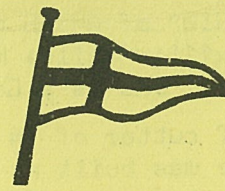


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NEWS

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CENTENARY CALENDAR

Fri. 29th September - Centenary Banquet at Carlton-Rex Hotel.
Fri.-Sun. 20-22 October - Regatta Weekend
Sun. 12th November - Centenary Ladies' Day Regatta

CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The next event is the Centenary Banquet at the Carlton-Rex Hotel - on Friday 29th September.

The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler and Lady Cutler will be attending.

You are reminded that your reply must be in to the clubhouse by Friday 15th Sept. Please ring now - 90-1433.

We were all most concerned to hear of the nasty accident sustained by John Jackson who fell onto the concrete whilst working on his boat last Sunday. He was taken off to the Mater Hospital at Crows Nest where he is impatiently awaiting his discharge..

John is Chairman of the Centenary Celebrations Committee, but it looks as though he won't be able to attend some of the functions he has spent so much time and energy in organising. We all wish him a very speedy recovery.

Would anyone wishing to visit him please ring Jeanne Jackson first on 869-8479.

The Centenary Ball was a great success and, as usual, enjoyed by the 230 people who attended. All the ladies received a handkerchief carrying the Club's centenary insignia whilst the men received Centenary Medallions. We are indeed fortunate to be witnessing the Club's one hundredth year, and to be taking part in history.

History indeed is in the making on Sunday October 22nd when the Gaff-riggers race will take place. Advance publicity is reaching the newspapers and it is hoped that all Sydney will sit up and take notice of this event.

So far 25 definite entries have been received and five more are possible - to recreate an atmosphere seen on the harbour many years ago. Of these entrants, two boats were built last century - PLAYMATE and KELPIE.

PLAYMATE - Gino Coia - an ex-member of the old gaffers association in England; built 1896.

She is 33' x 29' x 10'1" and weights 12 tons
Sail area 840 sq ft.

This is probably the only true cutter in Australia - meaning that her bowsprit can be housed and the topmast is fidded (can be lowered).

The following extract expresses the Club's wishes as to the spirit of the race and the way in which it is to be conducted:

"I hope this is a kind of rally-cum-race, as I have never raced in my life and am not too fond of the idea, but will appreciate a get-together of decent craft."

KELPIE - built 1886 and rigged as original.

Three boats - KELPIE, PLAYMATE and SAC (built 1905) will be tied up at the SASC wharf for viewing during the regatta weekend. All these boats are around 70-90 years old.

Further details of NERIDA of which we wrote in the last News: Displacement 12.92 tons. measures 45'x33'x11' - Sails: Main 670 sq.ft. Jib 162 sq.ft. Stormsail 135 sq.ft. Topsail 138 sq.ft. She is a Gaff topsail cutter moored at RSYS in Neutral Bay.

SOLILOQUY - a 36' Gaff cutter of 14 tons, owned by Jeff Penfold-Hyland and sailed at RANSA by "Spike" Ross. She was built at Birkenhead, SA, in 1936, designer Harrison, Butler. Her rig is original and includes a gaff of 16', main boom 25' and bowsprit of 9'. The original structure is intact but a doghouse, diesel engine and guardrail have been added. Unfortunately his jackyard topsail will not be ready in time for the race.

RACING

The OFFSHORE Division now has 10 entries with a promise of 3 more. The first ocean race had to be cancelled as most boats are not yet ready to start: however all should be prepared for the next scheduled race 23rd September. Any offshore entrant whose boat is ready for inspection please ring Cliff Barrett at 41-6362.

The Committee has now decided to abandon the harbour division of offshore yachts and these boats will be absorbed into their respective harbour divisions - non-point score...

INSHORE - In line with other clubs, the SASC has decided that all yachts must be inspected to ensure that they comply with YA Safety Regulations Part II. Inspections will be carried out at the Club as follows:

- Sat. 23rd Sept. 10am-12noon - Thunderbirds, Endeavour/Southerly, Bluebirds & Metre Div
 - Sat. 7th Oct. 9.30am-12noon- Divisions I, II, III & IV
 - Sun 15th, 29th Oct. 10am-12.30pm - for all yachts unable to make it on aforementioned dates.
- Your attendance on the days mentioned would be appreciated, but if you are unable to fit these dates into your schedule, contact your divisional representative to arrange a time:

Divisional Representatives;

METRE Div - Roy Tutty	54-2147	THUNDERBIRDS - Fred Wrobel	36-2621
DIV I Bill Gale	89-4942	ENDEAV/SOUTH.- Ed North	960-7168
DIV II Cliff Barrett	41-6362	BLUEBIRDS - John Jacob	90-6531
DIV III Ian Hay	42-5522	OFFSHORE - Cliff Barrett	41-6362
DIV IV Bruce Walker	42-4953		

*As from October 29th yachts not holding an inspection certificate will be disqualified. Inspections will be expedited if all items are grouped together and easily seen.

BOATSHED -

We now have a waiting list for people wanting moorings.

There are several masts and spars which have been left on the fitting-out berth adjacent to the boatshed. Unless these are identified and arrangements made for their prompt removal - at most within the next 2 weeks - consideration will be given to their disposal.

CLUBHOUSE

The Committee is seeing to it that the clubhouse is spick and span for visitors during our Centenary year. The ship's lantern presented some time ago by Bill Merrington is now mounted over the bar, new curtains adorn the lobby, pictures have been framed and repositioned, walls and paintwork brightened and the fl or restored to its original colour. Outside the barbeque has been repaired and railing and flagpoles repaired and painted.

An At Home was held at the clubhouse on Friday 8th Sept. to entertain Flag Officers of other Clubs and officials from the various harbour authorities as part of our Centenary Celebrations - this was an informal and very successful evening.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO HAVE THEIR APPLICATIONS IN FOR THE VICE-REGAL DINNER BY 15 SEPT

STARTER'S BOAT - you have probably seen this neat 23' launch recently purchased by the Club. However another assistant starter is needed - anyone who would like to help is asked to ring the clubhouse 90-1433 or Jack Millard on 42-1637.

*UPDATE with COLIN BULL - Colin has sold his DOLLY and is awaiting a Currawong 30. Meantime he would like to act as crew on any yacht in the Offshore Division. Here is an opportunity to get an experienced and valuable crew member...ring Colin at 642-8469 (home) or 27-2501 (business) pretty smartly if you want to be lucky!

OBITUARY

Herbert Morton "Mick" Aspinall - a Life Member of the S.A.S.C. died on Thursday 7th September. He was in his mid 70's.

Mick joined the Club in 1928 and owned "JUNE BIRD" which he raced from 1928 to 1939. He put her on blocks during the war and afterwards sold her to Tony Ashleigh, having won the Kelly Cup in her in 1938 in addition to a Gold Medal.