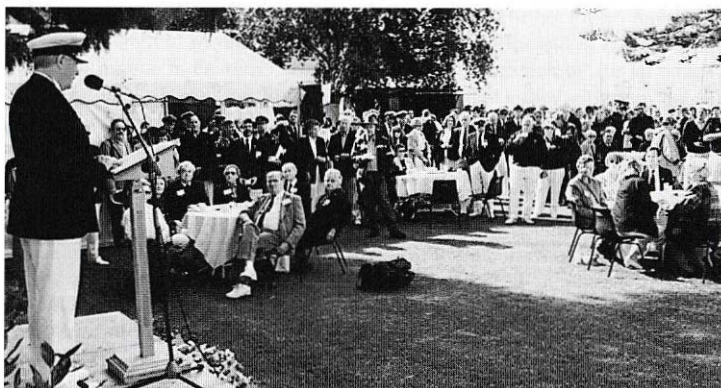


For several weeks Mr A McFarlane, yacht and boat builder, Birkenhead has been busy with three yachts which have awakened interest among members of the yacht squadron. Each differs in type. One, the *Valeria*, is owned by Mr CH Angas; another is the property of Mr GF Garrard of Melbourne who is at present on a visit here; and the third belongs to Vice-Commodore W Fisher. The *Valeria* is a three-rater with a bulb keel. She is an imported craft, Mr Angas having purchased her of the Earl of Albermarle. In a dismantled state she was brought to South Australia by the Blue Anchor liner *Culgoa* about three months ago, and Mr McFarlane has fitted her out for service. She is expected to take part in the manoeuvres connected with the opening demonstration on November 6. Many yachtsmen regard the bulb keels with disfavour. They are boats which can be said to have a maximum of speed in the water and a minimum of comfort to their occupants. The *Valeria* is nearly 40 ft overall, and she draws about 6 ft 6 in of water. Her bulb weighs one ton 15 cwt and it runs to a depth of five feet from her bottom. She has been tried on the Port River, and she is said to possess good sea-going qualities.

Mr GF Garrard's vessel was only launched on Friday. She was built by Mr McFarlane to designs supplied by Mr W Fife jun. When finished she ought to look a handsome craft and she should prove herself a first-class racing and sea boat. Her dimensions are 60 ft overall, 38 ft 2 in on the waterline, beam 10 ft 7½ in and draught 7 ft 6 in. She is provided with a straight keel, to which is fastened 7 tons 15 cwt of lead. Her foundation timbers are of jarrah and blue gum, the ribs being of the latter timber. She is planked with white kauri. Her deck is of the same wood, whilst the deck fittings etc are of teak wood. She is not unlike the *Alexa* to look at, albeit she has a prettier stem and is a much larger craft, being nearly double her size. The spars have yet to be fitted. They will be of oregon, and the spar fittings will be of galvanised steel. She will be yawl rigged. Her cabin will be splendidly fitted out, and sleeping apartments will be provided for six persons. The cabin panels will be of polished kauri and cedar.

Vice-Commodore Fisher's craft has yet to be named. She is to be a three-rater with a centreboard, and is also being constructed from Mr W Fife jun's design. Her construction is proceeding, and she is now being planked. She will be 27 ft on the waterline and 40 ft overall, and she is intended to carry 2 tons 7 cwt of lead on her bottom. The yacht's ribs etc are of blue gum; her bottom planking will be of jarrah and her topsides and deck of kauri. She will be fitted with a neat skylight and companion. When finished she should prove an acquisition to the squadron. Vice-Commodore Fisher has disposed of his yacht *Maggie* to Messrs Tassie, Smith and Angell. [His new boat was the celebrated *Reverie*. She remained in the pool, showing increasing signs of neglect, until about 1970. She was a lean low-wooded vessel, similar to *Aorere*, which was owned by Harry Cook until he bought *Anyndali*.]

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*The Commodore speaking at the garden party.*

The Plympton Cup, the Blue Riband item on the season's program of the Holdfast Bay Yacht Club every year, was contested on Saturday afternoon last, and an excellent race resulted. As the conditions of the sailing allow of boats from any class competing, the result, principally as a result of weather vagaries, in conjunction with the difficulty in adjusting the handicaps equitably, could not with any degree of certainty be foretold, and the closest interest in the sailing was maintained until nearly the last boat home had her time recorded and a mathematical computation decided which boat had secured the honour and was by virtue of the same entitled for twelve months to hold Captain Morish's coveted trophy. [Mr J Luxmore's *Winfreda* was first and fastest, having won seven of the ten races since the inception of the trophy in 1891, including the first two.]

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*Cooinda (Past Commodore Alan Smith) dips one of the few remaining blue ensigns.*



*Zitania (Past Commodore Austin Gibson) saluting, with Fine Romance (Past Commodore Ion Ullett) in the background.*