

He was a man of great character, and a firm disciplinarian of whom we stood in some awe, but with no pretensions to deep scholarship. My own scouting career was undistinguished, but it was in company with some future politicians. My Patrol Leader was Robin Millhouse, my Troop Leader was Don Dunstan, and later I was a school cadet when David Tonkin was a scout. — Ed.

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I would like to advise your club and members that we now have facilities available that would be of use to your members visiting American River. Our Association has recently renovated the old football clubrooms into a modern facility, with showers and a bar. Meals will soon be available. We call the building **The Shed**, because

it is only a two minute walk from the boat ramp and wharf areas. This summer it has been popular with those yachties who found it, and we all know how nice a shower is after a few days at sea. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Shower times are 1000 to 1200, or when The Shed is open. Current bar hours are Friday 1600-0100; Sunday 1200-2400; Tuesday 1600-0100; Thursday 1700-2400. These hours will be adjusted according to demand.

The telephone number of The Shed is 0840 33288. This number can be used to contact our staff, or as an emergency contact number for messages to your visiting members.

We invite your members to make use of our facilities when visiting American River.

Bill O'Brien  
President

## Quarterdeck

Older Members will be sad to hear of the death of Alan Hubert Behrens. He once owned *Monsoon*, and built the big Splinter *Caravel* in tandem with Keith Flint's *Scimitar* in his premises at Norwood. Alan moved to Queensland, and died at Runaway Bay on Anzac Day.

Over Easter 1996, National championships for trailerable yachts were held at CYCSA. This saw the introduction to South Australia of the Magic 25. There were six contestants, and the winner was the sole one from this state, *Soulsby Yacht Supplies*, sailed by Mark Soulsby, Luke Burrow, Brett Averay, Peter Sheridan and David Lane. Second place went to *Impaler*, sailed by Ian Bashford. There was immediate sadness with the news of the premature death of Ian from a heart attack at the age of 37. He was one of the most energetic and imaginative entrepreneurs in Australian yachting, and will be sadly missed.

Dan Weadon has written to ask for help. He intends to race as a runner in the **Three Peaks Race over Easter, 1997**. This involves a yacht race from Launceston to Hobart, with three hill runs along the way. A maximum crew of five people is allowed, and two must run up each hill. ("Me and someone else.") They are respectively 65 km, 35 km and 35 km. "I am seeking a boat and crew to do the race with. I have little sailing experience, but I'm a good swimmer! Although I am no Olympian, I will take this event seriously and not let my team down." If there are any athletic adventurers prepared to take a Squadron vessel to Tasmania to participate, Captain Dan Weadon can be contacted at the Proof & Experimental Establishment of the Australian Army, Port Wakefield SA 5550, Telephone 08 8867 1005, 08 379 9441 (AH), Facsimile 08 8867 1037.

Barry Allison writes in his Cruising Notes of the desire to have a trophy for the annual cricket

match with CYCSA. Before acquiring any new ones, it would be worth looking to see what we already have. We recall from long ago annual matches for billiards and snooker with the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club, but these lapsed after we relinquished our billiard tables on departure from the City Clubrooms in 1968. The Squadron acquired some trophies through amalgamation with other clubs, including at least one for cycling. Alan Wilkinson carefully recorded all that he could find about the trophies in the cabinet, some of which have no means of identification at all. An article on the Kintore Cup and its donor was prepared long ago, but, like other such material, we have somehow never had space for it.

At a happy gathering in honour of Anthea Cowell, a toast to her was proposed by her son Sam. In doing so, he quoted from Arthur Ransome's *Racundra's First Cruise* (1923) "And now for the crew. There were three of us. There was the cook, to whom, I think, is due most of the credit for the ease and pleasantness of our voyage. She can take her trick at the tiller if need be, but that, for her, is a holiday. All the hard work was hers. She cooked a meal. It was eaten. She washed up and, just as the dry dishes reached the rack, one or other of that hungry company would enquire whether or no the time for the next meal was drawing near. She cooked another meal. As its last remains were cleared away, as sure as fate she would catch the eye of one or other of us looking hungrily at the clock. We, of course, navigating, sailing, had our strenuous moments, after which would follow long hours of plain and easy steering. She, on the other hand, thanks to our appetites, became a sort of juggler, keeping plates, cups, saucepans, kettles, teapot, coffee pot, thermos flasks and Primuses in a whirl of perpetual motion. We, in harbour, idles, fished and watched the barometer and the weather, sustaining our self respect by oracular utterance. She, in harbour as at sea, never for a moment was able to give those pots

## LATE NEWS

At close of nominations, those received for Officers of the Squadron are:

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| Commodore      | J.H. Cowell      |
| Vice-Commodore | R.E. Francis     |
|                | I.B. Moncrieff   |
| Rear-Commodore | J.W. Butterfield |
| Treasurer      | D.A. Harris      |

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