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COVER PHOTO

Bruce Barry (4159) and Murray Bailey (8338) reach to the next mark during a heat of the 15th National Titles held in Brisbane. Photo - Rea Bailey.

A RESUME OF THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Y.W.Heron Sailing Association was held on Tuesday, 6th May at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, the Spit and saw 75 members and friends in attendance.

The President, Chris Lloyd-Owen welcomed all and presented his report for the year (printed elsewhere in this Newsletter) and expressed his personal thanks to A.W.(Bill) Imlay, retiring General Secretary, for his patient guidance and tactful help given during his three year term of office. Bill had been a very active Secretary and had done a tremendous amount for the Heron Class.

All offices were declared vacant and nominations tabled resulted in Chris Lloyd-Owen being re-elected President, Denis Holm of the Concord-Ryde Sailing Club, Hon. General Secretary; Mrs. Mary Clarke, Asst.Secretary/Registrar and, with the retirement of Arthur Clapham, Lance Barrett was elected Honorary Treasurer. Lance was absent from the meeting having taken his wife, Barbara, to hospital to await the birth of their second child.

Following a change in his employment situation, Mr. Brian Glase had notified the Committee that he would be unable to continue as Newsletter Editor. As the notification had been received after the closing date for nomination of officers, the position of Newsletter Editor would now be filled by Management Committee according to Clause 4.1.3 of the Constitution.

John Shipton (on holiday from Lord Howe Island!) and Fred Edwards acted as scrutineers to check and count postal votes received on the Motion before the meeting - to accept fibreglass as an alternate building material for Herons.

The combined postal vote and show of hands on the floor of the meeting totalled 188 FOR / 40 AGAINST the motion and, the two-third majority required for Constitutional change having been achieved, the Chairman declared the motion carried.

It was encouraging to hear the varied comments and opinions given during the evening and it would seem that with the acceptance of "glass" to provide an "off-the-shelf" boat for the not-so-handy man AND the continued enthusiasm shown by those preferring to build in timber, that we have a viable and progressive Class Association.

STOP PRESS - It's a boy for Lance and Barbara - Simon Jeremy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ladies & Gentlemen:

The season just finished has been a busy one. It has been noteworthy for a number of reasons. First was the fact that the downward trend in membership was reversed. Not that we had any great mushrooming in numbers - there were only 18 more than the previous year - but at least we went up instead of down. This was achieved in spite of growing competition from newer classes, in spite of the virtual disappearance of the professional builder, in spite of a very real shortage of second-hand boats on the market. I shall speak more of these factors later.

Second noteworthy item was the holding of the National Championships in Queensland for the first time. This series was a happy blend of Northern informality with the necessary strictness for a major title series. On the water, conditions were very testing and those who gained places really deserved them. My particular Congratulations to our current champion Ian Cull and his brother, David, who crewed for him. Off the water things were much more relaxed as the Queenslanders helped the visitors enjoy their stay.

If Queensland barely lived up to its claim of "the sunshine state" while the championship was on, it later really tried to prove it was wrongly named. The resulting floods caused all sorts of hardships and it was very pleasing to see the way Heron people responded to a call for financial assistance. Over $ 1500 was raised and this is now being put to good use.

Within the Association we also had our financial problems. As a result we were unknowingly spending beyond our income. Fortunately though, this was discovered before it became disasterous, and we have survived with only small inroads into our revenues. My thanks go to those officials who helped sort out the mess and I am particularly grateful to our former Treasurer, Arthur Clapham, who spent many hours reconstructing the previous year's financial picture, as well as seeing us through to this meeting. Thanks Arthur!!

FINANCE REPORT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1974

		31.3.74		31.3.73
ACCUMULATED FUNDS:				
Balance as at 1st April, 1973		5,431		6,888
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income		1,736		1,457
		$3,695		$5,431
Represented by -				
Cash at Bank		13		717
Fixed Deposit		5,000		5,000
Cash on Hand		40		40
Stock on Hand (Buoyancy, Plans, Trophies, etc. - at cost)		2,230		2,312
Office Equipment At cost less depreciation		353		416
		7,636		8,485
Deduct Liabilities				
Suspense Account	449		-	
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	2,872		2,519	
Current Account New Zealand Heron Association	23		23	
Subscriptions in Advance	597	3,941	512	3,054
		$3,695		$5,431

Sgd. A. Clapham
Honorary Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report to members of the Y.W.HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Association in respect of operations for the year ended 31st March, 1974 and in my opinion, the above Statements of Assets and Liabilities and the attached Statement of Income and Expenditure have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association at that date.

SYDNEY. 3rd May, 1974.

ROBERT G. ELLIS
Honorary Auditor
Reg. under the Public Accountants Reg. Act.

We have, as you know, increased our fees to meet rising costs and, particularly if we maintain our rising membership, our financial future is very sound.

I mentioned our increase in membership. A brief look at actual numbers is of interest. The number of financial members at the end of our year was 1784. N.S.W. continues to dominate numbers with 797 boats, although the greatest rise in number was in South Australia who, with 390 Herons, were up 18 on last season. The greatest percent increase in numbers was in Tasmania where there are now 44 Herons registered.

Back on the water; many States emphasised the Heron's mobility by holding State Championships at country venues. S.A. in particular reported a record entry for a country series. These 'out-of-town' events often add to the friendly family atmosphere of Heron sailing.

Y.W.HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1974.

	31.3.74		31.3.73	
INCOME FOR YEAR:				
Subscriptions Received	7,318		6,658	
Less Allocated to Newsletter	2,582	4,736	2,330	4,328
Registration fees		985		906
Newsletter Revenue -				
Allocation from Subscription	2,582		2,330	
Advertising	80		160	
Sundry Sales	-	2,662	13	2,503
Donations		250		173
Commissions		396		177
Interest		194		215
Royalties		15		14
Sundry Income		15		52
Profit on Sale of Buoyancy, Plans, Trophies, etc.		1,336		801
		10,589		9,169
DEDUCT EXPENDITURE				
Newsletter	3,900		3,999	
Affiliation Fees	33		10	
State Association Subsidies	1,700		865	
Establish Grants	-		150	
Secretarial Expenses	3,080		2,796	
Printing & Stationery	717		960	
Postage	830		613	
Duty Stamps & Receipts Tax	96		73	
Telephone	402		280	
Advertising & Publicity	1,271		664	
Meeting Expenses	49		-	
Sundry Expenses	184		153	
Depreciation	63	12,325	53	10,626
Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Accumulated Funds		$1,736		$1,457

Also on the family aspect it is good to see junior skippers being catered for. Victoria ran a well attended Junior Championship series while N.S.W. put on its first 'Junior Only' event. Not that some of our juniors need their own races.

I was very interested at the N.S.W. Association Meeting last week to find that juniors won two-thirds of the places, both scratch and handicap, in the Travellers' Trophy series.

In less familiar waters, a group of Australians travelled to New Zealand to defend the Trans Tasman Cup - and left it over there. Congratulations to the New Zealanders. I know it would have been no easy win.

Earlier in my report I mentioned the problem of lack of Herons inhibiting the growth of the class. I think this is basically a result of the affluent society in which we live. Firstly, there must be large numbers of Herons sitting almost unused in people's backyards. Once they would have been turned into money and so kept in circulation. Now they tend to be kept "just in case they might be used sometime". Secondly, a larger proportion of us want something nice and new and shiny. It is almost impossible to provide these potential members with a Heron. Professional builders don't like making them. They are too time consuming. Besides, professional builders of small timber craft seem to be disappearing too, as fibreglass becomes the fashionable material for small boats. For this reason, I urge you to seriously consider the merits

of the fibreglass Heron. It can only add to our potential numbers and help us to regain a competitive position in the small boat market.

Finally, both on a personal basis, and on behalf of you all, I wish to express thanks to those members of the Management Committee who have contributed so much in time and effort towards this Association. One of the most tireless is, of course, of Assistant Secretary, Mary Clarke. She has this year dealt with 3734 items of inwards correspondence, while she has sent out nearly 8,000. This is in addition to numerous phone calls! Thank you Mary. I hope you can maintain the enthusiasm for another 12 months!

