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The necessity of having "The Amateurs" printed in time to be presented as part of the Centenary Celebrations precluded the possibility of completing the Chronological Segment to span the full ONE HUNDRED YEARS, or of including a report on the Celebrations themselves.

Hence this Supplement.



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## JULY, 1972

The alterations to the Club's Memorandum and Articles of Association being to the satisfaction of the Attorney General, signed by the Governor of New South Wales and approved by the members at an extra-ordinary general meeting held on the 4th July, 1972, the name of Club has been changed from Sydney Amateur Sailing Club Ltd., back to Sydney Amateur Sailing Club.

The Centenary Celebrations Committee (comprising Chairman J. Jackson, Commodore S.B. Lloyd, Vice Commodore H.H. Jackson, Rear Commodore E.C. Slocombe, Immediate Past Commodore H.L. Schneider, A.W. Merrington, N.G. Cassim, J.A. Middleton, D.W. Gale and C.H. Bull) requested and obtained approval for the following programme:

### 1972

- Aug. 26: Centenary Ball, Wentworth Hotel.*
- Sept. 8: V.I.P. Cocktails, Clubhouse.*
- Sept. 29: Vice Regal Banquet for past and present members and wives, Carlton Rex Hotel.*
- Oct. 20: Commodore's Centenary Flag Night, Clubhouse.*
- Oct. 21: Centenary Flag Day Regatta, Sydney Harbour.*
- Oct. 22: Centenary Regatta Invitation Race for Gaff Rigged Vessels.*
- Nov. 12: Centenary Ladies Day Regatta, Sydney Harbour and Clubhouse.*
- Nov. 14: Ladies Centenary Luncheon, Clubhouse.*
- Dec. 1: Centenary Prize Giving, Clubhouse.*

This ambitious programme was designed to ensure the greatest member participation possible and its unqualified success was the result of careful planning and the organising ability of John Jackson and his Committee.

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## THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

### Centenary Ball, Wentworth Hotel

This most successful function was organised by A.W. (Bill) Merrington and was attended by two hundred and forty guests, including representatives from all the other major Yacht Clubs.

The Wentworth Ballroom was appropriately decorated in the Club's colours with the mainsail of Mr. R.B. Withers' "*Coromandel*" bearing the number A100, as the centrepiece.

In a short break between Dinner and Dancing Commodore Stephen Lloyd said a few words of Welcome and, assisted by his Flag Officers, cut a large Birthday Cake.

### V.I.P. Cocktail Party, Clubhouse

This party was the Club's way of saying "Thank you" to the many people whose co-operation and assistance throughout the year have made the task of the Directors so much easier.

Local Aldermen, and representatives from the Ferry Companies, the Water Police, the Maritime Services Board and from Allied Sporting Bodies all enjoyed a simple, informal evening in the pleasant surroundings of the Green Street Clubhouse.

Credit for a very successful function goes to Colin Crisp who was in charge of the arrangements.



## Vice Regal Banquet, Carlton Rex Hotel

This Banquet — the highlight of the Centenary Celebrations — was organised by, and under the control of Vice Commodore H.H. Jackson. The result was memorable. An occasion which had dignity, sincerity and light hearted enjoyment in exactly the right proportions.

The evening commenced in the Chart Room at the Carlton Rex Hotel where the 118 formally attired guests were served aperitifs and savouries while awaiting the arrival of the Club's Patron, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., O.B.E., and Lady Cutler.



FLAG OFFICERS CUTTING CENTENARY CAKE

*Photo by Identity*



CENTENARY BALL.

*Photo by Identity*



*Rear:* B.W.J. WOODS; A.W. MERRINGTON; L. SCHNIEDER; E.J. MERRINGTON; C.F.C. CRISP; R.L. SKINNER; J.A. MIDDLETON.  
*Seated:* D.M. STOKES (Hon. Treas.); H.H. JACKSON (Vice Comm.); S.B. LLOYD (Commodore); E.C. SLOCOMBE (Rear Comm.);  
 J. TOMASETTI (Hon. Sec.).  
*Inset:* C.H. BULL; J. JACKSON.

*Photo by Ronald Jones Photographics.*

Many of the guests were presented to Their Excellencies by Commodore Stephen Lloyd, until 8.15 when the sounding of the ship's bell summoned the assembled company to their places in the Elizabethan Dining Room. A well chosen, four course dinner, accompanied by Australian wines, was followed by the Loyal Toast, and then, while the members enjoyed their coffee, Port and cigars, Commodore Stephen Lloyd formally welcomed His Excellency, who replied, both as Patron of the Club, and as a sailing man in his own right. His speech was given a prolonged ovation and Vice Commodore Hugh Jackson thanked His Excellency on behalf of the Club. A "Toast to the Amateurs" was proposed by Mr. P.C. (Pat) Taylor, President of the Yachting Association of New South Wales, to which our Commodore responded.

