

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

With the Xmas-New Year Holidays over and the wide ranging offshore racing members safely back home, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate all who participated in the Interstate events, especially Jamie Cowell and MORNING HUSTLER's crew. Racing under the Squadron Burgee, they won the Sovereign Cup in the series which included a first in the Westcoaster from Melbourne to Hobart. MARY MUFFIN won the Matthew Flinders Trophy in Port Lincoln last month and JLAW won the Regatta overall and the JOG title. Congratulations to Ian Ross and Jim Waterman, and their crews.

Just recently I was invited to join a small committee comprising John Parrington, Bill Lumb and Bryan Trott to inaugurate the Thomas G Flint Foundation. This trust is being established to provide "The Yachtsman (or Yachtswoman) of the Year" with some funds to further their particular involvement in the sport. For example, some financial help to go overseas when representing Australia, or to gain further experience in their chosen profession within the sport, such as sailmaking, yacht design or yacht building.

The SAYRA will be asking all affiliated clubs to make a donation to the fund on the basis of \$1 per senior member. It is a wonderful way to honor our late Commodore, and I commend this project to you all. It is a fitting memorial to a gentleman who gave such a lot to the sport over many years, and one which I know he would certainly approve. If any member feels he or she would like to personally contribute a donation of any amount, it would be gratefully acknowledged by the committee.

As 1986 is drawing closer and the planning of the State's 150th birthday celebrations getting into high gear, the Sailing Committee has formed a sub committee to organise the Squadron's participation in the Two Gulf Rally events to be held in January and February 86. The Two Gulf Rally now has the status of being in the

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top three events on the 150 Board's Sporting Calendar. The other two are the three day International Equestrian Series, and the Formula One Racing Car event.

The rally promises to be an exciting and fun filled point to point sail. Starting on the long week-end in January, boats will sail from Glenelg down to Kingscote to join in the shore based festivities there. From KI, they will sail to Port Lincoln and the Regatta Week on Boston Harbor. Up to Cowell, and then on to Whyalla where the Mayor of Whyalla, Mrs Ekholm recently told us a great welcome is planned for the fleet when it arrives at Whyalla's new marina. These plans include big barbecues and a Mardi Gras.

The Tripolis organising committee is currently looking into holding their now famous 3 to 4 day event to coincide with the Two Gulf fleet's visit to Whyalla and the possibility of their joining in the Tripolis. The fleet will then sail from Whyalla to Wallaroo to join in the Moonla-Kadina-Wallaroo birthday programme.

At Wallaroo, the smaller boats will be trailed across to Port Vincent while those eligible, will race round the bottom of the Peninsula to Port Vincent. The last leg will have a handicap start, finishing at Glenelg on the Saturday or Sunday.

The whole rally will take three weeks, but anyone can slot into the procession at any point. It is open to all classes and a section is planned for power boats to compete in a time-elapsed contest.

The Organising Committee of which I am Chairman, has already obtained substantial sponsors, and the many trophies available will certainly be worthy reminders of this great and unusual event.

I would be grateful to hear from any interested members with any advice or comments on this project.

See you at Port Vincent.

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