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The deadline for Volume 11, No. 4 is February 1st, 1974.

COVER PHOTO

John Coen, a veteran participant in National Titles is expected to be amongst the leading group in the forthcoming Titles in Brisbane.

THE PRESIDENT WRITES

As you know, I have always advocated a very flexible application of the racing rules, dependent on what the race is all about. In an interclub team race the rules must be used to the very letter in an attempt to oust opponents. In a week-end regatta, a blind eye should be turned to all sorts of minor infringements. After all, we take part in such events to have fun.

Because of this attitude, I find a new I.Y.R.U. rule very disturbing. I refer to rule 67.2 in which a competitor, observing contact between two other competitors, can protest against them both. To me, this rule has no place in Heron sailing. If two boats come into contact, it is surely up to them to decide what, if anything, should be done about it.

I have already this season been involved in two minor collisions. In one case I was definitely in the wrong. I tried to be clever and it didn't come off. It was a deliberate attempt to gain an advantage. There was a collision and, as a result, I retired from the race. In the other, a combination of a number of circumstances caused three of us to touch lightly. No one really gained or lost anything out of it and I still can't work out who might have been wrong. But, as a result, we all carried on as though nothing had happened. We, and other competitors, applied common sense and ignored rule 67.

I hope all Heroners will use their common sense too and, when the circumstances are appropriate, they also will ignore this rule.

CHRIS LLOYD-OWEN

EDITORIAL

The June 1973 edition of the Newsletter carried a questionnaire concerning the fibreglass construction of Herons. Members were requested to return the questionnaire to the Management Committee so that membership opinion could be gauged.

Less than half the possible number of replies were received from a total membership of thirteen hundred. (as at 31/7/73) Since the current membership stands at sixteen hundred there were also some who were unfinancial at the time but who nevertheless received the questionnaire via the Newsletter.

It is to be hoped that the large majority who chose to ignore that opportunity will take note of the Notice of Motion published in this issue concerning fibreglass construction of Herons and participate in the functioning of the Association by expressing an opinion in the next issue of the Newsletter, by attending the Annual General Meeting or by voting via the mail on this issue.

The Heron Association, after all, is an Association of ALL Heroners. Let's make it work that way.

That time of the year is upon us again, and I hope that a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is enjoyed by all.

BRIAN GLASE
Editor.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Change of Treasurer

The resignation of Mr. R. Thomson as Treasurer has been received and accepted by the Management Committee.

The position has been filled by Mr. A. Clapham.

The Army Heron

The Australian Army has advised the Association that Heron 7404 is now held by ANZUK Military Hospital, CHANGI SINGAPORE. It may be remembered that this Heron was previously based in South Vietnam.

1974 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MOTION ON NOTICE

The following Notice of Motion has been received in compliance with Clause 9.2 of the Constitution.

President,
Y. W. H. S. A. A.
1 Ethel St.,
BALGOWLAH. N.S.W. 2093

11 Macarthur St.,
ST. IVES. 2075
17-10-73.

Dear Sir,

This is to notify that, at the 1974 A.G.M., we will move to the following effect:-

That the Constitution of the Y. W. H. S. A. A. be altered as follows :-

- (a) Clause 6.5.1.
Add second paragraph :- " "A" Class certificates shall also be granted to boats, approved by the Association, having hulls built of glass-reinforced plastic (i.e. "g.r.p" or fibreglass) and having decks and/or thwarts and/or side seats built of fibreglass or plywood/timber."
- (b) Clause 6.5.2.
Second line change to :- "to the Y.W. Heron plans or of fibreglass or fibreglass/timber as described in Clause 6.5.1 which fail to comply with tolerances laid down by the ..."
- (c) Clause 6.7.
First sentence, change to :- "Hulls shall conform to the lines and dimensions detailed on the official plans. Plywood boats shall conform to the specifications detailed on the official plans. Fibreglass and fibreglass/timber boats shall be built to the approval of the Association."
- (d) Clause 7.3.1.
Second sentence, change to :- "In the case of timber boats, built-in buoyancy compartments are permitted ahead of"
Add third sentence :- "In fibreglass or fibreglass/timber boats, built-in buoyancy shall be to the approval of the Association."

The effect of these changes, if the motion is carried by the vote of the membership, will be to permit constitutionally, the acceptance of fibreglass and fibreglass/timber boats which are approved by the Association.

The motion has the approval of the Management Committee of Y. W. H. S. A. A.

Alan Imlay
Hon. Gen. Sec. MOVER

Yours faithfully,
J. Coen
Vice President SECONDER



What the best-dressed crew will be wearing this season - and Dads are catered for too - sizes from 28" to XOS are available so why not order early and avoid disappointment.

15TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The Q.H.S.A. extends a hearty welcome to all Heron Sailors, families and friends attending the 15th National Heron Class Championships being conducted by the Q.H.S.A. and H.Y.C. on behalf of the Y.W.H.S.A.A. For the visiting helmsmen details of on the water conditions are in the Sailing Instructions.

The Programme of events will be :

Monday	31/12/73	Registration 9.00 a.m. Briefing 11.00 a.m. New Years Eve Barbecue at H.Y.C. 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday	1/ 1/74	Recovery period in morning HEAT 1 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday	2/ 1/74	HEAT 2 10.00 a.m. HEAT 3 2.30 p.m.
Thursday	3/ 1/74	HEAT 4 10.00 a.m. Resail if necessary 2.30 p.m.
Friday	4/ 1/74	HEAT 5 10.00 a.m. Resail if necessary 2.30 p.m. Presentation Dinner at Homestead Hotel 7.00p.m.

Lunches and refreshments will be available on race days.
Barbecue facilities will be made available after afternoon races.

The Championships provide a meeting place for Heroners from all walks of life from all areas of Australia. Cairns through to Tasmania and Papua New Guinea. Yarns told at such a meeting will be entertainment in themselves.

All members of the Q.H.S.A. wish all Heroners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those attending the Titles please enjoy the Series, compete in a sportsman-like manner and have a safe journey to and from your homes.

Colin Verrall,
Q.H.S.A. Secretary.

(Publication error :

It is regretted that the 15th National Championships Programme published in the September Newsletter was in error. It is hoped that no one was inconvenienced by this slip. The CORRECT Programme appears above. - Editor)

WELCOME TO HUMPYBONG

The Australian National Heron Championships this year will be conducted on a course that was sailed by John Oxley one hundred and fifty years ago.

Humpybong Yacht Club is approximately three kilometres from the site of the first white settlement in Queensland. In 1823 Lieutenant John Oxley landed and established a penal settlement at Redcliffe Point. A stone monument now marks this spot.

Buildings of slab timber with bark roofs were erected at a site near the present Redcliffe shopping centre. This type of building was referred to as a "UMPY" or "HUMPY". Dissatisfaction with the site and the hostility of the natives led to the removal of the settlement to the site where Brisbane now stands.

The deserted "UMPIES" were left standing and were referred to by the natives as "OOMPY BONG" meaning "DESERTED HUMPIES". This has been over the years changed to "HUMPYBONG".

It seems fitting that these titles will commemorate this historic occasion.

The Humpybong course is located along the southern shores of the Redcliffe Peninsula. This Peninsula is approximately eight kilometres by five kilometres in size, jutting into Moreton Bay to form Deception Bay to the north and Bramble Bay to the south. It is Bramble Bay that holds the Humpybong course.

Some eleven different courses have been established by the Club within these waters. However these courses are generally within the confines of two variable basic courses:-

and "The Sheltered Waters Course" - used in heavy weather and by small craft,
and "The Open Waters Course" - providing generally the challenge sought by the
larger craft.

The prevailing winds at the time of the Titles are generally considered to be south-easterly.

The Redcliffe City Council in conjunction with the Department of Harbours and Marine of the Queensland Government have over the past few years carried out a huge reclamation programme in the area. This is nearing completion, and has provided the Club with approximately twelve acres of rigging area and spectator viewing area. One public ramp is at present in use by the Club. However by the date of the Titles it is envisaged that a huge additional access area will be available.

The Club allows spectator observation of almost all of the courses used and provides all the facilities normally expected in Clubs of this nature.

The waters of Bramble Bay are inviting, warm and challenging. The officers and members of the Humpybong Yacht Club invite you to what they consider to be the best waters in Southern Queensland and assure that this year's Titles will be ones to remember.

To the competitors - good sailing, may the competition be keen and conducted in the spirit of true sportsmanship.

F.J. HANSFORD
HUMPYBONG YACHT CLUB.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUMPYBONG YACHT CLUB

In 1884 the first Regatta was held at Humpybong. The races were organised from an initial meeting at the Royal Hotel in Brisbane. The boats varied from small centreboarders to yachts of 25 ft. and fishing boats. This regatta continued as an annual event until 1912.

Humpybong Sailing Club was reformed in April 1938, at Woody Point as an all boat sailing club. The first race held shortly after the inaugural meeting attracted four entries and skippers and crews who competed in this first race are still members or associated with the Club.

Since 1961-62 the Club has built up both its membership and its fleet, comprising Herons; Sabots, Cherubs, Catamarans, Miscellaneous, Lazy "E" and Mirror Dinghies.

