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**Cover:**

*Maluka* amongst  
the melee of  
yachts less than  
a minute before  
the start of the  
Sydney to Hobart  
Yacht Race

(Photo John Jeremy)

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# COMING EVENTS

February 2015

## SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2015

Super 30 MHYC Sprint Series, point score race for Classic Divisions and Cruiser Racer Division long series

## SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015

RANSA Regatta

## SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2015

Point score races for Super 30 Cup, Super 30 Gold Cup, Classic Divisions and Cruiser Racer Division short and long series

## SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2015

Point score race for Non-spinnaker Division and Classic Non-spinnaker Division

## THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015

Classic Twilight race

## SATURDAY 7 AND SUNDAY 8 MARCH 2015

Sydney Harbour Regatta and Pittwater Classic Yacht Regatta

## SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015

Point score race for Super 30 Cup, Classic Divisions and Cruiser Racer long and short series

## SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2015

Point score race for Non-spinnaker Division and Classic Non-spinnaker Division

## SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2015

Point score races for Super 30 Cup, Super 30 Gold Cup, Classic Divisions, Cruiser Racer Division long series and Cavalier 28 Division

## FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2015

Last Friday Twilight race

## SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015

Point score races for Super 30 Cup, Super 30 Gold Cup, Classic Divisions, Cruiser Racer Division short and long series and Cavalier 28 Division. Summer Trophy Day

## THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2015

Bob Brown Trophy Race

## SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2015

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## SIGNALS FROM THE COMMODORE

This year has commenced as a great year to celebrate all things Amateurs. The little club on the Harbour with a big spirit has started the year with some great achievements by its members.

The Australia Day Honours List recognised and celebrated the contribution of John Jeremy for significant service to the preservation and celebration of naval and maritime history. John's extraordinary contribution to the broad maritime community since 1960 has been amazing with his great skill and expertise in actively advising and participating in many key organisations covering shipbuilding, defence, sailing, education and heritage. His efforts in sharing all this contribution is documented through publishing books and as editor of industry newsletters and journals. This is one of the great maritime-record keeping undertakings and we all appreciate as we learn from new developments and history shared. For the Amateurs his extensive and meticulous collection of photos is a continual delight to all — if a publication is worth reading then it will have a John Jeremy photo in it! John, on behalf of The Amateurs congratulations on being awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

The 179th Australia Day Regatta (John Jeremy AM as Management Committee Chairman) was another spectacular day on the Harbour. The Regatta start/finish was to the east of the flagship HMAS *Canberra* which was hosting the vice-regal function for the day. The overcast and wet conditions kept many pleasure craft away giving the yachts a clear course to pursue. The SASC was well represented on the water and the Clubhouse was brimming with post-race celebration.

Brothers Peter and James Bevis (sons of past Commodore Fred Bevis) battled each other as crew in the 2015 Flying Dutchman Worlds hosted by the RSYS between 3–9 January, Peter on AUS7 and James on AUS359. Both had a very successful regatta with AUS359 being awarded the 'oldest boat with the best outcome' (how appropriate for a boat sailed by a member of the Amateurs) and AUS7 the current National Champions and finishing 5th overall in the worlds. Congratulations to the Bevis brothers.

The Sydney to Hobart closed out 2014 with much excitement as those on terra firma closely monitored the yachts heading south on Yacht Tracker. Congratulations to *Ariel* which finished 3rd overall on IRC and *Maluka of Kermandie* which finished 11th overall. A deserved and great result for the yachts demonstrating their crew skills.

The year has commenced with some very inspiring moments for some great Amateurs members and may all Amateurs members enjoy their own inspiring moments on the Harbour this year.

