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WELL what a turn out that turned out to be! As the season whimpered away with the dreaded corona cough coming into play, our racing calendar was decimated. The only real COVID-19 positive was that we were able to complete most of the racing before we were all ordered to stay at home.

Unfortunately a number of trophies didn’t quite make it out of the Dining Room trophy cabinets this year. The Tri Series and Commodores’ Shield will be sitting on the shelf until next season, with not enough races contested to give us the winners. Luckily, there were a few bright stars in this year’s competitions. Colin Fraser and the crew of the all-conquering *Kaesler* have given the handicappers something to look at before the start of next season. Congratulations *Kaesler*! Additionally, there were a number of other highlights including *Quarante-deux* (Lloyd Cushway), *Liesl* (Chris Mandalov and Peter Wirthensohn) and *Outrageous* (Steve Beaufoy) to name a few. Congratulations to all of this season’s trophy winners!

Kaesler Cup

The Short Offshore/Coaster, Coaster, Kaesler Cup and Tri Series were all contested on 14 March. All the entrants sailed on the same course with results extrapolated from the finish times. This made for a busy time on the race course, with the Kaesler Cup Race and Tri Series including boats from the CYCSA and Port Adelaide Yacht Club. A good portion of the fleet gathered on the Quarterdeck after the race to celebrate, with Kaesler Wines presenting a collection of their best wines as prizes for the day. Colin Fraser and his crew on *Kaesler* took home their namesake trophy, the Kaesler Cup, with an impressive margin of over one-and-a-half minutes over the fast finishing *Doctor Feelgood 3* (Wayne Coonan), and with *Arcadia III* (Paul Bogner) in third place.

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WITHOUT the extra resources our sponsors provide to make the Club’s racing events special, we would certainly not have the rewards for racing we enjoy. The Squadron would like to thank **Bethany Wines, Bravo Sails, Kaesler Wines, Whitworths, Flinders Ports, Porter & Co, Musto, North Haven Marine and Michael McMichael Motors. Where possible, we ask that you please support our sponsors. Like all of us they are doing it tough during these trying times, and with a little support from Squadron members they will be around to help us out next season. If you would like to support the Squadron by sponsoring a Series at the Club, please contact the Boating Office for the details.**





A Grateful Squadron

With all that’s happened over the past few months it’s easy to forget those people who make our racing as enjoyable as it is. From my desk, the help that is given to the Boating Office by our volunteers is invaluable. It makes my job so much easier knowing we have a depth of talent behind the scenes, charting our course every step of the way. On behalf of all the racing sailors and staff of the Squadron I would like to thank the following people:
The Race Officers: Stewart Ross, Roger Oaten and Nives Vincent
The Race Committee: Chris Mandalov, Chris Perry, Roger Oaten, Barbara Parker, Peter Trenorden, Gerald Valk, Nives Vincent and Andrew Waterman
The Regular Volunteers: Barry Allison, Peter Boyd, Bill Bybee, Neil Dell, Ric Ottaway, Robin Smith and William Strangways
Coast Guard SAF1 North Haven: Christine Robinson
Miss Robyn – Start boat: Mario Minuzzo
Willbur – Mark Lay: Brian Sutherland
Without the assistance and generosity of this team of volunteers the Squadron’s racing would cease to exist. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Farewell to our special friends

You are probably aware by now that two of our most dedicated volunteers are heading west. Nives Vincent and Bill Bybee have been invaluable to the Club’s racing scene for many years. Nives has made the RSAYS Coaching Series a huge success over the past 10 years and it will be hard to top her efforts and enthusiasm, while Bill’s help in conducting races and retrieving anchors has reduced the average age of the start crew. Good luck to both of you in your relocation. Let’s hope the local sailing club benefits from your depth of knowledge and talent as much as the Squadron has.