Our Treasurer, Arthur Clapham, I have thanked earlier, but it won't hurt to do it again as, having already done more than his share, he is not standing for re-election. Neither is our Secretary, Bill Imlay. Bill is a man who, in his quiet way, has done a tremendous amount for the Heron. He has been a very active Secretary and has a wonderful ability to always remain the gentleman, whether he is patiently guiding a beginner in rigging his boat, or tactfully helping the President out of an Administrative mess. I'll miss your help Bill. Thank you for giving it so generously.

There are, of course, others. John Coen, who always finds time to put his thoughts on paper for the Management Committee - Stan Wymer and his Measurement Committee - Jack Hollman, always with sensible down-to-earth advice - even old friends like Bill Youll, ready to quietly help out when needed. It's impossible to name them all, but I do thank them all.

A new sailing season is ahead of us. I hope that for all of us, it is a happy and successful one.

CHRIS LLOYD-OWEN

EDITORIAL

Guest Editress - Mary Clarke

You might well ask "What's Mary Clarke doing writing this Editorial?" - well, the story is that Brian Glase, unfortunately had to withdraw his services as Editor due to a change in his employment situation and with an overdue deadline, no replacement in sight and a firm promise from Bill Youll that he would "paste up" for me (whatever that means) I have gathered together, for your information and entertainment (I hope) news of doings, both near and far.

Having given the reason why my name appears above, I would now like to take advantage of probably the one and only opportunity I will ever have to address the members and ask - WHAT DOES THE HERON MEAN TO YOU?

Some 8 years, 48,000 letters and hundreds of phone calls after taking on the job as Assistant Secretary/Registrar and being right at the hub of National Heron activity, I have had the opportunity to witness changes which have taken place within the Class.

We have changed from a small band of amateur builders, thoroughly enthused with the discovery of THE HERON, to a much larger band of members with a variety of attitudes towards the boat.

But with the change of attitude the Heron has continued to create for families a whole new way of life and I must admit to tremendous pleasure when a member, resigning from the Association to move to a bigger boat because of growing children, takes the time to say how pleasant and memorable his time has been in Herons; of the companionship he has derived from sailing the Class and the close friendships made with other Heron families.

If this is what the Heron means to you - companionship, family involvement, relaxation and pleasure then don't be selfish - introduce your friends, relatives and fellow workers to the same delights. Encourage just one friend to build or buy a Heron and join with us in promoting a terrific little boat!

ARE YOU AN "OVERDUE" SUBSCRIBER?

Unfortunately quite a number fall into this category at the present time.

We don't want to lose old friends, your continued membership is valued by the Committee - so how about it?

$6.00 will put your boat back on register and ensure continued delivery of the NEW LOOK Newsletter.

Name, address and boat number to Mary Clarke, 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah. 2093.

ACCOMMODATION for the 16th NATIONAL HERON TITLES
HUME LAKE, ALBURY.

CARAVAN PARKS (information courtesy of N.R.M.A. Holiday Directory)

** Noreuil Park - Hume H'way on Murray River, has 300 sites, 160 with power, town water, sewered (7G/13L) and hot showers (11G/11L). $1.00 per day + 10¢ per person, or weekly, 7 times daily rate.
Albury 21-1734
ON SITE VANS - (23) 4,5,6 and 8 berth (no crock. or cutlery) $5.50 per day or $38.50 weekly.

* Caravanna Caravan Park, 443 Hume H'way, Lavington has 56 sites, 32 with power, town water, sewered (3G-3L), Hot showers (4G-4L) no pets allowed $1.00 per day for 2 persons, 10¢ each extra. $6.00 per week.
Albury 25-1489
ON SITE VANS - (10) 2 - 5 berth, no facilities $5.00 per day for 2 persons, $30 per week, 2 persons.

* Albury Tourist Haven, Hume H'way, 3 miles north of Albury has 40 sites, 28 with power, town water, septic (3G-3L), hot showers (3G-3L), $1.00 daily 2 persons, 20¢ extra each adult, 10$ each child,
Albury 25-1619
ON SITE VANS - (2) 6 berth, all facilities if rqd. $5.00 daily.

** Hume Weir Park (northern shore of Hume Reservoir) has 250 sites, 158 with power, town water, septic (10G-10L), hot showers (10G-10L), pets allowed, pool, $1.00 daily, $7.00 weekly per unit.
Albury 21-3177
or
Wirlinga 280.

WODONGA

Drive Inn Caravan Park, Melbourne Road (caravans only) has 50 sites, 40 with power, town water, septic (3G-3L) hot showers (3G-3L), no pets allowed, $1.00 daily plus 30¢ per person. $7.00 weekly plus $1. per person.
ON SITE VANS - (12) 4 berth, no facilities $26.00 per week.

Boat Haven Caravan Park, Murray Valley Highway, has 144 sites, 100 with power, river water, septic (6G-7L), hot showers (7G-7L) $1.15 daily, 2 persons or $8.00 weekly, 2 persons.
Ebden 20-6130
ON SITE VANS - (6) 4-6 bth. no blkts, pillows or linen, $5.00 daily or $35.00 per week.

WATCH OUT FOR THE STREAKER !

To be seen, in the near future, "doing his thing" at the Westernport Yacht Club, Victoria.

Ken Jackson has given this name to his new Heron 8975. Will it be painted "buff" beige, Ken?

TASMAN SHIELD CHALLENGE

Having resided in Australia for the past two years the Tasman Shield has found itself a new home - with Kiwi, Mike Barker who managed to down the Australian opposition and win the Challenge held in Auckland during the Easter holiday week-end.

For Mike's report of the series read on:

Good Friday: Allocation of boats with two boats to spare. Australians plus 3 or 4 Kiwis went for a sail around the course area.

Saturday a.m. Invitation Race. Wind 0-5 mostly '0'. Early leader young Marco Brown (Reg's forward hand) lost out badly in the end due to patchy conditions. Result:-

1. D. O'Connell (N.Z.)
2. A. McLure (A)
3. R. James (N.Z.)

p.m. 1st. Heat: Wind N. 5-8 knots.
Early leaders D. Wilson, M. Peterson and V. Worters (all N.Z.) were overtaken on the second leg by I. Cull who then rounded the mark in the wrong direction and lost many places before re-rounding correctly. M. Barker and N. Ridgway established themselves in first and second positions on the next heat, in front of D. Wilson and maintained station to the end.

HEAT 1
1. M. Barker (N.Z.)
2. N. Ridgway (A)
3. D. Wilson (N.Z.)
4. R. Brown (N.Z.)
5. M. Peterson (N.Z.)

Sunday a.m. Wind 8 - 12 knots N.W. General re-call. Second start got away in good order with John Stannard leading and a large and congested bunch following. There were some nasty moments at the second mark as approximately 9 Herons approached on a square run, all being more or less overlapped. Rounding was a problem which resulted in one capsize and one protest which was later dropped. Meanwhile John Stannard had really gone for the doctor and never looked like being caught.

HEAT 2
1. John Stannard (A)
2. G. Honey (N.Z.)
3. V. Worters (N.Z.)
4. S. Wymer (A)
5. M. Barker (N.Z.)

Sunday p.m. Wind now a steady 12-15 knots N-NW. Sea becoming a little "porrigey". Ian Cull away to a good start followed by clubmate John Stannard then Don Wilson, Alec McLure, Ron James and Mike Barker. These skippers alternated attempting to catch Ian Cull but without avail, Ian winning by over a minute.

HEAT 3
1. I. Cull (A)
2. M. Barker (N.Z.)
3. J. Stannard (A)
4. R. James (N.Z.)
5. A. McLure (A)

At this point the leading positions overall after dropping worst performance were:-

1.	M. Barker	2¾ points
2.	J. Stannard	3¾ "
3.	I. Cull	7¾ "

It should be noted that our simple points system gives ¾ to the winner 2 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd, 10 for 10th etc.,

With two races to go the series was still wide open and the pressure was mounting.

