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NEWSLETTER

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FLAG OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR YEAR 1978/79

We are pleased to report that the following Flag Officers and Directors have been elected to office for the year 1978/79 -

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| COMMODORE | - | Mr. Colin F. Crisp | (H) 90 1774 | (W) 929 0255 |
| VICE COMMODORE | - | Mr. Victor W. Dibben | (H) 683 1535 | (W) 428 5277 |
| REAR COMMODORE | - | Mr. John Tomasetti | (H) 42 4997 | (W) 29 1784 |
| HON. SECRETARY | - | Mr. Geoffrey Paton | (H) 451 3284 | (W) 682 2111 |
| HON. TREASURER | - | Mr. Frederick Bevis | (H) 428 1655 | (W) 648 4800 |
| IMMED. PAST COMMODORE | - | Mr. Brian Woods | (H) 59 5869 | (W) 516 8905 |
| DIRECTORS | - | Dr. Frank Buckley | (H) 90 1554, | (W) 90 6116 |
| | | Mr. Colin Bull | (H) 969 3495 | (W) 439 0066 |
| | | Mr. John Jeremy | (H) 326 1779 | (W) 827 9201 |
| RACING CHAIRMAN | - | Mr. Charles Maclurcan | (H) 90 4664 | (W) 909 2144 |
| | | Mr. A.W. Merrington | (H) 42 3231 | (W) 660 1291 |
| | | Mr. W.G. Muir | (H) 982 1583 | (W) 99 1105 |
| | | Mr. A. Prigge | | |
| | - | Mr. R.L. Skinner | (H) 969 9680 | (W) 439 8388 |

It is with pleasure that we advise members that for the first time a Lady has been chosen to the position of Hon. Racing Secretary, Miss Rosemary Hay, who may be contacted on (H) 969 6835 and (W) 26 2585.

Whilst on the subject of Directors, I would mention that one of our new Directors is, unfortunately, on the sick list in Royal North Shore Hospital. I am sure all members good wishes are with him and hope he has a very speedy recovery and will be seen back at the Amateurs very soon.

GENERAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 1978

We are pleased to advise members that at our August meeting we have as our guest speaker Mr. David Hooker who will tell us about Seaplanes.

Mr. Hooker, in addition to his normal activities, also conducts a search and rescue patrol, and we are sure he will be most interesting.

Members and their guests are most welcome to come along.

CRUISING COMMITTEE

For the benefit of all members, a Cruising Division has been formed within the Club. The first meeting of this Committee was held on 25th July, 1978 and the main objective is to assist you appreciate the enjoyment of cruising - be it to a rendezvous in the Harbour or at Pittwater, or a Group Cruise along the coast. It was noted that a number of members new to the yachting scene are apprehensive at putting to sea for a cruise to, say, Pittwater. With this in mind the Committee have adopted an initial programme of educational evenings. The dates and topics for which are:

30th August, 1978	Cruising Philosophy	Safety at Sea
13th September, 1978	Coastal Navigation) Suitable speakers are yet to be arranged
27th September, 1978	Coastal Navigation	

- Other planned topics are
- a) The Ideal Cruising Boat
 - b) Interpretation of Charts

Obviously, these meetings will be of interest to all Club members, with either a racing or cruising bias and we look forward to seeing you.

The Committee is also seeking your ideas by way of joint discussion topics, rendezvous points, etc. Any member would be glad to talk to you and can be contacted, preferably after hours:

Dr. Frank Talbot - Chairman	-	A58 "Rainbird of Sydney"	(H) 427 2664
Mr. Geoff Paton - Secretary	-	A113 "Peagreen"	(H) 451 3284
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Bradley	-	A93 "Salamis"	(H) 90 3686
Mr. Max Miller	-	1479 "Mouette"	(H) 451 9879
Mr. John Ward	-	440 "Intrinsic"	(H) 969 6757

CRUISING EDITOR

We would like to find a Cruising Editor to keep members informed on the happenings within the Club and around town. If you are one of those with an ear to the ground, know 'who of interest' is in town, can get 'snippets' of information from those who 'cruise the world', and generally can let the members know what the Division is doing, we would like your help.

METRE DIVISION

A pre-season meeting of the Metre Division will be held on Friday 1st September, 1978 at the Clubhouse at 8.00 p.m.

All members and any other people interested will be more than welcome. Please note this date in your diary.

AMATEUR BASE RADIO

All members who have purchased the Handic Marine Radios will be interested to know we now have a call sign which is VH2CVT, or Amateur Base as is being used at the moment.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform any members who have anticipated purchasing a radio that there are only two left, so if anyone is interested it is suggested you contact the Club.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Just a mention that at the above general meeting Mr. John Anderson of North Sails who is well known in the sailing world, will talk to us on sails and sailing. John has just returned from sailing in the Hawaiian series and we are sure those present at the meeting will enjoy listening to him.