*Pat Taylor's speech is here recorded in its entirety, as it must become a part of the Club's history.*

"Your Excellency, Lady Cutler, Commodore Stephen Lloyd, Mrs. Lloyd, Ladies and Gentlemen: When your Commodore asked me to propose this important toast, I was very pleased to accept, as although I am not a member of the Club myself, my family has had a long association with the Sydney Amateurs and consequently I have always had a great interest in the activities of the Club.

My Grandfather Charles J. Saunders sailed a yacht named "*Bronzewing*" with success in the 1880's and he was elected Vice Commodore in 1891. My father W.D.M. (Don) Taylor was a keen member in the early years of this century and he also was elected Vice Commodore in 1913. He won the Kelly Cup on two occasions, 1912 and 1926 in two different yachts each bearing the name "*Triton*". The first one was later bought by the Goddard family and renamed "*Thalassa*", under which name she sailed for a number of years. The second "*Triton*" was originally Walter Dendy's "*Native*" designed by Charles Peel in Melbourne. She was later bought by John Backhouse and renamed "*Niobe*" and he won the Kelly Cup again in her in 1928.

One hundred years is a long time, and it is a great event in the history of a Club when it reaches that age. The Sydney Amateur Sailing Club is only the third yacht Club in N.S.W. to reach 100 years and the other two Clubs are very few years older. The history of the Sydney Amateurs therefore goes back to the very early days of yachting in Australia. One may ask, "How is it that this Club has survived for so long without a Clubhouse until 1962, except for the ill fated shed on Benelong Point in 1883?" I think it is mainly due to the enthusiasm of its members for yachting, because a Club is people and this Club has been fortunate in having the right sort of people as members.

Another reason for the success of the Sydney Amateurs is the strong family associations that have run through its history. I recall such names as Spain, Merrington, Gale, Backhouse, Rayment and Lloyd — I am sure there are others and I hope those I have not mentioned will not be offended. The keenness and enthusiasm and hard work of these fathers and sons and brothers have built a wonderful foundation for the Club.

The long life of its members has been another factor in the life of the Club. No less than 19 members have had over 50 years membership. Stan Spain of course stands out with 64 years membership and there are others not far behind him. Four of the nineteen are still living and who knows, may yet improve on Stan Spain's record.

My experience of the Sydney Amateurs of course extends only over the second half of the 100 years, and there are two events which stand out in my memory. Both of these were disasters. The first event was the capsize and sinking of the "*Cynthia*" in Nov. 1925. She was starting a race off Kurraba Point in a fresh N.E. breeze and as she approached the line the end of her boom caught on the forestay of a yacht

astern and when she was hit by a strong puff the sheet could not be eased. She was a large half decked open boat and heeled over, filled up and sank before our eyes. I was quite young at the time and was watching the start in my father's boat. I can still see the head of the gaff and sail disappearing under the water. Fortunately all the crew were rescued.

The other event I recall was the loss of Stan Spain's "*Mischief*" in the entrance to Broken Bay in a hard Southerly in Dec. 1927. She capsized between Lion Island and Barranjoey and after a long time in the water Stan and his crew were saved but the "*Mischief*" was washed up on the rocks and became a total loss. She was a fine little boat, beautifully kept and quite open without any decking round the sides. It is interesting to note that Stan often sailed up and down to Broken Bay and there were of course no safety regulations in those days.

Stan Spain always wore a waistcoat in the boat and he put shackles and oddments of gear in the pockets. It was always a mystery how he managed to keep afloat after the capsize.

The Sydney Amateur Sailing Club has played a leading role in the administration of yachting. The Club joined the Sydney Yacht Racing Association in 1921 and became a foundation member of the Yachting Association of N.S.W. when it was formed after the war.

The person who has given the most to yachting administration is Ernest Merrington. He has been a Councillor of Y.A.N.S.W. since 1948 and was re-elected again last Monday night. He was President of Y.A.N.S.W. in 1966-1968 and President of A.Y.F. in 1968. Thus I think one can say that the S.A.S.C. has done its full share on the administrative side of yachting. So far I have spoken mainly of the past, and the past is interesting. It is from the past that tradition is born, and it gives an opportunity for reminiscing. Yachtsmen are probably better at this than most. But it is the present and future which are most important to a present day Club. We live in a changing world and we must adapt ourselves to these changes. The Sydney Amateurs has adapted and is now a modern Club with a modern approach to yachting. The Club is a good Club and bears a proud name. At the risk of meddling in Club politics I understand that some members would wish to change the name. I can only say please don't do it as I feel some of the Club's traditions would be lost.

