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COVER PHOTO

Promising Tasmanian junior, Chip Payne has WIWIRRI (8555) perfectly trimmed during a heat of the 19th National Titles.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I present the President's Report for the 1977/78 year. Again, in spite of the number of new classes which appear each year, the Heron remains prominent on the Australian Dinghy scene, both in terms of boats on the water and the activity and solidarity of its Association both at State and National level.

MEMBERSHIP. The general downward trend in membership seems to have turned. At 1st April, 1978, membership was 1288 compared with 1326 at the same period last year. The 1977 figure may well have been exceeded had not the mail strike intervened. Some 278 new members joined the Association which roughly corresponds with the 272 second hand boats which changed ownership during the year. Thus the pattern of substantial turnover in total membership every 4 to 5 years continues. This fact may be of considerable value in the publishing of articles in the Newsletter. Seventy two new sail numbers were issued.

STATE BRANCHES. It can not be emphasised strongly enough that the National Association depends heavily on State Associations as its strongest link with individual Heron owners. Main functions of State Associations are promotion, sailing programme co-ordination and liaison between clubs. My thanks are extended to the Officers of all our State Associations for the tremendous amount of work that they do to foster the Heron cause. Some display great initiative.

NSW has again conducted the highly successful Jax Teams Race series and continues to be the strongest State numerically.

QUEENSLAND is the only State to show an overall increase in membership. This is due to the considerable enthusiasm of the Nth. Queensland Division of that State Association formed in June, 77.

VICTORIA continues to actively promote the Heron in spite of strong competition from other classes. The State Newsletter allows dissemination of ideas and information.

TASMANIA conducted the 19th National Series in a most efficient manner. The result of the Series has renewed Heron interest in that State.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA continues to be very active. An excellent line of communication has been made by way of letters to members.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA will be hosting the next National series in Perth. Of prime interest is the preparation of a fibreglass hull to a fully rigged Heron which is to be raffled at the National series. The proposal was of such merit as to gain a $1000 loan from the National Association.

In spite of all this effort I would like to see the State Associations even more active in encouraging current Heron owners to join the Association. This requires better liaison with and co-operation from Clubs. Checking our records frequently finds placegetters and competitors at major regattas not being Association members.

To publicly exhibit Association Membership and to advertise the Class, members were issued with a rectangular sticker for display on the transom of their boat. Feedback indicated that the design could be improved and this year a circular sticker is sent to each member. Please display it on the transom – of your Heron! It is hoped that Association members and especially State Association officials will be able to quickly identify those who have not availed themselves of the benefits of Association membership and perhaps be in a position to encourage them to join.

G.R.P. BOATS. Although there is still interest in the homebuilt timber boat, the advent of G.R.P. is becoming more noticeable as the seasons pass. Vern Hildebrandt of N.S.W. leads the field in G.R.P. Herons with nearly 100 boats distributed throughout N.S.W. and interstate. Fred Van Pelt, in S.A., has built more than 30 while Bill Frederickson in Mackay is an active builder. Orders are slow for the Rudi Tiessen G.R.P. Boat in W.A. but active State promotion and the 20th Championships should encourage sales. In Victoria, the Gruber prototype is only waiting for a final report from the Victorian Association to Management before this builder is licensed.

Last July the Association's Master Plugs were destroyed in a fire. The Insurance money was set aside pending decision by Committee on its future actions. A proportion of these funds have been utilized in the purchase of the Mallet moulds from the Brisbane builder who has moved out of Heron manufacture.

NEWSLETTER' Rising costs continue to threaten the format of this publication and Management has reluctantly had no alternative but to limit the Newsletter to no more than 8 sheets. Editor John Jeffress is to be congratulated for his efforts in producing the periodical each quarter.

APPOINTMENTS. Following the 1977 A.G.M., the Management Committee appointed auditor, Noel Hill and Newsletter Editor, John Jeffress.

19TH CHAMPIONSHIPS. This series conducted at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club by the T.H.Y.R.A. was highly successful and was a credit to the fore planning and efforts of the Officials concerned. My thanks are extended to them on behalf of the Association. Congratulations to Andrew Payne who now has the unique honour of winning the Silver Heron on three occasions.

MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE. Since appointment by Management last July, this Committee has met regularly each month and made a number of important recommendations to Management. It is pleasing to note the obvious enthusiasm of Measurement Committee members and observers. All are dedicated to the One-Design concept and its preservation. Of significance is the Measurement Committees insistence on the validity of the "A" class Certificate and the need to remeasure boats after a period of registration lapse. Members S. Vandenberg (Chairman), A. Barrett (Secretary), S. Wymer, M. Tallis and A. Gillespie as well as observers K. Mealey, J. Milton and L. George are to be complimented on their active participation in a vital yet sensitive area of the Association work.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. My duty as President has been made considerably easier due to the constructive atmosphere pervading all meetings of Management. To all State delegates I extend my thanks. At all times the Management Committee endeavours to consider the interstate delegates who are rarely able to be present. Any matters which may be contentious are held over to a following meeting to enable comment from interstate to be considered. In the absence of comment, the Committee can only assume that proposals before Management are endorsed. Neither Secretary Phillip Moore nor Treasurer Lance Barrett are standing for re-election. My thanks are extended to Phillip Moore for his interest in the class despite the growing pressure of his profession and to Lance for his undoubted financial expertise. We are fortunate to have had their services and to have found successors prepared to accept nomination.

1 Ethel St., Balgowlah must be second only to "the Lodge" in well known addresses. Mary Clarke continues to be a tower of strength to the Association and for yet another year of devoted service I give her thanks. As a matter of interest 2112 items of correspondence were received in the year and 3,985 sent.

CONSTITUTION. The Sub-Committee appointed to review and revise this document is awaiting the outcome of several proposed constitutional changes to be decided this evening before continuing its task. I am indebted to Bill Youll, Denis Holm and Mary Clarke for sitting on this Committee.