Many people ask "Why call it Humpybong Yacht Club", and all answer as though in unison, "Because it's the only place in the world with this name and we like to be remembered by all our visitors always, and who could forget the name Humpybong?"

The constitution of the Club has always featured one grand basis in that it is determined to remain an all boats Club. Because of this, two prominent Yachtsmen asked the Secretary if they with their ocean-going yachts might be able to sail on Bramble Bay. This was in the year 1945. On being put to the next meeting, the welcome was unanimous and so successful was the first race of this nature, a new Club was the outcome. This was the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club whose big event of the year is the Brisbane-Gladstone Yacht Race. Although the race now starts from Sandgate instead of Woody Point the original members vowed that as long as there was a Q.C.Y.C. the Brisbane-Gladstone Race would never desert Woody Point as a starting place.

1950 - Another most notable item worth recording is this. The Australian Centennial was held in 1950 and the Australian Council decided that No. 1 item on the agenda would be the National 12 sq. Meter Yacht race to be (and was) held at Woody Point under the management of the Humpybong Yacht Club. Today all those who took part and won events, hold the Medallion presented by the Governor, the late Sir John Lavarack.

The next notable event was the occasion of the Royal Visit, when the 12 sq. Meter section of the Club were represented at the Royal Regatta held on Sydney Harbour. The Club Commodore, Mr. A. B. (Bill) Black, was selected by the Queensland Yachting Association as Captain Manager to the Queensland representatives. The Commodore and Mrs. Black were presented to His Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron enabling a personal invitation for His Highness to sail with us at Woody Point. This was desired by His Highness but only conditional on a free day to his itinerary. Although the event did not take place, we received a letter of appreciation from His Highness for our offer.

In 1956 when the Olympics were held in Melbourne all sporting bodies were invited and given representation for the carrying of the Olympic Torch. The Queensland Yachting Association selected Humpybong Yacht Club under the management of Commodore Bill Black to represent them. We in turn selected six members each capable of running a mile in six minutes, training them and finally taking a most important role in a World event.

FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT THE REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

- 1 - The Peninsula is approximately 5 miles by 3 miles jutting into Moreton Bay to form Deception Bay to the north and Bramble Bay to the south.
- 2 - Redcliffe is a City in its own right having a population of 33,000 people.
- 3 - On August 26th, 1769, a small sailing vessel left England. It arrived at Van Diemen's Land - now called Tasmania. Its Captain, James Cook, after completing a commission for his Government in the Pacific, returned to the vicinity of Tasmania and headed north to explore the East Coast of Australia.
- 4 - It seems fitting that the present 15th National Heron Sailing Championships should be held on a course which 200 years ago was sighted by Captain Cook. In fact on 26th April, 1770, Captain Cook looked through the passage between Moreton and Stradbroke Islands and named Moreton Bay.
- 5 - On Cook's trip north he named Cape Moreton and on passing it saw the unusual shapes landward, and called them the Glasshouse Mountains. These can be observed from the northern end of the Peninsula across Deception Bay.
- 6 - In 1799 Lieut. Flinders anchored off Cape Moreton on August 15th. Next day he sailed towards the south end of Bribie Island and saw Aborigines and after a short altercation called the place Skirmish Point. Travelling south he sighted the red cliffs of the Peninsula. Accurate information tells us that this was the Woody Point area.
- 7 - 1823. First White Settlement. Lieut. Oxley arrived and established a penal settlement. He landed at Redcliffe Point and subsequently found the Brisbane River. By 1824 a contingent had returned from Sydney. 'Umpies' were built of slab timber with bark roofs at a site near the present shopping centre of Redcliffe.
- 8 - 1825. Apparently there was general discontentment about this site as it was thought it may become unhealthy both from the Aborigines point of view and hygienic facilities. Official approval from Sydney allowed the original settlement to be transferred to Brisbane.
- 9 - HUMPYBONG. The deserted buildings were left standing and were referred to by the Aborigines as 'Oompie Bong', meaning deserted humpies. The natives used their version of the English humpie, and a word of their own language 'bong'.
- 10 - 1862. First Authorative Land Sales. The cost was £1 (\$2) per acre.
- 11 - Progress was retarded for the next 15 years because ownership of estates sold went to Banks, gentlemen, Civil Service employees, and Clergymen, all resident in Brisbane.
- 12 - 1880. The first Land Boom and the original Hotels at Scarborough and Redcliffe built.
- 13 - Initially the transport service to the Peninsula was by sea from Sandgate or Brisbane. Jetties were built at Redcliffe and Woody Point, and together with the land road served the Peninsula Highway in 1935.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In a 1971 Heron Association Newsletter there appeared an excellent and most informative list of all Heron Skippers, their boat names and numbers, and their addresses. This single publication has probably created more goodwill amongst Heroners than any other group of half a dozen acts could have done. I highly commend such a publication and urge that it be repeated at least on a bi-ennial basis. If cost is a limiting factor I for one would favour a small annual increase in Association fees to cover its expense.