Monday a.m. Wind becoming variable in strength around 15 knots with the odd gust up to 18 knots mainly Northerly.

Immediately after the start there was a dramatic wind shift which headed all starboard tack boats. Those who were able to recognise it and do something about it got away nicely on Port and at

the first mark things had returned to normal. Ian Cull was out in front again followed by Don Wilson, Mike Barker and Ron James. The leader lost ground after hitting the mark and on the square run which followed Mike Barker took a two boat-lengths lead. Ian Cull seemed to go through a bad patch, losing out to Wilson and James for about three quarters of the race but he eventually came through again to finish about a minute behind M. Barker, who with this win had the title sewn up.

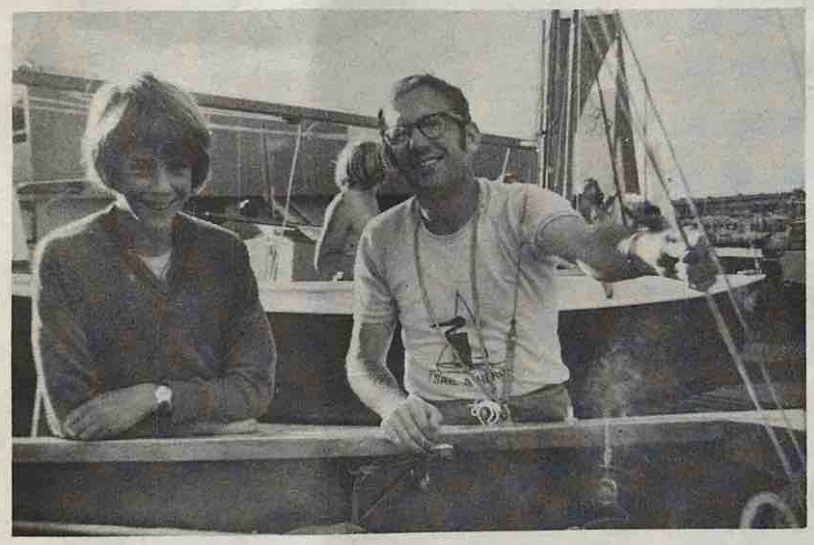
HEAT 4

1. M. Barker (N.Z.)
2. I. Cull (A)
3. R. James (N.Z.)
4. D. Wilson (N.Z.)
5. S. Wymer (A)

Monday p.m. The last race started in winds of around 18 knots and a fairly lumpy sea. Ian Cull jumped straight into the lead followed by Ron James and then a bunch of about six including John Stannard, Nev Ridgway and Alec McLure. Half way down the first square run Mike Barker capsized and retired. John Stannard overtook Ron James and the fleet generally became fairly spread out as fatigue overcame the less fit.

HEAT 5

1. I. Cull (A)
2. J. Stannard (A)
3. R. James (N.Z.)
4. A. McLure (A)
5. V. Worters (N.Z.)



M.A. Barker, Esq.,

and crew

Y.W.H.S.A.N.Z.

Westhaven, Auckland

TASMAN CUP

EASTER 1974

Final result (first ten)

1.	M. Barker (N.Z.)	1 1 1 5 / D.N.F.	8½ points
2.	I. Cull (A)	1 1 2 7 / 10	10½ "
3.	J. Stannard (A)	1 2 3 8 / 9	13¾ "
4.	R. James (N.Z.)	3 3 4 9 / 11	19 "
5.	V. Worters (N.Z.)	3 5 6 7 / 9	21 "
6.	A. McLure (A)	4 5 6 8 / D.N.F.	23 "
7.	N. Ridgway (A)	2 7 7 8 / 11	24 "
8.	D. Wilson (N.Z.)	3 4 6 11 / D.N.F.	24 "
9.	G. Honey (N.Z.)	2 7 8 8 / 13	25 "
10.	S. Wymer (A)	4 5 6 12 / 18	27 "

Other Australian finishers were : R. Plummer 16th, Tony Ridgway 18th and Roy Goldsworthy 21st.

The prizegiving was held on the Tuesday evening at Geoff Honey's Home and was an unqualified success. Stan Wymer told us how he would be in dire trouble on his return home minus the Tasman Trophy, however I think it fair to say that a win for New Zealand could be just what is needed in order to keep the Challenge well and truly alive and I am delighted to have been the instrument of that win, moreover I am determined to be in the next N.Z. team to Australia.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lake Bonney Yacht Club is situated 140 miles North East of Adelaide on the shores of Lake Bonney at Barmera. The lake is approximately 4 x 3 miles, free of snags and up to 18 feet deep surrounded by white sand and on the town shore, lawns nearly to the waters edge.

A large Caravan Park with many cabins is situated right at the waters edge with mooring facilities for boats - a real yachtsmans paradise.

In the hot inland climate, races are conducted from October through to Mid April with a special feature being the Annual Easter Regatta. The 28th has just been completed with yachts from most South Australian Clubs represented. The weather is beaut in the Riverland in autumn. Come and join in the Easter Regatta. The L.B.Y.C. gives you a special welcome.

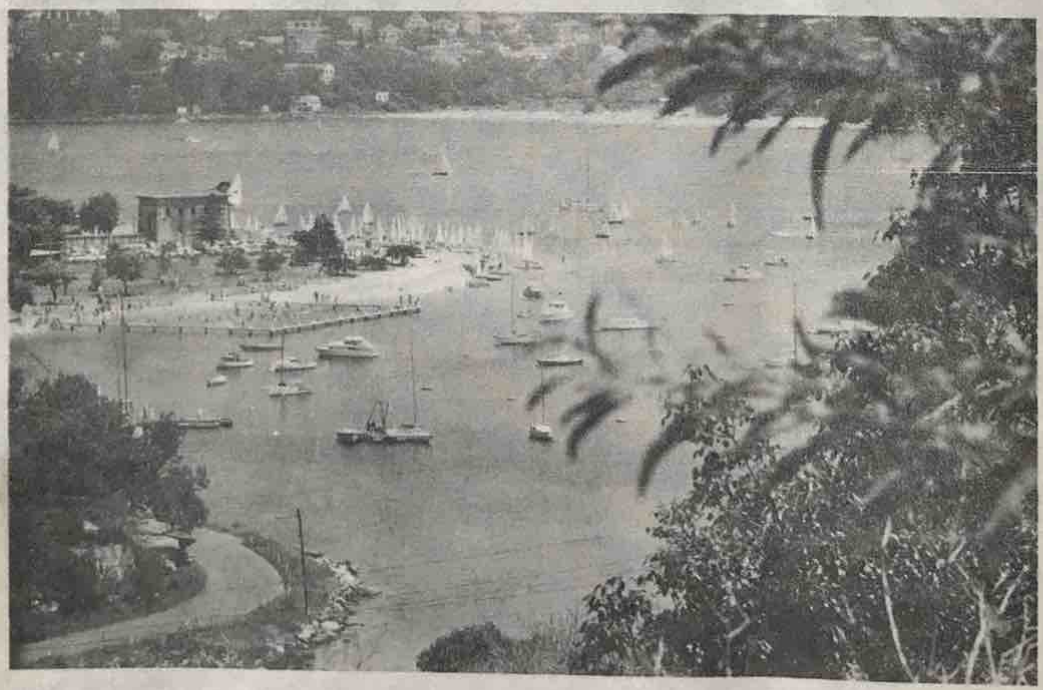
The Club register contains approximately 50 yachts including Q-cats, Herons, Arafuras, Rainbows and Holdfast Trainers. We hope next year the Heron fleet, currently 13, will increase to 16.