THE ONE-DESIGN CONCEPT. Despite comments to the contrary, the Heron through the agency of the Association has remained as One-design as any amateur built boat ever can. This has been due to the vigilance and consistency of Measurers, the Measurement Committee and Management. Once the one-design concept is abandoned, the Class is doomed. Several of tonight's motions on notice are aimed to strengthen the one-design concept. Some may argue that like Income Tax laws, it will ever be possible to cover every loop hole. It may well be that what some feel is our weakest rule is in point of fact our strongest, namely – the interpretation of these rules shall be in the spirit rather than the letter.

It is significant that since returning to the Heron ranks after an absence of 5 years, I have been able to build and rig a boat exactly as I did 5 years ago and still remain competitive. The only difference I noted was the rust in the nut at the helm.

IN CONCLUSION I would remind all Heroners that the strength of the Class and the Association lies not in the boat but the enthusiasm, dedication and promotion of individual members. It is **your** Association and officers such as myself are only acting on **your** behalf. We cannot afford to stagnate.

During the coming year I hope to see a renewed response from members to promote the class, encourage Association membership and become involved in Heron activities at the Club, State or National level. Classes decline not so much from hostility or obsolescence but from apathy. Never must it be said that Heron folk were guilty of that!

Thank you.

RESUME OF THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – *by M. Clarke*

Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Sydney, was the venue for the 20th Annual General Meeting and the President, John Shipton, made welcome 45 members and friends and presented a very comprehensive report (see elsewhere in this Newsletter) of the activities of the Association over the past 12 months.

Surprisingly, not one of the Motions on Notice achieved sufficient support from members present or by postal vote to gain the required two-third majority and so the status quo is preserved and the Constitution remains unaltered for another year.

A most disappointing feature was the extremely poor postal vote response. Of the 1288 members who could have exercised their wishes in this manner, only 97 availed themselves of the opportunity.

With the conclusion of voting, former President, Lloyd-Owen took the chair to preside over the election of a President. With only one nomination to hand he had pleasure in declaring elected for a further term of office, JOHN ENSOR SHIPTON.

Mr. Shipton acknowledged his appointment with thanks and expressed considerable pleasure with the Heron and the people who sailed Herons. He gave notice that this would be his final term in office subscribing to the belief that leadership should change regularly and be shared by many capable of taking on the Presidency.

He extended sincere thanks to retiring Secretary, Dr. Phillip Moore and Treasurer, Lance Barrett and proceeded to declare elected to the office of Hon.Gen.Secretary, Geoff Jenkinson and Noel Hill as Treasurer.

Messrs. John Coen (Vic), Alec Barrett (NSW) and John Carter (SA) were re-elected as Vice Presidents as were Newsletter Editor, John Jeffress and Asst.Sec/Registrar, Mrs. Mary Clarke.

MEASURERS PAGE

Your Measurement Committee has recently made several important decisions and had two vital recommendations enforced by Management. **VALIDITY OF "A" CLASS CERTIFICATES** – Measurement Committees both past and present have granted "A" class certificates to boats which have been out of tolerance in minor details. So that an owner can rely on the validity of the "A" class certificate, the Measurement Committee has agreed that once a boat has been issued with an "A" class certificate, the Measurement Committee of the day shall uphold that "A" class certificate, provided that the Committee which issued the certificate was aware of any discrepancies noted on the measurement form and no subsequent alterations have been made.

This means that a protest on measurement will not be successful if the certificate was issued in knowledge of the discrepancy.

From time to time the Measurement Commitee comes to hear of boats with measurement deficiencies **not** noted on the Measurement Form. In this case the Measurement Committee has agreed that it should contact the owner and advise that (a) in his own interests he should have the deficiency rectified and, (b) his boat is subject to a protest at any time. Owners are then asked to take the boat to a Measurer who will report to the Committee verification of the rectification.

NEW SAILS – Owners and measurers are **reminded** that the Measurement Committee requires a Measurement Form with the section on sails completed for any **set of replacement sails.** This form is then attached to the original Measurement form on file.

RE-MEASUREMENT AFTER LAPSE – For some time the Measurement Committee has been concerned about boats for which registration lapses. It has therefore been decided that any boat which is not re-registered by the 1st October in the year following the expiry of its certificate shall be re-measured before re-registration can be effected.

Membership and registration becomes renewable on 1st April each year. Therefore a boat must be re-registered by 1st October in the following year if it is not to be re-measured. e.g. a boat whose registration lapses as at 1.4.78 must be re-registered by 1.10.79. After that date it will need to be re-measured.

Measurers will realise that this may make a little extra demand on their time but it should be minimal. This is the **only** case where a boat may be measured **without** the owner being a financial Association member.

The failure of the Notices on Motion at the Annual General Meeting show that members are keen to preserve the One-design concept and feel that the current constitution is adequate regarding measurement. We are grateful for the thought that members put into the Motions before voting. Although the Motions moved by John Coen were lost, the Measurement Committee thanks him for giving support to the Committee.

HELP REQUIRED – READ ON

Like most sailing Clubs, the Botany Bay Heron Club had a very modest beginning. It took a lot of hard work by a dedicated few to slowly build club membership – and assets – to the point where two work-boats, one purchased and the other very lovingly constructed by club members, regularly chaperoned the fleet on race days.

All that hard work and effort was dashed to pieces in just a few short hours on the 20th March when Sydney was lashed by severe storms and MISS IDA and HANBRO succumbed to the frenzy of wind and sea. Turn to the centrefold to see the graphic result.

Both boats were insured but the return won't be sufficient even to buy one replacement craft. Two good samaritans have come to the rescue and offered their boats and services for the remainder of the season.

Surely they are not the only good samaritans in the Heron fraternity – how about it – your individual or organised club donation would help a deserving Club to get back on its feet.

Any donation, big or small, made payable to THE BOTANY BAY BOAT FUND and forwarded to the Asst.Sec. N.H.S.A.A., 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah, 2093 will be most gratefully received and speedily despatched to the Club Commodore.

YOUNGEST HERONER

In reference to an article about the youngest Heroner in Heron March Newsletter from Port River S.C., I would like to claim to have had the youngest, regular crew and also the youngest regular skipper and that is my daughter Jenny-Ann.

