

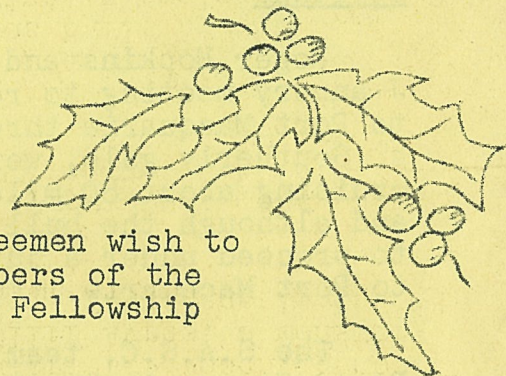
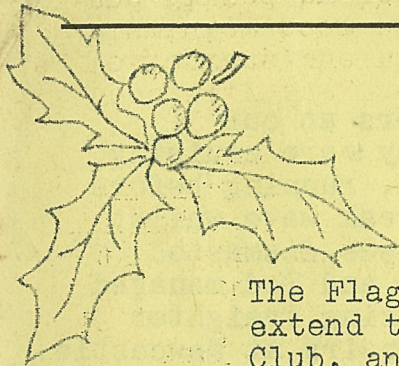


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The Flag Officers, Directors and Committeemen wish to extend the Season's Greetings to all members of the Club, and wish them Good Racing and Club Fellowship for 1968.

A QUICK LOOK AT A YACHT - "CAPRICE"

What makes a winning yacht? According to Naval Architect Warwick Hood, twenty per cent of the yacht's performance is in the hull form, and forty per cent each in the sails and gear, skipper and crew.

The leader of the First Division point score to date is "Caprice" owned and skippered by Harry Pfeiffer. She is certainly a winning yacht, with four Club Gold Medals and Jubilee Plate 1 together with many other races to her credit.

"Caprice" was designed by Fife of Scotland and built to this design by Lucas in Hobart in 1900. Her present owner claims that she is the oldest yacht now being raced continuously in Sydney.

L O A 32'0" L W L 21'0" Beam 8'6" Draft 6'0" with 3 tons of lead external ballast, she is constructed of Huon Pine and presents smooth topsides at any time of the season; Harry claims that she never works and does not leak. This is possibly due to the unusual construction; the planks are grooved with mating concave and convex edges, otherwise caulked as normal for carvel hulls. She is still one of the prettiest yachts in our fleet.

Re-rigged last winter, she now presents a new facade, with shorter bumpkin and boom, elimination of the backstay outrigger installed when she was originally Bermudan rigged. She still wears the same oregon mast installed then. With a new mainsail with a greater roach, genoa and jibtopsail all in sparkling white dacron by Cliff Ayres, a monster pale blue spinnaker of $\frac{3}{4}$ oz cloth and about 1000 sq. feet, she is indeed a formidable flyer.

Purchased from Arthur Stone in 1928 by John Taylor Cooke, she has remained in the family ever since.

There are several interesting features in her rig; she has solid Monel shrouds and stays which the family have fabricated and tested specially for the yacht. A mainsheet traveller was built by the boys to replace the three block sheeting that was originally employed. Aluminium boom and personalised roller reefing gear were also contrived and fitted by the boys.

What makes her so successful? Anyone in the First Division will tell you that it is not only the boat and gear but that the skipper and crew are expert in their fields. Harry is an expert and wily skipper and his two boys Mike and Tony have not only sailed in her for as long as they

The whole family is vitally interested in "Caprice" and on occasions clock the times of the yacht and other competitors from the foreshores, providing comparative times for the fleet at the various marks.

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JOTTINGS

Roger Hopkins and Ted Rayment will be guest speakers at our January meeting to recount their experiences when they were cruising to Port Macquarie three weeks ago on "Gallivanter" and, running before a Southerly gale, were rolled completely over in a freak wave whilst cruising about 80 miles off the coast. "Gallivanter" was dismasted and although the hull was not seriously damaged, Roger and Ted managed to proceed under a jury rig till taken in tow by a passing freighter to Port Macquarie. "Gallivanter" is now undergoing repairs at Newcastle.

The S.A.S.C. team for the C.Y.C. Commodore's Trophy, comprising Bruce Cameron's "Wathara", Nick Cassim's "Lolita" and Bill Psaltis' "Lass o'Luss" are doing well after the first race. We wish them luck and good sailing for the next event - the Hobart race.

Bob Skinner would like to hear from any member who has a child sailing a small boat of his own, and who is at present sailing out of some place other than our Boatshed. He feels that we could arrange accommodation for their boats at Cremorne, and would like interested members to ring him at 96-6680.

The "Idle Hour" Trophy and night afloat was held at Quarantine as usual, and about 60 attended. The Trophy was won and received in traditional style by David Case and crew of "Naiad". The race was probably the longest on record, with most of the fleet spending the best part of the afternoon without wind at the Obelisk Bay mark.

Trophy winners were :-

THUNDERBIRD Division	"Christina", Dick Christian
BLUEBIRD "	"Malloha", Chas. Phipps
FLYING FIFTEENS	"Mijah III", H. Trounson
1st Division	"Naiad", David Case
2nd Division	"Temptress", P. Waites
3rd Division	"Carinya", George Brackenbury
4th Division	"Sweet Morgan", Ern Slocombe

Fifty children attended the Christmas party at the Clubhouse on December 3rd, and Santa arrived in the Club tender. Hugh Nossiter gave an entertaining display of magic and Michael Moxham sang ballads and folk songs.

New member P. W. Dulhunty hopes to expand the Flying Fifteen fleet with fibreglass hulls that he will make, using the English wooden hull he is importing as a mould.

W. G. Rice won his first race with us in his new Holmes designed "Extended Twister" "Samiel" from scratch in the THIRD Division.

H. McCauley won his first race in his Hood "23" "Sunray".

The Fourth Division had a record turnout of 13 yachts on the 23rd November - all yachts finished within 5 minutes!