



Sydney Amateur Sailing Club
National Gaffers Regatta
22nd October 1995



"WAITANGI"

"Waitangi" 101 years old. 58 feet overall, 11 feet beam. Built in New Zealand in 1894. Completely restored in Melbourne including a new deck in 100 year NZ Kauri and a modern Volvo Penta diesel engine. Recommissioned in 1994 the vessel immediately sailed for Sydney for display at the Australian National Maritime Museum. It then cruised in company with the Sydney-Hobart yacht race fleet to Hobart. We are pleased to welcome "Waitangi" which again sailed from Melbourne to participate in our Regatta.

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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, 1990 and 1993. 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 regatta this year will be held with 4 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, Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs Sinclair.

SYDNEY AMATEUR SAILING CLUB OFFICERS

Commodore	Fred Bevis
Vice Commodore	Ross Munn
Rear Commodore	Duncan Goodwin Hill
Chairman of National Gaffers Committee	Bill Gale Honorary Life Member of SASC and Old Gaffers Association Great Britain.

OFFICIAL VESSELS

TSMV "**Silver Cloud II**" The Hon. Derek Freeman and Mrs Phyllis Freeman,
"**Synergy**" Mr Richard Wilson

STARTING LINE

Between

"**TREVASSA**" and the SASC Orange Mark with red and yellow flag
East of Garden Island

PROGRAMME SUNDAY 22nd October 1995.

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| 10:00am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Assembly and review of yachts at SASC Mosman Bay● Light Refreshments available |
| 11:40am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arrival of His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC and Mrs Sinclair |
| 12:05pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcome by Commodore Fred Bevis● His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair AC● Commodore Bruce Taylor, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. |
| 12:30pm | SASC Official Guests, Club Officers, Directors and their partners board " Silver Cloud II " and " Synergy " |
| 1:15pm | Members, families and friends board " Royale " at Old Cremorne Wharf to view Regatta (Tickets \$8 Adults, \$4 children under 12) |
| 2:15pm | Regatta will commence east of Garden Island |

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 1995

Presentation of trophies to regatta vessels skippers at SASC Clubhouse.

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PROGRAMME

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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 - East of Garden Island between "**Trevassa**" and SASC orange mark with red and yellow flag.

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

Finishing Line East of Garden Island between "Trevassa" and orange mark with red and yellow flag.

Yachts will be classified into 4 divisions as listed hereafter.

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

DIVISION I

A11	IDA	Gaff Cutter, built NZ 1896, Bailey design, 9 tons	Piers Bateman	24
A151	RETREAT	26' x 10' beam, built 1939 by Hoyle for P. Pine. Similar to "Ranger"	Graeme Proctor	21
A47	VALIANT	Sloop 25' L.O.A., built Hoyle Drummoyne 1939 for O.S. Dowling. Similar to "Ranger"	John Crawford	16
LA	LANDSEER III	Yawl 40', built 1911, 14 tons	Kelly Stevenson-Holder	15
A135	YEROMAIS V	Sloop 21', built 1985 S. Gale, designed C. Gale 1930	John Diacopoulos	15
33	NERIDA	Topsail Cutter 45' 16 tons, design A. Milne, built S.A. 1934	Sir James Hardy	13
A100	HOANA	Sloop 30', built 1920 C. Hayes	Martin van der Wal	12
A30	WUNGARA	Sloop 22', built W.A. 1910	John Ferguson	11
A35	ETRENNE	Sloop similar to "Ranger", built 1949	Dermer Bennett	11
A9	MONSOON	Sloop 30', built 1933 by C. Hayes	Robert Anderson	8
A3	KILKIE	Sloop Similar to "Ranger", built Holmes 1949	Alick Osborne	7
112	VAGRANT	Sloop similar to "Ranger", built 1936	Sean Langman	6
A1	RANGER	Raised deck Sloop 24' 4.5 tons, built W. Fisher, La Perouse to design Cliff Gale	Nicky Bethwaite	6
C05	TIOHIA	Port Melbourne Net Boat, built 1915	Doug Beasley	5
T	THISTLE	Sloop 28' Couta Boat, designed and built J. Jones, Vic. 1903	Australian National Maritime Museum	5
53	JOYETTE	Sloop 12 square metre Sharpie, built 1946 (Brisbane)	Peter Sutherland	4
LM	LEANNE MARIE	American Type 60' Schooner, built Queensland 1994	John Dikkenberg	3
R13	WAITANGI	Gaff Topsail Cutter, built N.Z. 1894, R. Logan, 74' L.O.A.	Commodore Bruce Taylor	2
CB80	SYLVIA	Sloop 27' Couta Boat, built Tim Philips, Vic. 1989	Philip Kinsella/ Ian MacDiarmid	1
CB44	JESSIE	Sloop 26' Couta Boat, built Tim Philips, Vic.	Tim Philips	Ser