She started crewing for me at the age of 5 and sat up front for 3½ seasons, after that, when she was 9, she was big enough to push me up front and took over the helm of the first W.A. produced fibreglass Heron.

In her first season as skipper, she took off Maylands club championship, became runner-up at the Perth Dinghy S.C., 3rd in W.A. State Championships and W.A. junior champ.

This year, now 10 years old, she again took Maylands club championship, was 4th in the State Championships and again became W.A. junior champ.

Anyone who can beat that?

Proud forward hand Rudy Tiessen.

FAMILY AFFAIR – *Colin Gurr 8085*

Far be it for me to crow about success as I personally have been one of the Heroners who occasionally hear the winning gun but more often than not am struggling in the middle of the fleet battling it out with others, however, when I started in Herons in 1967 as a family sport I did not realise how much enjoyment and success to the family this would incur.

My first crew was Trevor (9 yrs), we struggled to pass the second last boat in the fleet for about 2 seasons and eventually the sailing art gradually clicked, we then started to pass a few boats and found the middle of the fleet wasn't so bad after all.
After 3 years Trevor was "advising" Dad where to go and I felt it was time for our parting. He then was given a loan of a Heron 6100 (which was at one stage Rex Dix owned) and skippered this boat with the new owners son Greg Reval. Trevor and Greg had quite a bit of success at regattas state heats and 2nd in Club title over two seasons of sailing. At the time of losing Trevor my 2nd son Rodney was ready for the job as forward hand, he was infinitely better for the job as I did not receive so much "advice" on where to "go".

Rod and I sailed with moderate to good success throughout 3 seasons up in the front of the fleet for most of the time. I attribute this to the fact of experience and an excellent crew in my forward hand, his work was on the verge of brilliant when tacking, his balance saved my day many times on the run particularly in South Australian open water conditions like we have.

Now for the meat of the story. We purchased a RAINBOW (still keeping the Heron), Trevor sailed this, with reasonable success with a friend as crew and Rodney (now growing fast) crewed in another Rainbow and gained experience, their fear of water or conditions was completely dispelled by now.

The second season in the Rainbow found my two sons together, since then they have gained 1976 National Junior Championship, 1977 State Senior Championship and 1978 National Senior Championship.

In concluding I thank the Heron Class for this success and the terrific family enjoyment we all , i.e. my wife Joan, sons Trevor and Rodney and now my young daughter Susan, have had. It proves the point that the Heron is an excellent training class for more senior boats and should continue to prosper.

A.C.T. NEWS – *Stewart McGilvray 8318*

The end of the 1977/78 sailing season brings us to the time to review the past and look to the future. Although the number of registered Herons in the A.C.T. declined slightly, the interest in our Class is increasing around Lake Burley Griffin. No less than 20 Herons faced the starter at different times during the season, although our average number of starters was 9 boats. The heavy weather during the season no doubt affected the numbers. Strong winds caused postponements to both the Junior and Open A.C.T. Heron Championships.

The Junior title was won by Geoff McDougall sailing "TITTIKE" from brother, Scott, in 'ARAGORN' with Bruce Turner sailing "HERO" into third place. Ross Adams brought his team of Sea Scout Heroners to Canberra only to have the race blown out after they had sailed two legs of the course. Unfortunately they could not return for the re-sail.

It was much the same for the Open Title, the first two heats were sailed in 20-30 knot winds which took their toll of both boats and crews. The next day was even worse and the final two heats had to be postponed for a fortnight. An exciting series was won by last year's champion, Terry Coles, sailing "GANGAWA" winning by 0.3 points from Geoff McDougall, Scott McDougall gaining third place.

At the Annual General Meeting on 19 April, Don Willett was elected as President to take over from Ian McDougall who has led the A.C.T. Heroners for several years. Stewart McGilvray continuing as Secretary, with newcomer Alistair Stewart controlling the purse strings.

Our future looks rosy with 2 new boats in the course of construction and 2 planned as winter projects. All we have to do is get some of the 'moth-balled' Herons on the water to have regular fleets of 20 Herons on The Lake next year.

TASMANIAN NEWS – *Mark Hay*

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

After several seasons of consistent sailing, James Andrewartha helmed WOT NOT to an exciting win in the 1978 State Championships at Dover. The series was fairly close, however, with either WOT NOT or Richard Bingham in PANACHE having a chance to win going into the fifth and final heat. WOT NOT won the heat after covering PANACHE right the way round the course. Unfortunately for Richard his efforts in finishing second in the heat were to no avail as he failed to answer a recall and was subsequently disqualified. This did not affect the overall result, however, and PANACHE was still runner-up.

WOT NOT and PANACHE dominated the series with the former winning the three morning heats while the latter won the two afternoon races. There were several other good performances, however, with the best coming from SINN FEIN sailed by Anthony Morgan who improved on all past efforts to finish a very creditable third. Chip Payne and Debbie West were still there sailing as consistently as ever and they sailed WIWIRRI to an overall fourth. JAPHER, SHARA and CENTURY finished fifth, sixth and seventh respectively to also record improved performances. It is encouraging to see the close competition that is developing in the class and I feel sure that next season will be one of the toughest to win. Not only will the boats already mentioned be competing, but BANGAU, CETUS, JANANNIE and LIVELY LASS are all sailed by capable crews.

The break-away to Dover turned out a tremendouse success helped greatly by excellent weather, the hospitality of Dover people and the usual Heron spirit. Thank you to Tom and Helen Andrewartha for sailing RAMBLER down to ACT as Committee Boat, to the Dover people for opening the canteen and manning the Patrol Boats, to the Sailing Committee of Charles Payne, Tom Andrewartha and David Askey, and to Ron Dix for keeping things under control on shore.

RESULTS:	1st	WOT NOT	James Andrewartha
	2nd	PANACHE	Richard Bingham
	3rd	SINN FEIN	Anthony Morgan
	4th	WIWIRRI	Chip Payne
	5th	JAPHER	Stephen Hall

Then: SHARA, CENTURY, BANGAU, CENTUS, CINDERS, JANANNIE, JACARILLA, RANI, LIVELY LASS, SNOWBIRD, SHAMAL, BRINAWA and KATY TWO.

