



# SASC NEWS

The Newsletter of the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club

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**Cover:**

*Sjö-Ro* and  
*Scarlett O'Hara*  
shortly after the  
start of the Metre  
and Metre-type  
Rally on Sunday 7  
February

(Photo John Jeremy)

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# COMING EVENTS

April 2021

## WINTER AT THE AMATEURS

### The SASC Winter Series 2021

Winter in Sydney offers some stunning sailing on the Harbour — why not organise your crew and enter the SASC Winter Series to be held during June and July this year. The Series consists of five point-score races with a start at 11.30 am in Athol Bay.

Winter racing can be great fun with smaller fleets and the chance to get involved in racing.

#### Three divisions

- Sail with Spinnakers — scratch start — they go first.
- Non-Spinnakers — Two starts to separate less experienced or first-time racers.
- Classics — scratch start

*You can enter online via the website: <https://sasc.com.au/entry/>*

#### Winter Series Calendar:

- Saturday 5 June – **Race 1**
- Saturday 19 June – **Race 2**
- Saturday 3 July – **Race 3**
- Saturday 17 July – **Race 4**
- Saturday 31 July – **Race 5**

SASC courses will include a race around Cockatoo Island in a westerly breeze — a very popular course in the past.

After the racing join us back at the Clubhouse for hot food and entertainment — a great opportunity to invite your non-sailing friends and family for a relaxing Saturday afternoon at the Amateurs!

*Contact Catherine in the Sailing Office if you have any queries: [racing@sasc.com.au](mailto:racing@sasc.com.au) or 02 9953 6597.*

#### **NEED THE TENDER?**

Call

Nancy K  
on

0418 678 690

or

Jack Millard

on

0418 678 819

(race days)

## SASC ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING

**Saturday 26 June 2021**

Put the date in your diary now!

*Further details of this popular event and booking details to come.*



## SIGNALS FROM THE COMMODORE

Herschel Smith and Andrew Stuckey on *Shambles* and Phil Tanner on *Double Dutch*, along with their respective crews, proved again this year to be amongst the Club's most talented sailors. It was very pleasing to see them do so well in this season's Cruiser Racer Pointscore series. It seems inevitable that this series will eventually be picked up by a national broadcaster.

Results across many divisions this season indicate that there has been some very tight racing produced by the Topyacht system. We are, as competitors, all entitled to bleat about Performance Handicapping but, as any who look across our non-one-design fleets can see, we are asking apples to race against coconuts. Maintain the Rage by all means.

Thank you to all the starting crews who have donated so much time to the Club over the spring and summer season.

We enter the winter period with an ambitious plan to undertake significant works on the main clubhouse shed. As usual the project is being overseen by Trevor Cosh. Many hands make light work of projects such as these and the involvement of members, always a feature of the Amateurs, will again be crucial during May.

Our winter racing program will commence in June and we hope that many of you will join the fun.

*Sean Kelly*

Photo John Jeremy



Photo John Jeremy

*Shambles* shortly after the start of the Twilight race on 26 February



Photo John Jeremy

*Fidelis* approaching the finish in the 185th Australia Day Regatta

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## THANK YOU INTERNATIONAL PAINT



The SASC would like to thank International Paint for their generous donation of Micron AP anti-fouling paint for the Club's starter's boat *Captain Amora*



## METRE AND METRE-TYPE RALLY

by  
Peter  
McCorquodale

Bill Gale suggested to me some 12 months ago — sorry *told* me some 12 months ago — to organise a Metre and Metre-type Regatta. With the support of Alice, our Club Captain, Catherine in the Racing Office, plus the generous offers of Charles Maclurcan and John Jeremy to be starters, we were able to get this happening.

At close of entries, we had 17 yachts, 15 of which faced the starter at 1200 on 7 February.

There was a wide variety of yachts — a 75 square metre, two 8 metres, three 6 metres, two 30 square metres, two Cole 40s, a Borresen BB10 plus a couple of one-off metre designs. Yachts ranged in age from 1893 to the early 21st century, mostly built of wood but with a couple of fibreglass yachts.

Sunday 7 February saw a light southerly of about 10 knots with a few higher gusts, as well as a few holes — welcome to Sydney Harbour.

From the start in Athol Bay the first mark was N3 — a ship's buoy, with a tinny anchored a very short distance away, fishing. They decided to present each yacht sailing past with a special gift — some yachts got prawns, some pilchards — *Josephine's* fish present was some five inches long. All yachts also received a resounding, yelled, welcome of abuse.