*Liam Timms*





Photos John Jeremy

The Australia Day Regatta sponsor's beautiful Rolls Royce Wraith brightened an otherwise gloomy morning at the RSYS on 26 January (above)

Peter Scott and Marni Raprager absorbing a different view of Circular Quay from the deck of HMAS Canberra (below)





Photo John Jeremy

The Australia Day Ferrython nearing the finish (above)

The Governor of NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley taking the Salute to Australia on board HMAS Canberra (below)

RAN Photograph





Photos Steve Oom

The Governor talking to the members of the young choir after the salute to Australia (above)

The yachts taking part in the ballet had clearly been practicing to great effect (below)





Photo Steve Oom

The view from HMAS Canberra's flight deck as she began her move from Circular Quay to Point Piper to take her position as Flagship of the Australia Day Regatta





Photo Steve Oom

Duelling tugs (above) as coloured smoke signalled the end of the yacht ballet (below)

RAN Photograph





HMAS Canberra secured to the Point Piper mooring as Flagship of the 179th Australia Day Regatta

# 179TH AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

February 2015

Sixty three years after the 60-foot ketch *Wraith of Odin* contested her first of five Sydney to Hobart ocean races, she won the Division 1 (Classic Yacht, non-spinnaker) race in the 179th Australia Day Regatta on Sydney Harbour.

by  
*Peter Campbell*

Skipped by owner Keith Glover and carrying her original sail number 'CYCA 55', *Wraith of Odin* finished second around the course to Nigel Stoke's *Fidelis*, the 66-foot line honours winner of the 1966 Sydney Hobart.

On corrected time *Wraith of Odin* won the race from John Sturrock's *Eudoria* and Bill Loader's *Wathara*, a Dublin Bay 24. A fleet of 11 sailed in the division, including other former ocean racing yachts as *Fidelis*, *Vittoria*, *Mister Christian* and *Southerly*.

*Wraith of Odin* was built in 1949–50 in the Forster-Tuncurry area of Northern New South Wales by highly regarded master builder Alf Johansson for Dr Brian O'Brien from Sydney, to a design by the famous US yacht designer John Alden of Boston.

Brian and Dagmar O'Brien had sailed their earlier yacht, *Conella*, in the second Sydney Hobart Race in 1946 but were forced to retire from the race. However, it gave Mrs O'Brien the honour of being one of the first two women to sail in the now famous race, the other being Jane (Jenny) Tate from Hobart who sailed with her husband Horrie on *Active*.

*Wraith of Odin*  
approaching the  
finish (below)

Photo John Jeremy



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Dagmar O'Brien sailed several more races with her husband on *Wraith of Odin*, even taking their three year old son Raud on the Sydney Hobart. Almost 50 years later, as only the second owner, Keith Glover bought *Wraith of Odin* from Dagmar O'Brien and has lovingly restored the classic ketch, the work being done by Ken and Colin Beashel in Elvina Bay.

Since owning *Wraith of Odin*, Glover has sailed her across the Tasman to contest the 2010 famous Oceanridge Auckland Anniversary Regatta Race, New Zealand's oldest nautical event.

The Australian yacht won the Division 1 trophy by just one second from the classic racing yacht *Rainbow*, owned and sailed by Brad Butterworth, the Kiwi America's Cup sailor. *Wraith of Odin* went on to win the series, believed to be the first Australian yacht to achieve this.

A fleet of almost 80 keelboats contested the 179th Australia Day Regatta, Australia's oldest nautical event on what could only be described as a 'gloomy' day with heavy cloud, rain showers and only light to moderate winds on Sydney Harbour.

The Division 2 (Classic non-spinnaker) race went to *Reverie*, John Barclay and Nigel Berlyn's gaff cutter, from the Ranger-class boat *Cherub* (M Pearse), third place on corrected time going to *Anonyma II* (Tony Curtis) which took fastest time.

In the fleet was *Kelpie*, the 122-year-old classic cutter skippered by Merrin Maple-Brown, which placed ninth on corrected time. *Kelpie*

Photo John Jeremy

*Defiance* (fore-ground) won Division 1 in the Regatta





Photos John Jeremy

Yachts in Division 1 (non-spinnaker) shortly after the start (above)

*Hick-up* and *Clewless?* sailed in Division 3, with *Hick-up* finishing second (below)





Photos John Jeremy

Familiar yachts sailing in Division 2 (non-spinnaker) (above)

*Fidelis* crossing the finish line (below)



is thought to be the oldest Australian-built yacht still racing actively in the nation.