SPRING BAY PICNIC: The annual trip to Triabunna and challenge of the Spring Bay Herons was another enjoyable day and showed the improved standard of Heron sailing in that part of the state. Both Stan Parkin (FAIR ISLE) and Ian Wilson (SECURITAY) sailed better than ever.

In the morning some 12 boats competed in the three lap novelty race with the first lap being a one-up lap, the second a two-up lap, and the third a three-up lap. CETUS sailed by Peter Davis, Chris Lane and Helen Davis scored a narrow victory.

CETUS again came to the fore in the afternoon Trophy Race taking a clear line honours win from LIVELY LASS (Peter Holmes) who, in turn, beat CENTURY by a matter of inches. CENTURY (Andrew Palfreyman) won on handicap, however, and both he and Peter Davis were presented with a beautiful plate in the shape of a heron yacht.

The day was rounded off with a pleasant barbeque at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Parkin where the crayfish auction had everyone bidding hard. We look forward to returning to the east coast in the future where the popularity of the heron yacht is increasing.

FOR THE FUTURE Racing is over for the winter, but we can look back on a season highlighted by a National Championship and renewed interest in the Heron class. By next season it is anticipated that some boats will change hands and that new owners will come along. Many parents have helped the class in its organisation and all sailors have worked hard to make the season a success. Thank you to all those people for proving the Tas. Heron Yacht Racing Association to be one of the strongest yachting associations in the State.

We can now all relax after a busy season and prepare our boats for the next season.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS – *Ray Power (9163)*

The Season completed has seen a lot of support from the heron owners and the Association is pleased with the numbers who have turned out so consistently for the formal and informal events. Next season it is hoped to have a similar programme and new ideas will be most welcome.

Annual Teams Race – 9th April:

This annual event at the Port River attracted nine teams this year – the biggest number for many years and very keen racing resulted.

The annual dinner and presentations were held on the Saturday evening and some of the skippers were looking a little glassy for the 10.00 start. Late in the afternoon the breeze died away and the last of the nine races were finished just before dark. Next year it is hoped to hold the teams race during daylight saving. The Port Lincoln team flew to Adelaide for the race and were supplied with boats and crews from the Port River Club and it is hoped to see them as regular competitors at this event.

Results:	1st	Port River	92 Points
	2nd	Lake Bonney	96½ Points
	3rd	Port Pirie	128¾ Points
	4th	Henley	141 Points
	5th	Port Lincoln	141¾ Points
	6th	Wallaroo	149 Points
	7th	Brighton & Seacliff	167½ Points
	8th	Largs Bay	174¾ Points
	9th	Somerton	196 Points

The results were in doubt until the last event and the Lake Bonney team had the Port Club very worried. Port Pirie sailed extremely well and we hope they will be down again in '79.

Lake Bonney – School Holidays:

The annual pilgrimage to the sun of the Riverland will occur the second week of the school holidays, Saturday 2nd September to Saturday 9th September. Each year the number of boats on the water increases and if you are looking for a quiet, social relaxing sailing week come to Lake Bonney during this week and tune your Heron for the 78-79 season.

20th NATIONAL HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS

30TH DEC 1978
5TH JAN 1979

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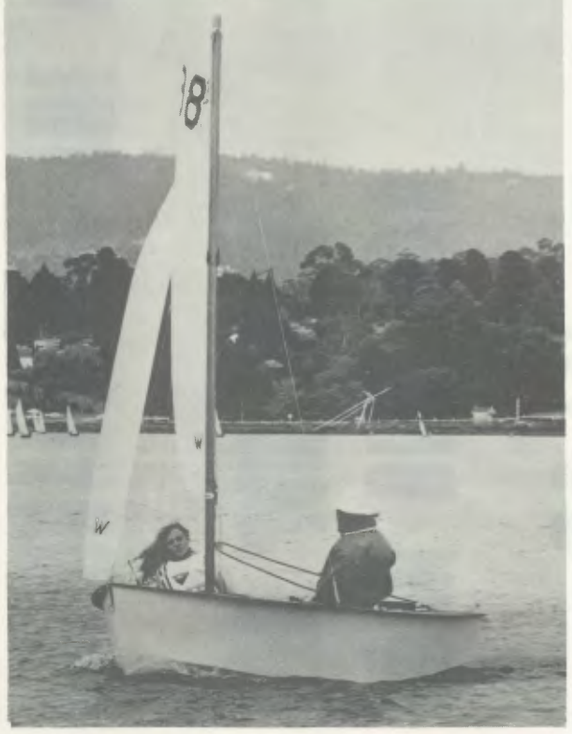
Committee and Start/Finish Boat 'RAMBLER'.
Heron 'OUTCAST' – [illegible] & [illegible]aron Armitage.

Lindisfarne Sailing Club Rigging Area.

Rob Andrewartha has SUHAILI (8337) sending out spray and foam on her home waters of the Derwent River during the 19th National Titles.

Tow, tow, tow the boat gently up the stream – this could well be the chorus sung by the "lucky" ones who managed to hitch a ride back to the Lindisfarne Sailing Club when Heat 5 was cancelled due to NO WIND.



EIGEN-VECTOR with Andrew Payne and Louise Richardson

HENLEY SAILING CLUB NEWS – *DOGSBODY*

Well, the sailing season has again drawn to a close and congratulations are in order for Adrian Doyle in TEENA TOO as he is our new club champion. Final placings were:

1st	TEENA TOO	Adrian Doyle
2nd	GUNNAGETYA	Alex Hayter
3rd	ANJOPE	Roy Salmon

Adrian won five out of the seven heats and also picked up the pointscore trophy for the season and followed this up with a 4th overall in the State Titles. A very creditable performance for the year. Congratulations also to TINY TIM – Rodney Walker and TASMAN – Bob Rutten (the flying Dutchman) who took it in turns to pick up the handicap trophies each week and you've got to bring your own wheelbarrows on Presentation night. The Heron Fleet Race this year was another event where the Henley Heroners were again to the fore with Roy Salmon taking line honours and Rodney Walker walking off with first on handicap and Bob Rutten claiming a third.