As a flag officer of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron I can say that we have the highest regard for the S.A.S.C. and I am sure that our sister Clubs in Sydney, the R.P.A.Y.C. and R.P.E.Y.C. would agree with me. Co-operation between Sydney Clubs has grown over the years. We conduct separate races but we have a sort of unofficial partnership between the four Clubs and we regard the S.A.S.C. as an equal partner. I look forward to continuation and growth of co-operation between us as we are all concerned with the promotion of yachting for enjoyment. I believe we all have something to offer each other and now I will ask you to join with me in the toast of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club and may the second 100 years be as good as the first."

*After an extremely happy evening His Excellency and Lady Cutler departed at 11 p.m. — sometime later than they had originally intended.*

A welcome, but unexpected pleasure for all members was the presence, after a recent and serious accident, of Past Commodore John Jackson. John had been badly injured when he fell from his ship while she was on the slip, and it had been feared that, after being a guide and inspiration as Chairman of the Celebrations Committee, he was going to be unable to enjoy any of the results of his labours. It was good to see him back on deck.

## **Commodore's Centenary Flag Night, Clubhouse**

The Commodore's Centenary Flag Night, when approximately 200 members and wives entertained a good representative gathering of visitors from other clubs was a great success. Stephen Lloyd, ably assisted by his wife, Helen, welcomed the guests, cut a large three tiered Birthday Cake, blew out the ten candles (each one representing a Decade) and in a short speech wished the Club "Good sailing and good fellowship with vigorous development of both the Club and the sport over the coming 100 years". The highlight of the evening was the arrival of the 33 foot, gaff-rigged, topsail cutter, "*Playmate*" for the Gaff Rigged Vessels Race on the following Sunday.

## **Ladies' Centenary Luncheon, Clubhouse**

This function was organised by Helen Lloyd assisted by the wives of four Past Commodores, Hazel Merrington, Jeanne Jackson, Jewel Cassim and Babs Schneider.

They were hostesses to nearly sixty members' wives, who thoroughly enjoyed a delightful Smorgasbord lunch at the Clubhouse, which was tastefully decorated with baskets of blue and white flowers — the Club Colours — but with a centre-piece of pink roses as a mark of respect for the Distaff Side.

## **Centenary Prizegiving, Clubhouse**

This function was the culmination of the Centenary Celebrations and was attended by a majority of Club members as also by the members of other Clubs who had won prizes during the Centenary Regatta. The accommodation of the Clubhouse was fully taxed, and it is a credit to the organising ability of Bill Gale and Bruce Walker, that the presentation of upwards of 100 prizes went off without a hitch.

As Jim Hardy, who sailed "*Nerida*" to victory in the 1st Division of the Gaff Riggers Race, was unable to be present, his wife accepted the trophy on behalf of "*Nerida*" and the Hardy family. In doing so she thanked the Club for its initiative in bringing back the beauty of a bygone era, and expressed the hope that the event could be made a regular feature of the Club's activities.

It was also at this function that the Commodore made the formal announcement of the release of "The Amateurs". After a brief description of the book itself he presented a leather bound copy to Jim Middleton and thanked him on behalf of the members for the years of work he had put into its production.

## **Centenary Flag Day Regatta**

This regatta, organised by the Sailing Committee under Chairman Bob Wild, was an unqualified success.

Two hundred and sixty yachts, from eight clubs, competed in thirty-five different races — though not all from the same starting line nor over the same course.

The seven clubs which accepted our invitation to join us on this important day were:

*ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON*  
*ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED YACHT CLUB*  
*ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB*  
*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION*  
*MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB*  
*PARRAMATTA RIVER YACHT CLUB*  
*MOSMAN AMATEUR SAILING CLUB*

At the conclusion of the racing a number of yachts — including a percentage of visitors — returned to the Clubhouse where upwards of two hundred sailors spent a pleasant evening resailing their races and discussing whatever it is that sailors discuss when they get together.

# Centenary Regatta Results

## Middle Harbour Yacht Club

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| No.2 Offshore Div. | UNICORN, K. Sullivan   |
| No.1 Div.          | SALOME, K. Pix         |
| No.2 Div.          | TYRANT II, K. Williams |
| No.3 Div.          | MANUTARA, J. Innes     |
| No.4 Div.          | REISLING, R. Murray    |
| Bluebird           | SHAHEEN, P. Gaffin     |
| Endeavour 24       | MOKO II, H. Stewart    |
| Endeavour 26       | CLYTIE, R. Swift       |
| Hood 23            | MAGUS, H. Williams     |
| YW Diamonds        | PIRAHNA, J. Pryor      |

## Parramatta River Yacht Club

|   |          |            |
|---|----------|------------|
| 1 | HIAWATHA | N. Gray    |
| 2 | ARIEL    | L. Thearle |
| 3 | MOANA    | G. Parfoot |

## Mosman Amateurs Sailing Club

### Lightweight Sharpies

|   |               |              |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | ELEANOR RIGBY | M. Peelgrave |
| 2 | US III        | A. Day       |
| 3 | TANTIVY       | W. Downes    |

