

SAILING COMMITTEE NOTES

The Neptune Island Race commencing on Friday, 9th November 84, attracted what is believed to be the largest fleet for the event since its inception. Fourteen boats started. The L G Wigan Trophy for the first boat on club handicap was FAR NORTH and BACARDI won the C P Haselgrove Nerida Trophy for IOR boats by 12 seconds from RENEGADE, with WATERFRONTIER 35 seconds back in third place. Remarkably small intervals after some 220 nautical miles of sailing. MANDRAKE was fastest.

In the Ardrossan Race there were nineteen starters. MONSOON was the overall winner and winner of 2nd Division; ENCHANTRESS won 1st Division with BACARDI again taking out the IOR.

The Kangaroo Island Yacht Club again conducted the Kingscote Cup Yacht Race as a feeder race to their Opening Day celebrations held on Sunday, 7th October 84. The event was won by Jamie Cowell who at the prize presentation commented that he now has won the event with each of the three vessels he has owned, FIFE, WOODWIND and now MORNING HUSTLER. Although the participating fleet was smaller than in previous years, those who took part enjoyed the cordial hospitality extended by the Club.

The Squadron's Official Boat and crew have been operating very successfully and the conducting of races appears to have been upgraded some-what.

Radio skeds of Offshore events are now monitored by the Australian Volunteer Coastguard at North Haven. This approach gives every indication of being successful but still requires the co-operation of competitors to be completely successful.

The system of hearing protests that is currently being adopted is to hear the protest if possible at 6 pm on the Friday evening following the particular race.

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The use of Division Flags appears to have been accepted, and although introduced to assist the race officials, there has been a spin-off in that a competitor can readily identify those boats he or she is racing against. Note that Division Flags are required to be flown two metres above the deck.

ALTERATIONS TO THE YEAR BOOK

There have been several alterations to the rules as published in the Year Book. These additions and alterations are displayed on the Notice Board and competitors' attention is directed to them.

A new Rule 105a has been introduced to allow courses to be shortened by the Officer of the Day.

Rule 106 has been amended to permit the recording of finishing times for a period up to 4 hours after the start time of each division. Boats finishing after this time will be listed as DNF.

Rule 109 - The existing paragraph 3 precludes yachts from applying to race in a division below their classified division. This has been deleted and yachts can, at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, change divisions.

ADELAIDE TO PORT LINCOLN RACE AND THE 10TH PORT LINCOLN WEEK REGATTA

The General Committee of the Squadron has agreed to support the pre-race activities with a Happy Hour on both the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the race.

The pre-race briefing will be held at the Clubrooms at 1700 hours on Friday, 8th February 85, and following the briefing, "survival kits" from sponsors of this season's event will be presented to competitors.

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The timing of this season's race has reverted to February, with the start of the Adelaide to Port Lincoln Race being at 1900 hours on Friday, 8th February.

It has been suggested that the use of the Brighton Wave Recorder Beacon as the first mark of the course will assist in giving a better second leg to the Althorpes.

INTERSTATE REPRESENTATION

The Squadron has a number of yachts competing interstate this season.

Vice-Commodore Merv Butterfield is currently competing in the Worlds Etchell Championship in Sydney with CROSSBOW. He also intends to be in Melbourne for the Nationals in April.

The Dragon, ARIEL (E C Semple) will be representing the Squadron at the Prince Philip Cup in Western Australia, after Christmas.

BACARDI (Jim Howell) and SUNSTREAK (John Howden), will be in the Westcoaster from Melbourne to Hobart, and the following six vessels will compete in this year's Sydney to Hobart race:-

ADRIA	-	Antony Harry
ANACONDA II	-	Josco Grubic
AFTER U	-	D L Black
MANDRAKE	-	Paul Smith
MARY MUFFIN	-	Ian Ross
WATER-FRONTIER	-	Mario Minuzzo

MORNING SWAN (Dr. Bruce Arthur) will be sailing under the CYC of SA flag.

WILBUR TEDMANSON

HOUSE AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE NOTES

Those members who have attended the various House and Social Committee functions throughout the year will have noticed some subtle and, we hope, improved changes in both the format of our calendar and the way the social events have been presented to you this year.

Not all changes have been the roaring success we had hoped for and I guess some criticism has been justified, but my committee would prefer that, if your criticism is justified, you bring us part of the answer as well.

One recent change that has been implemented is that all House and Social Committee members will now be identified by a lapel name tag when they are on the premises.

Our intention is to give you a reference point to bring your thoughts and ideas forward to improve our social activities.

By the time you read this, the members' Christmas Luncheon will have been held and, hopefully, our innovative speaker, a lady for the first time, and the presence of ladies at our Annual Christmas Luncheon will have been a roaring success.

I assure you that you have the right of reply in the next newsletter if it isn't.

Finally, may I on behalf of my committee wish you, your family and friends a Merry Christmas and we look forward to celebrating the arrival of 1985 with you in the clubrooms.

BRYAN LOFTES