See, they not only do it in club races but also in the association events.

The Bank of Adelaide Two of Kind Regatta was represented by two Henley Herons this year and Alex Hayter Kept the flag waving by getting a deserved third in Group 3. Well done Alex! We wont ask what happened to our other skipper except to say "How did he win the club championship?"

Peter Eldridge and Adrian Doyle have both sold their boats and are now the proud owners of two NS14's and the veteran of our fleet Alan Leigh has hung up his life jacket to become an onshore critic. Someone told me he is 93 but he doesn't look a day over 80. But seriously Alan we are going to miss that pre-race sail twitching and dry wit we have come to know as part of our sailing calendar.

Peter Nicholson launched his new boat near the end of the season and while he hasn't got it all together yet is showing promise of things to come. He wanted to call his boat Streaker but it was disallowed, obviously they don't know about our Maslin's beach in Sydney. Craig Hunter's heavy-weight crew has jumped overboard and moved into one of those funny twin-hulled boats and with a lightweight up the sharp end could be a danger in the coming season.

The Annual City Cup contested between Henley Sailing Club and Grange Sailing Club was finally won by Henley this year. It's been a long time between drinks but as Jackie Gleeson used to say "How sweet it is". Congratulations to Conquest – Stephen Kemp in winning the State Title over at Port Lincoln this year. Stephen really had to earn the coveted trophy as the competition was really fierce but Stephen was certainly up to the task and showed fine boatspeed in the varying conditions.

We've seen a rather strange sailmaker's mark appearing on quite a few new sails at Henley this year and while it resembles a distorted dinasour we are told its an ambling alligator and after seeing three mainsails and about eight jibs I can assure you they really work and the price is right so get your orders in quick to avoid delays. It's great to see a Heroner making his Own (and others) sails in his backyard and ALLIGATOR (Alex Hayter), get it!! is to be congratulated on his initiative.

The sailing and competition at Henley this year has been really tremendous with the first four or five boats flashing (????) across the line within 20 seconds of each other on numerous occasions and our thanks must go to our O.O.D. Mick Fowler for setting great courses throughout the year. It is beaut to be able to round the windward mark, steer by the compass, and hit the wing mark smack on.

The fleet at Henley this year has been consistent with 15-20 boats facing the gun each week and even with the couple of losses we have incurred we still look like maintaining around the same number of boats.

Well, the freezin' Season is with us again and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Heroners, both from our club and other Clubs, for their friendship and help throughout the season and wish them good sailing in the coming season.

PORT LINCOLN YACHT CLUB – *by STARGAZER (9429)*

Our 1977/78 sailing year was another successful season for the Heron class in our Club. All P.L.Y.C. Heroners have known that Stephen Kemp was a most accomplished skipper, and his efforts to become State Junior Champion in 1977, and then to take the State Title this year at Pt. Lincoln was a superb achievement.

The 1977/78 Heron club championship went narrowly to "MARAMA" Craig McPhee (3rd State Titles). Like Stephen, Craig is still a junior, and as another junior in Jamie Kilpatrick has purchased "TEENA TOO" (4th Overall last State Titles) from Adrian Doyle of the Henley Sailing Club, the competition at Pt. Lincoln promises to be very strong next season.

We were happy to be the first country club to win the Largs Bay Teams Trophy since its introduction some 12 years ago at the titles. Our boats and their respective placings were:–

"CONQUEST" 1st, "MARAMA" 3rd, "STARGAZER" 7th and "RAGTIME" (10th). As the 12th placegetter "BREEZE" Damien Giadresco, gained 4th fastest times this year, I believe it will be hard to take this teams shield from our grip at Largs next January.

Other results for this Season were:–

Spring Series points winner	"ILLUKA" Paul Dond.
Summer " " "	"CONQUEST" Stephen Kemp.
Autumn " " "	"RAGTIME" Leon Harris.
Overall points winner	"CONQUEST" Stephen Kemp.
Overall runner up	"TSUNAMI" Ian Abbot.
Tumby Bay Easter Regatta Winner	"CONQUEST" Stephen Kemp.
Runner up	"STARGAZER" Mike Arbon.
Triangular Series Winner	"MARAMA" Craig McPhee
" " Handicap winner	"PAMPERO" Steven Mattson
2nd	"PT. DOUGLAS BAY" Sue Mattson
3rd	"GAI" Phil Hurrell.
Winner of Trophy for 3 crew races	"CRAUADA" Michael Thomson.

Besides a good team from our club competing at the next State Titles at Largs, there are at the moment 5 certain starters from the P.L.Y.C. who will be venturing to Perth for the next nationals where we have heard, the wind is constant, and nearly always from the West.

LARGS BAY SAILING CLUB – *by Barry Canry (8068)*

Well another season finished, and a lot of fun and a few swims had by all.

The Club Championship was won by Othello – K. Bevan commonly known as the black stick (that's the boat), 2nd Hyperion – G. Wellman, 3rd Frizzle – D. Flockhart.

Better luck next year fellows, nice going Keith, despite sailing the wrong course one day (Senior Course). Would like to thank all the Heroners who participated in our 50th year Regatta not that any of Largs boats were front runners after the ball, it was, amazing any sailed at all.

We are pleased to have the State Titles at Largs next season 78-79 and hope you can all attend.

And in ending, we would like to congratulate Pt. River Club on a well run Teams Event.

WALLAROO SAILING CLUB – *by Trevor Koch (9277)*

Congratulations to Jeff Jones, in VOLANT, who had a runaway win in the Club Championship competition. Although Jeff won eery heat, most races were sailed with plenty of pressure being applied by the other boats.

Easter, once again, saw a good weekend for sailing, with variations of conditions every day. Winner of the Fastest Time Trophy was Alex Hayter in GONNAGETCHA, closely followed by Jim Armitage in OUTCAST. Handicap Trophy also went to Alex Hayter, with P. Gilchrist in PARJAKAS runner up.

