

COMMODORE'S REPORT (Contd)

The Annual Port Lincoln Race brought out the best fleet ever with 32 starters, including 7 yachts from the Port Lincoln Yacht Club. Conditions were perfect with a fresh wind to move us half way down the Gulf - only poor Tim Paterson in "Allara" being forced to retire with a broken forestay. Dawn saw the fleet spread out and becalmed around the Marion Reef Buoy, with Keith Flint's "Scimitar" in the lead and Dick Cavill's "Morning Mischief", David Judell's "Samantha" and Peter Lauridsen's "Bindi" not too far behind. During the day light windward conditions prevailed with the fleet spreading out along the foot of Yorke Peninsula. A fresh sea-breeze arrived late in the afternoon, and with spinnakers flying the fleet sped on to Port Lincoln in ideal conditions.

Congratulations to Keith Flint in "Scimitar" for the first home - only by seconds from Josco Grubic in "Anaconda". Josco tried to set up a new light-house on Donnington Point when he cut the corner too fine. I believe those beautiful grey locks nearly all fell out when the mighty "Anaconda" bumped her way across the rocks. Nobody can say our yachtsmen do not try hard to win.

The presentation of trophies was held up 1 hour to enable Maurice Bellemans in "Sari" to cross the line at 11.15 a.m. and win the race by 4 minutes from Alan Smith's "Cooinda" who finished 9 hours ahead of him - How's that for handicapping! At the presentation Maurice's win received plenty of applause.

Membership of the Squadron is continuing to grow with totals as follows:-

<u>SENIORS</u>	603	<u>INTERMEDIATES:</u>	62		
<u>ASSOCIATES</u>	202	<u>JNR. ASSOCIATES</u>	45	<u>JUNIORS</u>	92
<u>COUNTRY</u>	20	<u>ABSENT MEMBERS</u>	26		
<u>LIFE MEMBERS</u>	4	<u>SPECIAL HON. MEMBER</u>	1		

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During the Quarter we must record with deep sorrow the passing of Henry Rymill and also Len Wigan - both these gentlemen have been long and esteemed members of the Squadron - Henry Rymill being a Commodore of the Squadron on two occasions. Members will be invited at a later date to contribute to a memorial to Henry Rymill.

Following the discussion that occurred when the Sailing Committee published information on the lights in the Point Giles - Tapley Shoal area, the Sailing Committee wishes to draw the attention of yachtsmen to the following points of interest which have been extracted from the Admiralty List of Lights. It is hoped that all members will find these observations of value.

Lights have two ranges of visibility - the luminous range and the geographical range.

The luminous range is the maximum distance at which a light can be seen, as determined by the intensity of the light and the atmospheric transmission factor for average clear weather conditions; it takes no account of elevation, observer's height of eye, or the curvature of the earth. The luminous ranges included in the List of Lights (and shown on charts) are based on atmospheric conditions when there would be 50 chances out of 100 of a light being sighted at its luminous range during the course of a year.

The geographical range is the maximum distance at which light from a light can theoretically reach an observer, as limited only by the curvature of the earth and refraction of the atmosphere, and by the elevation of the light and the height of eye of the observer. Geographical ranges are based on a height of eye of 15 feet.

The range shown on charts is the lesser of the luminous and geographical ranges. The intensity of lights is shown in Candelas:-
1 Candela = 0.97 English candles.