IAN R. ABBOTT
(Heron Skipper 5533)

16TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The 16th National Heron Championship is to be conducted for us by the Albury Sailing Club. This Club has a magnificent site on the southern side of the Hume Weir which is on the border between Victoria and New South Wales.

The Weir is nine miles distant from Albury and its twin city Wodonga. The area has many and varied places of interest and would provide a venue for a very enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Two large camping/caravan parks are situated on the shores of the weir whilst a third is located below the weir wall. These parks are of such a size that bookings are not necessary. However, we are sure that we can arrange to have an area reserved for us so that we can socialize in the evenings. Caravans can be hired but the minimum period is three weeks.

The Club has a twenty site caravan park on their property and this will also be available.

Both cities are well provided with hotels and motels hence there will be no difficulties with this type of accommodation. However, bookings are accepted and would probably be advisable. Flats are not available.

It is proposed to have more detailed information in the next Heron Newsletter. In the meantime, queries can be addressed to the Victorian Secretary,

Mrs. Judith Moule,
22 Burnett Road, KNOXFIELD, VIC. 3180.

QUEENSLAND HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION NEWS

by Colin Verrall

Publication of our local newsletter 'The Heron Herald' is now established on a regular basis. Our drive to seek out boats not sailing regularly is paying dividends. Four boats have been sold from our secondhand list in two months. Any more?

HERON ASSOCIATION DAY - REDCLIFFE ENGINEERING TROPHY

Sc.	1.	E. Moore	-	El Toro (former Sydney Sailor)
	2.	K. Smith	-	Hullaballoo
	3.	C. Verrall	-	Col Sand

C. Y. A. HEAD OF THE RIVER

Sc.	1.	M. Gunn	-	Heretaunga
	2.	K. Smith	-	Hullaballoo
	3.	C. Verrall	-	Col Sand

HYMPYBONG YACHT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1ST HEAT

Sc.	1.	C. Verrall	-	Col Sand
	2.	I. Pettigrew	-	Nautilus
	3.	P. Robinson	-	Houri

SOUTH BRISBANE SAILING CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1ST HEAT

Sc.	1.	Triple dead heat	K. Smith	-	Hullaballoo
			M. Gunn	-	Heretaunga
			B. Tranter	-	Simbo
	2.	P. Robinson	-	Houri	
	3.	C. Verrall	-	Col Sand	

Close racing is being experienced between Hullaballoo, Houri, Heretaunga, El Toro and Col Sand.

Important events before the National Titles are:

HERON V MIRROR CHALLENGE

SOUTH QUEENSLAND NATIONAL TITLES

For Herons wishing to visit Queensland and cannot take their Annual Holidays to coincide with the National Titles may I suggest the Kurramine Sailing Regatta in August is one of the best sailing events on any Heron Sailing Calendar. The Harold Holt Memorial Trophy is contested at a venue with these attractions :-

Comfortable warm sub-tropical winter climate.

Extensive sailing waters containing all the wonders of picturesque tropical islands, coral reefs, turtles, variety of coral reef marine life and a peaceful creek estuary. All these are sailed to in your own Heron at your leisure.

A gathering of genuine, friendly people with a strong conviction to enjoy life.

NORTH QUEENSLAND NEWS

KURRIMINE REGATTA REPORT

by G. Higham

The Welcome Handicap and the first heat of the Harold Holt memorial trophy was held in 8 to 10 knot breezes. Both races saw a tussle between crack northern skippers John Breen and Lewis Turner, with Tim Higham, Kevin Gutler, Adrian Pennisi and Mark Higham showing up as the main rivals.

At 3 a. m. on the second morning a 25-30 knot "breeze" hit the sailing area. The result was a day of thrills and spills and plenty of planing. By the final heat only ten faced the starter but of these 10 more "pickled". Noteworthy that on the same day all 10 O.K. dinghies failed to start.