Another event the local Heroners look forward to is the Annual Teams Race conducted by the Port River Sailing Club when four local Herons and crews (still yawning) head for Adelaide at 6 a.m. trailing yachts for a days keen sailing - a series of short teams races against teams from other Clubs - and then dash home again for a good nights sleep. By good luck or by good sailing the Barmera team, for the past two years, has won this event and looks forward to the fray again next year, made more interesting this year by the odd submarine, a few freighters and untold water-skiers.

Our team comprises, Graeme Kassebaum (Eos), Trevor Stevens (Casper), Brian Schultz (Ragamuffin) and the writer sailing Thor.

See you at Lake Bonney some time. All the best.

M.T. Nicolson - 5511
Secretary, Sailing Committee Lake
Bonney Yacht Club.



Clontarf Beach, Middle Harbour, Sydney where the Heron movement began some 17 years ago.

When Stephen Dearnley decided to launch Heron 1363 (BROLGA) on this spot all those years ago he little realised what would follow. The Class is now sailed in every State and Territory of Australia and has been responsible for thousands of families discovering a whole new way of life.

15TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HUMPYBONG 31/12/73 TO 4/ 1/74

IN THE RIGGING AREA

(1) Len Ralph, Vic. Association President and daughter, Kathy, prepare ZORAIDA (7411) for the long journey home after their 5th placing in the Heron Championships in Brisbane.

(2) Stephen Luders and his father, Max (crew) make last minute adjustments to VENERA (8773) before a heat of the Titles. Their home base is the Port River Yacht Club, South Australia.

(3) Jim Armitage gets a helping hand from son-in-law in the rigging of DEES-YAH (8046). Jim hails from S.A. and finished 7th in the Titles.

Photos - Ian Cull.

MORE OF KURRIMINE

TROPICAL PARADISE OF THE NORTH

Report by Brian Hearn

Imagine if you can a Heron built in isolation. Imagine further a travesty of Heron sailing, a Heron sailed on lonely Northern waters with never another for company. Once upon a time not long ago such was our Heron. If you will forgive the ornithologically mixed metaphor, ours was an ugly duckling, lost and bewildered by the world into which it was born - until we went to Kurrimine.

Avidly we had read the newsletter, enjoying second-hand the fun of sailing with others. Year by year we read advice on how to rig and how to sail, the pros and cons of spinnaker and jib windows, of club events and national championships, and of Kurrimine Regatta; recorded each year by a succession of eloquent pens. And so it was, when we found we had to overland with a Heron in tow from Kununurra, W.A. to Canberra, A.C.T. in August what more natural than to deviate a few hundred miles to take in Kurrimine.

It was an introduction into what Heron sailing is all about. Kurrimine must surely be the Spirit of Heron sailing. The regatta exceeded all that the eloquent pens had led us to expect, two days of keen and friendly racing sandwiched between two weeks of relaxed social sailing. We met our first Heron folk, (also Herrenvolk?) in the Kurrimine Heron village, as approachable and helpful a bunch of people one could hope to find, collectively a compendium of conflicting advice on how to, and how not to rig and sail a Heron. The village was established on velvety turf, 50 yards or less from the palm fringed sea. To our south rain forest swept down the mountain sides to the sea and in the distance was Dunk Island rising majestic, and aloof from the sea, with Hichinbroke behind on clearer days. Straight out to sea was the reef to which some of us sailed when tides were low to find a sandy patch on which to beach our Herons as the water ebbed, leaving us to fossick on the reef until the tide rose and our boats were afloat again. To the north were the South Barnard Islands whither Geof Higham led his annual oyster pilgrimage in a fleet of Herons. The larger of this pair of deserted tropical islands was once the home of the first settler in the area who made a living selling Beche de Mer to the Chinese. A few pawpaw trees bear mute testimony to this brief intrusion into their primeval isolation. We sailed here twice to gather the freshest of rock oyster and to scramble round its rocky shore or up to its highest point. Between the islands is another reef, rich in its variety of life, which rewarded one Heron sailor with a handsome bailer shell of magnificent proportions.

The two days of competitive sailing provided the greatest possible contrast in conditions. Saturday's airs were light and fickle. Overnight a front came through to bring in its wake a 25 knot South Easter, gusting to 35. Thus were tested to the full the skills of the skippers and successively the patience and fortitude of the crews. It was a joy to see the spirit of the youngsters facing the formidable seas.

Presiding over the regatta was Geof Higham, as host warmly drawing all into the comradeship of the event, as organizer unobstrusive, aided in both functions by Margaret his wife and that relaxed way of life that characterizes the far North Queenslander. One is tempted to say that Geof is Kurrimine (or Kurrimine is Geof) but that is to ignore all the other lovely people who contributed their good company and much more besides. Certainly Geof and Margaret personify Kurrimine because Kurrimine is people, Heron loving people. Heron sailing can only be richer for Kurrimine; a Heron sailing family could not hope for a better sailing holiday.

REMINDER:
Time - 21st to 24th August, 1974.
Place - Kurrimine Beach
Organiser - Geoff Higham, C/- Coral Sea Caravan Park, Kurrimine, Qld. 4860.

WOMENS LIB DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Vigette Worters, recently elected President of the Y.W. Heron Sailing Association of New Zealand.

Cronulla (Sydney) members will remember Vigette when she visited that club two years ago with her daughters and a New Zealand contingent to contest the Tasman Cup series.

News of the most recent "battle" for the cup appears elsewhere in this Journal.

MEASURERS PAGE

The information appearing below has been supplied by the Metric Conversion Board and is intended to be of assistance and to provide information to Heron builders.

METRIC CHANGE INFORMATION SHEET

Date: 4 January 1974	Committee: 7189/4/2
Subject: Plywood Sanded interior, exterior, marine and unsanded structural	

Conversion 1 July 1973

Units	length, width	mm	modulus of elasticity	MPa
	area	m^2	price	$\$/m^2$
	thickness	mm		

Sizes

	Length (mm)	Width (mm)
Standard sheet sizes	2440	1220
	2135	915
	1830	
Modular sheet sizes	2400 x 1200 available on request	

Thickness

Sanded interior, exterior, marine		Structural ply, Unsanded to tolerance ± 3%	
Imperial	Metric	Imperial	Metric
Sanded to tolerance ± 3%		3/10"	7 mm
1/8"	3 mm	5/10"	12 mm
3/16"	4 mm	7/10"	17 mm
Sanded to tolerance ± 3%			
1/4"	6 mm		
5/16", 3/8", 7/16"	9 mm		
1/2"	12 mm		
9/16", 5/8", 11/16"	16 mm		
3/4"	19 mm		

Note:
If supplied in sanded form a 0.125 mm sanding allowance per side is required.

"HERON" TO THE RESCUE

Barry Hine of Barham, N.S.W. was in the process of selling Heron No.8263 (LOOD) and was about to demonstrate the boats capabilities on Lake Boga to the prospective buyer and daughter. To take up Barry's story from there:-

"On the day of the sale I had been sailing LOOD and anticipated taking Geoff and his daughter in the race. Just after the briefing the wind suddenly swung to the South West and went through the Lake with an initial burst of 50-70 knots and flattened the four yachts which were out there, one, a Manly Junior was hit by a water spout of about 10" diameter and 3ft. high, she was dismasted, deruddered and de-centreboarded (c.b. snapped off at the bottom of the slot).

As our motor boat was three miles away, setting the course, and in peril herself, the retiring Commodore (a cat. man but still looks normal and quite a good bloke) asked if I would go and rescue the lad in the M.J. if he came as crew.

We had to pick up the lad (who was still holding his rudder) from a screaming reach as we would have no control if we luffed in that wind with the ...waves that we get, about 5 ft. high and about the same distance between crests, anyhow we had him back in the clubhouse warm and dry in 15 or 20 minutes. The only boat in the club that could do it."

VICTORIAN NEWS

SUCCESS TO ELWOOD

John Coen reports that eight Clubs - Westernport Bay, Beaumaris, Black Rock (2), Elwood, Albert Park Lake, Altona and Corio Bay were represented in the teams race closely contested at Altona on Sunday, 5th May.

