



MAY 1968

E. C. "CLIFF" GALE

On Tuesday 23rd April, "Cliff" Gale passed quietly away in his eighty-second year.

Well known in Sydney's yachting circles, Cliff achieved the supreme attainment of becoming a "legend in his own time". Deferred to in all questions relating to any aspect of yachting, whether it was design, performance, courses or tactics, Cliff was the subject of numerous newspaper articles in which he has been referred to as Mr. Yachting.

Hon. Life Member, Committeeman, Club Captain, and Commodore of the S.A.S.C. which he served so well during his term of 58 years' membership, Cliff not only sailed his courses with consummate skill but was able and pleased to help any fellow yachtsman with advice and practical demonstrations on all problems confronting a budding skipper.

His designs of yachts are famous on the Harbour and there are many variations of his famed "Ranger", a design that he produced in many different dimensions and styles. Some are famous for their cruises throughout the East coast of Australia.

Unquestionably the best known personality on the Harbour, Cliff brought considerable prestige and status to the Amateurs. With Cliff has also passed a link with an era in yachting of gaff-rigged yachts, topsails, long bowsprits and beamy hulls.

To Cliff's family we extend our sincere sympathy.

We also note with deep regret the passing of Mrs. M. Robson, wife of C.W. Robson, past Commodore of the S.A.S.C. from 1934 to 1938, Delegate to the Yachting Racing Association and also Committeeman.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Robson family

YACHT REGISTER

The register of the Amateur Sail Numbers is again being brought up to date. Would any member who has SOLD his yacht, or who has decided he no longer needs it, please advise the Racing Secretary in writing.

Members who are selling their yachts are reminded that they MUST remove the sail numbers.

Members who have Y.A. sail numbers with no prefix letter, must have their yacht listed on a Club register, i.e. it must be listed by ONE of the Royal Clubs or S.A.S.C. or M.H.Y.C. etc. Members who only belong to S.A.S.C. and have a Y.A. number MUST have it recorded on our register. This particularly applies to Thunderbirds, Flying Fifteens, etc. If you are affected, please ring Geoff McCorquodale at home 41-4043 or business 635-8199.

BOATSHED

The new slipway is now available to members for their use; bookings can be made with Tony Ashleigh - it is recommended that members wishing to avail themselves of the use of the slip, which will haul out any yacht on our register, to get in for an early booking. It is anticipated that there will be some times when we can fit a booking in. Particular emphasis is made on the fact that heavier bookings will be made towards the beginning of the next season, and skippers who are planning special work should make an early booking.

A working-bee concreted the apron piece on the new slipway on Sunday 20th April and comprised: J Jackson, W. Gale, F Talbot, H Jackson, W Lawler R Hopkins, C Iacono, D Cox, T Case, J Maynard, J Aldous, B Skinner, G. Brackenbury, M Ormsby, M Tayler, B Cranna.

The twelve Rosman moorings recently acquired by the Club have been serviced and are now in first class condition.

K Spence wired the motor and controls for the new slip and the Committee express their thanks to him for his work.

We still have several moorings vacant and will welcome any inquiry for a mooring.

RACING

The Racing Committee held a Skippers' Meeting in the Clubhouse on Wednesday 24th April and several suggestions were received regarding windward starts and finishes, a special course for Westerly winds and consideration will be given to them at the next racing Committee meeting.

The Yachting Association Programmes meeting was held on 29th May.

Our season commences on Saturday 31st August, 1968.

CLUBHOUSE/SOCIAL

Final details for the Prize-giving have been decided. The presentation of the Point Score certificates, minor prizes will be made at the Clubhouse on Friday 10th May at 8.00 p.m.

Annual Dinner - to be held in the Hunter Room at the Wentworth Hotel on Thursday 30th May, the guest speaker to be Sir Harry Alderson who will be accompanied by some of the Olympic crewmen.

Annual Ball - To be held in the Ballroom of the Wentworth Hotel on 29th June commencing at 8.30 p.m. The tickets will cost \$5.00 and will include free parking in the Hotel parking area.

JOTTINGS

Although the late Cliff Gale was not able to take the helm of "Ranger" on many occasions recently, on our Closing Day he managed to bring her home first; by a strange co-incidence, his first race with the Amateurs was on a similar Closing Day

New yachts which will race with us next season -

.Lew Wildman, famed as Bluebird skipper from recent years, has purchased "Unilass" a 34ft Flyer famous for its performance at Pittwater. He hopes to race her in the First Division.

.Hugh Jackson is re-fitting a reverse sheer 32' sloop mast head rigged of a similar design to the "Temptress", but built and designed in Melbourne - also to race in the First Division.

.George Musgrove and Tony Wheeler are purchasing the 20ft day sailer "Scimitar" designed by Samson Roe and previously sailed in the M.H.Y.C. She will be sailing in the Fourth Division.

.Bruce Ironside has purchased the 18th "Tarpon" a half decked yacht which is fitting out with new sails.

.Terry Royce-Smith will be racing "Rika" with the Fourth Div. next season, after he has modified her hull and rigging.

."Beau" Egan will race his 28ft Boro designed steel sloop with our fleet. He is now fitting her out with Tasker sails & spars.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

.John Peter Boyer of Bellevue Hill, who owns Thunderbird "Tara" and wishes to sail with the Club.

.John Philip Bragg of Cremorne, owner of "Bolero" on the Club moorings.

.Dr Rodney Clark of Double Bay, owner of Bluebird "Paxeka" which he has been racing with the Amateurs in the season just finished.

.John Ernest Dunlop Goldie of Castlecrag, part owner of Bluebird "Taluna"

.Alaric Havvatt of Wollstonecraft, owner of Bluebird "Sintra" which he hopes to race with the Club next season

.Prof. Frank Rees Magarey of Darling Point, owner of "Dinah" and well-known to Club members with whom he has been sailing in the Fourth Division since the middle of 1966/67 season.

.David Wilson of Darling Point who has had some sailing experience and would very much like to crew for somebody in the coming season.

We extend a very cordial welcome to all these new Amateurs.