Peter Chapman's *Maybe XI* made her first appearance during the Rally

Photos John Jeremy





*Scarlett O'Hara* (KA400), *Theme* (1292) and *Juana* (KA8) approaching the start on 7 February

Anyway, up front *Fidelis*, *Scarlett O'Hara* and *Defiance* were showing the way, followed by *Juana*. The two Cole 40s *Theme* and *Tanami* were having a great tussle. Of the 6 metres *Maybe XI* was leading *Sjö-Ro* and *Venger*.



*Fagel Grip (4664), Defiance (11) and Surprise (A250) on the way after the start*



*Juana (KA8) and Fidelis (45) heading for the first mark*

As the fleet rounded Obelisk, we passed a fleet of MC38s. Quite a contrast!

On to the finish, and *Fidelis* was first across the line, followed by *Scarlett O'Hara* 17 seconds later, with *Defiance* less than a minute behind in third.

*Theme* beat *Tanami* by less than a minute to win the Cole 40 battle and *Florin* beat *Tom Thumb II* across the line by three seconds to win the Dragon battle. *Maybe XI* led the way in the 6 metres.

On handicap, *Scarlett O'Hara* won from *Juana* and *Defiance*. Your humble scribe was not as successful with *Josephine*, but we had a great day. Full results are on the SASC website.

After the race a number of yachts rafted up at SASC. I am always delighted by how impressed first-time visitors to our Club are. Thanks to our Commodore Sean Kelly for running the bar.

Thank you to all owners, skippers and crew for making this day a success. I hope this to be the first of an annual series.

If there are any other metre boat owners who are interested in competing in future events, please email the club: racing @sasc.com.au.

*Tanami* passing  
Bradleys Head  
on the way to the  
finish





*Defiance* about to finish in the Metre and Metre-type Rally on 7 February



*Ventura* about to finish



The post-Rally raft-up at the SASC pontoon

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

by  
Sarah Scott

International Women's Day was celebrated in style at the club on Monday 8 March. A full house listened in admiration to Maggie Loaney's adventurous life sailing the oceans of the world as a cook, crew and, occasionally, navigator and skipper.

Maggie sailed continuously for four years and then intermittently for another five years after that. Her adventures have taken her along the coasts of Canada with an all female crew and skipper and down the Panama Canal in a small yacht with a friend, around the coasts of the Caribbean and the Greek Islands, from Singapore to Phuket and around the South Pacific islands as well as up and down the north coast of Australia.

Her talk definitely inspired a few people to think about cruising as something they, too, could take up. Maggie's motto of "just say yes!" is a challenge to all of us!

The champagne flowed, the Club was buzzing with lively conversation and everyone enjoyed their personalised cheese platters

Champagne on  
the deck

There is certainly an appetite for more talks of this kind and also a lot of enthusiasm about the next *Rally for Fun* planned for Sunday 18 April.





COVID-safe seating for all at Maggie Loaney's presentation on 8 March

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## AN HISTORICAL NOTE

There has been a lot of discussion going on about what is a classic yacht, whether the latest America's Cup yachts are boats or aircraft etc. etc.

Let's get serious. More serious items of a yachting nature were discussed in our founding days.

A matter was raised at the Annual General Meeting of the SASC on 2 October 1873: "Can a gentlemen who has ordered a boat to be built, and of which the keel has been laid and ribs affixed thereto, be said to be the owner of a bona fide boat?"

The question caused great argument and some heat at the meeting as there was a rule of the SASC "that any member of the Club be eligible for the post of Commodore, Vice Commodore or sailing committee, must be a boat owner"

The contention was reported by a letter writer to *The Sydney Morning Herald* as follows:

"Sir, might I avail myself of your courtesy to put a question before the notice of boating men, which if satisfactorily decided would put an end to a long and seemingly endless discussion. After a long discussion, it was carried by a majority that a "boat, the keel of which was laid, was to be considered a bona fide boat." This Sir, is briefly the casus belli, and if you will allow the same to be settled through your columns you will be oblige."

The letter was signed by "Barnacle" who no doubt was a founding member.

*Tony Saunders*

## EIGHTH ANNUAL SASC ALPINE CRUISE

*David Salter reports on another pleasant sojourn in the Brindabella Ranges*

There are, thank goodness, some things in life that COVID has not affected in any way. The 8th Annual SASC Alpine Cruise was originally scheduled for November but was postponed, not by the dreaded virus, but because the river was too high for safe crossing and more rain was on the way. Re-schedule!