The racing was taken very seriously by all those who competed and with five boats to a team made quite a sailing spectacle on the Bay.

R. Bluck, L. Ralph, R. Jobson, P. Carver and J. Coen made up the successful Elwood team and had to fend off a strong challenge from Black Rock and the Ridgway brothers (3) who are all past Champions.

10TH VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

By ATHOS.

These Championships which were held on the Labour Day Weekend at Mordialloc must surely go down in history as the IF Series.

Admittedly, there is always an element of IF in any Championship, but these titles surely had the lot. Cases in point are:- If this bloke who won a heat had signed on, If this bloke had his sails measured, If this bloke who was leading had crossed the finish line, and If this bloke who was second with yards to go, had not sailed into foul water. If the wind had got up a little more is another one.

Taking all these Ifs away, perhaps that wizard of the tiller, Bob Bluck (Portia II) may still have won the title.

Second place getter (Alchera) A. McClure put in a splendid series with placings of 5,2,2,1,3, Ron Jobson sailing (Poinciana) was one who showed tremendous form in taking third place overall. John Coen sailing (Van Diemen) put in a very consistent effort to take fourth place. John is becoming very hard to keep up with. Arthur Moule sailed consistently in (Slow Dog) to take fifth spot. Our President Len Ralph in (Zoraida) took sixth, and could easily have finished closer.

The Series was staged by the Mordialloc Sailing Club, who did a great job, and always seemed to have plenty of people to staff the various offices. The ladies put on a very good Kiosk for food and refreshments.

Results:

Heat 1.	Wind 5-6 m.p.h.		
	1 - POINCIANA	R. Jobson	
	2 - ZORAIDA	L. Ralph	
	3 - PORTIA II	R. Bluck	
Heat 2.	Wind 4-5 m.p.h.		
	1 - PORTIA II	R. Bluck	
	2 - ALCHERA	A. McClure	
	3 - VAN DIEMEN	J. COEN	
Heat 3.	Wind 15 m.p.h.		
	1 - ZORAIDA	L. Ralph	
	2 - ALCHERA	A. McClure	
	3 - PORTIA II	R. Bluck	
Heat 4.	Wind 3-4 m.p.h.		
	1 - ALCHERA	A. McClure	
	2 - PORTIA II	R. Bluck	
	3 - VAN DIEMEN	J. Coen	
Heat 5.	Wind 5-6 m.p.h.		
	1 - PORTIA II	R. Bluck	
	2 - POINCIANA	R. Jobson	
	3 - ALCHERA	A. McClure	

FINAL PLACINGS:

1. Portia II - R. Bluck.
2. Alchera - A. McClure.
3. Poinciana - R. Jobson.
4. Van Diemen - J. Coen.
5. Slow Dog - A. Moule.
6. Zoriada - L. Ralph.

HANDICAP WINNER -

Miss Ann Rae.

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

from Ian Cook

The Annual General Meeting of the N.S.W. Heron Association was held on the 1st May at Dobroyd Aquatic Club. The President, Mr. Alan Crane, reported on a very successful season. A large contingent of N.S.W. boats travelled to Queensland for the National Titles and after a thrilling series N.S.W. skippers Ian Cull and Stephen Imlay brought home the National Senior and Junior Champions respectively. In addition, N.S.W. skippers filled 5 of the first 6 places in the Championships, a most creditable performance we feel.

Following the meeting a film of the 1973 Sydney - Hobart race was screened and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The sight of the concrete yacht Helsal pacing a speed boat up the Derwent was most impressive.

Officials for the 1974/75 season are :

President	Alan Crane
Secretary	Ian Cook
Assistant Secretary & Handicapper	Bill Pearson
Treasurer	Charles Grimwood
Publicity	Vacant.

DOBROYD AQUATIC CLUB

from Bill Parry

We have finished our third season sailing Herons at Dobroyd with 25 boats which we consider to be a reasonable fleet with about 18 starters every week. Interest has remained high all season and the second day of the Jax Trophy held at Dobroyd certainly helped to foster good relationships with other clubs and to keep the interest high. The Dobroyd team finished a disappointing fourth and certainly hope to do better than this next season.

Also, the dredging of Iron Cove has progressed at less than snail's pace and we can only wait to see if the portion in front of our clubhouse will be completed before next season.

The point score winner was Peter Williams in "THERAPY" with Ken Payn in "SERENA" second, with Lindsay Woods in "BERANI" third. The whole series was keenly contested with about six boats actively involved as possible winners.

The championship was won by John Willson on "GREEN PEPPER" after a sail-off with Bill Parry in "ENDEAVOUR" when both boats were tied after the normal six championship races. John Payn in "ALCEDO" was only a few points behind on third.

We aim to retain the high interest next season and also to improve the general standard of sailing at Dobroyd by assisting new sailors, (among the more experienced skippers, verbal sabotage is generally rife!)

BOTANY BAY HERON SAILING CLUB

from Fred Elphinstone

Our Club's ninth season concludes this week and, as in past years, has been very successful. Our thanks must go to the Officers and Committees, for the efficient manner they have handled their respective duties. All have given much of their time to Club affairs.

Club spirit, I feel, is at an all time high and I'm very pleased that this 'one big happy family' atmosphere exists. Many things contribute to this. I'd say mainly the people we have in our Club are just the friendly type. However, don't forget the newcomers - it's up to all to make them welcome and part of the family.

The Endeavour Series would be the greatest sailing event this Club has been involved with for fostering Club spirit. All of our Members put a lot of effort into attending these races, some under not the best of conditions. Our win was really a Club effort with no less than fifteen different skippers, from scratch to limit boat contributing points over the three races.

MORE ON THE QUEENSLAND FLOODS

Mr. W. Trimble, who lives on the Isle of Sorrento, Surfers Paradise, in a letter to the Asst. Secretary wrote;

".... Actually my home has canal frontage just off the Nerang River about 2 miles west of Surfers. As the canal water level rose during the day (Australia Day) to a serious level I prepared my trusty HERON for launching, converted her to rowing boat and put aboard safety equipment.

The canal continued to rise all of that Date, until it reached its peak on the high tide about midnight. At this time the water level was 2 bricks (about 8 inches) below my floor level, the road was knee deep whilst the backyard (canal side) was awash.

We were lucky the rain eased and the level dropped with the runout tide. My parents had nearly six inches of water through their home, this has now been fixed; others on the coast had up to 3 feet through, which is slight compared to Brisbane's tragedy...."

AND SPEAKING OF BRISBANE -

Queensland Heron officials advised that one member, Don McMillan of Chelmer, was completly flooded (just the peak of the roof showing through the floodwaters) and had suffered losses estimated at more than $5,000.

Entrants in the Nationals held recently in Brisbane will remember Don's presence on the Starters Boat; he ably assisted Alan Crane.

Don's experience was discussed at a meeting of the Management Committee at which it was resolved that $1,000 of the moneys collected for the Heron Flood Relief Appeal be sent, immediately, to assist him through this worrying time.

MAN TAKES BAIT

Good - you read the headline, now I hope you read on - IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS and PHOTOGRAPHS are important to the presentation of your quarterly Journal. Note YOUR JOURNAL.

HOW ABOUT IT ! - it's easy to criticise but criticism is useless unless the person doing the criticising is prepared to offer some workable alternatives.

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS for a snappy, readable HERON NEWSLETTER so pick up that pen and write that letter/article now and be part of the TEAM.

Send all copy to "HERON NEWSLETTER", 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah. 2093.

FATHERS DAY SUGGESTIONS

A Happy Father is a Well Dressed Father and the Association can go a long way towards setting Father up in the right gear.

For instance we have TIES ($2.50), CUFF LINKS and TIE BARS ($5.00 per set) to go with that beaut shirt that Mums buy Dads for Fathers Day.

For the more informal Dad, however, why go past the popular "I SAIL A HERON" T-SHIRT ($3.00). This is a real eye catcher.

