

mounted on the transom. Tuner: mounted near base of aerial. Modem: SCS Pactor-IIe. Computer: Macintosh Powerbook G3. Software: Airmail version 2.16. Server: Sailmail — a voluntary yachting's server based in the US. They use Penta Comstat's transmission station in NSW and another (new) in Brunei. This means coverage in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Access: 10 minutes average per day (heaps); text only, no attachments, no pictures.

Cost: It cost us \$2000, which included the modem, a band narrower, Mac cables, Airmail software, \$400 for a year's service from Sailmail, the fitting and getting us up and running, as well as setting us up for (separate) weather fax.

Supplier: Marc Robinson from Philip Collins and Associates in Sydney supplied and fitted the modem, weather fax etc to our existing radio and computer. We were not confident in doing it ourselves (though many an amateur computer or radio boffin has) and we needed cables made up that were Mac compatible. We took him the radio, and he did the rest.

The Bonus: Great service and fellow Mac users and lovers! (PC's are, of course, just fine for Airmail.)

The email address is allocated by Sailmail from the ship's call sign. Ours is VMQ5448@sailmail.com. The ship's name ('PiedPiper2' in our case) needs to be put in the subject line when people send a message. Our family and friends seem to be notoriously difficult to train to do this, but the emails still seem to get through to us OK.

We received the June issue of *SQ* just a few days ago and have (again) read it with great interest and enjoyment. We were particularly taken with Les Harper having windsurfing lessons at 83! When Ian went up themast this morning for linearisation (!) of the wind instrument, his grizzles were met with a reminder of Les's courageous effort!

Happy sailing,

Di and Ian Moncrieff

FV Sanderson and his Kintore Cup trophy warming dish



Commodore FV Sanderson

In 1993 Mr PR Sanderson presented to the Squadron what we call the Sanderson tray. This was presented to his grandfather, Francis Villiers Sanderson, on 12 April 1911 by the Members of the day, 'in appreciation of his services as Commodore 1903 to 1910.' He did much more for the Squadron than merely holding office, and well deserved the Life Membership conferred on him on 10 May 1911. Robin Sanderson's cousin, Mrs Cecily Hicks, has now given us the personal trophy marking FV Sanderson's victory in the Kintore Cup of 1901 in *Matangi*. Her half-model in the Clubhouse shows her to have been a classical 'skimming dish', typical of classical racing machines of a century ago.

We call it a warming dish, because it doesn't quite meet the dictionary definition of a chafing dish, but we won't quibble over details of terminology. Whatever we call it, there is no doubt that it is a truly elegant object, which is well placed at present in the Rymill Cabinet at the turn of the stairs. Its arrival has provoked production of a second and larger edition of an occasional publication concerning Commodore Sanderson.

Like his father, his son and his grandson, he was a Member of the Squadron, to which he was elected on 2 September 1886. It is interesting that he undertook his articles to become a solicitor under WH Bunday, and likewise he soon became involved in conducting its affairs. He was elected to the Committee in 1887, and in our first keenly contested election, two years

later he became Treasurer. He proposed the motion to change the name of the South Australian Yacht Club to Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron and subsequently settled the proper definition of our burgee with its cross patée.

In 1895 FV Sanderson became Rear Commodore, and with the departure of Captain Creswell in 1900 he advanced to being Vice Commodore under Commodore William Fisher, whom he succeeded in 1903. After stepping down from our highest office, Mr Sanderson returned to the Sailing Committee, and in 1913 produced the regulations for racing motor boats which probably still apply. In 1920 he returned as Commodore, to be succeeded by AG Rymill in 1923. As Commodore he unveiled the Honour Roll on Wednesday 12 January 1921. He was also between unknown dates our Honorary Solicitor, and minutes record him as attending most Monthly Meetings for many years.

FV Sanderson's first yacht was a cutter called *Nautilus*, one of three contemporary vessels of that name which cannot now be sorted out. In 1895 he registered the 'lugger' racing yacht *Meralte*, which had a LWL of 20 ft 9 in and a sail area of 247.25 sq ft. No other dimensions were required to give her a rating of 0.85. He commissioned *Matangi* and took her to Melbourne for the inaugural Northcote Cup, before commissioning the motor launch *Daralie*, which he cruised and raced. There is a half-model of *Matangi* in the Clubhouse. After she passed from Mr Sanderson, she became a total loss when driven ashore against the Glenelg Baths on 4 April 1922.

FV Sanderson died in 1938, at the age of 76. SD



The Sanderson warming (or chafing) dish.

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