

COMMITTEE NOTES

SAILING COMMITTEE

With another season completed the Committee would like to thank all members who assisted with OOD duties or official boats.

Easter continued the pattern of recent years with pleasant weather and, this year, sufficient wind to allow a result for the 50th Anniversary Correll Trophy. Congratulations to John Jones and his crew.

After some discussion this year concerning the requirement for additional fire extinguishers if yachts are fitted with metho stoves, the committee referred the matter to the A.Y.F. The reply is that metho is not considered a flammable liquid for the purposes of Safety Regulation 8.1, as it can be extinguished with water, and consequently the carrying of additional fire extinguishers is not required.

The Committee is considering the introduction of basic sailing and racing courses. If there is sufficient interest it is proposed to conduct courses including both theory and practical sessions at the Squadron. Would anyone interested in either participating in such courses or assisting in the practical sessions please contact Chris Howell through the Squadron office?

MAL DE MER

Prior to last year's Sydney-Hobart Race the C.Y.C.A. Sailing Committee information to competitors included details of an almost certain cure for sea sickness. Quoting from the C.Y.C.A. bulletin:-

"Whilst some relief has often been experienced by the use of the common drugs such as Kwells, Avomine, Andramine etc., a combination developed by the U.S. Navy and used by the Astronauts has shown spectacular results.

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It comprises a two-drug combination, Promethazine Hydrochloride (PHENERGAN) 25 mg and EPHEDRINE SULPHATE 25 mg. In operation Phenergan reduces stimulation of the ear labyrinths and Ephedrine overcomes the otherwise resultant drowsiness.

In N.S.W. these drugs require no medical prescription and are commonly available separately from any chemist in pill form, Ephedrine being available as Ephedrine Hydrochloride in 15 mg or 30 mg pills (in lieu of 25 mg).

One pill of each drug is taken one hour or more before departure and may be taken 12-hourly thereafter. Of course, anyone who may be nervous as to their use or who may have had some medical history suggesting caution should consult a medical practitioner."

I understand that a prescription is required in South Australia but the results are worth the effort. Anne used the drugs, on the return trip home from Hobart this year with complete success, in marked contrast to the previous year's sail to Melbourne.

The only bad side effect is the extra food required to cater for the new found appetites.

CHRIS HOWELL

DRAGON NOTES

Once again, the sailing season has come to a close. Congratulations to Dave Morphett on his win in the State Championship and to Austin Gibson on winning the Point Score. The final placings for the two series were as follow:-

S.A. Championship:	1. Maj Britt (D. Morphett)
	2. Nan II (R. Lanyon)
	3. Eros (L. Deacon)
Point Score :	1. Sea Joy V (A. Gibson)
	2. Nan II (R. Lanyon)
	3. Nautilus IV (J. Clark)

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Congratulations are in order for all the place-getters. The Point Score was a close struggle between Sea Joy V and Nan II with the final outcome depending on the result of the last race.

The coming season will see at least two new crews on the water. Nautilus IV has been purchased by Ewan Semple and Wayne Keavy will be sailing Gustel XI.

Preparations have now begun for The Prince Philip Cup to be held at RSAYS in 1982. An organising committee formed by the SAIDA, recently met with representatives of RSAYS for preliminary discussion on the program, courses, moorings, social events etc. The S.A. Championship will be run as a warm-up series from January 2-7, 1982, followed by The Prince Philip Cup from 11-19 January. A number of lay days will provide ample opportunity for socializing. At the moment, the Dragon Association is actively seeking sponsors for the series, which should see an influx of many boats and crews from interstate. Any Squadron member interested in sponsorship can contact the SAIDA secretary, Brian Keal, on 356 1941.

News from New South Wales: The Porters' new boat was launched recently and is said to be sailing fast. They have taken her to Pittwater and will be tuning up with Rob Northam throughout the winter. About 30 boats are expected to be racing regularly next season, so a big fleet can be expected for the Prince Philip, which will be sailed over the period January 5-21, 1981.

RICK BAKER

HALF TON ASSOCIATION

There are at least twenty Half Ton designed boats in the Squadron and yet we are having difficulty each weekend gathering together a decent racing fleet i.e. we would expect something approaching ten boats for each inshore race. Boats

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with an IOR rating are in the minority, nevertheless, we could expect some excellent handicap racing, the boats all being similar in size and performance. We are hoping to drum up some enthusiasm amongst the non-racers for the next season. To this end we are having a Half Ton BBQ at Mt. Barker to get the fleet together.

Throughout the Season, which has been a busy one with the Australian Championships, the Half Tonners have done well. In the offshore racing they have won the IOR and the 2nd Division. In the Half Ton Inshore Points Score the placings were as follow:-

1. Trochus (Tony Human) - 40³/₄ points
2. Valkyrie (Rick Ottaway) - 33 "
3. Peacock (Keith Adams) - 31¹/₄ "

The State Level Rating Championship was run concurrently with the Nationals, and (deleting Magic Dragon from the list) the placings were:-

1. Peacock
2. Redback (Brian Snowden)
3. Trochus

As a result of the Report of the 1979 Fastnet Race Inquiry we expect further amendments to the International Offshore Rule. The ratings will probably remain unaltered thereby avoiding further expenses modifying boats to keep "with it", but boats of a too flimsy construction, and over-wide and under-ballasted boats prone to float in an upside down position after a knockdown, will be excluded. This would be good news for the deeper-hulled and stronger boats of older design.

KEITH ADAMS