

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

The Squadron's Annual Meeting on 25th June had a record attendance, there being 206 present compared with 139 at the 1979 meeting. The elections were keenly contested and we have a lot of new blood plus a nucleus of longer-serving members which should stand the Squadron in good stead for the coming year. In the light of experience at the last meeting we hope to improve the procedure for ballots.

On Sunday 29th June we had a busy day at the Harbor when eleven new members were welcomed. The weather was rather indifferent but fortunately cleared for the afternoon and we had the Flag Raising Ceremony which has now become a Squadron tradition. Speeches were made and with the firing of guns the Flag Officers' burgees were hoisted aboard "Medina", "Minrod 11" and "Born Free", all of which were decked with the flags of the International Code. Many club members were present at this very happy occasion.

The members of the Committees have all met and the following gentlemen are the chairmen of their respective committees: Outer Harbor Committee - John Rischbieth, Sailing Committee - Wilbur Tedmanson and the House & Social Committee - Les Sampson.

Our winter racing programme is still being very well supported and the races are keenly contested. The following yachts have been successful:-

	<u>Starters</u>	<u>First Division</u>	<u>Second Division</u>
Sunday 25th May	38	Kiwa	Medina
Sunday 8th June	39	Nimrod 11	Chloi 11
Sunday 22nd June	37	Kiwa	Medina
Sunday 6th July (Glenelg Shiver)	37	Nemesis	Chloi 11
Sunday 20th July	38	Insh'Allah	Quarter Pounder

I would like to thank the several owners who have made their vessels available as Official boats and the sailing staff who so freely give of their time.

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For many years the Squadron has been conducting its Annual Dinner Dance at different entertainment centres, but with diminishing support from members. The House and Social Committee feels this is due to the quality of meals served and the high prices charged for liquor and has decided to hold this year's function at the Clubrooms for members and their partners only, on Friday 22nd August. Further details are given in the House and Social Committee Notes.

On Wednesday 23rd July the Squadron had as Guest Speaker Mr. John Bertrand of Melbourne. He had been chosen as Australia's Olympic helmsman in the Soling class and the address he gave us was most interesting, particularly regarding the many new Australian yachts being built for Admiral's Cup Selection, together with the latest news of the preliminary racing in the U.S. leading up to the America's Cup Races. He also showed some very informative slides on sail setting and answered a number of questions. Attendance was over one hundred having been supplemented by some visitors from the beach clubs. I was disappointed that more of our racing fraternity did not attend this very outstanding function arranged by our Social Committee.

Our new Secretary/Manager Mr. Dyer commences his duties on August 4th and I am sure he will fulfil the appointment to our satisfaction.

In conclusion I wish to thank Bunny Preston who has been Acting Secretary for several months, not forgetting Mrs. Cousins who has been responsible for the day to day running of our affairs at the Harbor.

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