line or two and tickle our taste buds!

If you can help, please email your recipe, together with your name, boat and a short description of the dish, to me at: david.rae@internode.on.net

Mark's gifts from home

Mark had company on his solo Round the World Race

THE thought of being all alone was not a problem for Mark Sinclair when he was competing in the solo *Golden Globe Round the World Race* last year. He had 'Wilson' to keep him company! Wilson was a volley ball, a 60th birthday present from Mark's son Cameron and his partner Malwina. Mark says he had limited space on *Coconut*, and had trouble storing the big square box in which it came. After he'd opened it on his birthday in the South Atlantic he admits he spent much of his time 'talking to a goddamn volleyball, just as Tom Hanks did in the movie *Castaway*!' Mark says it is rumoured that Wilson was the one who made all of *Coconut's* tactical decisions in the Southern Ocean.



Mark with 'Wilson'



... and his lucky socks

Another gift from home was a number of pairs of colourful woollen socks that kept Mark cosy. They were knitted with love by his Auntie Claire, an old family friend with whom he spent lots of time while he was growing up in Victoria. "On cold nights in the Southern Ocean they kept my feet toasty warm in my wellies, despite getting quite salty," he said. A cache of his favourite tapes and books also kept him company on the long journey, including *Men at Work's Land Down Under*.

From The Convent to the Club!



Steve Kennedy, Barb Adams and Sam Rochester

MAYBE thanks to divine providence, two more trees have been added to our *Avenue of Trees*. Steve Kennedy recently came across two eleven-year-old, four metre high *Cleveland Select Ornamental Pear Trees* at the Largs Bay Convent. The nuns were happy to donate them to us, but we had to dig them out, transport them to the Squadron, and transplant them in two pre-arranged locations.

With the help of Sam Rochester, Barb Adams and Terri Gould, Steve managed to get the trees out without damaging them, and loaded onto a truck with an excavator. They have been planted next to the south-east barbecue area and form the start of the planned continuation of the trees along the road towards the northern bank.

Steve and Barb were disappointed they were too late to purchase a tree when the project was launched earlier this year, so they are pleased these special trees have been acquired. They thank David Eldridge and all the other volunteers who 'lent a hand' with the planting and helped make this generous gesture happen.

1983 – the year that *Morning Hustler* came first in its division in the Melbourne to Hobart race



Morning Hustler to leeward of *Eastern Morning*

ANTHEA Cowell will never forget it – the year she and Jamie won this gruelling race on board the Cowell's boat *Morning Hustler*! They had already taken part in the Cock of the Bay race from St Kilda to Portsea on 26 December, then left Melbourne the next day for the race down the west coast to Hobart. This action shot on the cover of the Programme for 1984 shows *Morning Hustler* vying with her main competitor *Eastern Morning*.

Anthea says they were never far away from *Eastern Morning* and beat her over the line by 16 minutes. They then both took part in the King of the Derwent race, which was the third in the Sovereign Series. *Eastern Morning* was over the line ahead of *Morning Hustler* by 8 seconds, but Anthea was pleased they beat them on handicap.



The winner's trophy