

Commodore's Message

Peter White

Changes to the sail past procedure required all vessels to approach the Official Boat to windward, in lieu of past practice in which sailing vessels approached on a run. The result was a colourful and uncongested sail past on Opening Day, 1993. Congratulations to all skippers, and thank you for your cooperation with the Manager on *Hajak* at the turning mark. A special thank you is due to David Edwards for making *Bena* available as the Flag Ship for the day, together with Bill Yard and the Police Department for Official Guest vessels *Margaret Mary* and *Vigilant*. It was a great pleasure to see so many more boats rafted up on the main pontoon after the sail past, which brought the focus of the day back to the Clubhouse. Undoubtedly the new Quarterdeck played a large part in the success of the day.

Negotiations for the purchase of *Miss 5DN* by the Squadron have been successfully concluded. On a sponsorship basis, the boat had been refurbished and made available to the Club for five years from 1988 by Allan Scott of the Scott Group of companies. In recognition of his generous support of the Squadron, the boat has been renamed *Scotty*. Thanks, Allan!

Quin's of Port Adelaide, Epiglass (International Paints), the Scott Group of Companies and CUB are now **Corporate Members** of the Squadron. Your support of their products and services would be appreciated.

The Squadron is again acting as Host Club for the Adelaide event of the Eighteen-foot Grand Prix Sailing Circuit, to be conducted opposite the terminal at Outer Harbor on 11 and 12 December, 1993. Squadron members and their guests, and members with current membership cards of other yacht clubs will be able to view the event from the balcony of the terminal for a fee of \$5 for one day or \$8 for both days. Juniors under eighteen years of age will be admitted for \$2 for one day and \$3 for both days. A bar will operate at the terminal, and snacks will be available. The general public will have access to the wharf area. The event promises lots of action. The Eighteen-foot skiff races will be sup-



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ported by a series for Fourteen-foot skiffs. Some twelve of the eighteens and fifteen fourteens are expected to participate.

Junior Sailing continues in good health. Five Holdfast Trainers have been added to the junior fleet. I am pleased to advise that the General Committee has approved the election of Nikki Howes as **Junior Captain**. Discussions are in progress with St Andrew's School, with a view to establishing a junior sail training program for interested students of that school.

Kitchen renovations have improved operating efficiency for our Caterer, Andrew Jacobsen, to help him maintain his quality service for members and visitors, and to help the House and Social Committee to maintain the high quality of their social functions. The recent Mexican Night was another sellout.

It was pleasing to see and hear many of our members cruising over the October long weekend. Despite the contrary weather, it was a very enjoyable weekend for those who got away from the Pool.

Two of our members, Keith Flint with *Helsall II*, and Graham Williams with *Courtesan*, are participating in the 1993 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Best wishes are extended to both boats and their crews for successful and safe campaigns.

Finally, best wishes to all members and staff for Christmas and the New Year. May your boating and social lives at the Squadron be happy and enjoyable! 

Sailing Committee Report

John Moffatt

Once again the summer season is with us. To date we have sailed one race in each series, namely Beacon, Olympic and Offshore. It is pleasing to see that our overall numbers are about the same as last year's. The racing has been keenly contested, as usual. Light and fickle winds for the Beacon race saw positions change frequently. On the other hand, there was a brisk north-easter for the Ardrossan race. Some yachts found "parking positions" inshore

at the Ardrossan mark, which set the scene for the overall result. Our first Olympic course was also sailed in brisk conditions, and found the usually aggressive First Division relegated to the end of the starts after a general recall.

Overall, I consider the Squadron is in very good shape racing wise this season. We had our first sausage sizzle after the Beacon race, and hope to put on similar "feasts" during the season. As always, if you have any complaints or suggestions, please inform your Committee. 

Sailing Director's Report

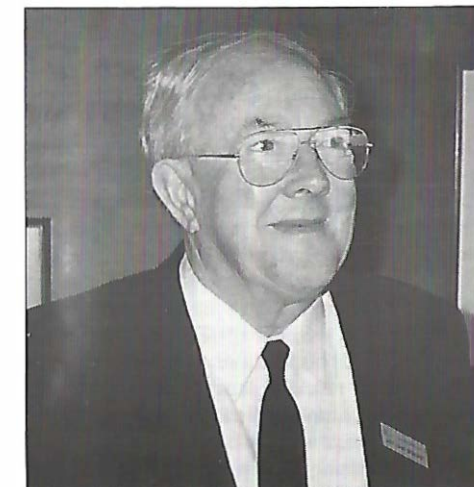
Jim Boucaut

Our manners — afloat and ashore

I had a conversation recently with Wyn Treasure, President of the AYF [Australian Yachting Federation] in which we discussed manners in our sport. We were not impressed. Whether we look at ourselves in the Squadron; at our sport in South Australia; or nationally we see all too many examples of rudeness, arrogance and lack of interest in helping others. Such behaviour is not justified when we are racing, and most emphatically not at other times. Wyn Treasure and I agreed that this bad attitude by some of our number affects yachting in two ways.

There are some who are involved in the sport who become tired of rudeness and lack of courtesy. They leave, which is our loss. People who see or hear of unsportsmanlike behaviour will be reluctant to be involved. They will not take up the sport, which is again our loss.

I appeal to Squadron members to set examples



of good behaviour at all times. If you meet with rudeness in dealing with a yachting authority, please let me know. In my function as Vice-President of YSA [Yachting South Australia] I can do my best to deal with it.

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