S.A.S.C. NEWS - MARCH, 1961.

Final Point Score Results 1960/1961 Season.

1st Division	Thurloo	E. J. Merrington	165 Points	1st.
2nd "	Mirrabooka	F. Wrobel	136 Points	lst.
3rd "	Phantom	R. Lawson	189 Points	lst.
Bluebird Div.	Sialis	C.R.E.Warren	105 Points	lst.

Final Scratch Point Score Bluebirds.

Tango	Miss P. Warn	195 Points	lst.
Bolero	A. Clark	182 Points	2nd.
Lewana	B. Kirkwood	156 Points	3rd.
Seawitch	J. D. Van Aalst	146 Points	4th.
Tern	J. L. O'Donnell	131 Points	5th.
Currency Lass	F. Osborne	125 Points	6th.

Results of Saturday, 18th March, 1961.

lst Division	Wainunu	H. S. Lloyd Trophy
2nd "	Arinda	John Taylor Cooke M/Trophy
3rd "	Cirrus	S. Wheeler Trophy
Bluebird Division	Bolero	J. L. O'Donnell Trophy

CLOSING DAY: 15th APRIL Ia Radar will be Flagship and will leave Rosman's 1.30 p.m. No.2 Jetty, Circular Quay - 1.50 p.m. and Cremorne Wharf, 2.0 p.m.. Tickets from Hon. Secretary - 8/6 each, including Afternoon Tea. Liquid refreshment available at reasonable prices.

Your Committee have booked the ELIZABETH ROOM at the Hotel Metropole for FRIDAY, 2nd June, 1961. This will be an open night and will consist of the June Monthly General Meeting followed by the Presentation of Prizes for the 1960/1961 Season. It is hoped members will support this move. Refreshments and supper can be ordered to members requirements after the meeting.

The date of Annual Ball previously mentioned at General Meetings has been changed to FRIDAY, 4th AUGUST, 1961. Organise your party NOW: TIME: 8 p.m. PLACE: "Hotel Australia, Rainbow Room."

JOIN THE POLAR BEARS "WINTER RACING". Winter racing is being organised, six races to be held on Sundays, 30th April, 14th May (Ladies' Day), 4th June, 9th July, 13th August, 3rd September. Start about 11 o'clock in vicinity of Bradley's Head.

Trophies for each race will be presented at a rendezvous somewhere near the finishing line at the conclusion of each race, which will be over a course of about 8 miles.

Several Trophy donors are needed to complete the programme - £2.0.0 would be sufficient to cover three trophies for each day.

The Racing Committee has accepted J.D.Van Aalst's offer to act as Hon.Assistant Racing Secretary and to take care of the Winter Racing Programme.Entries can be obtained from John Jackson or Des Van Aalst, closing date 21st April. 1961 - Box 2458 G.P.O. Sydney. Entry Fee £1 for the Series, or 5/- per race. Entry fees to help defray cost of programmes, postage, etc.

The Secretary wishes to clarify a point which has been bothering some members who complain that the Hon. Treasurer has not sent out Notices of Subscriptions due this year. Club Rule 28 states "Subscriptions are payable in advance on 1st July each year". Rule 32 states "If any member shall fail to pay his subscription within three months after the same has become due the Hon. Treasurer shall post him a notice in writing to pay subscription" etc. If you have not paid your subscription, please do so; this will help save cost of postage and reduce working time and costs against the subscriptions which at present are out of proportion. The new Club Rules are with the

promptly broke it. Nothing daunted, Skipper Bill Merrington ordered "Rock the Boat", and with a pull from Cliff Gale, off she came.

Vice Commodore Peter Wrigley has indicated that he will not be standing for re-election. He no longer owns a boat and has his time fully occupied with business activities entailing many country and interstate trips. In addition, he has swallowed the anchor and become a part-time farmer.