OFFICIAL RESULTS HAROLD HOLT MEMORIAL TROPHY

KURRIMINE REGATTA AUGUST 1973

PLACE	NUMBER	NAME	SKIPPER	HEAT	HEAT	HEAT	TOTAL
				1	2	3	
1	8007	MIRANDELLA	J. BREEN	1	6	3	9
2	4814	KURRIMINE FOR	M. HIGHAM	3	3	8	14
2	8378	CORAL SEA	T. HIGHAM	2	5	7	14
4	5681	OROO	J. PONT	8	4	4	16
5	8381	RETLANA	P. GRUMLEY	11	8	2	21
5	8541	MISS GEM	K. GUTLER	6	9	6	21
7	7617	SARKEE	L. TURNER	RET.	1	1	25
7	7977	PATSY-BEE	M. GOODALL	7	7	11	25
9	8389	DOLCE VITA	S. PENNISI	15	11	5	31
10	8235	DJIBI	E. McFARLANE	13	14	9	36
11	8709	COL-SAND	C. VERRALL	16	13	10	39
11	7634	MASTA-MARK	J. HIGHAM	12	2	RET.	39
13	5388	SURFER-JOE	G. HIGHAM	10	12	RET.	47
14	8297	POPEYE	C. SHEPPARD	18	10	RET.	53
15	8600	STELLA DE MAR	A. PENNISI	4	RET.	N.S.	59
16	8281	EDITH ALICE	W. GARNAUT	5	N.S.	N.S.	65
17	8207	DAWN TREADER	B. HEARN	13	RET.	N.S.	68
18	7369	PANCHO	M. HEIDON	9	N.S.	N.S.	69
18	5166	O'BROTHER	G. BIRCH	14	RET.	N.S.	69
20	8363	T. T.	Miss C. TIERNEY	19	RET.	N.S.	74

MACKAY SAILING CLUB

from Mick Elliott

A picnic atmosphere prevailed at the opening of the Mackay Sailing Club's new season. Non competitors lazed in the hot sun while skippers and crew hurried to rig their charges. Temperatures were up in the mid twenties.

Racing started at 2 p.m. on Sunday September 2 with a light north easterly sending the fleet on their way.

Heroners, a part of our senior fleet sailed outside the harbour area. The course was laid with a minimum of fuss, using two Harbour Bouys and one set down by the club.

Starting from between the heads, the fleet sailed out to Pinnacale Rock buoy reaching past the Eastern side of Slade Island down to the "Sisters", a rocky outcrop, and, after gybing ran square back towards the harbour. The course was run twice.

No difficulty was reported by any member of the fleet, though some choppy water had to be negotiated off Slade Island.

Last years Mackay Heron champion, Rob Black and runner up David Wilson were not amongst the starters.

David's boat, Skardi Jnr., was sailed successfully by father and son combination of Geoff and Perry Cohen to take out the front position.

Second across the line was Unity Too, skippered by Don McDonald and crewed by daughter Donna, three minutes behind the leader. Two minutes later Kev Gutler and Chris Wren sailing Miss Gem just edged out Dabin with Dave Lukin and Ian Alchin by one second.

This opening day race will have no bearing on the end of the year championships. Prizes were presented, however for the days efforts, by club patron Robin Cummings. The race was from scratch and will help officials to allocate handicaps for the first competition race of the season.

After skippers and crew had packed away their boats, everyone relaxed at a bar-b-cue while the Patron's Spoons were presented. So unexpected was the crowd that arrived for the after race bar-b-cue that we ran out of food.

I am glad to say the current season is under way in fine fashion and all indications point to a record season.

All the best for the new season to all Heroners.

TASMANIAN NEWS

from Andrew Gayton

The 1973-74 season is now well under way. A Heron Fleet averaging twenty starters is racing every week at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club. At the time of writing, National Champion Andrew Payne has not been on the water due to studies but State Champion, David Jones sailing his new boat, JANANNIE started the season well. He has been first across in two of the three races sailed. The third race was won by Graham Foale in BRAVADO. Others doing well early in the season are Philip Moore (KULANDA) and Anne Leslie Irvine in BRINA WA. Phillip Neville (SHARA) and Rod Cooper have been showing glimpses of form while tuning their new boats. A further 10 boats will be taking to the water after exams are over so we can expect a fleet of about 30 by Christmas.

The Montrose Bay Yacht Club has accepted our challenge to a teams race with their Mirrors later in the season. The race will be sailed on Montrose Bay between teams of 10 Herons and 10 Mirrors and although the result seems a foregone conclusion, a lot of fun is expected.

An Oriental Dinner, organised by the Ladies Committee was held at the home of Air Commodore Black in Lindisfarne at the end of October. It was a typical Heroners evening being very successful both in terms of enjoyment and financially.