Ceremonial raising of the Amateurs burgee at the Green Cabin

The next suitable dates were in late February — usually a very pleasant time of year in the Brindabella Valley — and our hosts at “Koorabri” assured us that the river was now crystal clear and flowing moderately, the blowflies had left for the Summer and the bush was lush and green. Let’s go!

Our party for this year’s cruise was heavily weighted towards the Senior Service: John Crawford, Hugh O’Neill, John Sturrock, Maurie Evans and myself are all in the veteran class. Jim Nixon, Robert ‘Yankee Bob’ Morely and Alex Seja joined from the motley *Mister Christian* crew, plus Felicity Nelson who came down for the last day and night.

Once again we occupied the Green and White cabins on the river flat. The one piece of bad news on arrival was that both fridges were out of action. Apparently a tainted batch of kerosene had clogged their ancient heat-exchange systems. Fortunately I’d bought a precautionary large bag of ice in Canberra and had also packed plenty of freezer blocks in with the food. Nobody would have to endure a warm beer.

Our long streak of good luck with the weather continued. There was just one brief period of overcast and a light shower during the whole four days. The sunshine, fresh mountain air and crisp evenings were a constant delight. A few precious days without phone reception or the internet did wonders to lower stress levels and helped us appreciate the simple beauties of the Australian bush and its wildlife.

The fishing — when we could summon the energy to tackle the river — was much better than in previous years when drought conditions made the water too warm for the trout and they all seemed to have headed upstream into the adjoining Snowy Mountains National Park. Felicity did catch a tiny brown trout on her first attempt at fly fishing (admittedly



Photos courtesy David Salter

The wild, untouched beauty of the Goodradigbee River



Conditions were close to perfect for fly fishing

on the back cast), but that success was sufficient excuse for us to open a bottle of chilled Veuve Cliquot in celebration.

Jim and Alex did a few testing bush walks but the dominant pace and mood were set by leisurely hours spent yarning around the campfire, sipping coffee or sampling the extensive range of fermented and spirituous liquors we had lovingly brought on the five-hour drive from Sydney. A few games of darts and pétanque, plus an idle golf swing or two, were about the limit of our physical exertions.



John Crawford struggling to cope with the extreme stress

As has become traditional, the highlight of the holiday was the Grand Dinner up in the old farm house (c.1914) hosted by Peter and Fran, the masters of “Koorabri”. Nothing quite matches the pleasure of that first drink on the verandah, then a long two-course meal inside as the light fades, and finally coffee-with-a-dash sitting beside a roaring open fire. Where would you rather be?



Dinner with out hosts in the old farm house has become a tradition

# A CLASSIC RETURNS

April 2021

*Janaway*, a 28 foot 4 inch carvel-planked double ender, recently bought by new SASC members Julian and Michelle Haskard, was built in 1938 to a design by Wally Ward of Mosman for his own family. The yacht's success led to the famous Australian racing-yacht Carmen-class designs by Ward, built by the Swanson brothers, in the 1960s. She is listed on the Australian Register of Historic Vessels and was regularly raced at the SASC in the 1940s.

by  
Michelle  
Haskard

She was built in unusual circumstances by shipwright Syd Perry and his son Jim. They lived on a houseboat in Middle Harbour, in Fisher Bay near The Spit, and *Janaway* was built around them. *Janaway* was carvel planked kauri from stock material left over from a lifeboat contract. She has a spotted gum deadwood and frames.

The Wards sold *Janaway* in the mid-1970s. One of the subsequent owners was artist John Firth Smith, who owned and helped restore a number of classic yachts over many years. Les Soars purchased her in the mid-1990s and gave the yacht an extensive overhaul, including a new deck and a small coach house. The last owner John Adameitis, an architect, enjoyed sailing her single-handed on Pittwater. Julian and Michelle Haskard purchased *Janaway* in November 2020. After a major fit out in Pittwater, they sailed her back to Sydney Harbour just before Christmas. She has a mooring at the SASC and the Haskards were given a warm welcome at the Club as new members.

Ian Ward, the grandson of the original owner, and his family recently visited the SASC. He has many original pieces used in her construction, interesting design plans and original receipts. He has vivid memories of childhood holidays spent aboard. He retold how the original wooden mast almost fell on him when he was a boy whilst racing in 1960. The Haskards are relieved to have had the current aluminium mast, fittings and rigging completely overhauled by Phil Bate and Chris Links at RPAYC in December 2020. She was recently hauled out at SASC to complete antifouling and an improved topside and boot stripe touch up.

