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EVENTS TO BE NOTED

FRIDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1994 Note starting time 6PM
Twilight racing at the SASC. Be in these popular events and follow on with a barbecue at the Club. Table bookings are essential for the barbecue. Details further on.

SUNDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1994 Start 1200 Hours - Noon
Metre Division Race. This event is for yachts built to the various Metre Class rules.

If you would like to participate contact **Bill Gale 817.4942** or **Roy Simmonds at the Club 953.6597** Monday **OR** Friday.

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1994
Breakfast-on-the-Wharf at the SASC. 9.00am to 10.30am
More details further on.

WEDNESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1994 8.00pm
General Meeting at the Club.
At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a discussion on the rules as set out in the AYF Blue Book.
Whether racing or not, this is an important subject for members.

SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1994
SASC Idle Hour Trophy & Les Ardouin Cannon Trophy Race.
Every member of the SASC is eligible to enter their yachts in this event. More details further on.

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SATURDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1994

First race of the Cavalier 28 Championship conducted by the SASC.

SUNDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1994

Cavalier 28 Championship continued.

THURSDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1995

Australia Day Regatta. More details when they become available.

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S.A.S.C. FRIDAY TWILIGHT RACING 1994/95

The SASC Friday Twilight racing commencing at 6.00pm has started again with races in November on Friday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

The event continues in December with the last race for 1994 on Friday 23rd. The Friday Twilight continues again on 6th January, 1995.

Daylight saving will be in force for the series. The facilities of the club will be available after completion of the races with a low cost barbecue and refreshments.

It is essential that table bookings are made for the barbecue.

**Telephone the club on 953.1433
on Friday before 4.30pm or during the week.**

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

To maintain the high standard of the Friday night catering at the club, your help is required.

Please support the club and volunteer with your crew, for one nights duty.

Telephone the club on 953.1433 and indicate the date on which you would like to participate.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Club's pre twilight racing commenced October 28th in cloudy but good sailing conditions. 25 yachts in two divisions crossed the line to open our 1994/95 Twilight season and congratulations to fellow club members on their wins.

A Division	Line Honours	"EMMA" Mike deBurca
	Handicap Winner	"TINGARI" John Jeremy
B Division	Line & Handicap Winner	"MANHATTAN TRANSFER" Richard Lavers

Greg Sproule again sailed in this year's RANSA Regatta and congratulations on his convincing win. Greg sailed his yacht "Tamaris" A64 in the Traditional Division and it is the second year in a row he has won this division.

Again congratulations Greg, you are a real ambassador for the Amateurs.

Hugh O'Neill set sail on board his yacht "Mark Twain" for the start of this year's Lord Howe Race on Saturday 29th with fellow directors, Bob Lawler and Charles Maclurcan. Jim Davern "All That Jazz" also an entrant with SASC members as crew.

I pass on two interesting yachting news items this month - the HM Bark Endeavour is expected to enter Sydney Harbour, Sunday 18th December. No doubt a good sailing fleet will be on the Harbour to greet them.

YA Newsletter has mentioned that Australian yachtsman, Peter Gilmour, has moved into number one position on the International World Match Racing, displacing New Zealand's Russell Coutts. Fellow Australian Rod Davis has moved into second place and is only 18 points behind Peter Gilmour.

I welcome new club members John Baker, Captain Tozer, Kevin Driscoll, and Tom Hogan (Jnr Membership) into the Amateurs and hope your future with our club is long and fruitful.

JOHN MORRIS

COMMODORE

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S.A.S.C. BREAKFAST-ON-THE-WHARF

SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1994

Rear Commodore Ross Munn and his Committee have listed a popular, **BREAKFAST-ON-THE-WHARF** at the SASC on **SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER.**

This event is always popular, well booked and it is advisable to book early as numbers are limited.

Please note: Bookings are essential.

The Time 9.00am to 10.30am

The Menu Traditional Breakfast

The Price \$12. 00 per person

Refreshments available - Sunday papers

We look forward to seeing you "on the wharf" at the Club - remember to make your booking.

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**IDLE HOUR TROPHY combined WITH THE LES
ARDOUIN CANNON TROPHY RACE,**

This is an important event in the SASC racing calendar. Every member of the SASC is eligible to enter their yacht in this event.

At the conclusion of the race, we go ashore at Store Beach, using the club tenders and refreshments will be available on the beach.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet friends and crews from other yachts.