N.S.W. NEWS

N.S.W. HERON ASSOCIATION

Due to the resignation of Mr. R. Thomson as Secretary, all correspondence should now be sent to

Mr. A. Crane
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MAROUBRA. 2035 Phone: 34 8982

JAX TROPHY TEAMS RACING

The first round of the Jax Trophy was held late October at Double Bay on Sydney Harbour. The weather proved rather variable, the northerly wind was light at times but reached planing speeds at others. The racing however was not at all variable. The short, sharp races gave little time for recovery from mistakes and some slightly surprising results eventuated. At the end of the day, the leaders were Cronulla with 4 wins and 23 points followed by Concord-Ryde (4 wins and 24 points) and Balmoral (4 wins and 28-3/4 points). There is however another full day's racing at Dobroyd next February so the series is still wide open.

138TH ROYAL SYDNEY ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

The Date - Monday, 28th January, 1974 (Australia Day Week - end)

Bob Wiley of the Double Bay Sailing Club issues an invitation for all interested skippers to take part in this traditional Anniversary Regatta and make it the biggest and best ever.

Gold, silver and bronze medallions await the first three placegetters on handicap and entries will be accepted on the beach at the small fee of 50¢.

Bob realises that State Title activities will be happening around the corner in Middle Harbour but for anyone not taking part in the Titles he suggests that they head for Double Bay and a most exciting Regatta.

For further details ring Bob at 30-7271.

THE SHOALHAVEN SHIELD

Age and experience versus youthful enthusiasm - with the wind the victor. This was the story of this year's Shoalhaven Shield, sailed on St. George's Basin on the October long week-end.

A disappointingly small number of boats turned up this year, probably because of a delay in printing the N.S.W. programme. However, the racing couldn't have been closer, with competitors frequently overlapped at the finishing line. The overall series however turned out to be a three boat event - two ex State Champions, Charles Grimwood in Zenith and Bill Imlay in Deft, and up and coming junior Malcolm Lloyd-Owen in Rufus.

Malcolm set the pace in Saturday's north-easter with a text book port tack start across the fleet, holding his lead all the way to the finish. Charles closed the gap towards the end but had to be content with second while Bill was third.

Sunday morning started with almost no wind. Chris Lloyd-Owen gambled on the north-easter and, when it came, appeared to be some 500 yards in front. However, it died before a westerly and the usual three were in front again. This time Charles managed to break through to win in the freshening westerly with Bill again third.

By afternoon the wind was very strong and Malcolm's was one of the lightweight crewed boats that retired at the start. This race went to the Imlay family with Bill first, his son Stephen second (a very good effort) and Charles third, ahead of Murray Bailey.

After Sunday's hot dry westerly, Monday produced a cold wet southerly. Places changed all the way round the course, but when it counted, Malcolm was in front again, this time with Bill second and Charles third.

With all heats counting, the Shoalhaven Shield was shared by Bill and Charles, each with a first, a second and two thirds. Malcolm, with two firsts, a second and a retirement was third and, for the second successive year, won the Junior Trophy.



Malcolm Lloyd-Owen and Bo Campbell "enjoying spring sailing at the Shoalhaven Shield races.

BOTANY BAY HERON SAILING CLUB

By the time this goes to print we will have had our Invitation Day and we hope that the Weather Gods look more favourably upon us than they have in the last few weeks.

We are considering renaming the Club the Botany Bay Heron 'Swimming' Club as a large number of our boats have been having an extra "buoyancy test" lately.

The Juniors have only had one race this season but have stood up to the rough weather extremely well. Young MISS Kerrie Elphinstone showed the boys how to sail when she came first in IKARA in the Junior Championship Race.

Don Brown (MUSTANG) still keeps apart from the rest of the fleet although Les (TUPPY) Morris pipped him to the post in the 3rd Championship Race. Keep him on his toes Les.

Each week has seen a large fleet face the starting gun and all are extremely keen. New boats starting this season are MYXUS (B. Brindley), BLUEY (A. Dickson), NORMIE (J. O'Connor), FUGITIVE (J. Studden) and FALCON (J. Campbell). BINATANG (L. George) is just about ready to take the plunge.

As always we extend a warm welcome to Heroners to join us in a days sailing on the Bay. We assemble at the foot of Sanoni Ave., Sans Souci, each Saturday and the races start at 2.30 p.m.

Happy Sailing to All.

HENRY HERON

CONCORD RYDE SAILING CLUB

from Lindsay Budge

The start of the new season has brought some new faces to our Club - some new sailors, who are now showing signs of rapid improvement and some others, who are battling it out in the middle of the fleet. The top end of the fleet is reserved almost exclusively for juniors! This, I assure you, is not by design of the "more experienced" sailors. In a recent race juniors (or thereabouts) filled five of the first seven place off scratch!