And for the younger Dad with the snappy Sports Car, or the not so younger Dad with the beat up old Holden how about a gleaming HERON CAR BADGE ($2.50).

Al these and more are available by writing to Mary Clarke, 1 Ethel Street, Balgowlah, 2093.

BUILDING KITS - BUILDING KITS - BUILDING KITS

Immediate delivery - no waiting for a first class building kit with all timbers cut to size and including spars. Full frame plans, Association plans and complete building instructions.

Now what more would you want!

Oh! you want more information - just ring or write to Mary Clarke, 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah. 2093 - 948-8142 for the answers to your questions.

Build through the winter months and take to the water next season in a new, gleaming HERON of your own creation.

Here's an attractive and surprise item - the Heron Class Monogram - to adorn Spray Jackets, Blazers, Track Tops, - or whatever! First class workmanship has gone into this product and for $1.50 plus 10¢ postage you can secure yours from S.A.Secretary, John Carter, 27 Lomond Avenue, Seacombe Heights. 5047. DONT MISS OUT - GET YOURS NOW.

And speaking of attractive items - no fellas' not the girl, the T-SHIRT which comes in sizes from 28" to XOS. $3.00 sent to Mary Clarke, 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah, 2093 will secure the latest IN GEAR for Heron sailors, crew and family.

WHERE IT FITS (or Which Bone are You?)

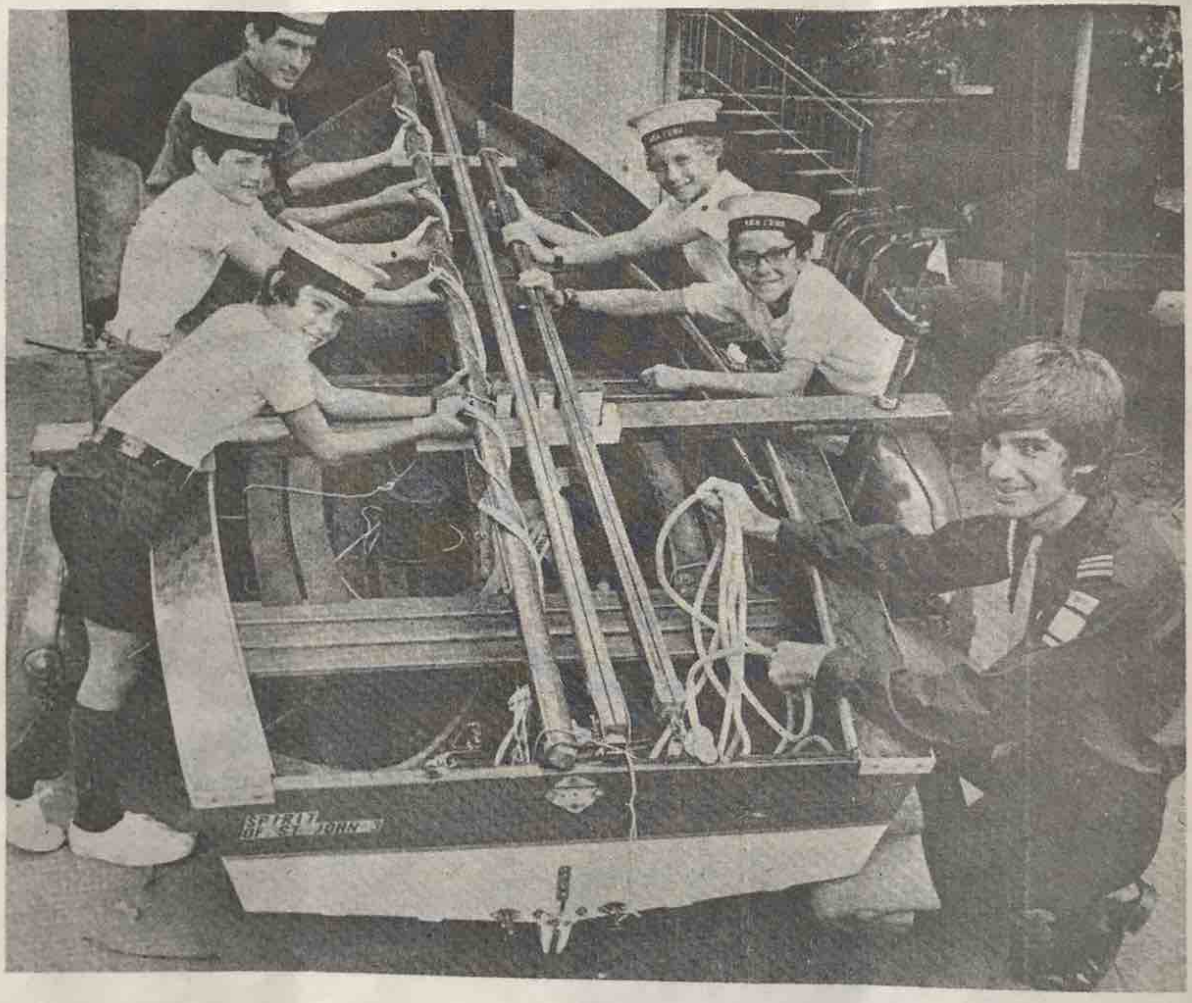
by Henry Heron

1. There are the WISHBONES who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.

2. There are the JAWBONES who do all the talking, but little else.

3. There are the KNUCKLEBONES who consistently knock everything that anyone tries to do.

4. Finally, there are the BACKBONES who get under the load and do all the work -.



It takes a lot to put the GORDON SEA-CEBS (Church of England Boys Society) down and with those broad grins you would think that everything in the garden was rosy. Not a bit of it. Over the past 15 months this particular group have been plagued with vandalism and theft of property housed under a hall at the St. John's Church, Gordon.

Just before a Regatta, vandals spread cans of putrid food waste over boats. It took several hours to clean the boats and the boys were nearly four hours late for the Regatta.

Stolen items included 14 life-jackets, an outboard motor, boat fittings, tools and other equipment.

But as we pointed out at the beginning of this story, despite the setbacks this particular group of boys are keenly and actively represented at most metropolitan and (sometimes) country events.

Their leader and chief officer, Mr. Ross Adams, is very proud of "his boys" and in a note to the Editor requested that news of the groups misfortune be made known to other Heroners who may have old fittings, jackets, etc. they don't use, but which could be of great use to THE SEA-CEBS OF GORDON.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS

from Alan Wilson - 8766

The 1973-74 season has been an eventful and very successful one in Western Australia. The aim of the W.A.H.S.A. this year, has been to build up membership numbers and with this in mind it has organised some promotional events and as varied a programme of sailing activities as possible.

The campaign commenced in August at the Western Australian Boat Show where the W.A.H.S.A. managed to secure a stand in the Yachting Associations pavilion. Centre-piece of an attractive exhibit was Tony Oram's pride and joy, "New Betsy" 8080 resplendent in fresh varnish. The names and addresses of all those who showed a significant amount of interest in the exhibit were taken, and in due course they received invitations to attend the next event on the list - MEET THE HERON DAY which was on the 8th of October 1973.

Being in an unsettled part of the year, MEET THE HERON DAY was pretty unpredictable as to weather and turned out too cloudy and breezy to be ideal for such an occasion. Notwithstanding, about 10 members showed up with their Herons and some 50 visitors were taken out for a sail during the day. Quite a few of these people were obviously captivated by our boats and since then, some have acquired a Heron and a couple or so are in various stages of building one.

