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The Club races for the Season have got off to a good start with fifty-five starters in the five divisions across the line last Saturday, racing has been well conducted and keenly contested. In spite of failing breezes sixteen yachts in First Division crossed the finishing line in eleven minutes, thirteen Second Division yachts in eighteen minutes, nine Thunderbirds in twelve minutes with twenty seconds between the first three places, the lead this race changed five times in the last half hour.

Our Starter Jack Millard is on the job again conducting his immaculate starts and is ably assisted by Geoff Cambridge and Norm Greenhalgh. Geoff Cambridge is pinning up the race results on the notice board as soon as he returns to the Clubhouse and a lively interest is being taken in times and places by the skippers.

The Race Committee is doing a thoroughly good job with many difficult decisions to make regarding new entrants and improved performances of previous starters. Fred Wrobel has spent many long hours preparing the programs and courses all of which have been admirable. So far the Race Committee has heard two protests and these seem to have revolved around the Rules associated with approaching and rounding marks of the course. Skippers should familiarise themselves with these rules which differ from those in the old book. They can save themselves from getting into holts with other contestants and with subsequent protests.

On Saturday the 11th, September the yachts of the fleet wore a black ribbon on their mainsail as a mark of sorrow and respect to our Late Hon. Life Member Mr. H.S. Lloyd, a member of long standing and a man admired and respected not only for his devotion to the Club, but also for his prowess as a skipper of "Waimea" and in later years "Waitere". Suitable remarks in an address by the Commodore at the meeting of Members on Wednesday were followed by the members standing for one minute in silence as token of respect and sympathy to his family and friends.

His family has expressed a wish that the Club accept a suitable trophy to perpetuate his long interest in Club affairs and his many happy years of racing with our fleet. The Club has indicated that it would be pleased to accept such a trophy and the Race Committee is at present considering the most suitable form of competition that should decide the winner.

Norm Beadle advises that there are two moorings available and boatowners wishing to use them should contact Ian Ralfe at 84-1541. Ian is also producing a large scale map with each mooring site clearly marked and complete sounding of the bay.

Slipping space is available and those who wish to use the slips should book well in advance with Geoff McCorquodale at 41-4143.

Boatshed enthusiasts turned out in force on Sunday morning recently and moved in for a clean-up blitz on the old shed, slip, apron and ramp. The working bee comprised :- Nick Cassim, Norm Beadle, Jack Stewart, Ian Ralfe, Geoff McCorquodale, John Rogers, Bill Gle, Bill Lawler and Son, David Arthy and Children, Jack Maynard, Rita and Children, Grant Crichton, John Pennells, Keith Spence, David Case, Larry Schneider, Garth Lukins, Max Taylor and Sons, Tony Ashleigh and Cliff Gale. The newly acquired First Aid Kit was put to good use patching up the casualties and a magnificent bonfire celebrated the end of a perfect morning. Ladies provided tea etc. for the workers who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and another event is being planned for the near future.

Cliff Gale who suffered a slight coronary recently and under advice was unable to get out in "Ranger" for the first race is now on the job again as a redoubtable skipper.

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soon when he gets all that new gear working.

Bill Gale is still operating that "Skipper Advice" pool for those new skippers who feel that a little expert advice will help them around the course, interested skippers should contact him at 74-3419.

Y.A. Delegate Stewart Chambers is off again to the U.K. and other points west for the C.S.R., he expects that he will be away about six weeks.

David Arthy has purchased Alan Moore designed and built 32ft sloop "Beguine" which he will race later in the season when he has got to know the ropes and feel of her.

Ross Moxham has purchased 22ft J.O.G. sloop which is now moored at the Club.

Grant Crichtons steel "Questing" looks very well and alterations made by him make her the best looking and finished steel yacht on the harbour. Her yawl rig is very pleasing to the eye particularly her mizzen staysail and other extras add a variety to the scene.

Jack Stewart's "Vene" must be the most improved boat in the second division. In spite of the handicap penalties she keeps showing up at the finish amongst the places.

Ernie Merrington has been elected Vice President of the Y.A. N.S.W. again and Bob Warren will function as Publicity Officer. The Directors have confirmed their appointment as official delegates to that body. Nick Cassim and Stewart Chambers will act as alternate delegates.

John Jackson reminds members that the social event of the season is the Commodore's Flag Night, separate notices have already been sent to all members. The Clubhouse will be open to the ladies and friends on Flag Day 9th, October during the afternoon and tea will be provided with refreshments for guests and visitors. Competing yachtsmen from other Clubs are invited to moor at the Clubhouse after the races, a tender service will be provided and visiting yachtsmen are invited to come ashore for refreshments.

On Friday November 19th, a Dinner Dance will be held at the Captains Tavern, in George Street, near Bridge Street. The Tavern will be closed to the general public on this night, and free parking for members will be available.

November 27th, the "Idle Hour" trophy the Clubs Night Afloat-guaranteed tender service available for all members.

"Foam", Stephen Lloyd's H28 ketch is for sale and interested persons should contact him at 42-2239. He is now the owner of "Waitere" and will be entering her with our first division. No, that big blue spinnaker is not for sale.

Mosman Amateurs have again advised that they are conducting Junior Sailing Training classes and will welcome the children of our members. A copy of the letter received from that Club is on our Notice Board

The Planning Committee has now been formed and will comprise:- Commodore N.G. Cassim, Bruce Cameron, Col. Crisp, Mark Vines, Jim Middleton, Bob Skinner, and Bill Merrington. It is expected that the first meeting will take place at an early date.

Three new members have been admitted to the Club: R.S. Miller who sails with "S'Chione", B.G. Ironsides skipper of "Tarpon" and P.T. Singer part owner of "Julyanne"