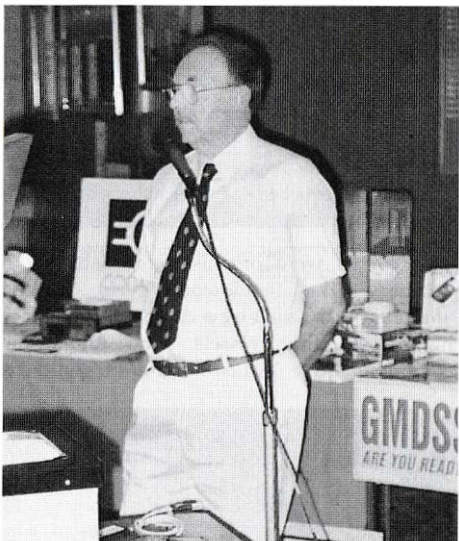


interested to get some feedback of just what type of event you would like us to run in the future. Our High Tech Information night held in the evening was well attended by about 80 interested members and friends. We were disappointed to be let down at short notice by two of the guest speakers and apologise to any Members present for the subjects advertised that we did not cover. Our thanks go to John Moffatt from International Communication Systems Pty Ltd for expanding his planned talk and John Ellison from Quins for filling in at the last minute with a talk about GPIRB's.

Make a note in your diary of the following coming events:



John Moffatt of International Communication Systems nobly rose to the occasion on Hi-Tech night.

Saturday & Sunday 20-21 March: Overnight cruise to Port Adelaide – Meal ashore Saturday night and visit North Arm markets Sunday morning.

Friday 2 to 5 April:
Easter cruise to Port Vincent.

Sunflower Raft: Do you know what a 'Sunflower Raft' is?

Come to the Barker Inlet cruise on the **May long weekend, 15 to 17 May** and take part.

Additional notes by Committee Chairman Mike Fowler:

Before you know it, the season will be over and the AGM will be upon us. The Cruising Committee will have a couple of vacancies this year, and, of course, will need replacements. I have served on many committees over the years, and of all of them this and the State Racing Rules Committee have been really rewarding and enjoyable. Perhaps you could give some thought to nominating for the Cruising Committee for the 1999-2000 year to help it to fulfil its goals.

Racing may be abhorrent to some cruising people, but nobody could dispute that if you prepare your boat to racing requirements you will improve its safety standards. Some of the required equipment may not seem to enhance safety, but if you meet the criteria you will invariably find ways to improve your boat. Therefore, before your next cruise, why not peruse Categories two and Three in the Blue Book? Then you can see if you measure up.

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General Manager's Report

David Harries

The **49th Quins Simrad Adelaide to Port Lincoln Race** is once again over, and most crews thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to participants from all clubs and commiserations to those who suffered various forms of damage. It is pleasing to see that the Squadron has retained the **Matthew Flinders Trophy**. The pre-race briefing, dinner and band were well attended and the feedback received to date is that this format is a continued success. Dr Peter Last offered an interesting insight into the history of the race and anecdotes surrounding the characters involved in the race over the years from Adelaide and Port Lincoln.

The Squadron's **Twilight Racing Series** concluded on a high note with an extra two races being programmed to meet Members' wishes. Whilst many Members and their guests enjoyed themselves during the series, the Squadron has been admonished for the actions of a yacht participating in one of the races.

It is timely to remind all owners of their obligations on the river when commercial shipping is on the move.

The Harbours & Navigation Act 1993, Part 10, Division 1 states that:

'The Master or operator of a vessel which can safely navigate outside a channel must not allow the vessel to hamper the safe passage of a vessel which can navigate only inside the channel'.

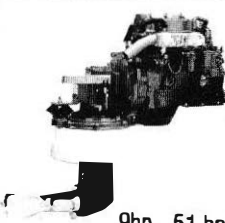
Pilot vessels are empowered to take steps to maintain the safety of commercial vessels. The avenues available to them range from requesting a vessel to move to physically removing it from the channel. Captain Peter Shipp, Division Manager Port Operations, has requested that all vessels using the river and all committees conducting activities in the river precinct and entrances are mindful of their obligations under the Act.

The Squadron is hosting the **Clipsal Qantas Rotary Regatta on Sunday 14 March** with proceeds going to SPARC (Sport, Arts & Recreation Council for People with Disabilities). Many thanks to those Members who are providing their vessel to sponsors so they can enjoy themselves on the day and contribute to a worthwhile charitable cause.

Easter 1999 will be conducted at Pt Vincent. This will be the 70th occasion that the Squadron has cruised or raced in and around Pt Vincent during Easter, and the Germein Family is providing a perpetual trophy to commemorate the significance of the event. This is in addition to the original trophy raced for by Squadron boats since 1929. The weekend is thoroughly enjoyable and I recommend it to all Members. Look out for the Easter Program, which commences with a dinner on Thursday evening with entertainment, breakfast on Good Friday morning and the first Gulf race.

New Vessels on the Squadron Register

Ponde	A Snewin	Essential	Kimble Warren
Possum	Albert Watson	Fare Thee Well	Anthony Harland
Allegro	Charles & Jennifer Cimicky	Skinflint	Brian Bowden
Bianca	Peter Hendlam	Trilogy	Don Lee
Burgundy	Charles and	Why	Warren Carey
	Maralyn Anderson	Twilight	Nigel & Nancy Monteith
City of Adelaide	John Lawler and	Change of Ownership	
	Catherine O'Meley	Freedom	Peter Spencer & Skye Badger
Conan	Peter Harrison	Magic Dragon	Robert Holyoak
Eastwind	Stan Benjamin	Peacock	David Watson
Epsilon	Michael Tromp	Peregrin	Jack Thomson





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