Nicholas Bollmeyer sailing ONEDIN (his father, Bill, being confined to barracks with chickenpox) sailed well to finish close to the leaders in several races.

Our thanks to the Port River Sailing Club for staging the Teams Race. Although we were far from successful, we thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it provided a good ending to the season.

PORT RIVER SAILING CLUB – *by RAGGER*

As I predicted at the start of the Season, things have certainly changed at Port River. The Club Championship was taken out by Stephen Luders (8773) and crew (sister) Helen. I did say that this was a team to be watched, my goodness they certainly helped make sailing Herons at the River very exciting this last few weeks. When a number of skippers had only a few points difference between

them, even then it couldn't be decided until the Sixth heat of the Championship. Club Championship results: 1st. VENERA (8773) – S. Luders, 2nd WIRRUNA (8096) – B. Hughes and 3rd ICTHYA-SAURUS (8958) – S. Pudney.

Sunday, 9th April, saw some very exciting racing on the River when we were host club for the Interclub Team Racing, a record number of entries made this one of the longest and hardest days we've had for some time down the River. Teams down from the country including Pt. Lincoln, Pt. Pirie, Wallaroo and Lake Bonney and for the first time we also had a team from Somerton. We certainly hope that these teams will come back again next season. Port River team lead by the old master (9282) once again managed to retain the Trophy for the third year in succession. Congratulations Team.

Most of the River mob have already booked their sites etc. for the September holidays at Lake Bonney, if you have holidays due Lake Bonney is the place to be, good sailing facilities, plenty of good companionship and a week of fun for all. See you there.

P.S. Outcast has a new skipper – Jim and Sharon Armitage have changed places – the results are the same though – the wise old men on the shore are predicting a very successful season for Sharon.

LAKE BONNEY – *by HIDE-I-WAY*

Another successful year for the Heroners on Lake Bonney, with an average of 18 Herons starting each week. Weather conditions this year were mostly ideal with only one resail throughout the year.

Competition was extremely keen with 4 new GRP boats coming into the Club. "OL NIC" – M. Nicolson, "UNI" – R. Kassebaum, "ZINFANDEL" – G. Kassebaum, "STORM BOY" – B. Caddy and "INLANDER" – B. Schultz last year's champ.

This year's honours went to "STORM BOY" – B. Caddy, which had a remarkable season winning 6 out of the 7 heats of the Club Championships – it was also 1st Country Champion in the State Titles at Pt. Lincoln. Our thanks to the Pt. Lincoln Club for their hospitality.

"STORM BOY" also won the highest points score for all classes in the Club, fastest time in 'A' and 'B' series – also 'A' series handicap, and won 20 out of 24 races. A lucky break for an 'old boy' sailing a 'new boat', but some credit to the crew who took their turn to help out, Monique, Paula, Natalie and Scott (just 3½ – does that beat Pt. River's record?). What's more he knows more about rules, buoys etc. than his Mother will ever know!

Noteable improvements in skippers this year have been Paul Kassebaum in "EOS" – several times beaten his father and Unc, and had now been quickly promoted to the '125' class, for reasons unknown????

Don Walker, now the proud owner of Helen Robertson's boat, "Nonkla" is a greatly improved sailor – watch out next year fellows!

Another skipper to do well was Ken Barnett sailing "Tusina" and Rob Drogemuller in "Avenger". On occasions "the old fox", Trev Stevens, despite just turning 50, was still a skipper to be reckoned with.

It was terrific to see new skippers this year and we hope to see them all again next year.

Once again Lake Bonney came 2nd to Pt. River with a **very** narrow margin, at the Annual Herons team race. It was beaut to see so many other teams entering this years competition. Thanks to the Pt. River Club for their hospitality again this year.

At this stage there could be at least 8 Lake Bonney families heading for the National Titles to be held in Western Australia at the end of this year.

Don't forget, the 2nd week of the September school holidays (from 2nd Sept.) – once again the Barmera Caravan Reserve is providing a shield – purely a family week of sailing. Everyone is invited to attend.

We note the N.S.W., Victoria school holidays coincide with ours) already we have bookings from Victoria sailors, the Caravan Reserve provides a B-B-Que tea at the Yacht Club on the Friday night.

We would love to see you here!

N.S.W. NEWS – *by Don Cranch*

JAX TEAMS RACE.

The second round of this series was sailed at Connells Point. As usual on this course, an enormous variety of wind and tide confronted competing teams. Our thanks to Connells Point club for the excellent organisation of the day, both on and off the water.

The Middle Harbour Mob romped home with eight wins to take the Trophy for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to Bill Imlay, Ian Cook, Dave Jameson and Harold Melzer.

Results for the series were:

1	Middle Harbour	8 wins	54 pts.
2.	Concord-Ryde	6 wins	70¾ "
3.	Narrabeen	6 wins	81¼ "
4.	Connells Point	5 wins	76 "
5.	Cronulla	5 wins	81½ "
6.	Botany Bay	4 wins	77¾ "
7.	Bayview	4 wins	88½ "
8.	Port Hacking	3 wins	104¼ "
9.	Balmoral	2 wins	98½ "
10.	Oyster Bay	1 win	111¾ "
11.	Dobroyd	1 win	113½ "

BAYVIEW INVITATION.

This race was No.19 on the N.S.W. calendar and also heat five of the Traveller's Trophy series. Entries were received from nine N.S.W. clubs, giving a fleet of 33 boats. The host club had ordered fair weather and a steady breeze, which dutifully appeared on the day.

Very gusty conditions just before and after the start caused a few mishaps such as capsizes and a bit of broken gear, until the wind settled down to a steady 15 kt. nor-easter.

First to break away were Anonymous 9222 (J. McManus) and Two For Tea 9212 (D. Cranch), but, by the end of the first work Dameon 9500 (I. Cook) had crossed 9212 just before the weather mark. These two boats then proceeded to leave the fleet further behind from this point on, with 9500 gaining on the works and 9212 on the runs. In spite of many tacking encounters 9212 could not break ahead. Ian Cook sailed in the best America's Cup tradition covering all the way without a single mistake to win line honours by half a minute from 9212, with 9222 a further six minutes back.