Should you want to participate and usually do not race, telephone the club, Roy Simmonds on 953.6597 Monday OR Friday.

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SATURDAY RACING

Why Not ?

Nothing like a nice afternoon sailing on Sydney Harbour particularly when there is always the possibility of winning a Gold Medal and/or a Trophy.

Traffic has decreased considerably from what it was a few years ago and possibly courses may have changed. Whatever type of yacht you may have, there is a Division to accommodate it.

Sydney Amateurs has a modern computer based handicap system with a computer on board the starter's boat, "Captain Amora", and the results of the various Divisions are determined immediately after the races are finished.

And there is more -

After the "Captain Amora" returns to the clubhouse with results each Saturday, prizes are presented to the first 3 yachts in each Division. (Necessary to be there to collect your prize).

The Club is sure it can satisfy your racing requirements.

To discuss this matter contact:

Greg Sproule "Tamaris" A64	Home 712.1071
Bill Gale "Ranger" A1	Home 817.4942
Tony Barry "Ben Boyd Road" 3759	Home 516.3317
George Kompolthy "King Hit" 4926	Home 398.4266

ROGER VINING GALE

Many of us have come to know Bill Gale in recent years. He skippers the yacht "Ranger" with a jovial crew and a strange rig. But what of his brother Roger? Roger enjoyed a large profile and contributed a great deal to yachting for many years and his recent death prompted these few notes.

Roger was born to Cliff and Marge Gale in 1917. From early childhood he spent time on Cliff's yachts and in the family sailing dinghy. With his older brother Brian he competed in Vacluse 12ft Club Events skippering the clinker dinghy "Geebung" with some success.

At 16 years of age he became for'ard hand in Lex Buckles Fife designed cruising 9 metre "Josephine" (later owned by John Quinn's father). She was named after Lex's daughter who subsequently became Roger's wife. Skippered by Cliff Gale "Josephine" was scratch boat in Division 1 of the Royal Clubs for the three years he sailed her.

Roger remained for'ard hand until WW11 except for a break in Queensland. One day at Bowen, as crew in a 16 footer and was capsized and swept out to sea being rescued the following day. He spent his working life in the Bank of New South Wales except for Army Service commencing in 1940. He rose to Battery Sergeant Major. In 1941 he transferred to the RAAF becoming a Flying Officer Navigator, returning to the Bank in 1945.

During the 40's he skippered the 16 footer "Forward" being to Russ Pearson at Middle Harbour 16' Sailing Club. In 1956 he tried out for the Finn Class dinghy at the RSYS. He was one of three selected for the Olympic Trials. Subsequently, Colin Ryrie represented Australia. Roger continued in Finns sailing "RSYS ONE" until 1968. He was considered old for the Class when he began in 1956 but despite this, he went on to win a NSW Championship. He claimed he enjoyed this sailing more than any other.

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His contemporaries speak of his tireless efforts helping other and passing on his knowledge to new and particularly young people. He is also remembered for his ability to take the difficult Finn Class dinghy to windward in strong winds effortlessly. He joined the SASC on 1/1/1933, appointed a Life Member in 1968 and remained a loyal member up to his death in 1994. A member for 61 years. Always interested in the Amateurs, with regular attendance at our Annual General Meetings, asking questions and not hesitating to direct thanks and congratulations when he felt it was due.

He skippered "Ranger" on many occasions in Club events and showed his wide range of skills as a yachtsman in the repair and maintenance of the yacht.

In 1968 Roger helped Tony Hudson fit out the Swanson 27' "Yolanda" and designed a fractional rig for her. It was contrary to all then current expert opinion, masthead being commonly acceptable as unbeatable. She went on to win the Second Division Pointscore for 1969-1970 in Roger's hands and was later promoted to Division One. She was a very successful boat.

In 1974 Roger and Bill shared the skippering of the 5.5 metre "Southern Cross 11". She was nearly always scratch boat in the popular Metre Division and there were great sailing days with Bikky Arnot as forward hand.

In 1957 Roger was elected a member of the RSYS.. He sailed from there in the Finn Class for some years and later at Botany Bay when the Class moved there.