### OK Class

|   |               |                    |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | JOHN O'GROAT  | A. Hill            |
| 2 | ACRONYM       | I. Kingsford-Smith |
| 3 | INDEFATIGIBLE | D. Treglown        |

### Open Class

|   |        |                |
|---|--------|----------------|
| 1 | QUEST  | Miss H. Weston |
| 2 | VARUNA | C. Weston      |

### Manly Junior

|   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| 1 | QUEST      | P. Wallace |
| 2 | TRANSITION | S. Willman |
| 3 | JORD       | S. Rice    |

## Royal's Clubs

### International Solings

|   |        |                     |
|---|--------|---------------------|
| 1 | BROLGA | M.J. Anderson       |
| 2 | KOBBE  | J. Brown/R.W. Gould |
| 3 | TRIO   | K.S. Winterbottom   |

### Stella/Folkboat

|   |         |                   |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | CAPELLA | Mrs. S. Cohen     |
| 2 | MOWANA  | K.C. Roxburgh     |
| 3 | SIMANDA | Dr. T.R.M. Furber |

### Int. Dragon Class

|   |          |                  |
|---|----------|------------------|
| 1 | LALAGULI | G.W. Carmany III |
| 2 | RAWHITI  | E.F. Albert      |
| 3 | FAREWELL | J.A. Rosenthal   |

### No. II Div.

|   |             |               |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| 1 | VELELLA     | J.J. Coghlan  |
| 2 | MARGRETA    | C.R.E. Warren |
| 3 | TRITON VIII | P.C. Taylor   |

### No. III Div.

|   |        |               |
|---|--------|---------------|
| 1 | ZEUS   | J.R. Dunstan  |
| 2 | NARAWI | R.H. Minter   |
| 3 | APRIL  | L.C. Thornton |

### Restricted Div.

|   |            |                 |
|---|------------|-----------------|
| 1 | FANTASY    | Cliff Penny     |
| 2 | LADY LUCK  | Dr. H.L. Hughes |
| 3 | HIRONDELLE | Dr. M. Gauchat  |

### Jubilee Class

|   |          |               |
|---|----------|---------------|
| 1 | PETREL   | F.R. Dunstan  |
| 2 | CORELLA  | D.M. Taylor   |
| 3 | CHRUNEST | R.M.C. Simmat |

### Thunderbirds

|   |           |                       |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1 | WASSAIL   | M. Pryke/S. Guildford |
| 2 | MARABOU   | J. Morris 24 sec      |
| 3 | MOONRAKER | T. Parkes 1-11        |

### Metre Div.

|   |         |                  |
|---|---------|------------------|
| 1 | SJO-RO  | M. Bragg         |
| 2 | TWAIN   | S. Chambers 6-29 |
| 3 | VANESSA | L. Easy 3-51     |

### No. I Div.

|   |            |                |
|---|------------|----------------|
| 1 | ENTERPRISE | M. Taylor      |
| 2 | RANGER     | B. Gale 53 sec |
| 3 | MEGAN      | E. Finckh 3-3  |

### No. III Div.

|   |           |                  |
|---|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | IKA VUKA  | I. Hay           |
| 2 | PSYCHE II | B. Prentice 1-41 |
| 3 | SENYAH    | A. Hill 30 sec   |

### No. I Div.

|   |            |                        |
|---|------------|------------------------|
| 1 | FLAMINGO   | G.K. Twibill & ptrn.   |
| 2 | TEAL       | G.L. Stewart           |
| 3 | FAGEL GRIP | A.L. Paton/M. Fletcher |

### Endeavour/Santana Div.

|   |             |                    |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 | SUNDANCER   | K.A. Murrell       |
| 2 | GRISELDA    | W.F. & V.J. Haynes |
| 3 | WAI MANU II | D. Dorrington      |

### Hood 23 Div.

|   |           |               |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | JEN       | John Churcher |
| 2 | MIRANDA   | M.M. Walker   |
| 3 | CAPRICCIO | E.R. Taylor   |

### Finn Class

|   |            |               |
|---|------------|---------------|
| 1 | GOLLIWOG   | Stephen Kiely |
| 2 | AUSSIE I   | A.M. Howard   |
| 3 | BUSHRANGER | A.A.H. James  |

### Endeavour/Southerly

|   |             |                         |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | TOBASCO     | G. Marshal              |
| 2 | BISMARCK II | V/M Alberts 49 sec      |
| 3 | ONYX        | W.E. Sweetapple 10 sec. |

### Bluebirds

|   |         |                |
|---|---------|----------------|
| 1 | PERRIN  | L. Hamilton    |
| 2 | HELOISE | T. Rossi 3-49  |
| 3 | ROEBUCK | B. Ford 42 sec |