The handicap places were very close, with most of the fleet finishing within a couple of minutes of each other on corrected time. Credit at last to our Association handicapper Merv. Tallis. A thankless job well done.

RACE RESULTS:

Scratch.	1.	Dameon	9500	I. Cook	Middle Harbour
	2.	Two For Tea	9212	D. Cranch	Bayview
	3.	Anonymous	9222	J. Manus	Narrabeen
Handicap.	1.	Eziduzid	9419	A. Wrench	Bayview
	2.	Casab	9191	B. Morresey	Dobroyd
	3.	Anonymous	9222		

(as only one trophy per boat was allowed, the handicap places went to seven).

4.	Rastus	7951	D. Llewellyn	Narrabeen
5.	Two For Tea	9212		
6.	Niki-Onki	9412	G. Collings	Dobroyd
7.	Hesperonis		D. Seckold	Connells Point

(This was young David's first inter-club trophy. Much excitement and a very proud father Frank. As N.S.W. Heroners know, the Seckolds sail in **every** inter-club event on the calendar).

MYSTERY TROPHY . . . . . One Fresh MULLET. Won by . . . .
(For Trolling) Australia 82, 9533 F. Dobner from Dobroyd Club.
(this was one of BYRA's slower fish).

LOOKING BACK ON 1977-78 IN N.S.W.

The Middle Harbour Marathon is over again. Boats are heaved onto their trailers for the last time and parked at the back of the wood-shed. Forgotten? Is this the end?

Maybe for the most of us, at least for the next 4 or 5 months. But for the faithfull . . . . . New boats, varnish, fittings; plane a bit more off that gaff, or, glue a bit more back on? And why not? This is the sport of sail-racing. What ever would it be like if one couldn't spend at least 100 times more time fiddling than actually sailing? Down-right boring, that's what.

And so, Spring arrives. Panic. Get that boat on the water or we'll blow the point-score . . . . . again.

But, what about the next season's newcomers to Herons? Will they stay with the class? Or will they sail a few times and leave discouraged after a few goes at making the starting line, and not making it? Of course, all clubs encourage new-comers. I know we do in my club. But are we doing enough?

The 1977-78 season has been a great success. Better and closer racing by more boats than ever before, but, by mainly the same people, and the number of Herons actually registered has decreased. Is this good? Or are we failing in our Association objective of getting people sailing Herons?, racing or not. Mind you, racing is so much better; Kill, Kill, Kill, there are no nice guys on the starting line. As Stuart Walker says, "Your opponent must be HURT". But not **too** much, or you may get bitten back.!

What I am suggesting is, not only tell the new chums how to handle the boat, but how to sail it fast. Sure, they can read about it, or learn, over a period of years, like the aces do, but, if we do manage to convince them that a fast boat is not a fast boat without wind-shifts, tide, sail trim, start timing etc., etc., we may just manage to keep them in Herons and, improve our own enjoyment of one-design class racing by closer competition. Think about it. As a well-known author once said, "Your crews are Heron sailors. The sailors of no other dinghy class can make this claim". Is that a catch?

Mind you, all is not lost. We have a **lot** of very solid men, (and ladies), behind the class. If the agenda for the next National A.G.M. is anything to go by, we have no worries. The amount of debate over the proposed amendments to the class rules should generate enough interest to keep us going for years.

As always, see you at all those regattas in 1978-79.

Do you know we have more regattas in one year than most other classes have in three?

BAYVIEW YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION – *From "Over the Side"*

Is another season over already? At B.Y.R.A. we can't believe it has come so quickly. And what a season it has been; more boats than ever; the prospect of more for next year, closer racing and another glorious defeat in the Duffield Plaque. Curses, what a licking we got in heat two. We really though we had that Narrabeen Club beaten after heat one, but not to be. That lake of theirs is always our nemisis. Never mind we'll kill them next time. And, by the way, congratulations Narrabeen, (grumble, hiss, etc.).

At the club, good racing and good fellowship with the Heron fleet size increasing all season. Although we lost a few boats, we gained more, and are looking forward to at least three new faces for next season already. We may een be able to talk Allan Wrench into sailing one more year.

The fleet championship was won by 9212 again. Don Cranch even had the hide to snatch the point-score as well, says it's all due to his super home-made magpie feather tell-tale. The three trophy winners were Lindsay Horner, Bob Young and Don Cranch, the long-marker's series went to Clibe Gillam, (his first season in sailing), and the fleet champ's trophy went to John Huggins, (a two heat series sailed on JAX days, for those left behind). The forward-hand's race went to Tom Crow and the ladies race to Valerie Cranch.

Back in the middle of the fleet, Allan McIntosh put on a bit of an act with a string of firsts (in the wrong places), while Harry Konig, young Paul Christenson, having now learned to handle their boats, were starting to make their presence felt. Mark Hexstall, after selling his boat, (and blowing the season point-score), is looking forward to next season in fibreglass. Meanwhile Bob Young and Paul Wrench were sailing very steadily to take second and third in the point-score, respectively, with reversed places in the fleet championship.

We hope the B.Y.R.A. Invitation was enjoyed by all visitors. Ian Cook took out the line honours and Allan Wrench managed to wrench himself into first place on handicap. Come again next year Heroners, we have plenty of mullet left.

DOBROYD AQUATIC CLUB – *from DOBBIE.*

The season has once again drawn to a close with many 'if onlys'. The Race that seemed so unimportant back in October assumed a vital importance as the points were totted up. It very often happens that a skipper can think back to one particular mistake that cost him a race – very often not covering an opponent is that mistake.

A drastic fall-off in attendance at the Saturday and Sunday races at Dobroyd has forced the cancellation of all racing on Sundays. We will now regrettably only be sailing on Saturdays and have also introduced an Open Division to encourage any boats (except multi-hulls) to race with us.