Another aim of the management committee was to organise some non-racing events to cater for those of our members who are believed to prefer a more casual style of sailing with the accent on picnics and family participation. With this in mind, the committee arranged an adventurous expedition to Wilson Inlet at Denmark, a small but very scenic resort on the Sourthern Ocean. This involved a 600 mile round trip which started off in convoy from the parking area of the Perth Dinghy Club on the 27th December 1973. Eleven Perth boats made the trip and the regatta which was held on the 29th and 30th was sailed in a notable spirit of good fellowship (also some very fresh breezes) and was very successful and enjoyable. The events were mainly organised by Denmark Heron enthusiast Barry Cracknell and his friends who are most anxious to promote regular sailing on the inlet which is a very large one with considerable potential as a yachting venue. State President John Sibbes, won the first of the five heats (he put in the marker buoys and was the only one who knew where they were) and Alan and Dave Foster with their newly built boat 'Dad n' Dave' demonstrated how to sail a Heron with a spinnaker - until it took over and sent them swimming. Overall winner of the series was (recently joined member) Neville Main sailing 'Buzzer' a handsome new owner built Heron.

The next 'away trip' was at Nandurah, 50 miles to the South of Perth, over the 3 day "Kanyana Festival" which is an annual regatta. Here, the events included a couple of open-sea races and a 24 mile marathon inside Peel Inlet. The first Indian Ocean heat, was sailed in a very strong breeze which kicked up a horrific following sea and the second heat was eventually cancelled due to worsening conditions which would have been impossible to handle. Rudi Tiessen won the open sea event, second was Bobby Bootsma (Rudi's usual crew) sailing Vixen, and third was John Hill - proving their heavy weather survival skills (or lack of sensitivity.). In the marathon event, Alan Foster (Dad 'n Dave) obtained sufficient mastery over his skittish spinnaker to leave John Hill 2nd in Wendy and John Sibbes 3rd in Vixen, some way behind. This race included one reach of 8 miles between marks.

The most recent picnic day was at Whitfords Beach, near Perth. There were no competitive races, just lazy enjoyable sailing in a pleasant breeze and good company. Offshore was a small rocky island with a white beach and many boats made the trip across to have a prowl around. This type of sailing the Heron is most adapted for its pivoting centre-board and rudder and moderate weight. The delightful day ended with an evening barbeque.

The final results of the State Championships were as follows:

Alan Cartwright	'Vat 70'	1st with	3	points lost.
Rudi Tiessen	'Jenny Anne'	2nd "	13.7	" "
Tony Oram	'New Betsy'	3rd "	20.1	" "
Bill Baker	'Plod'	4th "	24.7	" "
John Hill	'Wendy'	5th "	35.7	" "
Alan Foster	'Dad 'n Dave'	6th "	44.7	" "

Congratulations to the finalists, especially Alan Cartwright who also made a clean sweep of the main Heron trophies at the Perth Dinghy Club this season. The final result also reflects much credit on Bill Baker who had a bad mid-season setback while on holiday in Bunbury where he argued right of way with a cruiser. Bill's "Plod" suffered a couple of holes in the hull and a broken mast and gaff. Since then he has been battling to get Plod tuned up again to her former racing pitch with the new spars.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

from Jeff Roberts

HERON PICNIC DAY.

The second annual picnic day conducted by the S.A. Heron Sailing Association, was held at the Goolwa Aquatic Club on Sunday 17th March. Fourteen Herons, together with crews families and friends arrived on the scene at approximately 10.00 am. and it wasn't long before they were rigged and on the water for a series of short races.

The weather was fine, with the sun breaking the light cloud formation frequently providing excellent conditions for those ashore. The moderate breeze also provided excellent sailing conditions, and was sufficient for several skippers to capsize once or twice.

Six different races were sailed during the day on a short triangular course, while those ashore enjoyed childrens races and games on the beautifully grassed area adjacent to the Aquatic Club house.

Races sailed, included:
(1) Two laps with normal crews.
(2) Mainsails only.
(3) Relay race.
(4) Skippers only.
(5) Two laps with normal crews.
(6) Compulsory lady crews.
(7) Jibs only.

This variety provided a lot of fun for all concerned and was a pleasant change from the usual club racing.

All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed picnic atmosphere and the chance to get together again. To those who didn't take advantage of this function, we suggest that you plan now for next years event, as you missed a great day out. The setting is perfect for this type of event and with full use of the Goolwa Aquatic Club facilities, the day couldn't go wrong.

PORT RIVER TEAMS RACE

This years Teams Race was once again sailed in moderate conditions at the Port River Sailing Club, with six clubs represented. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, particularly it would seem, by one group of spectators ashore who decided to carry on the festivities when most other parties had long since gone home.

Competition was particularly strong once again, with the two teams from Brighton & Seacliff Y.C. and Lake Bonney Y.C. dead heating for first place after the series of five heats had been sailed. The final race, a tie breaker between the two leading teams resulted in a breath-taking win to the Lake Bonney Y.C. by the narrowest margin of ¼ of a point. Congratulations chaps ! It looks like you're determined to keep a firm hold on the "Dunlite" Trophy for another year at least.

Final results were as follows:

1st	Lake Bonney Y.C.	71 points	resail 17¾ points
2nd	Brighton & Seacliff	71 "	resail 18 "
3rd	Port River	77¼ "	
4th	Grange	89¼ "	
5th	Henley	103¾ "	
6th	Largs	114 "	

TUMBY BAY SAILING CLUB

from Paul Trenberth

The Herons have got away to a good start this year, with six craft on our own register, plus another four members sailing each week from Pt. Lincoln, making ten competitors in all. This is quite an appreciable first year and shows good prospects for a large fleet eventually building up, as there are other certain buyers of Herons and a few possibles.

Naturally, in the first season some of the skippers who came from Lightweight Sharpies have had some difficulties in adjusting to the new craft. Paul Partington, who's craft was purchased at Wallaroo this year, maintains that it is the laziest boat that he has been in, says it lays down and rests at the slightest excuse, but in spite of this, he is doing well and will be right in the running in the next season. Doug. Berryman, who purchased Tjiliwong on New

Years day, is rapidly showing that he has the capability of becoming one of the leading skippers. Our school teacher competitor, Max Jahn, sails Kalyara as he teaches, flat out with all the knowledge to keep him well in front in some races and wearing the dunces cap in others. John Fauser with Yalturra is a difficult proposition at any time and our scratch boat. While Vic. Fauser has the know how, tactics and ability that makes everyone have the ambition to at least head him in some phase of the race. Trevor Trenberth with Tjwangi was rewarded for his keenness at sailing by taking out the first Heron Championship in the Clubs introductory year.

The championship, delayed until the last five races of the year, owing to increasing boats on the register, was a thriller. Three boats had an equal chance in the last race, each requiring a first over the line to win. John Fauser (Yaltura), Doug. Berryman (Tjiliwong) and Trevor Trenberth (Tjwangi). These three rapidly took a lead from the others, but in the excitement of the race, John forgot to drop his centre plate after the reach on the second lap and in jibing in the rough conditions, staged a spectacular dive. By the time he had sorted himself out and picked up his for'ard hand, who was still swimming with his jib stick in hand, he was so far out of the race that he retired. This left Doug. and Trevor to fight the race out and what a race, Trevor had a 50 metre lead to the buoy on the run, but got into difficulties on the buoy and Doug. obtained the lead by 50 metres. On the beat Trevor closed the gap to one boats length and on the last leg, a broad reach to the finish, flew past Doug. with spray going all ways. He said Doug. looked so glum that he called to him 'Get back further and trim your boat better'. Doing this Doug. came on again and no one could tell who had the advantage until the final buoy was rounded, then it was seen that Trevor held the advantage by exactly one foot. A wonderful race and a fitting end to the first season of racing by Herons.

There are genuine buyers of good second hand Herons here, so anyone having an A Class Heron in good order for sale, at a reasonable price should contact this club, giving particulars.

HENLEY SAILING CLUB

"Birdwatcher"

Another very good Heron season is over. A new Club Champion appears and our numbers continue to slowly but surely increase. Everything Heron-wise looks good for next season - one sold but three new ones are scheduled to appear.

The hard fought Club Championship (in the balance until the last heat) was won by Carumba, Alan Leigh, but according to Don Lucas and Peter Eldridge, he will not be champ too long. These keen, skippers are already hard at work on their boats. New "go fast" gear and sails are on the way.

