



Sydney Amateur Sailing Club

National Gaffers Regatta

17th October 1993



"The Playmate of Maldon"

A Topsail Cutter 33 ft. O.A. Length 10ft. Beam was built in England in 1896. The vessel was sailed to Australia by its owner Gino Coia and is a familiar sight on Sydney Harbour. "Playmate" is close to her original design.

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National Gaffers Regatta History

The first Gaffers Day was held in 1972 to celebrate the Centenary of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club.

A yacht is usually said to be gaff rigged when its mainsail is hoisted on a spar (gaff) laid back at 45 degrees, from the mast. The qualification for entry in the Gaffers Regatta has been broadened to include all vessels which hoist a spar, including gaff, gunter, lug, sprit, junk, and lowering wishbone rigs.

By 1950 it was rare for a new yacht to hoist a spar, and the 1972 regatta was a salute to history. It was held in bright sunshine with a gentle north-east breeze. 39 yachts started in three divisions. Sir James Hardy's "**Nerida**" won division 1, with all twenty of her crew in Edwardian dress. Many crews dress in period costume for the regatta which adds colour to a day intended to display the boats and rig to best advantage. The regatta takes the form of informal races to enhance the effect.

Further regattas were held in 1975, 1978, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1988 and 1990. The weather was generally kind, and all were successful, with many spectators in boats and on the harbour foreshores. Many entries have been extensively restored and the event has so stimulated interest that today there are more gaffers than in 1972.

The rally this year will be held with five divisions all starting together with handicaps applied at the start. Vessels will range in size from 7 - 80ft (2 - 24m)

One of the most beautiful and historic yachts in the fleet will be the National Maritime Museum's "**Kathleen Gillett**". She will be joined by other historic and well known yachts such as "**Nerida**", "**Vagabond**" and "**Ranger**".

From early in the day many boats will be on display at the SASC wharf where guests and participants will be welcomed before the sailing begins. The regatta will start off Clark Island, and finish there. The Water Police and Coastguard have kindly agreed to help control the event.

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GUESTS OF HONOUR

Our Patron His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Sinclair.

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB OFFICERS

CommodoreJohn Morris
Vice CommodoreFred Bevis
Rear Commodore.....Ross Munn
Chairman of National Gaffers CommitteeBill Gale (SASC Life Member
Honorary member Old Gaffers Association Great Britain)

FLAGSHIP

T.S.M.V. **"Silver Cloud"** the Hon. Derek Freeman and Mrs Phyllis Freeman

STARTING LINE

Between
"TREVASSA" and H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL. R.A.N.
East of Garden Island

PROGRAMME - SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 1993

- 10.00am** • Assembly and review of yachts at SASC, Mosman Bay
 • Light Refreshments available
- 11.45am** • Arrival of His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair A.C.
 and Mrs Sinclair.
- 12.05pm** • Welcome- Commodore John Morris
 • His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair A.C.
 • Reply on behalf of visitors - Sir James Hardy.
- 12.30pm** SASC Official Guests, Club Officers, Directors and their
 partners board **"Silver Cloud"** and **"Synergy"**
- 1.15pm** Members, Families and friends board **"Royale"** at SASC to
 view regatta (*Tickets \$8 Adults, \$4 children under 12*)
- 2.15pm** Regatta will commence east of Garden Island

WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 1993

Presentation of trophies to regatta vessels skippers at SASC Clubhouse.

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Members and friends will gather at the Clubhouse at 10.00am for viewing the Gaffers.

The Rally for Vessels which hoist a spar **STARTS at 2.15pm.**

STARTING LINE - between "**Trevassa**" and **H.M.A.S. Kuttabul**
East of Garden Island

COURSES

Entrants must refer to the sailing instructions.

Division 1

Course A. Start - Chowder Bay - Shark Island - Chowder Bay - Finish

Course B. Start - Neutral Bay Mark - Neilson Park - Shark Island - Finish.

Division II, III and Historic Skiffs.

Course A Start - Taylor Bay - Shark Island - Taylor Bay - Finish

Course B Start - Neutral Bay Mark - Neilson Park - Finish

Dingies and Kayaks Start - Clark Island - Finish

FINISHING LINE Between "**TREVASSA**" and **H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL**

Yachts will be classified into five divisions as listed hereafter.

