

COMMITTEE NOTES ...

HALF TON ASSOCIATION

The Half Tonners got away to a flying start for the 77/78 season with ten starters in the first race of the Inshore Series which was won comfortably by Kaos (Roy Hambour). If the close racing and change of positions of the other boats in this race are any example, the season should see some very keen competition in the Half Ton fleet.

It is hoped that the Eligibility/Rating problems experienced recently can be overcome to achieve the maximum number of rated Half Tonners and we suggest that Half Ton owners, particularly those intending to enter for the State Championships, contact the Eligibility Officer (Graham Jones - ph. 225.5204) right away to ensure that their Eligibility, I.O.R. and Safety Certificates are valid. Details and entry forms for the State Championships will be circulated with the Half Ton Newsletter to be sent out in mid-November and it is anticipated that entries for the State Championships will close before Christmas.

The Half Tonners have also started the season well in the handicap events - the LeHunte Cup being won by Tony Human in 'Trochus'.

BRIAN SNOWDEN

DRAGON NOTES

The season started well for Bob Lanyon who skippered Nan II into first place (and fastest time) in the first race of the season. Cynthia, now owned by Brian Codd and Jeff Ledger came in second, Dave Morphett in Maj Britt third.

Cynthia performed well in good company. Maj Britt and Nan II were first and second in the S.A. titles last

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January and Maj Britt was unlucky not to beat 'Chip' for the Prince Phillip Cup.

Cynthia will be the only S.A. entry for the Prince Phillip Cup Series to be held in Hobart next January. The cost of transportation and time has kept others from entering. However, practical help is forthcoming from Ellis Mathews who has offered to hold a barbecue, the proceeds of which will go towards offsetting the cost of shipping Cynthia on the Mary Holyman to Hobart. Other functions are also being planned. It is hoped that there will be greater S.A. representation in the Geelong series to be held the following year when the Prince Phillip Cup will be a curtain raiser to the World Cup.

ROKO KATNICH

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS

Have you noticed that the present feeling around the club is anticipation? Boats have been scrubbed, painted and refitted in varying degrees and, as I write this, Opening Day is almost with us and the serious business of racing is already under way. The bar also has had a refit and looks very smart in its scarlet coat in addition to being more convenient for the staff.

The ladies' luncheon was well attended and we very much enjoyed the food and company in such pleasant surroundings.

On behalf of the associates I would like to offer our support to Shirley Henry during Jim's convalescence. I