## **The Haskard Family**

Julian Haskard (who has joined as a full Member) was born in Nyasaland, now Malawi, to Irish and English parents with a family home on the shores of Bantry Bay in West Cork. His grandfather was a keen sailor and was an active member of the Bantry Bay Sailing Club in the 1930s-1950s. Julian sailed with his father in a 16 ft 1920s centreboard gaffer named *Mayflower*. He restored her in the 1980s. He has spent his life living, working or travelling, between six continents, which continued after marrying Michelle in 1986. He first came to Australia by ship in 1980 and rode a motor bike around much of the country. He served as a Gurkha officer in the British Army for 14 years, followed



Photo John Jeremy

*Janaway* sailing on Sydney Harbour in February

by working on the Hong Kong Airport reclamation and build project. He worked for Jardine Securicor in Thailand before the family moved back to Sydney and is currently in high-value logistics.

Michelle (a Crew Member) grew up waterskiing on the Tweed River in NSW and sailing a Hobie16 in Southport. The family kept a yacht, or large timber trawler, at the Southport Yacht Club and school holidays were often aboard on the Broadwater moored off South Stradbroke Island. Her father, Bruce Halstead, sailed with Captain Spain out of Neutral Bay as a young man and passed on a love of sailing to all his children. Michelle works in communications for a medical society.

The Haskards have three sons. The eldest, Cosmo, is currently working in London. Piers (a Crew Member) is a professional photographer after completing a Fine Arts degree and Hugo (a Youth Member) is studying Landscape Architecture. The younger boys sailed together in Flying 11s at Manly Skiff Club. Piers has his RYA Day Skipper Qualification and can be seen on the harbour in a media boat filming the 18ft Skiffs on Sundays.

The Haskard family lived on a 52 ft Herreshoff design wooden yacht named *Mercator* in Hong Kong in the 1990s. They had a swing mooring in Deep Water Bay with the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club annex on Middle Island nearby.

Julian sailed *Mercator* from Hong Kong to Phuket in 1997 with Michelle's father and brother as crew. After four years working in Bangkok, and spending weekends and school holidays exploring Nai Hahn Bay and the outer islands between Thailand and Malaysia, he sailed her through Indonesia to Sydney in late 2001. Michelle, Piers and Hugo joined the voyage on the Cairns to Sydney leg.

Janaway

*Mercator* was sold in 2002. She was in Lovett Bay for many years until she was gifted to the charity Making Waves Foundation, renamed *Wright of Passage Mercator*, and brought to Woolwich Dock. The Haskards bought a speed boat to get out on the harbour to teach the boys to waterski and handle a boat. But they could not deny a lifelong passion for wooden boats and are delighted to be custodians again. Meanwhile the old 1920s gaffer *Mayflower* is striped to bare boards and may not be on the water in south west Ireland for some time.

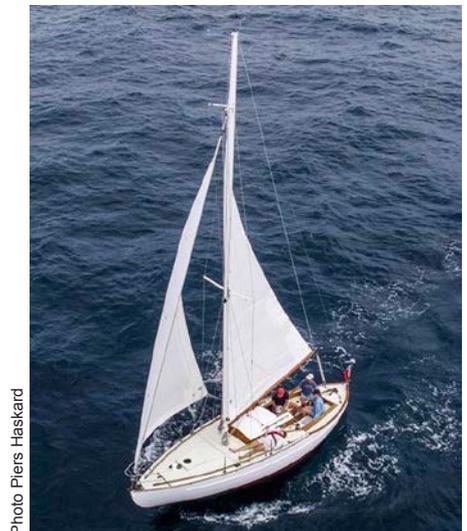


Photo Piers Haskard

# 185th AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA



Photos John Jeremy

The happy crew in *Warana* before the start of the Australia Day Regatta. They were not to know then that they would win their division and the Centenary of Federation Medal



Everyone in *Sana* was prepared for a beautiful day on the water on Australia Day



*Kelpie*, the oldest boat in the Australia Day Regatta at 128 years young



*Emma Jean* (6730), *As You Do* (7124), *Lahara II* (6501), *Viva la Vita* (0011) and *Well Inclined* (6601) at the start of the Non-spinnaker Division 1



