

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB

DONATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT HMAS MARTINDALE

Mr A E Stennett recently donated a copy of "All Aboard" to the Squadron. This booklet was published for the re-union of the crew of HMAS MARTINDALE on the 40th anniversary of her departure from Sydney in 1944 for war service in New Guinea and the Pacific islands. South Australian members of the crew who attended the re-union were Reg Webb (Skipper), Keith Collinson and Paddy Malone.

MARTINDALE was built in 1932 by Searles for the Mortlock family and the booklet includes press clippings describing the vessel at the time of launching. She subsequently saw service with the Naval Auxiliary Patrol with many other local vessels including LAURIANA, PARA, PEDARE and NYROCA. In 1943 she was requisitioned by the RAN for the Sea Air Rescue Service and taken to Sydney for refitting prior to leaving for NG.

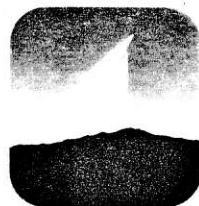
The Squadron thanks Mr Stennett for this addition to our historical collection.

VOLANTE - A NEW ADAMS 15.2 METRE

Construction of Keith and Ian Flint's new Adams 15.2 Metre yacht, VOLANTE, commenced 4 weeks ago. She is expected to arrive in Adelaide at the end of October 86 for fitting out prior to launching. She will be a most significant addition to the Squadron's Racing Register.

THE OTC SOUTHERN OCEAN YACHTING CLASSIC

Activity associated with the organisation of the OTC Southern Ocean Yachting Classic is quickly gaining pace. The club is guaranteed of a very exciting time during the race, particularly whilst the competitors are in Adelaide.



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The Sailing Committee Room will become the Race Centre for the duration of the series with a considerable amount of sophisticated electronic communications equipment installed providing telex, facsimile, telephone, and video display facilities.

The Organising Committee has secured the services of the MERINDAH PEARL, a 385 ton, mother fishing vessel from Devonport as the series Radio Relay Vessel. She will be fitted by OTC with the latest in radio equipment for the series. This will allow participating yachts to communicate with her, then she will pass this information on via satellite to Florida, then back to a computer installed in Sydney. This information will then be transmitted back to Adelaide to be displayed on a video screen which will continuously provide the latest details of all competitors' positions in the series. This information will be released to the press and media, worldwide, twice daily.

The Department of Marine and Harbors has been approached for the use of the Outer Harbor Signal Tower for the finishing line in Adelaide. After crossing the line, competing yachts will be piloted by club members up the Port River to No 1 Dock. The use of No 5 Shed has been obtained for the duration of their stay in Adelaide for storage, sail repairs, publicity facilities and use by the series official airline, Australian Airlines.

On Saturday, 10th January 87, a BBQ will be held on the Squadron's lawns to entertain the visitors. We are grateful for the support of those members who have donated the meat for the BBQ. The presentation of the trophies for the first leg will be made at 12.30 pm and we look forward to a large crowd of members supporting this function.

Competitors will leave Adelaide on Sunday, 11th January 87 with the start line set in the area between