

Arrangements are well in hand for the defence of the Lexcen Cup won by SA last year in Perth. This prestigious state teams event was conducted for the first time last year and in a tight finish to the series, the SA team was victorious.

The Yachting South Australia 1990 Lexcen Cup Committee consisting of D Tillett (Chairman), J Parrington, J Boucaut, J Howell, W Rantanen, and F Neill have recommended that Fred Neill be appointed as Team Manager and have called for nominations for all 5 positions on the boat. They are helmsman, bowman, mast, and trimmers (2).

Members of all clubs affiliated with YASA will be eligible to apply. Nominees must be of a very high standard and they will be expected to devote approximately 3 months to preparation for the event.

Nominations close at the office of Yachting South Australia, 1 Sturt St, Adelaide SA 5000 no later than 12 noon, 30th June 90. Nomination forms are available from Yachting SA, the Squadron Office or David Tillett.

The series will be conducted at Fremantle WA off Bathers Beach from 21st November 90 to 25th November 90 incl and nominees must be available from Saturday, 17th November to Monday, 26th November incl. Airfares and accommodation in WA will be provided for each crew member.

Further information can be obtained from David Tillett on phone 295 6543 (H) or 231 6741 (W), or Fred Neill 383 6121 (H) or 294 6211 (W).

12 FOOT CADET DINGHIES

Have you heard the good news?

Yes, the youth of the RSAYS have the chance to sail on small boats. The 12 foot Cadet Dinghy Association has made available their boats and personnel to train those who wish to learn. If there are any people between the ages of 12 and 17 years who wish to participate please contact Alan Wilkinson and leave your name and contact number.

A winter program of sailing has already been arranged. Fred Howes, Rick Halliday and Robert Henshall are the RSAYS representatives who are co-ordinating activities between both clubs. It is our hope to nurture a strong association between both clubs in respect of youth sailing. We already have 15 young people from the RSAYS and sail training will be held fortnightly on Sunday mornings with venues being either Largs Bay, Cruikshanks Corner or the RSAYS.

TALL SHIPS RACE - 1ST APRIL 90

On Sunday, 1st April the Squadron hosted a youth sail training race between the ONE AND ALL, the visiting YOUNG ENDEAVOUR and 8 Squadron yachts off Largs Bay. Approximately 130 young people between the ages of 14 and 23 took part in ideal conditions. A large number of spectator craft accompanied the racing fleet which added to the spectacle. The ONE AND ALL was first over the line in the handicap start event, followed by RIMFIRE in second place and SUNBURST third. The event was an excellent promotion for yachting and congratulations to the organisers and thanks to the officials, skippers and crews, who made the day such a success.



The skipper, crew (2) and trainees (6) hard at work on RENEGADE during the Tall Ships Race. (Photo by P Mahoney).

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Early in May we received a letter from Dick Turpin (THORFINN) who together with Kay and Felicity was at that time in Egypt prior to sailing for Cyprus. In Cyprus they will undertake some maintenance work before heading off to Turkey and the Greek islands. They entered the Straits Bab-el-Mandeb (Straits of the Devil) on 20th February 90, and the following is Dick's account of their experiences in the Red Sea.

I am writing this with THORFINN hanging to her anchor in a gale of wind at a small anchorage called Mersa Thelemet on the west coast of the Gulf of Suez, 45 miles from Port Suez. We are in company with 5 other yachts including JUST LOOKIN II with Jack Tromp and his family, also from SA. This is our second day here and the wind hasn't dropped below 30 knots and on occasions peaks



Some last minute "house work" on THORFINN on the day prior to her departure. (Photo by P Mahoney)