- ANCHORING -

The following article on anchoring by Ronn Barr and published in the "Cruising World" is reprinted as it is a subject not often discussed but often thought about.

"WITH PATIENCE, PREPARATION AND PRUDENCE, LYING AT ANCHOR SELDOM"
HAS TO BE A DRAG.

The crowded anchorage off the Annapolis Boat Show is bursting at the seams. Above the bows of my ketch Snow Shoe looms the rear end of a two-storey yellow duplex with embryonic mast and boom. A figure in matching yellow slicker boots looks down at me, somewhat contemptuously I imagine, as I feel a sense of insignificance no doubt bred by the considerable difference in our respective elevations. Discarding the idea of climbing up the mast to continue the conversation, I carry on: "Are you sure you are not dragging?"

"I never drag," comes the confident voice from above. "In 20,000 miles of cruising I have never dragged." Such confidence is awe-inspiring, and I meekly respond that I wish I could say the same, and let out another 30' of scope to stay well clear of him.

The following day dawns cloudy and wet; the winds of the passing front blow steadily with increasing strength, veering to the north. In the early afternoon I am not sure of our holding and lay out another rode at about 45 degrees to the first. As I walk back to the cockpit I see our yellow two-storied companion approaching the old Trumpy yard stern first and with nary a soul in sight. Hailing a passing dory, I ask them to alert the motorboat's crew as to their plight.

As I watch, the mother and several children stumble on deck, their T.V. session below disturbed by the doryman's hull thumping. There is immediate but surprising activity on the foredeck. Taking up the anchor line on a powerful windlass, they achieve little more than a slight acceleration toward the docks, by now a mere 50 yards away. Meanwhile enter stage right (returning from a trip ashore) the owner of the "voice from above", innocently chugging along in his whaler. Looking up, he suddenly becomes aware of the situation and with a roar from the outboard, comes flying past my stern. I wave him a cheery "hello" (ignored), and I reluctantly admit to feeling a certain smugness.

Starting the engine a few yards from the docks, he motors up to re-anchor, but for some reason his efforts are thwarted and he finally motors out of the harbour, the strengthening gusts of wind flattening against his excessive top hamper and heeling the boat heavily as it passes the Academy lawns. As far as I was concerned, the only way to leave the harbour that day was by bus, and I did not envy him his journey.

The sea demands patience, preparation and prudence, well tempered with caution. Woe be unto the overconfident. In the matters of patience and caution I cannot help the reader, but as to preparation and prudence applied to the art of happy anchoring, perhaps I can offer some advice based upon years of trial and error. Planning ahead is as important in anchoring as in any other aspect of seamanship, and selecting an anchorage is the first step. Poring over the charts at the start of a cruise, the wise man will mentally note possible anchorages, both for emergency use in the event of inclement weather, and for a snug overnight haven. With practice, the desirable features of a good anchorage will become apparent from a chart and this experience can be supplemented by advice from the local pundits, cruising guides and the like - all taken with a good pinch of sea salt.

In the final analysis, what you know to be true from your own experience should be the deciding factor. It's no good screaming imprecations at the author of the guide that described your "protected little cove" but forgot to mention that the bottom was so covered with old boots and bottles that holding was impossible, when you find yourself hurtling towards the beach in a stiff norther with all anchors dragging.

Due to lack of space this article, because of it's length, and because it is such an interesting one, will be continued in further issues of the "News" until the whole article has been published.

MEMBERSHIP

The following applicants for membership were approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting held on 2nd August, 1978:

- Gary A. Douglas - Ordinary Member
- James R. Downs - Provisional Member
- Gregory W. Halls - Ordinary Member
- Sen Perich - Provisional Member
- Noel B. Priestley - Ordinary Member
- Michael H. Wallace - Provisional Member
- Dr. Raymond J. Wilson - Provisional Member

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP
FROM PROVISIONAL TO ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

- Mr. James Davern
- Mr. John Morris
- Mr. John Rickard

APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Robert G. Allan - Ordinary Member
- Jane R. Castle - Junior Associate
- Norman Castle - Provisional Member
- Roger Charlesworth - Ordinary Member
- Ami Cohen - Provisional Member
- Paul T. Franks - Ordinary Member
- Mr. John R. McDonnell - Ordinary Member
- Gary Stavrou - Ordinary Member
- Robert J. Stonnard - Ordinary Member
- Philip C. Woodhill - Ordinary Member

CREWS FOR YACHTS

A register of those interested in crewing is maintained in the Club office and any member hearing from anyone, male or female, who would like to do so, is invited to have the name of the intending crew recorded in the register, with their telephone number or address and experience. Members requiring crew are also invited to contact the Club office and ascertain if crew is available.

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