Crews are requested to wear clothing appropriate to the yachting scene at the turn of the century.

DIVISION I

92	SOLILOQUY	Yawl 36' built S.A. 1934, H. Butler design 14 Tons	Bob Hawke	17
LA	LANOSEER III	Yawl 40' built 1934, 14 Tons.	Kelly Stevenson-Holder	16
All	IDA	Cutter 44' built NZ 1896 Bailey design, 9 Tons.	Piers Bateman	16
A135	YEROMAIS V	Sloop 21' built 1985, S. Gale, designed C.Gale, 1930.	John Diacopoulos	15
A35	ETRENNE	Sloop similar "Ranger" built 1949.	Dermer Bennett	15
Bluebird	MARIE OF MYALL	Cutter 32' designed & built by owner	Jeff Clist	15
A100	HOANA	Sloop 30' built 1920, C. Hayes.	Martin van der Wal	14
18	THE LOUISE	Sloop 22' Couta boat built Vic. 1990.	Maurice Drent	14
D	DOROTHY	D.E. Skiff 19', Gunter Sloop designed & built by owner.	Ric Leplastrier	14
B	BETH	Canoe Lug Yawl 18', inspired by 19th Century English Types (Canberra)	Michael Storer	13
33	NERIDA	Topsail Cutter 45', 16 Tons, Designed A Milne, built S.A. 1934.	Sir James Hardy	11
A30	WUNGARA	Sloop 22' built W.A. 1910.	John Ferguson	11
A1	RANGER	Raised Deck Sloop 24' 4.5 Tons, built W. Fisher La Perouse to design of Cliff Gale.	Roger + Bill Gale/ Mark Bethwaite	6
112	VAGRANT	Sloop similar to "Ranger" built 1936.	Sean Langman	6
A3	KILKIE	Sloop similar to "Ranger" built Holmes 1949.	Alick Osborne	6
T	THISTLE	Sloop 28' Couta Boat designed & built J.Jones Vic 1903.	Australian National Maritime Museum	5
L	LEYENDA	Cat Yawl 30' P.Bolger, design (USA) 3.5 Tons.	Mathew Nash	4
53	JOYETTE	Sloop 12 Square Metre Sharpie, built 1946 (Brisbane)	Peter Sutherland	3
—	GHOST	Sloop 12 Square Metre Sharpie (Vic.)	Brian Canny	3
CB 80	SYLVIA	Sloop 27' Couta Boat built Tim Philips Vic 1989	Philip Kinsella	1
CB 44	JESSIE	Sloop 26' Couta Boat built Tim Philips Vic. (Melb)	Milton Green	Scr.
C17	MURIEL	Sloop 26' Couta Boat built M.Lacco Vic 1917 (Melb)	Tim Philips	Scr.

DIVISION II

KG	KATHLEEN GILLET	Ketch, see page 10.	Australian National Maritime Museum	27
AF	ARTIC FJORD	Colin Archer Pilot Cutter, built Norway c1900. 10.5 Tons.	Alex Thom	25
BG	BISSY GIRL	Ketch 40', built Canada 1933.	Keir Enderby	22
NT	NANTUCKET	21' Sloop.	Ian Walmsley	18
MA3	PENGUIN	Sloop 24' Similar to "Ranger" built Golbourn, 1950's.	Peter Wallace	13
A151	RETREAT	Sloop 26' Similar to "Ranger" built 1945, 6 Tons.	Graeme Proctor	12
A19	JUNEBIRD	Sloop 28' Designed & built C.Hayes, 1914.	Kep Enderby	11
PE	PENELOPE	Sloop 26' Modified Couta Boat built Qld., 1985.	Ed North	11
AT	CATBOAT	Cat rig 16'.	Richard/Derek Stanning	10
R	RADIANT	Gaff Catboat 15', built by owner, 1993.	Adam Plumridge	10
50	SANDRA DEA	Sloop 21' Couta Boat type.	John Thirlwell	10
LH	LOCHEN	Cutter 20', 3 Tons.	John Hebden, Peter Paine	10
1888	ALICE	Lug Canoe Yawl 13'	Jordan Smith	9
A143	REVERIE	Sloop 28' designed M.Griffiths.	Nigel Berlyn	9
RB	RUBY B	Schooner 55' 15 Tons designed J.Alden	Ross Barnett	9
CL	CLASSIC	Sloop 29' 4 Tons.	Jay McCord	8
A47	VALIANT	Sloop 25' Similar to "Ranger" 5 Tons.	John Crawford	8
MH139	FLORRIE	Cutter 25' built Balmain 1907.	Marie Minslow	7
A144	SANA	Wishbone Ketch 39', 12 Tons, designed E.Webber.	John Howard	6
AD	ACCORD	Schooner 50'.	Ashley Halla	5
J.W.	JENNY WREN	28' Cutter, built 1889, W.Reeks design, 3 Tons.	Neville/Madeline Olliffe	5
A191	VAGABOND	Sloop 21' built Vic., raced S.A.S.C. before W.W.I., C. Gale.	Ian Lewis	2
A188	KELPIE	Cutter 30' built E.Thompson Balmain 1884	John Wood	Scr