Des Van Aalst has had some sails stolen from his Bluebird in Rushcutter's Bay. Will members keep an eye out for them:-

- 2 Flat Spinnakers, white Terylene with A61 sewn on
- l Parachute Spinnaker, blue and white striped terylene with A61 sewn on
- 1 Genoa Jib, white terylene
- l small Jib " "

Ron Lee of Northwood, owner of Third Division Yacht "Wainunu", has purchased the six metre yacht "Belvedere". Ron and Harry Begg sailed "Belvedere" from Newport to the Lane Cove River. Ron intends to make alterations to "Belvedere" during the winter months.

"Thurloo" had three wins in a row, two point score races and a first on Ladies' Day with Mrs.E.J.Merrington at the helm. Ladies' Day was quite a success. Mrs. Dickinson in "Waitere" was second and Mrs. F. Jackson in "Joalah" third. Special thanks are due to Tony Wheeler for donating sausages to feed those who came ashore also to Nick Cassim and his assistants at the fire.

Among some skippers the division of 15 m.p.h. between light and heavy handicaps is causing comment. Close comparison of handicaps light and heavy show some irregularities. The sailing committee are watching the situation.

Variations in the type of handicap seem to follow a pattern. Our Club records show the use of percentages, three handicaps, two handicaps and one handicap all being tried from time to time. What will it be next year?

On Saturday, 4th March while manoeuvring near the start Bob Wild in "Eastwind" had the misfortune to collide with the Shell Cove Buoy damaging the stem. He has been unable to race since which is a great pity since he was in a very favourable position in the point score.

Pamela Tronier and David Rose were married on Kelly Cup Day at St.Canice's Church. They left for England the following day. Is this the first marriage between two members of our Club?

During the point score race on 18th February "Degra" was caught in the lee of an anchored ship and drifted under her stern. She was prevented from suffering serious damage by the crew of the ship who pushed her off by the tip of her mast.

A recent inspection of work being done on the successor to "Hinemoa" revealed two small girls dipping dowels in glue and hammering them home. One moderate sized boy priming deck beams, and a larger one planing topsides. With the wonderful progress being made it seems sure that this boat will join the S.A.S.C.Fleet next year.

We understand George Brackenbury's new boat is progressing nicely and should be ready for next season.

News items regarding the movements of yachts on the Club's Register indicates that "Monique" A75, a new yacht to the Club, has been obtained by A.B.Aboud. "Tarni" has been sold outside the Club. "Claire II" A87, formerly "Zalisa", has been purchased by J.B.Dunstan. "Talua" changed hands, having been purchased by W.R.Howe from D.M.Helliwell, she will continue to be raced. "Tern" has been sold and will race with the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. "Neptune" has been sold outside the Club and will not race.

B. D. Kirkwood will be overseas for nine months. His yacht, "Lewana", has been put in storage during his absence. Let's hope it comes out in good order - borers are bad on the North side.

Col. J.A. Campbell succeeds Col. A.E. Ross as Skipper of "Womerah".

New members to the Club:-

Dr. J.C.Nash,
Col.J.A.Campbell
Messrs. F. A. Gough, G.P.Wisher,
W.M. Anderson, J.B.Dunstan
and L.W.White.

All the above are full members, while A.J.Reynolds, P.A.Lawson and R.F.Herlihy are Junior Members, with Miss M. Thompson an Associate Member. A warm welcome to all.

Three seasons ago saw two new Skippers enter the 3rd Division, Dick Lawson and Nick Cassim. Both owned "Swallows". This started a chain of new skippers; 1959/60 saw Bob Howe, then this last season a whole host of newcomers: Ron Lee, Ross Tyson, Malcolm Goldfinch, Ian Stillman and George Jackson.

This season Number 3 Division had a record number of entries - 16, but averaged only 6 or 7 starters per race. The racing skippers in this Division have all been keen and the handicapping good.

With two point score races to go four boats were in a position to win until one of "Wendy's" crew yawned while rigging at the mooring and displaced his jaw bone. A rush trip to Royal North Shore Hospital put the situation right, but "Wendy" missed out, for by this time the race had started.

Most consistent performers this season in No.3 Division have been "Phantom", "Neriada" and "Wendy", then "Wainunu", "Joalah" and "Cirrus", with a fantastic burst of form by "Felix" in the latter part of the season.

Nick Cassim is looking for a larger boat to do some ocean racing.