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DRAGON NOTES ...

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.

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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.

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