



In 1954 Peter returned to South Australia and bought the yacht *Nomad* from Graham Clark. He had sailed in her before with Perc Howie. She lay in the back row of the pool close to the northern bank. A chance conversation with three apprentices on the *Port Jackson* began Peter's long-standing practice of inviting mariners passing through Port Adelaide to go sailing with him. Over the years hundreds have participated. This led to his involvement with the South Australian branch of the British Sailors' Society, which was founded in 1818. George French Angas was instrumental in it becoming the oldest charity in South Australia, having been established in 1837. Peter is the President of the descendant organisation, the Seafarers' Club at Port Adelaide, which, sad to say, is in danger of closing through lack of support.

Bob Christie (whose family lived in the large house with a tower at Osborne) brought from Melbourne in 1950 a thirty-square metre yacht of forty feet called *Playtime*. She was built of oregon, but was too heavy and would not plane. Even so the clenching of the nails brought spontaneous praise from experts who saw her. Bob Christie chopped off the original canoe stern to make a pretty counter. Peter bought her in 1957 and renamed her *Silhouette*. She lay next to *Nyroca* and *Nymphea*, and had no engine, so she was warped from the moorings and returned under sail. In spite of a large turning circle, there was never any damage to boat or person in doing so, and she became easier to manage after Peter fared away some of the timber about the rudder post. He took her to Port Vincent many times, including day trips. He rigged an outboard on a bracket on one side, but didn't use it much.