### No. II Div.

|   |             |                 |
|---|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | MAID MARYKE | D. Craig        |
| 2 | ZYLINDER    | C. Barrett 2-30 |
| 3 | HERMES      | A. Knaap 17 sec |

### No. IV Div.

|   |            |                  |
|---|------------|------------------|
| 1 | RAMBLER    | D. Watts         |
| 2 | CHANSON    | R. Moxham 10-11  |
| 3 | KIO LOA II | B. Walker 29 sec |

## Gaff Rigged Vessels Centenary Regatta Invitation Race

The idea of holding a race for Gaff Rigged Vessels was the brainchild of Bill Gale; and it was a stroke of genius. Though even Bill, when he first thought of the idea, never imagined that it was going to be such a great success. Much of the credit must also go to Colin Bull who handled the publicity so capably.

The result was most gratifying. Thirty-seven gaff riggers, four of them built before the turn of the century, were entered. Before the race many of them assembled at the Clubhouse where each skipper was presented with a Centenary Plaque. Several hundred people lining the foreshores to see these old timers in action gave a clear indication of the interest that was being taken in the event.

The crews themselves were tremendously enthusiastic, and Jim Hardy in "*Nerida*" and Spike Ross in "*Soliloquy*" entered fully into the spirit of the occasion by dressing their crews in authentic Edwardian yachting rig. The weather was ideal and a sparkling Harbour made the perfect setting as this fascinating fleet crossed the Starting Line, the final touch being added by the old time steam vessels "*Lady Hopetoun*" and "*Sundowner*" which followed the race as they might have done in years gone by. It was a sight which will live while memory lasts.

The Amateurs had turned the clock back 50 years — and Sydney loved it. Although the fleet included boats like "*Ranger*" and "*Kilkie*" and Naval Whalers and Heavy-weight Sharpies it was the old timers which created the real interest, and of these the following deserve special mention because of their age:

"*NANCY*" (Alex Bates) 20 ft. Gaff Sloop. Built 1885, origin unknown.

"*JENNY WREN*" (Alan Windon) 28 ft. Gaff Sloop. 1889, Sydney.

"*KELPIE*" (Brian Hunter) 30 ft. Gaff Cutter. Built 1886, Des. Fife.

"*PLAYMATE*" (Gina Coia) 33 ft. Gaff Topsail Cutter. 1896, England.

"*SAO*" (John Dark) 23 ft. 3 ins. Gaff Cutter. Built 1905.

## RESULTS

### First Division — 15 starters

|    |                             |              |                |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1  | <i>NERIDA</i>               | Jim Hardy    |                |
| 2  | <i>IMPALA</i>               | Ron Belling  | 5 min. 32 sec. |
| 3  | <i>RANGER</i>               | R. & W. Gale | 4 min. 38 sec. |
| 12 | <i>KELPIE</i> (oldest boat) | B. Hunter    |                |