*Brindabella*, arguably still the best remembered as line honours winner of a Sydney Hobart, got the gun in Division 3 (spinnaker) but placed last on corrected time. Two women helmed the first two boats on corrected time with the 8-metre class *Defiance*, skippered by Nicole Shrimpton winning from *Wine-Dark Sea*, steered by Sarah Goddard-Jones. Third place went to Charles Curran's *Sydney*.

Division 4 (spinnaker) went to *Yknot* (Stephen Brady) from *Hick-Up* (Bill Ure) and *James* (Ray Entwistle) while Division 5 (spinnaker) saw the Yngling *Black Adder*, skippered by Gary Pearse, score an outright win, taking corrected time by just 16 seconds from *Yertle* (Jan Newland), third place going to *Hornblower* (Steve Sweeney).

Division 6 (non-spinnaker) went to *Commercial Point Finance*, a Sydney 38 skippered by Larki Missiris, second place to Bruce Dickson's *Norske* and third to Chris Sligar's *Very Tasty*.

Division 7 (non-spinnaker) saw a win for *Mid Wicket* (David Kinsey) from *Magic* (Chris Manion), third going to John Conroy's *Star Ferry*, while in Division 8 (non-spinnaker) *Primary Wave*, skippered by Stephen McGrath, won a closely fought race for line and handicap honours from *Tempus Fugit* (Ian Forbes). Third place went to *Kotero* (Bob Walker).

The short ocean race segment of the 179th Australia Day Regatta for

*Mister Christian*  
and *Antara* ap-  
proaching the  
finish

Photo Steve Oom





Photos John Jeremy

*Tempus Fugit*

The Governor leaving the Flag-ship

the City of Sydney Sesquicentenary Trophy (handicap) and the Geoff Lee Trophy (line honours) was also the first post-Christmas race in the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's two summer series, the Ocean Pointscore and the Grant Thornton Short Ocean point score.

Sailing in a freshening southerly breeze, Michael Cranitch's *Triton* took line honours, but Tony Kirby's state-of-the-art Ker 46 *Patrice* had a double handicap victory in the Ocean Pointscore, winning the IRC Division from *About Time* (Julian Farren-Price) and *Triton*, and taking the ORCi Division from *About Time* and Paul Clitheroe's *Balance*.

Under PHS scoring the race went to Nev and Jo Blair's Beneteau 47.7, *Sports Bar*, from *Patrice* and *Chancellor* (Edward Tooher).

In the Grant Thornton Short Ocean Pointscore fleet, *Crusader* (Jonathan Green) won the PHS Division 1 from *Minerva* (Tim Cox) and *Stormaway* (J Stening/C Gunn) with third place going to *Justadash* (Philip Dash) which also took IRC honours, winning from Michael Cranitch's *Triton* and *Stormaway*.

In PHS Division 2 *Crosshaven* (Justin Pelly and Sean Rahilly) won from *Amante* (Dennis Cooper) and *Soundtrack* (John Amos).







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Photos John Jeremy

Like flies around a honey pot — boats watching the activity at the stern of HMAS *Canberra* (above)

The first landing craft load of visitors leaving the ship (below)





All photos John Jeremy

*Maris and Malohi taking part in the Parade of Sail before the start of the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race on 26 December. The parade comprised participants from many years in the 75 years of the event*



Sean Langman's *Maluka* and her crew all ready for sea as the start time approached.  
The story of her race will be told in the April edition of the SASC News



The big boats manoeuvring near start line 1 as the start time approached (above)

Start line 3 at the starting gun (below)





Ragamuffin 100 showing off her power and speed before the start of the 2014 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race

# USE OF CLUB FACILITIES

February 2015

Whilst wishing to continue to provide valuable, cost effective facilities for members to carry out maintenance and repairs on their boats, the Board of Directors has recently reviewed charges being levied on members using the facilities at the Green Shed as well as the use of outside contractors for work done on vessels moored at the clubhouse pontoon.

The Green Shed has proved to be an important location for members to do longer term work on their boats. However where members engage outside contractors for major repairs and upgrades to their vessels and those contractors utilise the Green Shed facilities for a period of time, it is important that we recover our costs and are not seen to be subsidising contractors at the expense of our own shipwright or others in the bay.