Dock Chat

The Squadron slipway has been busier than ever with people taking the opportunity to tweak their boats before the mad rush of next season. It’s a great time to tap Mr Murray on the shoulder and book a few days on the slip to give your baby some love.
The slipway circus tent has gone. Like a caterpillar bursting from its cocoon, the sparkling paint and shiny new bits of *Scamper* have been revealed. It’s a credit to the boys who have toiled away, putting on new fore and aft ends to make her look as if she was just built in the euro style. If you have some time go and have a look at their workmanship – it’s a cracker!
There’s a persistent rumour that the TP52 fleet is about to get bigger. With the outbreak of the stay at home virus you would think that now would be the time that the European circuit would be downsizing, not expanding! Stand by as word comes to hand.

It’s time to say goodbye



Preparing *Miss Robyn* for a day’s racing

IT is with sadness that Bill and I are leaving Adelaide and the RSAYS and heading to Western Australia – sad that we are leaving our friends and the Squadron but excited about our future in the west. The Squadron has been such a big part of my life over the last 15 years and so rewarding as I’ve thrown myself into all sorts as a volunteer, as well as sailing and racing.

My 10 years of racing on *New Morning III* were very fulfilling with success in racing, enjoyment of my passion, and the camaraderie and friendships made. Being the first recipient of the Eileen Hardy Trophy for Best Performed Yachtswoman at the Squadron would have to be one of the highlights of my sailing career.

As a volunteer I have run the Coaching Series since 2010. I have been very proud of the event and the response from our amazing skippers and mentors. They have made it easy for me to push forward and make the event a success, as I’m sure it will be in the future.

In 2013 I became a Race Officer and from 2014 to 2020 was one of the volunteers on *Miss Robyn* – hoisting start sequence flags, calling race starts and taking finishing times. On *Wilbur* I assisted with laid marks as well as the occasional run-around rescue and loss-of-mast tows. From 2015 to 2020 I was privileged to be Principal Race



Aerial view of their new home

Officer for the King of the Gulf Regatta – a great event and I wish you all good luck for the future and thank you to Multihull Yacht Association of SA.

I was also on the Racing Committee from 2014 to 2020 – another rewarding position that I would recommend to everyone as you can see how things work from the inside. There is a lot of decision-making on the Committee which should be recognised by the members.

The Women’s Series is a great event and will get bigger as time goes on. Thank you to Mal Denton for letting me helm *Blue Diamond* in 2014-2015 with a Series win. Helen Willmer and I instigated the Women’s Keelboat Invitation Race after I competed in the Australian Women’s Keelboat Regatta in 2014. We thought we needed something to call our own at the Squadron!

In 2017 Bill came into my life as a boarder and the rest is history. Bill went through



Nives and Bill in the US

the Coaching Series on *Kaesler* and sailed on her a few times as he did on *Horopito*, *Clockwork* and even *Balancing Act II*. As much as he loved to sail he became a volunteer on *Miss Robyn*, helping with flag-raising and as anchor ‘boy’. He also helped out on *Wilbur* with mark laying. He is well known for the many crabs he has caught, mostly in Port Vincent at the King of the Gulf Regatta and the Easter Regatta.

Bill has been a great supporter of the Squadron and me. In 2019 he took me to the US for an amazing three-month road trip that I will never forget. I met his daughter in Las Vegas (his home town), a sister in Denver, another in Virginia, and his brother in Phoenix. Bill has lived in Australia for 10 years and is now an Australian citizen. We will be moving to Western Australia (when they let us over the WA border closed due to COVID-19) and setting up home on a six-acre property with my son, daughter-in-law and six grandkids. Don’t panic, we will have our own accommodation and will be pursuing our own interests. We are not far from Mandurah and will encourage the grandkids to take up sailing. Mandurah has a great sailing club and it is my intention to carry on some volunteer work at a yacht club, as will Bill. It’s Bill’s intention to rebuild cars and he will be looking for a fishing boat, as the property is next to a lake.

Bill and I wish to thank the Squadron and the many amazing friends (too many to mention) that we have made over the years for the fun times we have shared.

The friendships and memories we have made will last forever, and we look forward to seeing you on our visits to Adelaide. Bye for now.



Bill becomes an Aussie