DIVISION III

LFB1	CINEMA	Lug Rig 18' Snapper Boat built W. Fisher, La Perouse.		30
NN	SIENNA	Sloop 32' Dutch Botter yacht.	Harry Dusting Jim Lawler	30
NB	NELLY BLY	Schooner 32' 8 Tons.	Paul Nixon	29
BA	BOORAWA	Cutter 37', 10 Tons, ex-Fishing Boat.	Rob Vans - Colina	28
J	GALIA	Junk Rig 42' 9 Tons.	Peter Bizzini	28
TA	OTAHEITE	Tahiti Ketch 32' 13 Tons.	Marcel Gauci	27
A4	STARDUST	Cutter 20' Built 1930. SASC site.	Peter Rayner	27
MN	MY NEED	Sloop 13'.	Christopher Arnold	27
NW	NAVAL WHALER	Montagu Whaler 27', Survivor of enormous fleet in Commonwealth Navies.		26
—	HEBER	Ketch 36' 5 Tons, exfishing boat, built Ireland, 1892.	Constant Behrens	25
STD5	STD5	Whaler 27, as above.		26
P	PLAYMATE OF MALDON	Topsail Cutter 33' 13 Tons, built 1896, England.	Gino Coia	23
WR	WATER RAT	Gunter Yawl 18'6".	Otto Kelfkens	22
1724	SOUTHERN DRASCOMBE	18'9" Gunter Yawl.	Frank Holden	21
EE	BEEBEE	Gunter Yawl 18'6".	Mario Bellantonia	21
TYC67	CARPE DIEM	Cape Cod Catboat 21'6" built Tas.	Ed Finsten	20
MA1	BETTY	Sloop 20' built W. Golding prior W.W.I	Bruce Wallace	15
IT	INDIAN STAR	CUTTER 29' Ferro Cement, 6 1/2 Tons.	Dennis Cochrane	13
LL	CHALLENGE OF OUTWARD BOUND	3 Masted Schooner 80'.	Garry Richards	Scr
—	BOUNTY	Sailing Ship.		Scr
—	SOLWAY LASS	Topsail Schooner.	Tim Lloyd	Scr
TT	TASSIE TOO	Sloop 20' similar "Ranger" built La Perouse, W.Fisher		15

HISTORIC SKIFFS

80	WEE GEORGIE	6' Skiff built 1988 R.Tearne to design of G. Robinson.	Paul Notary	30
S	LITTLE SYLVIA	12' Skiff built W.Fisher Putney, 1984.	John Kinsella	23
Red Waratah	JANIS	10' Skiff built 1988, R.Tearne.	Mark O'Dea	23
E	EDELINE	Ex R.A.N. 14' Dinghy.	S.Sadubin	18
Blackstar	COMMONWEALTH	10' Skiff replica N.Wright Qld design, 1900, built R.Tearne.	Robert Tearne	18
Blue & White Pennant	VIOLA	10' Skiff built R.Barrington, 1990.	Bill Bollard	18
Black Diamond	UNIQUE	10' Skiff built owner 1993.	Len Heffeman	15
Black Oval Red A	AJAX	12' Skiff built 1950, restored 1991.	P. Notley	12
Red & White Crescent Moon	ASTER	18' Skiff built Balmain, 1911.	Harold Brown	5