DIVISION II

AF	ARTIC FJORD	Colin Archer Pilot Cutter, built Norway 1900, 10.5 tons	Alex Thom	30
BG	BISSY GIRL	Ketch 40', built Canada 1933	Keir Enderby	28
KG	KATHLEEN GILLETT	Ketch, see later photograph	Australian National Maritime Museum	27
A19	JUNEBIRD	Sloop 28', designed and built C. Hayes 1914	Kep Enderby	23
LU	MALUKA	"Ranger" type 28', built W. Fisher, La Perouse 1934	Warwick Thomson	14
LH	LOCHEN	Cutter 20', 3 tons	Peter Paine	10
A143	REVERIE	Sloop 28', designed M. Griffiths	Nigel Berlyn	9
MA3	PENGUIN	Sloop 24', similar to "Ranger"	Peter Wallace	9
CL	CLASSIC	Sloop 29', 4 tons	Greg Knoblanche	8
MH139	FLORRIE	Cutter 25', built Balmain 1907	Marie Minslow	8
JW	JENNY WREN	28' Cutter, built 1889, designed W. Reeks, 3 tons	Madeline/Neville Olliffe	5
A188	KELPIE	Cutter 30', built 1884 E. Thompson, Balmain	John Wood	4
92	SOLILOQUY	Yawl 36', built S.A. 1934, H. Butler design, 14 tons	Bob Hawke	3
BLUEBIRD	MARIE OF MYALL	Cutter 32', designed and built by owner	Jeff Clist	2
A191	VAGABOND	Sloop 21', built Vic., raced S.A.S.C. before W.W.I., C. Gale	Ian Lewis	1

DIVISION III

J26	JAMIEL	American type Schooner 24'	Andrew Minter	30
	PINNACE FROM ENDEAVOUR II		Endeavour II Foundation	30
WR	WATER RAT	Gunter Yawl, 18'6"	Otto Kelfkens	28
STD5	STD5	Whaler 27', Commonwealth Navy Fleet	Bill Wallace	25
RU	RUB-A-DUB	1940's Traditional Sydney Harbour Row-Sail Gunter Rig	John Leftwich	25
R	RADIANT	Gaff Cat Boat 15', built by owner 1993	Adam Plumridge	22
P	PLAYMATE OF MALDON	Topsail Cutter 33', 13 tons, built 1896 England	Gino Coia	22
CD	CARPE DIEM	Cape Cod Cat Boat, 21'6", built Tas.	Ed Finsten	20
MA1	BETTY	Sloop 20', built W. Golding prior WWI	Bruce Wallace	17
WK	WEE KING BILLY	Modified Cadet Dinghy	Bob Major	15
TL	THE LUG	Heron Dinghy	Paul Nixon	14
AA	PAGAN	Colin Archer design 28', built 1939	John Allcott-Rodgers	10
E	EDELINE	Ex R.A.N. 14' Dinghy	Leon Sadubin	6
LV	LAVINIA OF STRUAN	18' Snapper Boat - Gaff rigged, just completed	Richard Beck	5
A4	STARDUST	Cutter 20', built 1930 on S.A.S.C. site	Peter Rayner	4
11	BETH	Lug Yawl, 16'	Michael Storer	Ser.

HISTORIC SKIFFS

Australian Flag	WEE GEORGIE	6' Skiff, built 1988 R. Tearne to design of G. Robinson	Bob Tearne	26
BUG	BALMAIN BUG	6' Skiff	Ian Smith	26
Australian Flag	REPUBLIC	10' Skiff, built Ian Smith 1995	Ian Smith	22
Blue Peter	VIOLA	10' Skiff, built R. Barrington 1990	Bill Bollard	20
Union Jack	CORNSTALK	10' Skiff	Garry Holder	18
1/4 Union Jack	LITTLE BILL II	16' Skiff, cotton sails, built 1945	Tony Siddons	15
Red and Blue Crescent Moon	ASTER	18' Skiff, built Balmain 1911	Harry Brown	14
Blue Oval Red A	AJAX	12' Skiff, built 1950, restored 1991	John Notley	13
	NINA	10' Skiff	Len Heffernan	12
2 Blue Bars	TANGALOOMA	18', built 1930, rebuilt 1994 by R. Barrington	Jim Fraser	Scr