Championship results were :

1.	CARUMBA	Alan Leigh with Mat Loftes
2.	LITTLE ED	Russell Edwards
3.	MYSTIQUE	Colin Scott
4.	NAORY	John Schenk
5.	CLASANDRO	Trevor Burge
6.	CALYPSO	David Ardill
7.	WHIMPY	Stephen Lucas

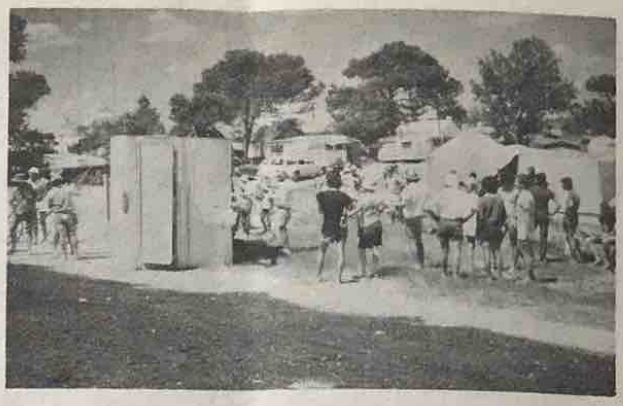
The Consistency Points Score result was :

1.	LITTLE ED	Russell Edwards with Mark Grosser
2.	NAORY	John Schenk
3.	WHIMPY	Stephen Lucas
4.	PUFF	Peter Hebden
5.	MARLLET	Peter Eldridge
6.	CARUMBA	Alan Leigh
7.	ANJOPE	Roy Salmon

Flashes of form were shown by "Talli-Balli" S. Weidenhoffer, "Puff" Peter Hebden and "Anjope" Roy Salmon. Roy particularly should have been much closer to the money.

Phillip Denham has bought Clasandro, Don Lucas will skipper Whimpy (with a real live model as for'ard hand), and B. Edwards will skipper Little Ed.

Contact Alan Leigh if you are interested in tune up sessions before Opening Day next season.



Photos - Max Luders

All the action wasn't on the water during the recent State Titles at Wallaroo, South Australia.

A sudden "whirly wind" CAPSIZED Ron Kay's caravan - an S.O.S. to Heroners and it was soon righted with, would you believe, not one broken window!

Max Luders, George Robertson and Keith Duncanson had to contend with flattened tents and scattered gear.

PORT RIVER SAILING CLUB

from "Gooseneck"

The 1973-74 programme has been completed and the Heroners of Port River feel it has been a successful one because of the growth of Heron club membership and our good performances at both the National and State Titles. Racing within the club has been very keen all season and with over 70 Herons on the club register the competition has been strong. As a result there were some very fine performances throughout the year particularly from the juniors many of whom are lady skippers.

Club championship final placings were:

1.	VENERA	S. Luders
2.	KUMALE	M. Walter
3.	TABABA	G. Borg

First Lady Skipper was Miss Helen Robertson who finished 4th overall, just nudging out her sister Susan who was 5th. Congratulations to them all, particularly Steve Luders, a junior, who has had a good year.

Port River is now sporting an indoor bowls team in a local association. This should keep a few knees from stiffening up during the off season. I understand husband and wife team Kath and Mike Ronayne are the ring(k) leaders.

With the current discussion on fibre-glass Vs plywood going on it is interesting to note that the Lefevre Tech boat building class is still turning out its quota of plywood Herons under the watchful eye of George Robertson, apparently interest in this method of building at a reasonable cost has not waned. (Ed.'s Note - Three Hearty Cheers for "Robbie". M.C.)

WALLAROO SAILING CLUB

from Trevor Koch

Last season was one of the busiest and most ambitious that the WALLAROO club has had. Highlight of the year must have been the State Championships, when the gusty winds kept everyone on their toes. Take it from me, if you were wondering what was going to happen next so were the locals.

The Club Championship was again keenly contested, with three boats having a chance to win up to the final heat. Andy and Kay MARR in STRAVAIGER claimed the honour this year with Bill BOLLMEYER, HELIX, runner up. Jeff JONES in VOLANT, had a runaway win for the aggregate points trophy, with Glen ALLEN, PECOS BILL, second.

HERONS AT PORT LINCOLN

from Barrie Henriksen - 4652

The Sailing Season having been completed for year 73/74, reflections are the order of the day. As has been previously recorded a record 33 Herons were registered at the start of the season. This number has grown to 36 so my early comments regarding the largest fleet in S.A. would, I think, be correct.

Of significant note is the standard of Herons which are now sailing here. We would have perhaps 6 of the best fitted out and finished boats to be seen anywhere and while these set a precedent the class in Port Lincoln must continue to prosper.

As with the quality of boats the standard of sailing has improved to a very great extent. This has been made possible by the improved set courses and starts provided this year. Some of the interesting and exciting tactical duels seen were a credit to all.

New Stance: "Jazzer" Thompson has introduced what we believe to be an entirely new position for a Heron Skipper.

With the tiller firmly clamped between his knees he adopts a crouched "Roy Higgins" position and rides ACM over the ocean. There seems only one problem with this idea in that it takes only about 3½ minutes for a Melbourne Cup but 2½ hours for a Heron race.

BRIGHTON AND SEACLIFF HERON NEWS

from Bill O'Brien.

The close of sailing for 1973-74 season was conducted in light but ideal conditions, causing little strain on Skippers and Crews, which only helped to make one feel more sad that "this was it" - the unwanted end of a regular Saturday delight.

To the thirty regular Heron Skippers, Crews and Wives, thank you for your participation, but weep no more as it's on again next October.

Special mention and Congratulations to our new Club Champion Eric Hopkins, and Crew Terry O'Brien sailing "Reliance". Eric is the youngest Skipper so far to hold the title in our Club.

Congratulations also to Gordon Reid and Crew Stuart Reid sailing "Kylee" for taking out the Class Consistency in their second year of sailing. It would appear that Gordon is a natural, and will need close watching next season.

Honour is due to other outstanding performers like "Poppy" - W. Hobbs, "Georgie" - J. Carter, "Doongarra" - P. Crawford, "Liza-J" - R. Johnson, "Hula" - G. Glover, and "Jelly Bean" - J. Macpherson.

To maintain the High Standard of Competition of Heron racing at B.& S.Y.C. several "Discussion", "Lecture" and "Ask the Panel" nights will be planned this Winter for Heron Skippers and crews on all aspects of Heron sailing. Should other Club Heroners be interested in attending these evenings please contact the writer on 296 1709, after hours.

B. & S.Y.C. PLACINGS 1973-74 SEASON

CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	Reliance	E. Hopkins
2.	Columbus	W. O'Brien
3.	Jellybean	J. Macpherson
4.	Tiok	C. Black
5.	Quai	D. Pratt
6.	Karingal	I. Snowball
7.	Gradulee	K. Creaser
8.	Poppy	W. Hobbs
9.	Hula	C. Glover
10.	Virtue	G. Withrington

CONSISTENCY

1.	Kylee	G. Reid
2.	Jellybean	J. Macpherson
3.	Reliance	E. Hopkins
4.	Columbus	W. O'Brien
5.	Virtue	G. Withrington
6.	Quei	D. Pratt
7.	Poppy	W. Hobbs
8.	Gerogia	J. Carter
9.	Doongarra	P. Crawford
10.	Liza J	R. Johnson

N.S.W. NEWS

WANTED - URGENTLY

If this request seems familiar it is because the small supply of secondhand boats which came on the market following the March Newsletter still does not meet the needs of those urgently wishing to buy a Heron and join the ranks.

Many inquiries are received for the older type of boat, probably in need of a general overhaul, coat of paint or varnish, etc.

How about it - do you have such a boat, or even a jazzy model, ready to accommodate the instant buyer. We need to know its classification, whether painted or varnished, what brand Sails, if built-in or bag buoyancy, with or without bailers, with or without a trailer and THE PRICE.

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