CANOES & DINGHIES

No Handicaps

K	KARALEE	Lug Dinghy	Ian Hansen
A1/2	A1/2	Lug Dinghy built 1938	Brian Poole
N	NIPPER	Gunter Sloop Dinghy, built N. Shannon	John Crawford
KY	SKYLARK	Lug Dinghy	Ian Smith
G	GUMNUT	Pram Dinghy built P.Kinsella	Simon Kinsella
M	MARIE OF MYALL	Dinghy	Jeff Clist
P	PLAYMATE	Dinghy	Gino Coia
I	COURAGE II	Lateen Rigged Kayak	Paul Wilson
2	FANCY FREE	Lateen Rigged Kayak	Bob Anderson
3	FOOTLOOSE	Lateen Rigged Kayak	Tom Mort

"Kathleen Gillett"

A Classic Cruising Yacht, Gaff rigged with topsails on the main and mizzen masts. Designed by Colin Archer and built by Charles Larsen for Jack Earl and is Australia's most famous cruising yacht..

In 1947-48 Jack Earl and a crew of four sailed "**Kathleen Gillett**" around the world without the sophisticated equipment available today, proving the vessel and the skill of the crew.

The vessel as viewed is a priceless national treasure, has been meticulously restored and gifted to the National Maritime Museum by the government of Norway.

Jack Earl a world famous marine artist is an Honorary Life Member of the S.A.S.C.

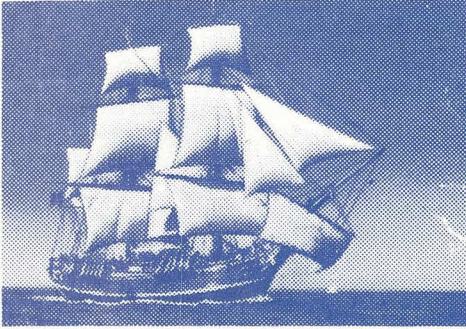


"Bounty"

The barque "**Bounty**" was built in Whangarie, New Zealand in 1979. Externally, the ship is a replica of the English collier built in 1972 which became famous as Captain Bligh's ship of the 1789 mutiny

The present "**Bounty**" featured in the 1984 "Mutiny on the Bounty" and has since appeared in other films and television series.

"**Bounty**" participated in the 1987-88 First Fleet re-enactment voyage and has since become a familiar sight around Sydney and South Pacific. "Bounty" is nearly 134 feet long overall, has beam of 28 feet and a mast height of 96 feet. She displaces 360 tons.



"Solway Lass"

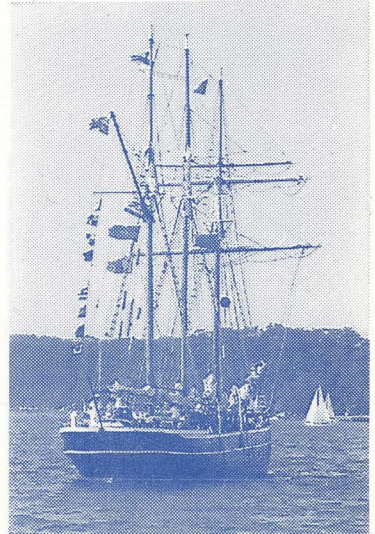
First named "**Adolf**", "**Solway Lass**" was built in Holland in 1902. She traded in the North Sea, without an engine, under the German flag.

Captured by the French in World War I, the ship was to be taken by the Germans in World War II. Sunk in a German harbour, she was later raised and repaired.

After sailing to the Pacific, she visited the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and was sold to a local shipping company. It was here that Tim Lloyd, who had been looking around the world for such a vessel, found her and bought her on the spot. The ship arrived in Sydney in 1983. A book could probably be written about the monumental task of restoration.

Today "**Solway Lass**", a topsail schooner, is a familiar sight on Sydney Harbour.

If you would like to sail on "**Solway Lass**", or arrange a function on board, contact Matilda Cruises at Pier 26, Darling Harbour, telephone 264 7377.



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