

APRIL 1970

Thank you for your understanding reception of the 'blasts' and amateur philosophy that have appeared in this column over the months. Please appreciate that it is only someone with the abnormal number of shortcomings as your editor, who is able to write with such first-hand knowledge! However, it's been a great Season which we have all enjoyed very much. More boats have been racing in the Club than previous years, with relatively fewer protests - this surely speaks for itself - it's a fitting time to think of those who have made all this possible.

We have received concise, up-to-date racing instructions each week - thanks to the hard work of Peter Gregory our racing Secretary and Mrs. Kartzoff, major domo of the office. Rationalisation of courses and the overall planning of our sailing activities by Geoff McCorquodale and his Sailing Committee perhaps are responsible for the greatest contribution to our pleasure.

The Divisional handicappers, who assiduously watch all boats, often at the expense of their own racing performance, and despite weekly threats of assassination, manage to make remarkably good estimates of weather conditions, weed on the bottom, sobriety of the crew, conditions of rig, design of hull, etc.

The Starting Boat, manned by Jack Millard, Don Skinner, Geoff Cambridge and crew - 'those who have to wait behind' - are looked upon to foretell the weather with the accuracy of Charon, have the X-ray vision of Cyclops and the computer mind of Speed Gordon.

On behalf of all members we thank you most sincerely for your efforts.

RACING

The Point Score will start again sometime next September, for it is all wrapped up for this season! The results are as follows :-

	First	Second	Third	Winner Summer Point Score
THUNDERBIRDS Scratch	KALDARI R Wilson	LARRIKEN L&K Schneider	THUNDERBIRD F Wrobel	KALDARI R Wilson
THUNDERBIRDS Handicap	KALDARI R Wilson	THUNDERBIRD F Wrobel	LARRIKEN L&K Schneider	THUNDERBIRD F Wrobel
BLUEBIRDS Scratch	IMPALA K Tindall	ROEBUCK RANSA	TALUNA JJacob/JGoldie	IMPALA K Tindall
BLUEBIRDS Handicap	TALUNA JJacob/JGoldie	IMPALA K Tindall	ROEBUCK RANSA	PATRICIA RANSA
No. 1 DIV	MORAG BHEAG D Maclurcan	WAIMEA J H Freeman	MERINDA G Nott	MORAG BHEAG D Maclurcan
No. 2 DIV	YOLANDA T Hudson	GYMEA H Baldwin	TILLIARA B Wild	YOLANDA T Hudson
No. 3 DIV	MAID MARYKE T Selby	DELPHIS K Spence	MEGAN E Finckh	DELPHIS K Spence
No. 4 DIV	CAPRICCIO E R Taylor	THRESHER E North	INVESTIGATOR RANSA	THRESHER E North
No. 5 DIV	PANIA M Alexander	RIKI T Royse-Smith	CHANSON R Moxham	RIKI T Royse-Smith

Closing Day is on Saturday ¹⁸ 21st April, then you can start that winter refit. (and mow the lawn.. Asst.Ed.)

For Sale - "MAHITI" M H Sloop 36'x12'x5'3" moored RMYC Pittwater. Carvel hull, spotted gum below water line, pine topsides, built 1939. Diesel motor reconditioned last 12 mths: new

Bob Brown Trophy - Now in its 13th year, this season's race can best be described as an endurance test for the yachtsmen intent on spending Easter in Broken Bay; approximately nine hours' sailing brought the fleet of 12 yachts to Coasters Retreat with the one notable exception of "NOUS" which arrived at 9.10am after stopping off for bacon and eggs on the way!

Light conditions and uncomfortable seas kept the crews awake and enabled them to witness the remarkable sight of Bennett's Comet in the eastern sky. The race was won by "ASTON" from "CARINYAH", with "NIMBUS" in third place. (No doubt suitable adjustments to handicaps will be made for 1971)

The prize-giving and barbecue held at Fishermans Beach on Saturday night drew a goodly crowd of racing and cruising Amateurs and their families - Sailing Committee Chairman Geoff McCorquodale presented the prizes, and his debut in this capacity will be remembered for his opening story of the Mayor and the flushing chain..

A strong southerly on Easter Monday kept potential Kelly Cup contenders sheltering in the lee of Coasters Retreat, the one lone yachtsman who did return to Sydney described the voyage as sheer madness - probably a combination of weather and the aftermath of too much socialising!

Skippers' Meeting - will be held on Wednesday April, following a very brief general meeting. Bring your crew to a PRAWN SUPPER, at a charge of \$1.00 per head. Come ready to argue on courses, handicaps, penalties for winning, number of club races, Regattas, point scores, and all kindred topics!

The Yacht Register - is being brought up to date for the Annual Report, and for the YA Year Book. If you are NOT using the A number listed in your name, please inform Geoff McCorquodale at once. If you are NOT listed in the Supplementary Register, and wish to be, please write to the Club giving details. If you have sold the boat now listed in the Supplementary Register, please notify us at once!

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

The big event of the year - Northcott Day - was enjoyed by all, despite a brief shower in the afternoon. The kids, God bless 'em, like the namesake of their school, stood ten feet tall (luckily they don't weigh in comparison!) The organisation was excellent, as also the roll-up of volunteer helpers of both stronger and weaker sex.

It is gratifying to note the growing sphere of influence of this occasion - quite outside the precincts of the Club. Perhaps this is indicated by the increasing number of unsolicited donations we receive - 30 doz. bottles of soft drink (surplus delivered back to the school), case of apples, boxes of icecream, potato chips, green vegetables, sausages, tomato sauce and other food stuffs, the use of the pontoon, fairyfloss machine, fishing lines, etc. It becomes very obvious that our efforts to help the children are generating a great deal of support. Unfortunately a virus of some sort going through the school, had prevented some of the starters from attending. Nevertheless we had 56, and the question naturally arises - considering the pleasure it gives the children, and the response of the members and supporters to this very worthy cause, are we underestimating the number we could cater for?

Second Item: we hope you had a good time at the Killara 680 Coffee Theatre last Thursday?

Third Item: The reference last month to "Wine & Spirit Merchants Assn." should have read "Wine & Brandy Producers Association" -our apologies for any inconvenience.

BOATSHED COMMITTEE

We are concerned that, as the Season draws to a close, the slipways and workshop are not being used to capacity. This revenue-producing source materially affects the Club's finances, consequently :-

MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE - the boatshed is happy to do work for non-members as well, the following charges to apply as from 1st April 1970 :-

SERVICE

Moorings

MEMBERS
8c per foot

NON-MEMBERS
10c per foot

Slipping

1st day including slipping
Subsequent days

\$4.50
\$1.50

\$7.50
\$2.50