It is equally critical that when a member does engage an outside contractor, either Rod in the boatshed or Megan or Judy in the office is informed so as not to jeopardise our insurance arrangements or adversely affect our occupational safety and health policies.

From January 1st 2015 the new charges will be as follows:

## **1 Member's Use of the Green Shed**

- Flat rate of \$20 per day.
- Stays of more than three consecutive weeks must be booked in consultation with the Vice Commodore.
- All bookings must be made in advance with the SASC office.

## **2 Outside Contractors - Green Shed**

- When a member engages an outside contractor for work in excess of one day, the fee shall be \$50 per day.
- Members are required to notify Rod and/or the office if an outside contractor is engaged. Failure to do so will risk losing your privileges to utilise the Green Shed in future.
- All outside contractors must have their own insurance including public liability and provide details to Rod or the SASC office prior to commencement of any work.

## **3 Clubhouse Pontoon**

- No vessel shall be left unattended on the pontoon and/or overnight unless a mechanical or mooring issue or other emergency prevents the vessel being returned to its proper mooring.
- Either Rod or a Flag Officer must be notified if there is any reason for a boat being left unattended.

## **4 Outside Contractors - Clubhouse**

- A \$50 per day labour and services charge will be levied on members when outside contractors utilise the pontoon or other facilities at the club house or dinghy shed whilst carrying out work on members' vessels.
- This charge is in lieu of the previous policy of contractors invoicing the club and an additional 15% surcharge being added to the bill.
- Again members must advise Rod or the office if an outside contractor is engaged and the contractor must have their own insurances as for the Green Shed.

The Directors believe this to be a fairer and simpler payment arrangement allowing us to better recover costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities and provides a degree of parity between members utilising either the pontoon or Green Shed facilities.

*Bruce Dover*

Vice Commodore

# STORMY TWILIGHT



Photos John Jeremy

An impressive Summer storm passed over Mosman before the start of the twilight race on 5 December (above)

Despite the violence of the storm, the wind was light for the start (below)







Because of the dying wind, the course was shortened at Shark Island (above)

*Tanami*, *As You Do* and *Clewless?* drifting to the finish (below)





*Anitra V* had more help from the tide than the wind as she crept to the finish on 5 December

# NEW FERRIES FOR SYDNEY HARBOUR

February 2015

On 28 November last year the NSW Minister for Transport, Gladys Berejiklian, announced that the NSW Government will order six new modern ferries which will be some of the fastest in the fleet and have a similar look to the very popular First Fleet vessels on Sydney Harbour.

“The NSW Government is delivering new ferries as part of *Sydney’s Ferry Future*, our 20-year plan to modernise and expand Sydney’s ferry network,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“The new vessels will be some of the fastest on Sydney Harbour, and will be a modern version look and feel of the very popular First Fleet vessels which are loved by our customers, visitors and tourists.”

The concept design and specifications outlined in the tender were developed using feedback from customers, and expertise from the shipbuilding and maritime industries.

Tenders for the new inner harbour vessels close in February 2015. Detailed design and construction of the new ferries will begin next year, with the first vessel to be on the water in 2016, Ms Berejiklian said.

“Each ferry will carry up to 400 passengers and some of the great new features include large outdoor viewing areas, around 90 more seats than the current First Fleet vessels, two wide walk-around decks, wi-fi access and real-time journey information.”

The ferries will service all inner harbour routes, from Watsons Bay in the east to Cockatoo Island in the west, and will use new wharves such as Barangaroo which is expected to be completed in 2016. They will also be used to replace some older vessels in the fleet.



An impression of Sydney's new ferries



Photos John Jeremy

Flying Dutchmen were swarming on the Harbour in January during the World Championships conducted by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron



*Minerva* (AUS 7) sailed by Edward Cox and Peter Bevis in the thick of it during a start in the National Championships on 29 December (above)

*Invader* (AUS 359) sailed by Matthew Whitnall and James Bevis and *Minerva* cross tacks during the World Championships on 3 January (below)





Photos John Jeremy

*Celebrity Solstice* at the Athol Bight mooring on 22 December. She had moved there from Circular Quay to allow *Celebrity Century* to take her place at the Overseas Passenger Terminal. Both ships sailed that evening