The Flagship of the 185th Australia Day Regatta was HMAS *Diamantina*



*Reverie* approaching the finish line for the Australia Day Regatta



The historic 18-footers added colour and spectacle to the Australia Day Regatta

## SASC SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

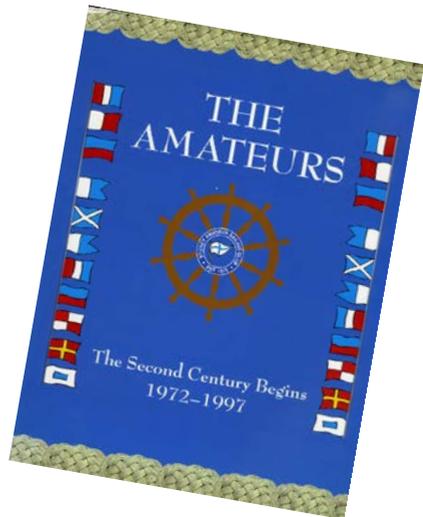
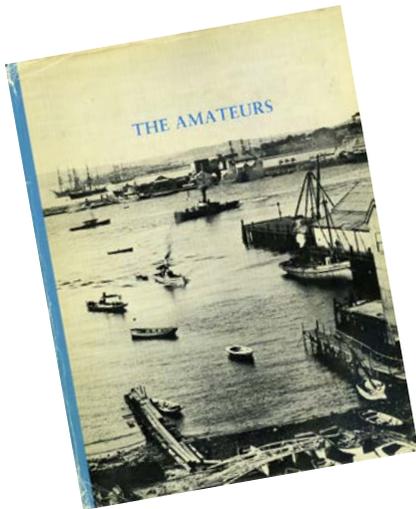
*On Tuesday 1 October 1872, in Tom Keary's Hotel, the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club was formed with four boats, 12 members and with Captain J. H. Amora as Commodore.*

### A Web-based Archive

In 2022 we will celebrate our 150th year. To mark this milestone, it is intended that a lasting legacy of a web-based archive be created to provide easy access by members to our history and give a formal structure for the archive processes into future.

The development of electronic databases, web access, digitised photos, electronic links to related publications and other supplementary databases now provide an opportunity that could formalise the ongoing approach and structure of the SASC archives. These developments create an approach for digitally maintaining the history of our members, their boats and the club's events.

As a Legacy Project the Club archives will be digitised and made accessible to all members via the web. Details could then be searched and displayable in a variety of ways. For example: if a members name is entered as a search item, the boats owned, and a list of related stories in the Club's published books and *SASC News* could be displayed. A specific story could be selected for display. Alternatively, if just a sail number is entered the boat names and owners that that sail number has been allocated to, would be displayed and then any related stories. Many search criteria will be possible and the results may be printed.



Digitising the two SASC commemorative books, which contain a wealth of information on the Club's history and the adventures of members, will make them available to a wider audience

The objective is to make our history and archives available to all, not just be stored in archival boxes in some dusty room or off-site and accessible to very few.

To create a base structure an extract of data is required of past and present member names, boats, date joined, offices held etc. and these details are embedded in our Annual Reports. We have one dated as far back as 1932 and all from 1954 to the present. In the Centenary book we have the boats and members at our 50th anniversary and the book also contains all the office holders from 1872 to 1972.

The task of extracting, from the toms of 149 years of the Annual Reports, has begun. The bones relating to its members names, boats, dates and officers etc. are being added to a preliminary computer file to be later reassembled into the web-based archive. As I toil away, the boat names and skippers of the late 70s, when I started sailing with the Club, drift past in my mind as if in some misty Turner painting. For me it's a walk down memory lane.

Although the creation of the preliminary file of the members details is a slow and somewhat tedious task it will form the skeleton of the comprehensive database upon which can then be draped the stories of events, journeys, boats, captains and crew. The stories, along with photos, will add the interest and colour to the bare bones of just dates and names.

Some of the Annual Reports being researched



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I expect that this preliminary extraction task might be completed by the end of June. The file currently contains some 2,500 records and might eventually reach 5,000, or more. It is remarkable how many boats some members have owned over the years and each combination of boat and member name requires a separate database record.

The stories about members and boats and have been documented in the two SASC published books and in articles in the *SASC News* going back to the 1990s.