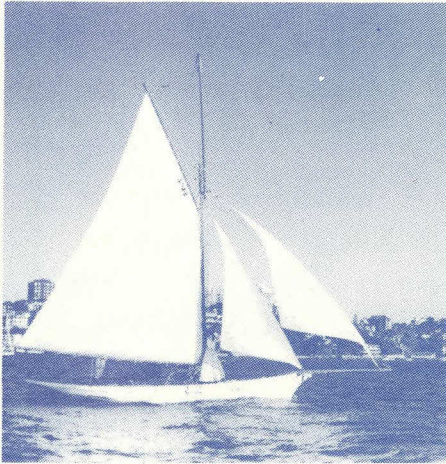
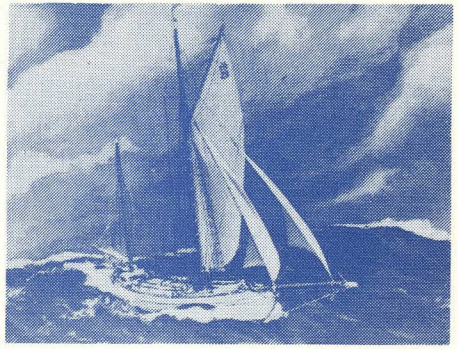
"Kathleen Gillett"

A classic cruising yacht, gaff rigged with topsails on the main and mizzen masts. Designed by Colin Archer and built by Charles Larsen for the late 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, was an Honorary Life Member of the S.A.S.C.



"Jenny Wren"

"Jenny Wren" built 1889. Owned by Madeline and Neville Olliffe. Designed by Walter Reeks who also designed "Boomerang" and "Ena". Built by Thomas Cubitt of North Sydney in the area that is now Luna Park. 28 ft L.O.A., 6.5 ft beam, 5.3 ft draft. Carvel planked kauri timber.

Rating 3 tons Thames measurement. "Jenny Wren" is a gaff cutter and has had a varied history.

Once believed to have been considered worthless, outdated and badly neglected today "Jenny Wren" is restored to near its original condition.

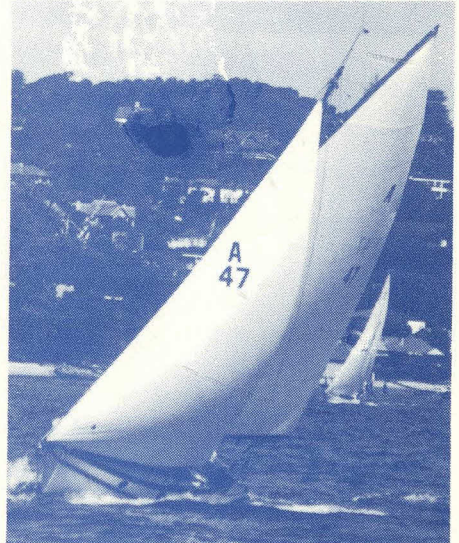
"Valiant"

"Valiant" A47 launched in 1939. Owned by SASC member John Crawford. Build by Vic Hoyle of Drummoyno as a copy of Cliff Gale's "Ranger" and was the third of this class.

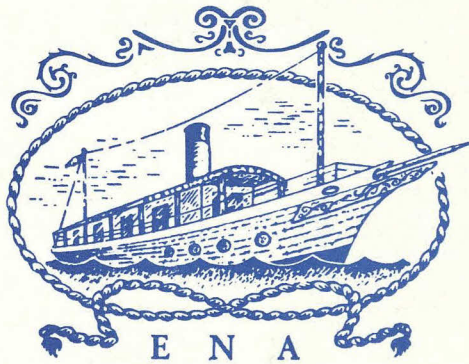
Carvel construction with full length planks of Huon Pine on spotted gum frames.

7.6m L.O.A. 2.7m Beam, the draft was recently increased to 1.35m with the addition of a 500kg lead shoe on the keel to improve its performance.

"Valiant" is very original. The interior is in immaculate condition, almost as it was build 56 years ago and the mast is believed original. Competes regularly in the SASC traditional division race events.



NOTES



Launched 1900 an elegant steam yacht.
Appointments include Waterford Crystal, Royal
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