The small cruise liner *L'Austral* visited the Athol mooring on 4 January

The super yacht *Secret*, owned by the heiress of the Walmart fortune, was a visitor to Sydney over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. She was built in 2013





Owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, *Octopus*, at 127 m long, is the fifteenth largest privately-owned yacht in the world. Built by Lurssen in Germany in 2003, she is built of steel with an aluminium superstructure, has a crew of 57 and can accommodate 26 guests in 41 suites. Her top speed is 20 knots and she has a range of 8,000 n miles. She carries a helicopter, an eight person submarine and seven tenders. The perfect 'tinnie', she dwarfed the Flying Dutchmen competing in the National and World Championships on Sydney Harbour





# PANAMA CANAL'S NEW PACIFIC LOCKS

February 2015

The first gate for the Panama Canal's new locks in the Pacific side was installed on 19 January after being carried to its final destination on self-propelled motorised-wheel transporters (SPMTs) with more than 400 wheels each, the Panama Canal Authority reported. The installation marks another milestone for the canal's expansion program, which is now 85 percent complete overall.

"Today's installation marks an important step towards the completion of the Expansion Program," said Panama Canal Administrator/CEO Jorge L. Quijano. "This project will have an important impact on world maritime trade and will further position Panama as the logistic hub for the Americas."

Located in what is known as lock-head one, the new gate is the first of eight which will be installed in the new locks at the Pacific side of the waterway. The steel rolling gate is 8 m wide, 57.6 m long and 22.28 m high and weighs 2,342 tonnes.

The installation of the gates for the new locks began in December 2014 at the Atlantic side, where two gates have already been installed.

Upon completion, the two new lock complexes will have a total of 16 gates, eight in the Pacific and eight in the Atlantic.

*Eric Haun*

The first Pacific-side lock gate being positioned



Panama Canal Authority photo

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## APROPOS OF RANGERS

For a sailor, it is hard to imagine Sydney Harbour without a Gale racing on or fishing its sparkling waters. For over a hundred years, the Gale name has been prominent in the design and enjoyment of wholesome, robust yachts tailor-made for this unique body of water.

The fulfilment of the development of Cliff Gale's conception is undoubtedly the "Ranger" style and its quality as a proper traditional yacht can be measured by the number still racing and cruising the waters of the NSW coast.

To add to the charm of these boats, they have all retained or returned to the original gaff rig even though the early lug rig has disappeared. The gaff rig give these beamy, roomy boats a turn of speed, especially in heavy weather, which comes as a great surprise to many of the "Moderns" which try to keep up.

However, it has always been an unanswered question in the back of Bill Gale's mind just how much the sailing qualities of the Rangers were influenced by shape, construction, rig and all the subtleties of design differences that each Ranger exhibits.

Despite years of racing against each other in Gaffers Days, Sunday Gaffers, and classic racing, the top racing Rangers had never been fairly matched in a strict "Sprint" series of races.

Rangers in action

Photo John Jeremy



It was not until the end of the 2013–14 racing season at SASC, when Bill retired from racing after over 60 years around the buoys, that he persuaded the owners and crews of the four “developed” Rangers *Vanity*, *Cherub*, *Vagrant* and *Ranger* herself to take part in a series of six short races, to windward and return, to finally sort out the riddle of what made these boats go.

The answer to these questions will not be found in this presentation. However we can come pretty close to unravelling these mysteries by carefully reading the masterly article by John Diacopoulos in the August 2014 *SASC News* analysing the results with humour and an insight only developed by years of campaigning another Gale creation, *Yeromais*. This little gaffer is renowned for having the most comprehensive wine cellar of any yacht in Sydney Harbour.

It was my privilege to sail as honorary ballast on *Vanity* in the first series of three races and *Cherub* in the second series.

To the casual observer, these two boats appear almost identical although the subtleties of line are masked by the contrast in hull colour, *Vanity* being ebony (black) and *Cherub* white. However the construction of these boats is very different. *Cherub* is similar to *Ranger* and *Vagrant*, being plank on frame and built in the 1940s, whereas *Vanity* is a more modern cold-moulded hull launched in 2001 with, what we would imagine, a better ballast ratio.