Our Jax Trophy team acquitted itself well in the first round of this year's competition, although Charles Grimwood suffered somewhat from the problem of juniors mentioned above.

We are all looking forward to a good season's sailing and to the second round of the Jax Trophy competition.

CRONULLA SAILING CLUB

from Ron Goodbury

The club looks like having a bumper year with 31 Herons on it's books and a fleet of 17 fronting up on race days.

Ian Cull, current State champion is setting his usual cracking pace in "Chain Valley Bay" with John Stannard in "Kurinana" pushing him along.

In the Jax teams event Ian Cull, Dick Sleeman and Stan Wymer came first, second and third respectively in all four heats, giving the club an excellent start in this series.

DOBROYD AQUATIC CLUB

from Bill Parry

With a quarter of the pointscore races already contested, early leader Kevin Ryan in 'CHER' has been replaced by Peter Williams in 'THERAPY' with Lyndsay Woods in 'BERANI' and Jack Reid in 'DOSLIN' close behind. Twenty three boats now have points on the board and more than once, places have been decided by a mere one second.

The first heat of the club championship was won by Bill Parry in 'ENDEAVOUR' with John Payn in 'ALCEDO' and Charles Mansfield in 'LOREVA' second and third respectively. These three boats performed quite well in the JAX TROPHY teams' race, and are lying fourth overall with the next teams' race at Dobroyd next February.

Our inter-club River Shield first heat was sailed at Concord-Ryde with C.R.S.C. taking out the first three places. John Willson in 'GREEN PEPPER' was our best performer.

PORT KEMBLA SAILING CLUB HERON REGATTA

<u>Location</u>	-	Lake Illawarra	<u>Date</u>	9 - 2 - 74
<u>Time</u>	-	Skippers briefing		1.30 p.m.
<u>Entry Fee</u>	-	50¢ per boat		
<u>Trophies</u>	-	1st, 2nd, 3rd for outright winners		
		1st, 2nd, 3rd for handicap winners		

No one boat takes more than one trophy. The greater number of Herons the better the sailing. Barbeque tea after. Looking forward to seeing you there.

MICHAEL REYNOLDS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

from Jeff Roberts

PORT RIVER TEAMS RACE

The date for the seasons Port River Teams Race has been set for 3rd March.

Last year's event, although contested by only five clubs, was enjoyed by all who attended, including the spectators, who have an excellent view of the racing, as it is set on a short course close to the club rooms.

I suspect that the Barmera chaps will be down in force again to defend their title and the committee is hoping to see all metropolitan clubs represented by a team this year.

Do something about it now!! Have a yarn to your fellow sailors this week and start organizing your club's team as soon as possible.

Remember, we want a team from every club this year not from just a few.

MYER BOATING EXPO

At a recent "boating expo" organised by Myer Stores of S.A., the Heron was one of many classes of sail and power craft to be displayed as a publicity drive in their Adelaide store.



"QUE I" and a partly completed hull at the Myer Boating Expo.

The full display consisted of a completed Heron, "QUE I", partly rigged, which was loaned for the occasion by Don Pratt, and a partly completed hull at the decking stage. This immaculately built hull is being constructed by Bill Robertson under the guidance of George Robertson at his Adult Education course in boatbuilding at the Le Fevre Technical High School. It's a credit to him.

Unfortunately for the display, the two craft had to be located in two separate sections of the store on the same floor which wasn't exactly what we had in mind. However, all literature placed on both stands was removed which suggests that a reasonable level of interest was taken in our displays.

Many thanks to both Don and Bill for lending their craft at a time so close to the commencement of the sailing season.

BRIGHTON AND SEACLIFF YACHT CLUB NEWS

from Bill O'Brien

The 1973-74 yachting season at B&SYC got away to a good start with fine weather, a big crowd and a lot of starters. Some 36 Heroners saluted our new Commodore, Mr. Brian Trott, a great club-man for many years, and our Vice Commodore, Mr. Peter Sievwright, ex Australian Heron Champion, and of late, runner-up in the World 420 Championship.

Heron class Delegates elected this year are :

John Macpherson	"Jellybean"	
Greg Glover	"Hula"	
Ken Creaser	"Gradulee"	Handicapper

Congratulations, and many thanks chaps for the work undertaken in the interest of Heron racing.

Prior to our tune up race, a sail measuring day was held at the Club with good attendance and plenty of new sails. The new measuring system was applied, and to the relief of most Heroners, sails measured with little difficulty and no debates. Special thanks to measurer Ron Stone for his time and effort.

With the 45 Heroners on our Register this season, we feel confident of quite a few starters in the 1973-74 State Championships to be held at Wallaroo South Australia during the Australia Day weekend in February 1974.