### Second Division — 16 starters

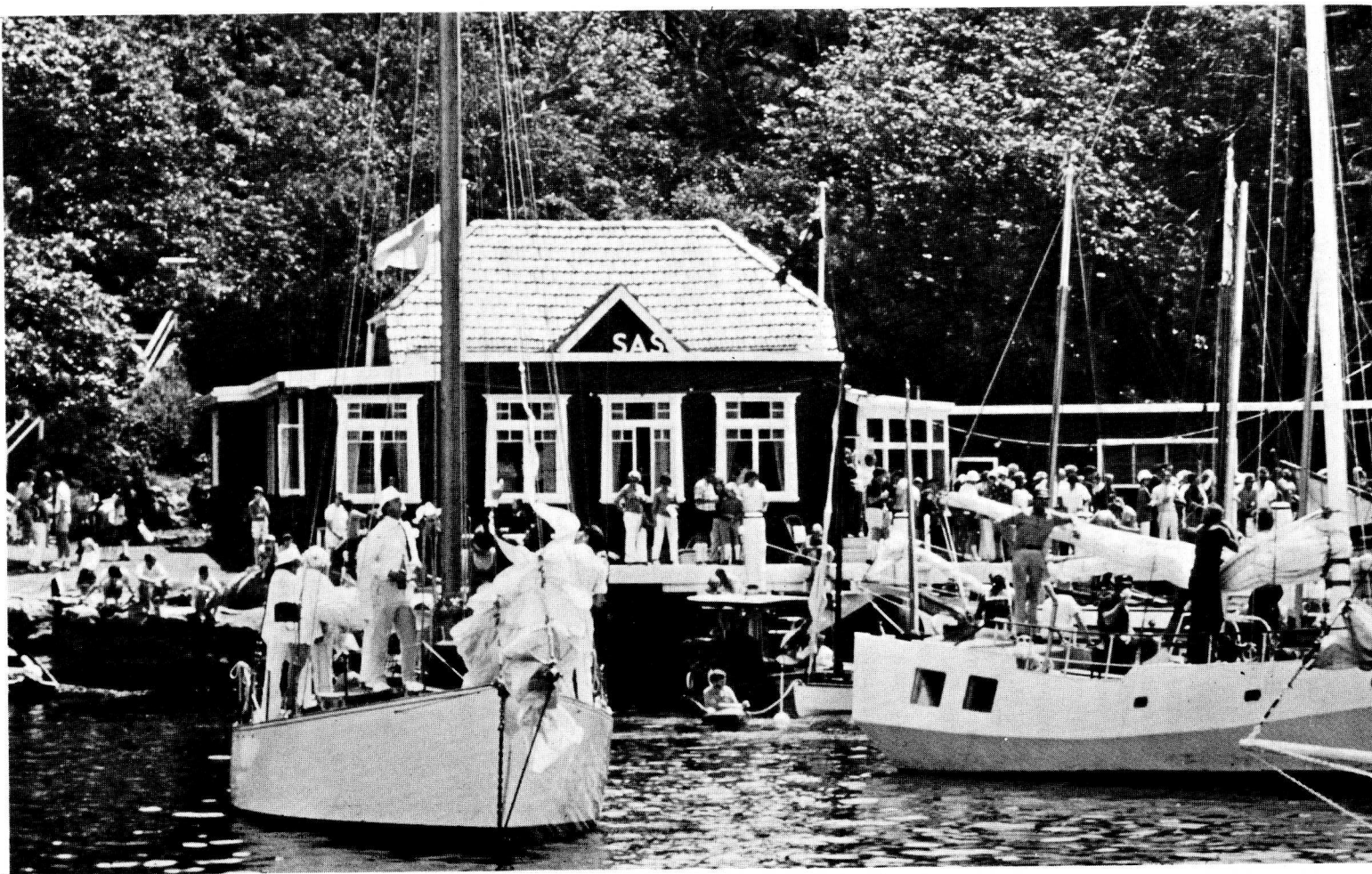
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|----|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1  | <i>KILKIE</i>              | Les Jones    |                 |
| 2  | <i>SAO</i>                 | John Dark    | 4 min. 31 sec.  |
| 3  | <i>BETTY</i> (B.Y.)        | Jack Whetton | 13 min. 43 sec. |
| 14 | <i>NANCY</i> (oldest boat) | A. Bates     |                 |

### Montague Whalers — 8 starters

|   |         |                      |
|---|---------|----------------------|
| 1 | S.T.D.2 | C.P.O. A. Richardson |
| 2 | S.T.D.1 | Lt. W. Jackson       |
|   |         | 14 min. 34 sec       |
| 3 | S.T.D.5 | P.O. W. Wallace      |
|   |         | 6 min. 42 sec        |

Those who were unfortunate enough to miss this Historic Event will be pleased to hear that they will not have long to wait for the next one. It is to be held on the October Flag Day weekend 1975.





Left to Right: NERIDA, SUNDOWNER, SABRE (*Sharp*y), IMPALA (*Sharp*y), NIMROD II, WIDWARD (*Tahitian Ketch*), TIARE (*Tahitian Ketch*).

Photo by J.A.Middleton





*Near to Far: JENNY WREN, RANGER, KILKIE, PLAYMATE, TIARE (Tahitian Ketch), WINDWARD (Tahitian Ketch).*

*Photo by Mirror Newspapers Ltd.*



"NERIDA"

*Photo by Mirror Newspapers Ltd.*

## Centenary Ladies Day Regatta

Bob Wild and the Sailing Committee provided the handicaps and facilities for the Centenary Ladies Day Regatta, and the weather man co-operated by turning on a beautiful day.

The 'handicap at the start' race commenced in a light breeze which freshened in the first 15 minutes resulting in a large number of yachts converging on the first mark together. For a while it seemed possible that there would be a repeat of the "2nd March, 1964 Incident" but a combination of some good helmswomanship and a deal of calling for "Boy Room" — whatever that means — avoided any trouble and, to quote the social pages, a good race was had by all. (Oh Brother).

The prizes were presented at the Clubhouse after a barbecue lunch.

