

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The 1985/86 season has now commenced with all new committees already coming to grips with their respective areas of responsibility.

The Outer Harbor Committee has assessed the club's maintenance liabilities, and is also busy completing two major capital works (the dry sailing area, and the car park extensions) for use by members during the forthcoming season.

The Sailing Committee is to be congratulated for the effort put into producing the 1985/86 Year Book well before the commencement of the Summer Season. Its program has been well thought out - well done gentlemen.

The House and Social Committee ran into a set back when regretfully, Bryan Loftes was forced to resign as Chairman as a result of increased business pressures. However I am pleased to announce that Bob Rosenthal has enthusiastically taken over, and Ian Doolette-Cox has been co-opted for the remainder of the year.

The Cruising Committee with its first year's experience now behind it, has planned a very active program for the coming season. I commend this committee's practical sailing schedule to all new boat owners, for these events will give you the opportunity to discuss and learn the extra knowledge that will make your future cruising most enjoyable.

The General Committee has reviewed our methods of management, and in future our policy will be to have the Manager and his staff assume the responsibility



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for managing the club's affairs. Our club is growing every year, and it will soon become impossible for our committees to continue their personal responsibilities for carrying out their decisions. Therefore, having regard for the future, it is time to update the way in which we run our club by giving the Manager the responsibility and authority to manage the Squadron's activities. This new policy will relieve the Flag Officers, Treasurer, and Chairmen of Committees of a heavy work load.

We look forward to a very active three years with the following items to be included in our programs:-

- (i) the annual Premier's Cup Series, including the Swan Brewery event;
- (ii) the annual Lysaght Regattas;
- (iii) the 1986 International Dragon Championships;
- (iv) the Jubilee 150 Two Gulf Yacht and Power Boat Rally;
- (v) the Australian Southern Ocean Racing Series; and
- (vi) the 1988 Around Australia Race.

It is with concern that we have noted the depletion of our racing fleet recently with the loss of MANDRAKE, MARY MUFFIN, and BACARDI. However we look forward to the launching of Bob Steven's new 47 ft Stevens design aluminium racing yacht, Ian Scott's new MAC 1, and of course Jim Howell's new boat. John Thompson, Bob Lawson and Mal Brown have lights burning each night to all hours pressing to get their new yachts into the water for this season. My apologies for not being able to mention all those other racing yachts-people with new boats in the pipeline.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute

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to the Manager, Office, Slip, and Bar Staff, and our Caterer for their courteous and enthusiastic co-operation. Their attitude certainly enhances the club's atmosphere. Commencing on Saturday, 12th October 85, the Manager will be on duty on each Saturday during the Summer Racing Season, and every other Sunday on race days during the Winter Season.

On behalf of the Squadron, I would like to wish the State's Southern Cross Cup Series team WATERFRONTIER (M Minuzzo), WAR GAMES (D Urry) and EAST OF THE LIZARD (P Carney) every success in the series.

A considerable amount of work has been put into developing a scheme for the proposed Mariners' Bar downstairs. However further work has been deferred pending a review of our lease conditions.

During November it will be my pleasure to officiate in my first Opening Day Ceremony as your Commodore. I look forward to a very enjoyable day in the knowledge that all members and their guests will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in the presence of His Excellency, the Governor of SA, Sir Donald Dunstan and Lady Dunstan.

On behalf of my fellow Flag Officers, the Treasurer and all committee members, I thank you all for your confidence expressed at the elections, and I can assure you that we will work diligently to justify your support.

MERV BUTTERFIELD

OUTER HARBOR COMMITTEE NOTES

The new year got under way with almost a clean sweep; with the exception of Dave Morphet, it is a completely new committee. This perhaps highlights one of the disadvantages within our present election system; it is possible that there could be no continuing committee members. This lack of continuity would undoubtedly hinder the smooth running of the club and it is perhaps time to look at a staggered election system whereby only half the committee positions are vacated each year.

Despite this, the committee settled into its tasks quickly and efficiently. For the benefit of those who were unable to be present at the Quarterly Meeting, we have divided the areas of responsibility as follows:- John Ellison - moorings, Dave Morphet - yard and slips, John Powell - club house. We all have input into each area with my role being to tie all three areas together as a cohesive package. I would also like to mention the tremendous support and assistance that this committee receives from our Manager.

The following is a brief resume of the major activities being undertaken by the Outer Harbor Committee:-

SLIP AREA

The new cross arm cradle for supporting "hard to slip" boats has been completed and is in service. All other cradles are in good condition.

DRY SAILING SLIP

This project is on schedule, with the bottom rails in position and the pontoons in place. The retaining wall has been made good. It is hoped that the slip will be operational by the first or second week in October.

To date the Harbor Committee has received nine applications to use this facility.