This year the B&SYC was host for the SAYRA Regatta which was held in overcast 15-20 m.p.h. wind conditions. Attendances were not as large as hoped for, with approximately 30 Heron starters.

Results were:	Bill O'Brien	Columbus	1st
	Greg Glover	Hula	2nd
	John Macpherson	Jellybean	3rd

GRANGE SAILING CLUB NEWS

Since the last Newsletter the Grange Sailing Club Winter Season has been sailed. Herons were not prominent in the racing with only a fleet of three boats for all but the last couple of races when the fleet grew to ten. I suspect most Heroners were enticed to remain home by the fireside by the somewhat adverse weather for most of the series. The best of the keen Heroners were Derek Harrison in TAMOGEN and Michael Walters from the Port River Sailing Club, in KUMALE. They won three and two heats respectively.

The opening of the summer season brought with it a steady 20-knot sou'wester which later increased to 30 knots and over. This provided exciting racing for those who sailed. The race was won by Gordon Tidswell; LINDA JUNE after Len Collins, TINY TIM, who was leading by three minutes, capsized. Len Collins and Jeff Roberts, FURY have each ordered a new jib from Jack Hamilton. When these two take delivery of their new jibs they will provide hot competition along with Derek Harrison, for the rest of the fleet.

Jim Armitage DEES-YAH proved he is still the best Heron skipper in the club by stepping into the Heron from his lightweight Sharpie and winning his first race with his new suit of sails.

With the State Championships at Wallaroo this year we hope to see a large fleet up there to provide close competition for all competitors.

HENLEY SAILING CLUB

from BIRDWATCHER

Our fleet now numbers 45 boats. With three new boats to come we could easily top the 50 mark this season. This is good news and new skippers and crews can be sure that we will look after them well.

With two races completed it would appear that the competition is wide open. Evergreen John Schenk "NAORI" won the Opening Day Race and Russell Edwards "LITTLE ED" took out fastest time in race No.2. With Ron Reseigh sailing for 'ard hand for son Geoff in his Cherub it looks as though a new champion is on the way. Ron has achieved the honour for the last four years.

Noticed John Schenk ditch in the 27 Knot breeze in race No.2; wife Pam scored a whack with the boom, but she still came up smiling - it is not recorded what she told John later.

Bob Parsons is making a sterling effort to foster and assist Heroners generally. The meetings that are arranged are well worthwhile - even tuning talks have been arranged - expert speakers too.

See you all there soon.

LARGS BAY NEWS

from I. Abbott

Largs Bay officials must have made the correct sacrifices to the deities this year because our opening was, unlike those of previous years, sailed under ideal conditions. 20 Herons have so far registered with the club and there is a promise of more to come.

Big waves and strong winds wreaked havoc with the Herons on our first race day with only 4 out of 15 completing the course. The hard luck story goes to Lloyd Nilsen who whilst placed in a good lead well into the race broke a tiller and had to retire. Eric Bates in RAGNAR had similar trouble whilst Greg Munyard (MR. ED) tore part of his decking off, Ivan Dix (EVORUN) lost a main sheet pulley, I. Abbott (DIGET) broke a side stay, John Konings before leaving the shore broke a gaff claw and Chris Bishop and others had their share of submarining. It was certainly a day to be remembered (or forgotten?). Jim Magnusson however won the race when he showed his superior knowledge of the course over Greg Johnson who couldn't quite work out the difference between a number 1 flag and a red cone buoy.

To encourage club spirit this year the Largs Bay Club is introducing a teams competition, each team involving one representative from each of the classes sailing. It should make an interesting competition.

WALLAROO SAILING CLUB

from Trevor Koch

The season was officially opened by Peter Mumford, Internationally known 505 yachtsman, from the Port Vincent Sailing Club.

Derek Harrison made the trip from Adelaide, and it must surely give the local Heron sailors a boost to have competition such as Derek sailing TAMOGEN. However, it wasn't Derek's day, as he was beaten over the line by Bill Bollmeyer in HELIX. Looks as though Bill is in top form already.

Numbers could be on the increase this season, with two more Herons to join the fleet and another prospective buyer looking for the right boat. Total for this season could be thirteen.

The Wallaroo Sailing Club has been chosen as host club for the 9th State Titles, to be held over the Australia Day long weekend 26th to 28th January, 1974. The members are keen to make this event a success and hope all visitors will have a thoroughly enjoyable weekend.

Our last reminder, don't forget the Easter Regatta, held 12th to 15th April. If the local "grapevine" is working properly, Heron numbers could be well up on last Easter.

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