The two published books will be scanned and digitised to allow them to be displayable on the web. Unfortunately neither book has an index but one will be created to provide easier identification of articles to be linked to members and or boats in the database. The creation of indexes for both books will be a large job and if anyone has suitable experience in that field and willing to help, please contact me.

The *SASC News* is held in digital format and appropriate articles will need identified to then be linked to the database. The identification of suitable articles will require a small committee to be formed to review past issues and create links.

The database will contain members details (not phone, email or addresses) and the Yacht Register using boat names and owners as extracted from the Annual Reports. John Maclurcan has kindly offered to add to that record, the details of boat type, rig, length, designer etc. from his records accumulated over the years in developing a Race Management System. We would also want to hold pictures of each boat and these may be available either from current members or for significant boats from other sources such as John Jeremy's photo archive.

A screen grab of the rapidly growing data

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	
Sail No (yearly years not used)	Boat Name (sail # added to name)	Member Name or Non-Memb. Boat Owner	Ann. Rep Yr	Other sources	1988. 1958. Ann Trove	Year joined Club	LAP Memb HL LX L3M Chc Aft	Director (First to Last Year)	Comm. Years in (Office)	Immediate Past Comm. (Commenc ed in 1962)	Vice Comm in (Office)	Rear Comm in (office)	Hon. Secret (Office)	Hon. Racing Secret (years in office)	Hon. Tres. (Years in Office)	Chair Racing (Years in Office)	Capti an (Years in office)	Hon. Starters	Syd Yacht Racing Ass - Later Yachfin (SASC NSW)	Deed	Past Hobb Yip: Hon. Life Life Mem.	Year App Hon. Life	length in FT (Open boat class)	Regatta year 1st 2nd or 3rd (now Disc owed)	Kelly Cup Win (Year r)
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393 3560	Belle Isle(3560)	Greenland G	1986		1984																				
394 3608	Joki(3608)	Williams C E	1997		1993																				
395 3643	Libellule(3643)	Olliffe N G	2020		2008																				
396 3644	Sorine(3644)	Adamson B M	1997		1982																				
397 3666	Much Ado(3666)	Rickard J A	1977		1975																				
398 3671	Windermere(3671)	Grant M A	2020		1991																				
399 3682	Bernick(3682)	Mills K P	1984																						
400 3682	Pineapple(3682)	Ryves C D F (Junior)	1957		1956																				
401 3713	Kohi Bay(3713)	Condell D R M	1984		1976																				
402 3735	Emma H(3735)	Uhlhorn B	1984		1983																				
403 3738	Mucketeer(3738)	Watts P J	1995		1984																				
404 3745	Antares(3745)	Yates C J	1969		1952																				
405 3759	Ben Boyd Road(3759)	Barry A L (Tom)	1997		1983																				
406 3767	Mistress Mercy(3767)	Murchison J R	1997		1987																				
407 3787	Rosenkavalier(3787)	Emery J F	1997		1981																				
408 3884	Geisha Girl(3884)	Hawley B T	1995		1984																				
409 3918	Hotspur(3918)(K. Cup 1997)	Hegan W T (Bill)	1997		1979																				1997
410 4025	Passepartout(4025)	Rice K J	1997		1977																				
411 4059	Otology(4059)	Aylmer D F	1996		1981																				
412 4190	Farr Horizons(4190)	Resnekov J R	1997		1995																				
413 4254	Magick(4254)	Manson C J	2017		2003																				
414 4354	Silverado(4354)	Halliday P	1996		1979																				
415 4377	Clewless(4377)	Irwin G R	2017		1998																				
416 4377	Clewless(4377)	Irwin L	2017		2011																				
417 4377	Hot Bubbles Too(2064)	Darynmple-Hay C	2020		1996																				
418 4408	Arabesque(4408)	Watts P J	1997		1984																				
419 4426	S to R(4426)	Dare M	2017		2002																				
420 4527	She's Apples Two(4527)	Prattice M W	1998		1990																				
421 4541	U2(4541)	Kopsen W K	1999		1997																				
422 4541	U2(4541)	Urquhart C W	1998		1996																				
423 4587	Let The Fish Go(4587)	Smdsmore J	1998		1997																				
424 4664	Fagel Gripe(4664)	Lees J J	2017		2011																				
425 4670	Camilla(4670)	Galbraith M N	2017		2004																				

The identification of suitable database and web software is yet to be resolved. If any members have expertise in relational database and web software, I would be delighted to have your input.

The largest costs will be in creating the indexes, software and obtaining external advice of the structure and seeding of the database.

