

S E P T E M B E R 1965

Could it be that we are going to have a summer with hot sunny days and "good old" Black Nor'easters blowing about 25 knots day after day?

A record fleet will be out on Saturday next, the first race of the Season. Bluebird fleet will be joining the other Divisions at the starting line which will be at Kurrabe together with the finishing line, but for N.E.Winds the start will be in Rushcutters Bay.

The Directors have formed a Planning Committee to investigate and plan the development of the site that we occupy at Cremorne. suggestions and offers of skilled assistance would be welcome.

Look out for those "Winter Racing" Types - about a dozen "Amateurs" have been out there through the wet and cold with the C.Y.C. 2nd., Division flexing their muscles. Ian Rafe's "Naneflar" and Fred Wrobel's "Thunderbird" will be amongst the winners for the Point Score for the Winter series.

Last week Nick Cassim was host on "Lolita" to visiting overseas delegates to the Commonwealth Law Conference. "Sea Lawyers"? "Lolita" has undergone a major refit internally this winter, and is now fitted with w to w carpets, H & C etc.

Norm Beadle advised that all moorings are occupied and the Boatshed is being rearranged to accommodate the added dinghies. Moorings will be re-layed in systematic rows regularly spaced, and at the same time additional markers will position the ten added mooring sites that we have procured from the M.S.B. Boatshed rules forbid lying alongside the pontoon.

Bill Gale has had a Rules Forum at home with about a dozen second div. Skippers and recommends the idea to all who wish to become conversant with the new Y.R.A. Rules. Cut-out boats, rounding marks etc. a copy of the Rules and a bit of enthusiasm is all that is required to turn out Rule-wise Skippers.

Incidentally Secretary Jack Stewart has adequate supplies of the 1965/68 Y.R.A. Rules and all Skippers are advised to procure a copy and acquaint themselves with them and the changes that have been made. It may cost you a race.

Eight New Members have been admitted to the Club and they comprise: Frank Bradshaw owner of a Van de Stadt Dogger class "Amethyst". Herb Stoddart who sails with Ron Lee, David Case who has bought "Chaula" a Daydream which has crossed the Tasman. A.B. Pomeroy, with a J.O.G. Yacht, R. Green who owns a small yacht which he will sail with the third division.

Junior Members Godfrey Searle, and Jim Bradshaw both of whom are sons of Boat owners, Jim will sail his father's Dogger during the Season.

John Jackson and his Clubhouse Committee spent an enjoyable at the "Captains Cabin" and produced a comprehensive social program for the year. A copy will be circulated amongst members.

Some of the keener second division types had an impromptu race last Saturday and from Scratch they finished in the following order:- "Naneflar", "Cherub", "Brothers", "Mehitabel", "Delphis", "Nimbus".

Jack Stewart is fitting "Vena" with an electronic speedo. He will soon be a match for Ron Lee.

Bob and Margaret Warren have returned from their world orbit, Bob was seen looking very fit, and wearing a Lake Como Yacht Tie; Lou D'Alpuget has acquired a  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. Nylon Ripstop 600 Sq. ft. spinnaker. Think of all the topless swimsuits that would make.

The Wearnes have reduced the mast height, and shortened the bumpkin on "Waitangi". I understand that they have a larger jib.

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Dick Hughes one time owner of "Hoana" and many years committeeman is building a "Folkboat" which he says he will moor at Cremorne.

Ross Mexham has sold "A' Bhirilinn" and is purchasing a larger and roomier boat.

Roz and Tony Furse have temporarily returned from their third trip to the Snow this season. They are going back again soon

Peter Mounsey who gave that wonderful lecture on his world trip last year has just returned from Cowes " and all that" having been "Carmen's" navigator. He will be on his way again soon in his new 42' sloop to the U.K. via north Australia. He will go up the Sepik River in New Guinea whilst awaiting favourable trade winds across the Indian Ocean. He hopes to spend the next ten years doing charters in the Bahamas.