## Ladies Day Results 12-11-72

### 1st Div.

|   |            |                |
|---|------------|----------------|
| 1 | EVENTIDE   | Barbara Hislop |
| 2 | THURLOO    | Joyce Kenny    |
| 3 | ENTERPRISE | Jill Taylor    |

### 2nd Div.

|   |          |                 |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | ZYLINDER | Meg Barrett     |
| 2 | IMPALA   | Hazel Tindall   |
| 3 | SARACEN  | Margaret Dayhew |

### 3rd Div.

|   |          |                   |
|---|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | LARDS    | Rosemary McDonald |
| 2 | RANGER   | Leone Gale        |
| 3 | IKA VUKA | Pauline Hay       |

### 4th Div.

|   |            |                  |
|---|------------|------------------|
| 1 | ELUSIVE II | June Dunkerley   |
| 2 | ARIEL      | Lynette Hamilton |
| 3 | ELAINE     | Susan Woods      |

### Thunderbirds

|   |          |             |
|---|----------|-------------|
| 1 | LARRIKEN | Val Skinner |
|---|----------|-------------|

### Bluebirds

|   |           |               |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | APHRODITE | Jennifer Bear |
|---|-----------|---------------|

### End/South

|   |             |                  |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| 1 | THRESHER    | Mrs. Brown       |
| 2 | BISMARCK II | Margaret Alberts |
| 3 | COROMANDEL  | Jennifer Withers |

### Metre Div.

|   |          |               |
|---|----------|---------------|
| 1 | FLING    | Nina Walton   |
| 2 | JILL III | Jane Christie |
| 3 | TWAIN    | Ann Gledhill  |

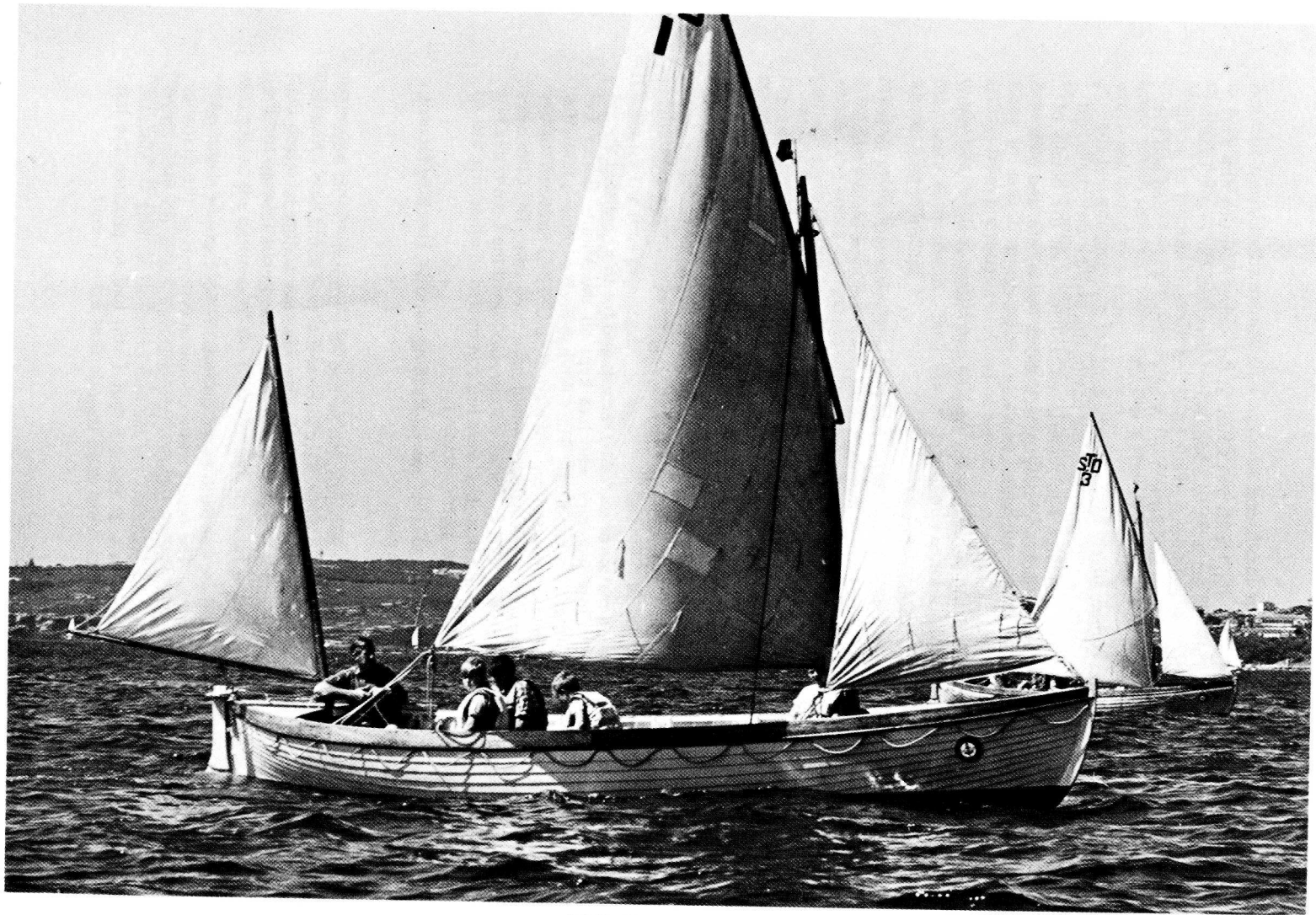
During this Centenary Celebration Year a great deal of additional work has fallen on a great number of people. To all those who have been involved may we, on behalf of the Club, say "Thank you for a job well done." In particular we would like to express our gratitude to the Club's Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Kartzoff, who has, without a word of complaint, done far more work than she would have had to do in any normal year.



