

COMMITTEE NOTES ...

HALF TON ASSOCIATION ...

For accommodation of the visiting crews we urgently need the loan of six large caravans (six berthers) to be parked on the Squadron premises. We would be most grateful if members who were willing to help out with vans would contact the Secretary. The Squadron would of course adequately insure them against any possibility of fire or damage.

KEITH ADAMS

DRAGON NOTES

This season, the Dragon class should provide some exciting racing with twelve boats on the water. Once again, the battle for the "Deacon Board" looks as though it will be fought out between "Maj Britt" (David Morphet) and "Nan II" (Bob Lanyon), both of whom turned in some excellent placings in the last Prince Phillip Cup and World Championship at Geelong.

Next January, "Cynthia II" (Brian Codd, Wayne Keavy and John Nicholls) will be representing S.A. for the Prince Phillip Cup at Perth. It is an expensive undertaking to transport a keelboat the size of a Dragon for that distance, so a considerable fund raising effort has been required on the part of SAIDA. The main event of the year was a Dinner held at RSAYS last May, which was well supported by members and friends. Coming events include a Chinese Banquet to be held in November and a Film Night later in the season.

I am sure that all members will join with me in wishing "Good Luck and Good Sailing" to the lads of Cynthia II.

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1979 is the Golden Anniversary of the Dragon Class yacht - 50 years since its design by the Norwegian, Johan Anker. On 4th November, a commemorative regatta was held on Sydney Harbor in which many of the old hands were invited to take part. Out of 16 starters, Norman Booth (Sydney) in his old boat "Adios II" won from Eddis Boyes (Tasmania) and John Cuneo was third. the breeze was a hard nor'easter against the tide and Jack Linnacre, Gordon Ingate and Ross Grieve were forced to retire. A good day was had by all and it is hoped this will become a regular event.

RICHMOND BAKER

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

Right back, as far as 19th September, we had a very happy evening at the club house. An important evening, too, because the Winter Series Trophies were presented, then followed by a Sydney to Hobart Race film, which was very much enjoyed by all present - we never seem to tire of them, do we? I always feel "Prize Night" is tremendously important to so many of our members. They race in all conditions and weathers - fine or difficult and well earn the lovely pewter trophy they each receive. Congratulations to our skilful yachties from the "BIRDS"! Mr. Graham Brown, Sailing Committee Chairman, announced the winners and the Commodore's wife presented the trophies, with lots of applause for each recipient, from their fellow yachties. Not long after this film evening, the quiet winter days at the Squadron began to change. Most people felt their craft needed paint here and there and the atmosphere changed to a busy, happy working one, right up until Opening Day.