

KEEL BOAT COMMITTEE NEWS

The SAYRA Lysaght Regatta held on 4 December 83 was a great success. A total of 92 boats started and our congratulations go to the overall winner, MONSOON (H Henderson), and the winners and placegetters in each section. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OOD and his helpers, the owners of the official boats, BIRD OF DAWNING and ROUGH RED, and our sponsors John Lysaght (Aust) Ltd for their support. The committee is considering the possibility of conducting the presentation next year on a date following the event, rather than on the day.

The Small Boat Club's 3 Day Gulf Regatta was well supported again this year. A total of 54 boats competed in the race across the gulf to Black Point, and about 100 boats contested the second day's race to Port Vincent after the trailerable yachts joined the fleet. Congratulations to the club's Keel Boat Committee representative, Chris Gaffney for the extent of sponsorship that he was able to obtain for the series. A very enjoyable weekend was spent by those who participated, and we are looking forward to next year's regatta.

The Keel Boat Committee has organised a visit to Adelaide Radio for interested offshore sailors. In addition to a guided tour of the facilities, yachtsmen will be able to ask questions and discuss matters of mutual interest with a representative from OTC. The visit will be on Wednesday, 2nd May 84, commencing at 8 pm at OTC's Johnston Road, McLaren Vale premises. Persons interested in participating in this visit should contact me as soon as possible on 248 9315 (W) or 49 5112 (H), as the numbers that can attend are limited. In the interests of offshore safety, I commend this visit to you all, and urge you to take this opportunity to improve your appreciation of this very important service.

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of Les Rishworth (part owner of CHLOE III) as the State's Handicapper. The task of maintaining a common handicapping system for yachts from all clubs is essential to successful interclub and Keel Boat Committee organised events.

The AYF Offshore Committee has advised that Kevlar may now be used in the following circumstances:-

- (i) in headsails (other than storm jibs) if the LPG measurement is less than 1.1 of J,
- (ii) in mainsail leech reinforcements subject to limitations yet to be defined, and
- (iii) without restriction except for storm jibs and trisails on yachts rating over 60 feet.

To regulate the amount of "move-able ballast" on IOR yachts, maximum crew numbers will now be determined by the formula " $0.4R - 3$ ", R representing the yacht's IOR rating. If the result does not equal a whole number, the result is to be rounded up to the next whole number.

The AGM of the AYF Offshore Committee will be held on 6th April 84. If anyone would like any matter raised at this level, please let me know.

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