We will approach several bodies to gain funding support. The Sports Commission will most likely provide a tax effective vehicle for donations and we can apply to The Australian National Maritime Museum for a grant and this project would appear to fit their guidelines. I also know that some members wish to contribute seed capital to the project.

It's a big project but one worth doing to preserve our history and allow members to easily delve into it stories

*Fred Bevis*

## **A Commemorative Book**

The Club is also working on a book to be published during our 150th year, and we are looking for any good quality photos of club boats and events. We are also looking to scan any good historical images of Mosman Bay and area.

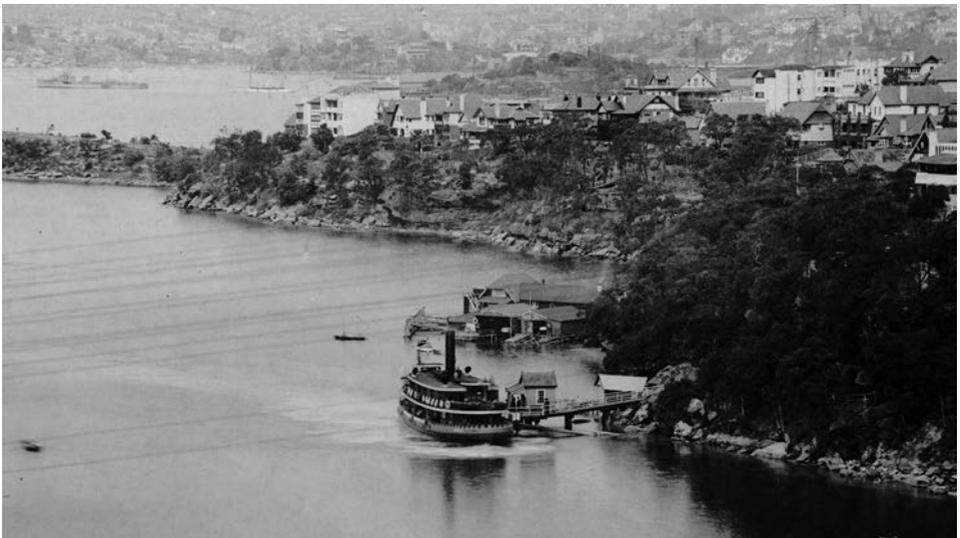
I would like to borrow them for scanning — the items would be returned if you wish to retain them.

Please contact me first rather than leave images at the office. If you think you can help, please contact me by email at [mark@pearsearchitects.com.au](mailto:mark@pearsearchitects.com.au) or phone 0426 508 436.

*Mark Pearse*

RAHS collection

The ferry *Kulgoa*  
at the Old Cremorne Wharf, ca  
1920





Photos John Jeremy

The Gaffers Day organising committee at work at the Club on 17 February



The first meeting of the Board of the SASC for 2021 was also held on 17 February



Plenty of smiles on board 5 to 6 at the start of the Sunday Series race on 21 February



*Vivienne Marie and Isabella* about to start on 21 February



*Tanami and Anitra V shortly after the start of the Sunday race on 21 February*



*Zara just ahead of Shambles on the way to Naval 3 during the twilight race on 26 February*



*Cloud IX* on the way to the first mark on 26 February



It was busy-ness as usual near the Beashel Buoy on 26 February



Photo Paul Fowler

An unusual line up of Classic Division yachts shortly after rounding the East Channel mark on Saturday 27 February



Photo Alice Murphy

The Rose Bay mark can be a challenge as Sydney's growing fleet of large motor cruisers take over the waters of the Harbour. Treat everything as an obstruction and go round the lot!



Photo Mike Warner

We know nothing! The faithful Saturday starting crew appearing to deny everything, just in case



Photo John Jeremy

Sydney's recent foul weather spread over two weekends resulted in a possibly unprecedented number of day's abandoned sailing. Mosman Bay was a bleak prospect on Saturday 20 March

