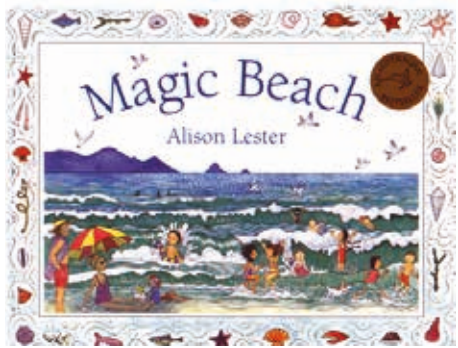


Magic Beach – the Naming of a Boat By Helen Moody



EVERY boat owner ponders long and hard on the name of their new boat. Some people have the name prepared for some time and others procrastinate, developing a name that has meaning for them. The naming of *Magic Beach* was a combination of both. With the family growing, we upgraded from a 22 foot to a 25 foot Farr 750 trailer sailer. This was an opportunity to choose our own boat name. With the previous trailer sailer we had visited several different locations, including Coffin Bay, where many happy times had been spent on various beaches for ‘happy hour’ and play.

One of Patrick and Jemma’s favourite children’s books was *Magic Beach* by Alison Lester. This book is evocative of happy times spent holidaying at remote beaches, jumping in the waves, exploring rock pools, playing imaginary games and having fires on the beach, then falling exhausted into bed. It was read to them over and over again, several times a night. After some round table family discussions, it was a unanimous decision that the new trailer sailer should be called *Magic Beach*.

When we purchased a keelboat, our current Cole 35 Pawtucket, the name had to come with us. It is proudly on the boom cover and stern. A laminated picture of the book cover is prominently displayed on the bulkhead together with a copy of the book for visitors to read. The name still evokes, to all in the Moody family, those wonderful childhood images of fun, laughter and simplicity. I encourage everyone, regardless of age, to look up this book and see the wonderful artwork and the words to go with it. www.alisonlester.com



World Racer Finds Refuge at the Squadron By Mark Sinclair



Alex Alley - first taste of fresh food

ON 16 March the Squadron had the pleasure of assisting Alex Alley in his Class 40 vessel *Pixel Flyer*. Alex was attempting to beat the world record of 138 days for the fastest solo non-stop circumnavigation for a vessel under 40 ft. Shortly after reaching the half-way point in the Great Australian Bight, Alex suffered damage to *Pixel Flyer*’s rigging and sadly had to retire.

Alex had departed from Gosport in the UK on 24 December but had to put into Brest in France to replace faulty wind instrumentation. He restarted his record attempt on 31 December, and after crossing the Bay of Biscay sailed before the NE trade winds down the eastern side of the North Atlantic, passing inshore of Madeira, offshore Canary Islands and inshore Cape Verde Islands. Alex then sailed through the doldrums, crossed the equator on 19 January then headed down the coast of Brazil into the SE trade winds and then around the bottom of the South Atlantic. He sailed south of Tristan da Cunha and into the Southern Ocean, then passed well south of South Africa and the Agulhas current in the middle of February. In early March *Pixel Flyer* was south of the Great Australian Bight and travelling at speeds exceeding 20 kts before a 40 kt gale when Alex heard horrible noises from the mast. He reduced sail and headed north into calmer conditions to assess the situation. A section of the mainsail track high up the mast was damaged and some of the mainsail cars were broken. Alex winched the mainsail down with difficulty and could only set it with three reefs. This severely restricted *Pixel Flyer*’s performance and effectively ended the world-record attempt.

Alex set course for Adelaide, sailed up Investigator Strait and was met by *Coconut* off Outer Harbor and escorted into the RSAYS. Alex was also met by his fiancée Paula Reid, on a flying two-day visit. Paula is also an adventurer, having also previously sailed around the world west-about and she has also trekked to the South Pole. While at RSAYS, Alex gave an interesting presentation in the dinghy shed of his sailing adventures and 75 days at sea on this world record attempt. Alex has subsequently returned to his home in the UK for his next adventure, and *Pixel Flyer* is currently on the market. Go and check her out at Berth FO6 on the north bank. We wish Alex and Paula all the very best.



Pixel Flyer met by Coconut

Bob Justly Rewarded ...

LIKE many RSAYS members, Bob Schahinger belongs to two sailing clubs. This well respected RSAYS racer and *Sailability* Coordinator was recently presented with the award for the most outstanding sailor for the past 12 months by the Adelaide Sailing Club. Bob says he was surprised to receive the award. He attributes his win to two main reasons. Firstly, he was crowned World Champion of the Hansa Liberty class at Hiroshima, Japan in October last year. And secondly, he won the Australian Championship of the Hansa Liberty class at Bunbury, Western Australia over Easter last year, having towed a trailer with four boats and one other on the roof rack on his trusty 4WD. Bob thinks the fact that he had also won the European Championships in a borrowed Hansa Liberty at Meze, France in October 2017 might have helped, however only his two wins last year were actually considered as they had been achieved during the past 12 months. The Vice Commodore of the Adelaide Sailing Club, Malcolm Hughes, presented the award, saying that it takes a lot of time and effort to go to a World Championship, no matter where it is held. He also mentioned that Bob was a dedicated volunteer for the advancement of sailing to all and, in particular, through the organisation *Sailability*. Apparently that Club is also nominating Bob for the South Australian *Sailor of the Year* award. If he is successful, Bob will also be in the running for the Australian *Sailor of the Year*. Congratulations Bob! We wish you well. ***Never one to sit still, bipartisan Bob recently delivered his boat Clockwork to Melbourne for the use of the Squadron team led by Helen Willmer at the Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta.**



Bob sailing the Hansa Liberty Jonathon Livingstone Seagull

The Falie Celebrates Her Centenary By Steve Kennedy



Falie docked at McLarens Wharf, Port Adelaide

THE RSAYS is not the only South Australian celebrating a significant birthday this year; the good ship *Falie* is celebrating her 100th year on the water. *Falie* is a 33.4 m (109 ft) gaff-rigged auxiliary ketch, built in the Netherlands in 1919 and initially named *Logger*. The Spencer’s Gulf Transport Company purchased her in 1922, sailed her to South Australia the following year and renamed her *Falie*. She serviced isolated towns along the coast, carrying a range of cargo from live animals, wheat and wool, to fertiliser, gypsum and food stuffs.

During World War II, the Royal Australian Navy requisitioned the boat, renaming her *HMAS Falie*. She served as an inspection vessel and was involved in one of the most important incidents in Australian wartime history. On the night of 31 May 1942 *Falie* was acting as a watchdog outside Sydney Harbour when she was struck by a Japanese midget submarine trying to infiltrate the harbour. She was later converted to a stores vessel, and also deployed to Papua New Guinea landing troops in enemy territory by night. After the war *Falie* was returned to her owners, and for the next 15 years carried explosives around the Australian coastlines. She returned to South Australia in 1968 and continued to operate as a trading vessel before retiring in 1982 – the last ketch to be operated commercially in our waters, and the last sail powered trading vessel in Australian waters. The SA Government purchased the *Falie* for preservation as a community and educational resource in the early 1980s. She was restored for the State’s Sesquicentenary celebrations in 1986 with new masts and sails, and a refit of her accommodation and galley. She then visited every port as part of the celebrations. The *Falie* lay alongside McLarens Wharf until 2011 when she was used by the Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy as a training vessel. In 2014 the Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) moved this historic ship back to McLarens next to the tall ship *One and All*, where she remains to this day. A group of ten dedicated volunteers, including RSAYS member Steve Kennedy, works on the *Falie* several times a week to ensure she is kept in good repair as an important part of our maritime heritage.