In 1961 he became Joint Chief Instructor for Junior Sailing at the RSYS. He insisted on very high standards and strict discipline. Many well known sailors of today jumped and shook at his direction in the early sixties in the Squadron Moths. Many have since realised the value of his approach and have expressed gratitude and appreciation. He subsequently joined the Boatshed Committee becoming Chairman in 1969. He served two terms on the General Committee and many other terms on various Committees. In 1981 he became the RSYS Delegate to YA. Such was his contribution to the RSYS that in 1980 he was elected a Life Member of the RSYS. Roger was rightly very proud of this

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as his first association with the RSYS was in 1933 through "Josephine".

Roger passed away at the end of July 1994 after a very long and debilitating illness. He was tough and courageous to the end. He is survived by Bill 68 and Brian 79 (still sailing) and 4 children, two of whom have associations with boating.

BILL GALE

CHARLES MACLURCAN

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ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON CRUISE

APRIL 19-26, 1995

1994 was the 25th anniversary of the Squadron Cruise. As it is now one of yachting traditions we asked Brian Northam to give us a few lines on it's beginnings as a number of SASC yachts and members usually participate.

"I was part of GRETEL's crew for Australia's first challenge for the America's Cup which in those days took us to Newport Rhode Island on the west coast of the US in 1962.

During that challenge under Sir Frank Packer, and skipper Jock Sturrock, we were invited to participate in a 12 metre division in the New York Yacht Club Cruise. However not with our challenger GRETEL, but with our "trial horse" VIM, the famous old pre war Vanderbuilt 12 metre.

The NYYC Cruise was an annual event, and in 1962, was held in August just prior to the Cup Races which were to commence in mid September.

Naturally, all eyes were on the 12's as it was the exposure the Australians had had to the combined might of their intensive cup defence. I think in all there were 7 boats in our

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Division, and while we won nothing, it provided invaluable experience for the coming contest. Possibly of more interest to me was the wonder of the whole event itself. Some hundreds of truly magnificent yachts racing about 40 miles each day, with absolutely marvellous entertainment by host clubs each evening.

The cruise started for us in Newport, and finished up north in Martha's Vineyard after about a week to 10 days of racing. The Australians had the 12 metre, 2 big tenders, plus a live aboard vessel with 5 man crew to provide sustenance. Each evening suitably uniformed, we attempted to go ashore, but found very large "yachts" offering hospitality of a high order ... we were the favourites and celebrities of the event. Enough of this, the idea was there when I resumed my seat on the Committee back in Sydney at the RSYS. What better way than to encourage use of our boats, in an annual pilgrimage of racing and entertainment along our own magnificent coast. The concept took quite some time to sell, as I was a very junior committeeman, and you were not necessarily expected in those days to open your mouth too often. However with the marvellous help of the late Dennis Blake, also on Committee, and my old GRETEL crew mate Frank McNulty, after some 3 years of push, we got a guernsey for the first Cruise. This had been inspired by a gesture from our old friends and rivals, The New York Yacht Club, who had donated a magnificent trophy, to be known as the NYYC Cup. I put in a claim that this be used for the event which had been inspired by the NYYC Cruise, and so it was agreed"

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MAN OVERBOARD !

It's the cry every sailor dreads, whatever the weather. And in poor conditions, even the strongest swimmer can be in trouble very quickly.

Sydney sailor, engineer and S.A.S.C. member, Mike deBurca believes he has the answer - a lightweight, sleeveless jacket with an orally-inflated airbag.

He calls it the **Aussie SailMate.**®

The **Aussie SailMate** inflatable vest has been designed to provide a maximum of buoyancy, support and insulation without getting in the way of the work in hand.

Slim and comfortable, it keeps you warm in or out of the water and reduces fatigue by supporting your body. It also increases a sailor's survivability in the water. The **SailMate** gives you added buoyancy, which can be varied to suit prevailing conditions. For example, it could be a great help in rough weather when you might have to do some wave-ducking; and it saves energy which would otherwise be expended in treading water.

The air pockets, which have internal baffles to help stability, also help reduce loss of body heat from wind-chill on deck or from immersion.

The **Aussie SailMate** features high-visibility colour panels and reflective patches help searchers to spot you fast, day or night. Available in four sizes (small, medium, large and extra large - all fit girls and guys) it fastens with quick release catches and has pockets with attachment loops for accessories - torch, knife, strobe, whistle, etc. Easily inflated and deflated, it can be worn under wet weather gear for maximum effect.

Designed and manufactured in Australia.

**For further details contact Mike deBurca "Emma"
Telephone 666.6641**

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