



My Boat, *Miakoda* Takes a Bow



Kath and Garry Read entertained an admiring group of well wishers to celebrate the naming of their new yacht, a Bavaria 42, *Miakoda*. Bruce Mackay, who crewed with Garry on the delivery trip from Melbourne, liberally sprinkled the beautiful lady with champagne and called upon those with influence to grant her safe voyages and fun times.

RIGHT: Garry, Kath and Bruce on bow
ABOVE: Bruce Mackay anoints
Photos: Di Moncrieff



My Boat, *Second Lady*

Malcolm Dayman

Designed by Peter Cole in 1975, *Second Lady* was built in 1977 by Mayrack Marine. A Bounty 35, this masthead sloop has a fair formed GRP hull and is set up as a racer/cruiser. LOA is 10.42 metres, and Draught is 1.90 metres.

In the 1980's and early 1990's, *Second Lady* was a very competitive blue water and club racing yacht. She was club champion at Royal Melbourne and Sandringham Yacht Clubs; competed in 5 Sydney Hobart's; and won offshore races such as the 1992 Melbourne to Sydney \$10,000 Dash for Cash. In the 1994 Sydney Hobart, she lost her mast in Storm Bay, just 20 miles from the finish. The dejected and broke skipper put her up for sale.

I went to see *Second Lady* in Melbourne and despite a bilge that smelled of stale beer, urine, and mould, fell in love. Since 1995, she has cruised extensively in SA

Gulf waters, raced in RSAYS Winter, Twilight, and Offshore series, and competed in 7 Lincoln Blue Water Classics.

Second Lady had a major re-rig and paint job in 2004, mainly due to an argument with a Port River beacon. She is in better condition now than in 1995, but the *Lady* is aging nonetheless, and would have even more wrinkles if it wasn't for the professional work of Wayne Rosenzweig and Julian Murray.

However, she's a tough but kindly boat and will take her crew through many more adventures cruising the Gulfs, in the odd Twilight, Port River cruises, Glenelg lunches, and champagne at sunset, wherever.

ABOVE RIGHT: Malcolm at the helm
RIGHT: Second Lady under sail.

