

Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron Sailing Foundation Inc.

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Members will be pleased and proud to learn that the **Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron Sailing Foundation Inc** ("RSAYS Foundation") was incorporated on 24 October 1994. The Objects of the Foundation include the promotion and encouragement of youth sail training; proficiency in sailing amongst members of the Squadron; promotion of the sport of sailing; and safe recreational boating. The Foundation will also actively promote and encourage yacht racing as a sport, as well as encouraging recreational sailing by people in the community who are disadvantaged or disabled.

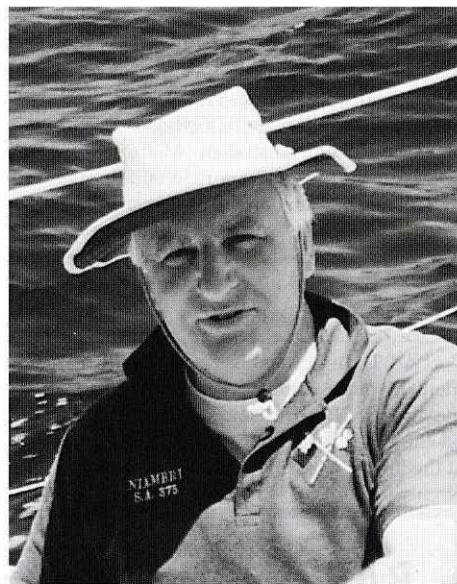
To achieve these objectives, and acting under the auspices of the Australian Sports Foundation and the Australian Yachting Federation, the RSAYS Foundation will actively raise money to develop the sport of sailing, in which it will consult and cooperate with the Australian Sports Foundation.

The Committee of Management comprises the Officers of the Squadron and any other person whom they may appoint. The Squadron Treasurer will be the Treasurer of the RSAYS Foundation.

To achieve its objectives the RSAYS Foundation can accept donations in money and in kind applied to the objectives and purposes outlined above. The RSAYS Foundation may retain gifts in kind; or may convert them into money or exchange them for other property, which in the opinion of the Management Committee will enable the RSAYS Foundation to pursue its objectives more effectively.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron has received approval from the Australian Sports Foundation to conduct on its behalf an appeal for donations, on the basis that the RSAYS Foundation will be the beneficiary of



that appeal. The object of this appeal will be to provide a sailing boat fleet for youth training, consisting of Holdfast trainers and twelve-foot cadet dinghies (for Juniors), together with a mixed fleet of Dragons and Etchells (for Intermediates). The appeal will also provide the infrastructure to maintain the fleet; pay the instructors; and provide rescue services, safety equipment and training aids.

The Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) is listed in Section 78(4) of the Income Tax Assessment Act; thus **GIFTS OF \$2 AND UPWARDS TO ASF (NOMINATING THE RSAYS FOUNDATION AS THE PREFERRED RECIPIENT) ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

A Fund Raising Committee will soon be formed, and promotional material will be prepared. Flag Officers will be actively seeking tangible gifts and cash donations to allow the RSAYS Foundation to start planning and implementing its program as a major sail training facility for young South Australians.



Opening Day 1994

Opening Day 1994 was special. It was more than merely a commemoration of our 125th Anniversary. Over the last few years the powers that be have made a few changes, and this year they showed that they have got it "just right". The very fact that there was more wind than we wanted served to show the foresight and wisdom of those who planned it all. Overall the day and night were grey and blustery, but there was a blessed spell of moderation for the sail past. Somebody looked down on us from on high with favour for that.

We began earlier than usual, and by noon the pool was a wonderful sight. The buildings and lawns were spic and span. Pontoons and marinas were crowded with yachts appropriately dressed overall with international code flags. This year sensitivities were not offended by those well-meaning but misguided people who thought that any old flags would do, even the sort used to "decorate" used car yards. It was grand to see so many yachts, including motor yachts, flying Squadron Anniversary Battle Flags. There aren't too many clubs in this country able to display with such casual and unostentatious pride so long a history.

Sadly, prolonged high winds prevented Bryan Price from his planned flyover of Tiger Moths. The Victorian contingent got no further than Hamilton. Nothing daunted, Bryan found two other old planes to match his own Tiger, but on



the day the ceiling was too low for safe takeoff and the winds were too strong for formation flying. His penalty was that he and Helen missed Opening Day altogether, which was a great pity.

The "course" for the Sail Past was an improvement, and allowed much better spacing of craft. There was good humour and cooperation to prevent some of the tensions that have surfaced from time to time in the past. Most of the sailing craft had very little if any sail, which was very sensible of them. The Fire Vessel *Gallantry* produced a spectacular display, not to be approached from the leeward side. *One and All*, RSAYS SA1, was a fitting Flagship, to which Alan Cotton ferried the notables on *Cabaret*. There was general satisfaction when she was pronounced to be the best presented vessel on the day.

The oldest members will recall with mixed feelings the cocktail parties of long ago. We were supposed to be for-



Margaret Mary (Bill Yard) about to salute