"KILKIE"

*Photo by Seacraft*





"STD2" IN THE LEAD

*Photo by Sea Spray*

## How "The Amateurs" was Produced

The project was launched in 1967 with Rex Green at the helm. Assisting him were Ken Retallick, who had been in the printing business for years, and Dr. Frank Talbot. They had decided on the size and format of the book and the least number of words it should contain when Rex was posted to Fiji. A new skipper was needed and the task fell to me.

My job at that time was comparatively easy. Simply a matter of organising and chairing the meetings of the Historical Committee and having discussions with the Board of Directors, because Ken Retallick had undertaken to handle all the details of finding Ghost Writers, proof readers, photographers, block makers etc. and offered to have the printing done at cost. And then came Ken's tragic death.

This was nearly the end of the book as well. As Ken had known it all — and was going to do it all — I had not asked him how.

And this was now the question — how?

To an Electrical Engineer it was a poser. But I had been entrusted with a job, so per medium of the News Sheet I asked the members if there was amongst them a printer who would help.

I had an immediate reply from John Raffan who offered to print the book and see what he could do to have blocks made as cheaply as possible. Gratefully I accepted his offer and had him appointed to the Historical Committee.

So I had a printer. And now I had to provide the material for him to print.

Again the question — how?

It had already been decided that the book should contain three segments — Statistical, Historical, Articles and Anecdotes.

The first two were mainly a matter of searching records and for this I enlisted the aid of Les Jones, a former Club Secretary who had kept all the Minute Books and Annual Reports he could get his hands on. The Club had been without a home for so long that there had been nowhere to keep old records, and it had not been for Les Jones much of the History of the Amateurs would have been lost. The Club owes him a great debt of gratitude. C.R.E. (Bob) Warren also joined the Committee but both he and Frank Talbot found that they were too committed to other interests to spare any time and both ceased to attend meetings.

So Les and I worked on alone, week after week. Reading minutes, checking records, making precis — and finding the gaps.

Yes, the gaps. How to fill them?

Les was retired and had time on his hands, but he had no transport. So he travelled by bus and train to see people who might have information that could help. And he found a University student doing Australian History who was willing to search the Mitchell Library while he, himself, searched the archives of the Public Library and the Newspaper offices.

Between us we proved that there was truth in the quotation "Seek and ye shall find", because we did fill the gaps. The result was a complete synopsis of the Statistics and Minutes of the Club since its Foundation, and a chronological documentation of its History. For these two segments my method of report writing — staccato sentences recording facts — was acceptable, but I still had to produce the last segment. Articles and Anecdotes. And again the question was — how?

Another appeal to the members — again per medium of the News Sheet — brought in a number of stories, a few of which could be printed without editing. But most of them were simply a lot of facts and stories which needed knocking into shape. Much of it was in the form of notes I made while visiting members who should be included but who were too retiring to write about themselves. And there were boats which deserved more than just a mention, and incidents in the Club's history which warranted an article.

I listed all the articles I thought should be included and started to write them up. But I was not happy with the result. I realised that I was an Engineer — not a writer.

And then I received a contribution from David Rayment, and it flowed—just glided along in easy-to-read English. I asked him if he would prepare a couple more articles from my rough notes and he agreed.

When they were finished I sought the opinion of two writer friends of mine, and they were enthusiastic. So I asked David to join the Committee and threw the whole thing in his lap.

My last real worry was over. Except for the few articles which were submitted in a form which could be printed without alteration, David has either written or re-written the entire last section of the book. He was your Ghost writer and I am sure you will agree that he has done a great job.

Each section was then assembled and submitted to the Directors for their approval or alteration. After modification, as required by the Board, the whole thing was given to the printers.

Next David, Les and I set about selecting the illustrations and these, too, were sent to the printer. Then we sat back and waited for the first draft.

There followed nights of proof reading, minor corrections and alterations and back it went for the final printing.

The goal had been achieved.

Thank you David, Les and John for your assistance in compiling this book of "Amateurs" for "Amateurs" by "Amateurs".

— JIM MIDDLETON (15-1-72)

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And so we enter our second hundred years and hand on to Posterity the safekeeping of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, its Traditions and, above all, its Spirit.

How those Traditions were founded and how that Spirit was developed is recorded for all time between the covers of "THE AMATEURS" in the stories of the men who guided the destinies of the Club through its first Century.

\*"May those who sail in their wake be worthy of their Heritage."

**\*Quoted from his Preface by permission of our Patron, His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., O.B.E.**