I am no yacht designer so to make some comparison of the performance of these two boats I did some basic sums which may or may not be statistically significant or valid.

Of the six races, *Vanity* beat *Cherub* in three and *Cherub* beat *Vanity* in three.

The sum of the elapsed times of the six races was 185 m 7 secs for *Vanity* and 183 m 1 sec for *Cherub*, leaving *Cherub* on average 21 secs faster than *Vanity* over this course in this series.

What do you make of that ?

All I can say is that these wonderful boats gave me the best two days of sailing I have ever experienced in a long career of enjoyable yachting.

Best of all, though, this historic series has been most beautifully recorded in an exquisite book of photographs by John Jeremy, the Beken of Sydney Harbour [*Steady on! Don't forget the wonderful contributions by Martin van der Wal, Sarah Scott and Judy Wogowitsch* — Ed.], with detailed description of the races by John Diacopoulos.

Bill Gale's contribution of classic historic photos of his father, Cliff and *Ranger* accompanied by stories of how it all began take us back to an era when sailing on Sydney Harbour was still an exciting adventure.

Mark Pearse, co-owner of *Cherub* with Peter Scott, has put all this together and designed a book which is a must for the library of anyone who loves sailing and the beauty of fine photography and classic yachts.

I have not listed all who have contributed to this book as they are more detailed in the text, but a call to the SASC office to secure a copy of this lovely work will be well rewarded\*\*.

*Philip Kinsella*

\*\*Subject to availability

## YOUNG ENDEAVOUR SETS SAIL

The Royal Australian Navy operated Sail Training Ship *Young Endeavour* set sail from Sydney on 22 December for a 12-month voyage, circumnavigating the globe.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Darren Chester, attended the departure from Fleet Base East, and spoke with members of the Royal Australian Navy crew and the 24 young Australians who will sail the ship on the first leg to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

“The navy crew and young Australians who set sail from Sydney today represent every Australian state and territory. During the next 12 months more than 200 young Australians will join one of eight voyages, sailing *Young Endeavour* to 16 countries on five continents,” Mr Chester said.

“Following a comprehensive scheduled refit, maintenance and work-up program, *Young Endeavour* is ready to undertake this exciting and challenging deployment.”

The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, AK, MC (Retd), who is patron of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, and Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer, CSC and Bar, RAN, joined family members for the departure ceremony, giving the crew of *Young Endeavour* a formal send off for their 55 day voyage to South America.

During the 12 month circumnavigation, *Young Endeavour* will visit New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, Spain, Malta, Greece, Turkey, France, England, Norway, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Cape Verde, the Canary Islands and South Africa.

*Young Endeavour* will return to Fremantle, Western Australia, on 23 December 2015 and arrive in Sydney in mid-April 2016 following youth development voyages along the southern coast of Australia.

Mr Chester said that the youth development program delivered in *Young Endeavour* was a credit to the crew and to the Young Endeavour Program, and was recognised internationally.



Photo John Jeremy

*Young Endeavour* underway on Sydney Harbour (above)  
and leaving Fleet Base East for the World (right)



## NEW MEMBERS

We have no new members to welcome in this edition of the *SASC News*.

## SASC NEWS IN COLOUR

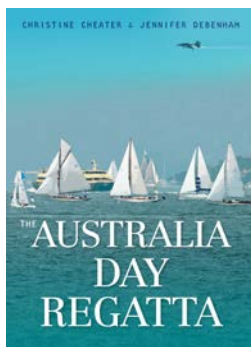
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The next *SASC News* will be the April 2015 edition. Contributions from members, which are always welcome, should reach the editor by Friday 27 March 2015. Contributions can be in hard copy or sent by email. Photographs are also very welcome.



Royal Australian Historical Society

The SASC premises in the mid 1930s

# Sydney Yachting Centre has joined forces with Yacht Sales Australia...

*(Official Brokers to the SASC)*

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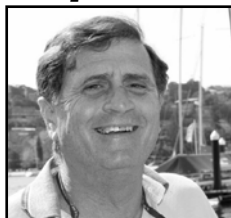
## The YSA Team of Brokers



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