## FROM THE ARCHIVES CAUGHT!

### *Boating party vaccinated*

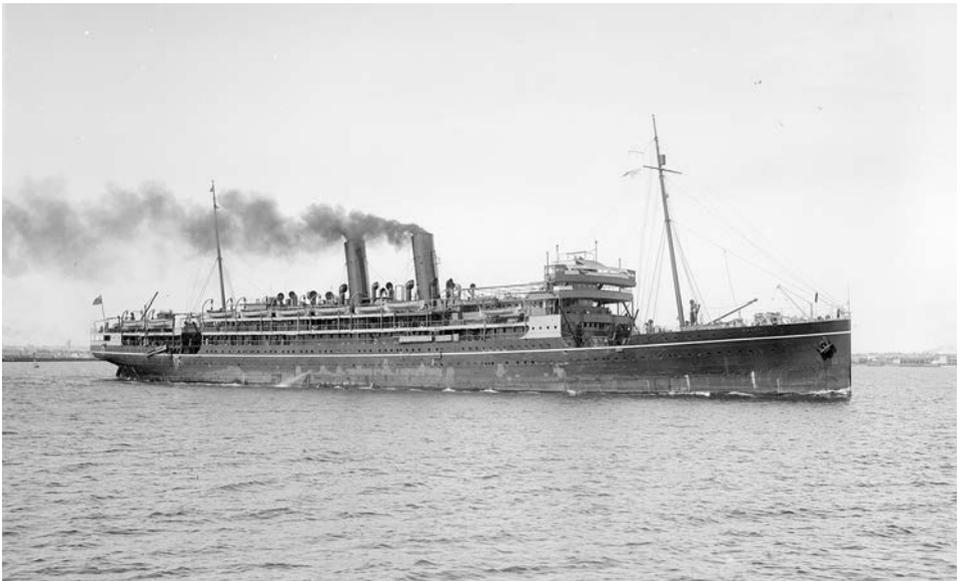
*As we battle COVID-19, we can reflect on our past relationships with quarantine and vaccination. This quote from the Evening News of 21 April 1912 reproduced in The Amateurs, recalls an incident that year.*

“The quarantine officials apparently are determined that boating parties will in future steer clear of the restricted waters inside North Head. Two boats belonging to the Snails Bay Club were caught in the big blow and they put in under Green Point — the spot where the quarantine flag is hoisted — for shelter after taking a severe battering between the Heads. After bailing out their boats, making minor repairs and reefing their sails, they made ready to depart when they were ordered to land by the quarantine officials, owing to their being inside the buoys and consequently breaking the regulations.

“After landing they were duly informed that they had been trespassing and, as a safeguard, owing to quarantined passengers of the SS *Malwa* being detained at the station, it was desirable that they be vaccinated. This having been done they were allowed to depart with their Certificates which instructed them to report to the Customs House on 23, 25 and 27 April 1912 at 11.00 am for examination by a Medical Officer of Health.

The general opinion is that the whole thing was done as a warning to those who repeatedly sail inside the buoys, not to do it again.”

*Frolic*, owned and skippered by SASC member Arthur Preston, was one of the boats.



State Library of Victoria, Alan C Green Collection

We can't find a photo of *Frolic*, but we can of RMS *Malwa*. *Malwa* had reported a case of smallpox on board when she arrived in Australian waters

# NEW MEMBERS

April 2021

We welcome the following new members:

David Claughton	Benjamin Anderson
Peter Evans	Irene Grootendorst
Georgina MacDougall	Martijn Van Eljkelenborg
James Rice	Tracy Richardson
Morten Sejersen	Robert Treharne
Peter Walker	Weiwei Walker
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## TENDER HOURS

Members are reminded that the hours of operation of the Club's tenders are:

- Saturday/Sunday (EST) 0900–1700
- Saturday/Sunday (DST) 0900–1800
- Friday Twilights 1600–2100 (approx)

### TENDER DRIVERS NEED A BREAK TOO

On some days the demands on the duty tender driver never slacken. They need a break just like everyone else, so please avoid calling them between 1245 and 1315 so they can grab some lunch.

## SASC SHOP

*Subject to availability*

### SASC Club Merchandise

Burgee – Medium 30 cm x 45 cm	\$41.00
Racing 'A' flag (new stock)	\$27.00
Racing 'A' flag (old stock)	\$20.50
Club Tie	\$25.00
Club Cap	\$20.00
Club Wide Brimmed Hat	\$30.00
Polo Shirt – Short Sleeve	\$40.00
Polo Shirt – Long Sleeve	\$45.00
Rugby Top	\$55.00
SASC Water Bottle	\$15.00

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next *SASC News* will be the June 2021 edition. Contributions from members, which are always welcome, should reach the editor by Friday 28 May 2021. Contributions can be in hard copy or sent by email. Photographs are also very welcome.



*Josephine* made a fine sight as she approached the finish during the 185th Australia Day Regatta

