

Juniors' Jottings

Murray Larkin

With the AusSail program in full swing, it is great to see the numbers increasing. After the morning sessions we have been holding club races. These have been well attended, with close racing between Brad Windram and Vicki Sanderson in the Holdfast Trainers. There has been great improvement by Patrick Moody in his International Cadet and by Carly and Laura in the Pacer.

The Shoot the Breeze program was held at the Squadron the week before Christmas. This was targeted to show the finer points of competitive racing. Sailing instructors from local clubs and interstate taught classes in Holdfast Trainers,

International Cadets, 303s and Lasers. I would like to thank the ladies for their help in preparing the lunches during the week.

I would also like to thank Alyn Stevenson for the effort he has put into Junior sailing. Unfortunately, due to business commitments he has resigned.

With the increase of activities in the Junior programs, we urgently need more volunteers. If you can participate, please do not hesitate to contact me on 8294 6320 or leave your name at the Office.

On behalf of the Junior Committee, I would like to thank Leigh and Toddy for helping to organise the Club Championship in January. SQ

Twelve-foot Cadet Report (Stonehaven Cup)

Kirsty Sanderson

6 January 2001 came with the official opening of the 72nd Stonehaven Cup for 45 excited 11-17 year-olds from South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. This annual interstate challenge for 12 ft cadets is contested by the top four boats in each state. Because Tasmania could only send one boat, the fleet of twelve consisted of five from South Australia, six from Victoria and one

from Tasmania. *Zest* from Victoria was clear winner after coming first in five of the seven races. The other places were more competitive. *Mach III* from Victoria was placed second and *TE Ward* from South Australia was third. She was skippered by Adam Kretschmer. Overall, the 72nd Stonehaven Cup at Largs Bay Sailing Club proved a success. Both the sailing and the all important social scene were enjoyed by all. SQ

Sailing Committee Report

Tony Hooper

On behalf of the Sailing Committee, I wish you a Happy New Year and trust that your Christmas celebrations and holidays were both rewarding and enjoyable.

The sailing season, thus far, has been excellent. Generally, conditions have been good, with no really heavy weather.

We have now had six of our 10-race Offshore series and, as I write, most competitors are getting ready for the seventh race, the 'Glenelg Gulf Race' on Saturday, 3 February. The current series leader is *Speakeasy*, closely followed by *Sweet Caroline & Sunburst*.

The Inshore Pointscore series has had high fleet numbers (just over half of the combined RSAYS and CYCSA fleet comes from our Club). Series leaders at the time of writing this report are Division 1 *Speakeasy*; Division 2 *Breathless*; Division 3 *Seagames*; Etchells *Warkannu*.

The Special Inshore series also has had a good fleet, with sixteen regular competitors. The current leader of this series is *Stunned Mullet*.

There is no doubt that the success story of the year is the Twilight series. We have averaged 32 starters per event and the dining room numbers for the post-race meal just keep increasing! Regularly, we have 135 people dining at the Squadron after the race, with the record being the evening of 20 December with 185 in attendance!

The pre-Christmas series winner was *Emma* and the current post-Christmas leader is *Amarina*. The overall current series leader is *Emma*. SQ

Your Sailing Committee has been very busy over the last two months. We have had a number of emergency meetings to address problems and issues stemming from joint racing with the Cruising Yacht Club of SA and, in particular, problems encountered with running two races in one day on 9 December. We are hopeful that these issues can be resolved but, unfortunately, it appears there may be some interruption to our joint program before common sense prevails.

Rest assured, we will endeavour to keep all Members informed of what is happening and, if necessary, will call a special meeting of skippers and crews to discuss the matter.

This season our handicap system appears to be working exceptionally well. Principally, this is due to the hard work of Bill Strangways and his handicap panel, in putting together more meaningful parameters for the system, and Helen Prisk for her maintenance of the system. The Twilight series handicaps show good the system is. Regularly, we have in excess of twenty boats finishing within one minute on corrected time!

The Port Lincoln race is fast approaching! The Safety Committee has requested that all prospective competitors give early consideration to their safety inspection requirements. To avoid the ridiculous situation of last year, where we virtually had boats lined up for inspections on the morning of the race, the Safety Committee has requested that there be a cut-off on Saturday, 24 February for safety inspections. This is one week before the race and gives the Inspectors time to prepare their own boats for the race. SQ

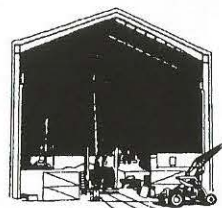
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New Vessels on the Squadron Register

<i>Allegro</i> (new owner)	William Baker	<i>Rouseabout</i> (new owner)	John Gibson
<i>Escapade</i> (new owners)	Lindsay & Annette Guilfoyle	<i>Cotton Blossom</i>	David Rawnsley
<i>Lumeah Challenge</i>	George Tsarouhas	<i>See Email</i>	Adam Wynn
<i>Magic Beach</i> (was <i>Scorpion</i>)	Phillip & Helen Moody	<i>Domino</i>	John Bugg
<i>Nynja Co</i>	David & Jane Harris	<i>Vivaldi</i>	Robert & Sonja Fantozzi