Results for the 1977/78 season were:

	Pointscore			**Club Championship**	
1.	'Australia 82'	F. Dobner	1.	'Endeavour'	W. Parry
2.	'Niki Onki'	G. Collings	2.	'Chaotic'	G. Miskin
3.	'Jaline'	J. Jeffress	3.	'Overture'	J. Shipton

HAWKESBURY RIVER SAILING CLUB – *from HAWKEYE*

We have had another good year down on the Hawkesbury, everyones efforts to build up the Heron fleet has been appreciated, at the moment the total is eleven boats and it looks as if we will at least be staying around that figure for next year.

Some very close racing over the season saw Alan Dickenson edge David Murray out of the reckoning on the last day of the season to take out the scratch and handicap events, although Dave did not come away empty handed as he won the Spring Cup.

We had our first taste of organising a regatta when we hosted the third event of the Duffield Trophy and from all accounts was voted quite successful. Our thanks to N.L.S.C., B.Y.R.A. and Palm Beach S.C. for taking part. We were pleased to come third over the four races and hope to improve on our performance next year.

Four of our boats went to the NSW State Titles at Canberra, they had a few mixed feelings about the weather, although they were full of praise for the local club in the way it was organised.

Anyone who may be interested in joining HRSC next season and would like a few more details you can contact Pat O'Donnell on 457 9037. We have one member who comes all the way from St. Marys, so it's just not the Hornsby area sailors who take part.

Just before signing off for this season I would like to send our club's regards to all those Heroners we have met and had considerable help and advice from.

Thanks a lot and good sailing.

BOTANY BAY HERON SAILING CLUB – *From HENRY HERON*

The season has now come to a close and it has had its mixed blessings for us. We wrested the Endeavour Shield from Connells Point this season, two of the races being held in extremely gusty conditions resulting in damaged boats. In the final race on Connells Point waters we managed to get the required 6 boats to finish and that was about all there was in it.

Then the very next day on the same waters we finished well out of a place in the Jax Teams Races.

Strong winds and bad conditions seem to have been with us most of the season with the result we lost several days racing and it all culminated just before Easter when we lost our two pickup boats to the elements. As our Commodore Merv Tallis said in Squark later the loss "is a reminder to all of us the power of the elements and the respect we must hold for them" Elsewhere in this issue I understand you will see results of the "Power of the Elements".

However, in traditional Botany Bay spirits we have bounced back and have not lost a day since, and for this we are extremely grateful to two local Good Samaritans who have offered their time and boats to help us for the remainder of the season. It is a very satisfying feeling to have offers of help from fellow users of our waterways and although I mentioned only two good samaritans above.we have had other offers of assistance as well.

Not only have we received the above assistance but we have also managed to attract the odd visitor and it looks like a few new members, and an old sailor returning in a new boat, to a club with no pickup boats and the prospects of a good debt to clear after replacing them.

The heavy conditions referred to this season have resulted in many of our members becoming better sailors through necessity (and some very high Pickle Point scores). As a result there are now some very bunched fleets and new faces showing up among the place getters.

We will be back in force again next season with satisfactory pickup boats and probably better Herons as we will not have to spend time on repairing the old pickup boats as usual allowing more time on our own Herons. And I hope to see all our regular visitors again next season along with a lot of new ones.

BALMORAL EASTER REGATTA 1978

This year the Easter regatta was held over 2 days instead of 3. There were 4 races, the best 3 to count. Organisation was up to the usual high standard, smoothly handling nearly 200 entries in 8 classes, 58 of which were Herons.

Weather was delightful – sunny with pleasant though variable west to south-west winds ranging from 5 to 25 knots, over the series. A residual slop from previous weeks storms, combined with strong tides and shifty winds provided a high test of skill.

The first heat was sailed in 10-15 knot winds and resulted in an easy win to ABRACADABRA, 9525 (D. Jamieson) who was almost 5 minutes in front of DEFT, 5703 (A. Imlay). OVERTURE, 8800 (J.Shipton) who is no stranger to Balmoral was third and DAEMON, 9500 (I. Cook) fourth. DAME NELLIE 7623 (R. Lock) who is also an ex Balmoral sailor won the handicap by 1 second from ABRACADABRA and RAJAH, 8919 (H. Melzer) was third.

The second race, for the Travellers trophy, started on a run in a light south easterly which was contrary to all predictions and expectations. It seems that ZENITH, 8575 (C. Grimwood) and a couple of others rounded the first mark just ahead of the fleet which converged into a solid wedge with your correspondent stuck in the middle – you should have heard the language! ZENITH went on to win by 4½ minutes from DEFT with another 3 minutes to ANONYMOUS, 9222 (J. McManus) and DAEMON fourth. ANONYMOUS won the handicap with DAME NELLIE second and ZENITH third.

A fresh south easter greeted us for race 3 on Monday morning. EMU, 9000 (M. Lloyd-Owen) took an early lead and went on to take first and fastest. OVERTURE came from behind to take second from ZENITH and DAEMON was again fourth. VENTURE, 6413 (P. Carrick) was second on handicap and CORONADO, 8989 (J. Black) was third.

The wind steadily faded during the final heat from 20 knots at the start to about 8 knots at the finish. ZENITH took the lead soon after the start and went on to win but was closely pressed by OVERTURE, ABRACADABRA, TRIANA, 9208 (G. Jenkinson) and TEA FOR TWO, 9212 (D. Cranch) who finished in that order. In fact the first 8 boats finished within 3 minutes. ORIENT, 5413 (D. Willett) from Canberra won on handicap with IDLEWISE 9539 (D. Wearne) second and DAME NELLIE 3rd.

Overall results were as follows:–

Handicap	1	Dame Nellie	7623	R. Lock	Concord Ryde
	2	Anonymous	9222	J. McManus	Narrabeen Lakes
	3	Zenith	8575	C. Grimwood	MHHSC
	4	Triana	9208	G. Jenkinson	BSC
	5	Deft	5703	A. Imlay	MHHSC
Scratch	1	Zenith	8565	C. Grimwood	MHHSC
	2	Oerture	8800	J. Shipton	DOBROYD
	3	Abracadabra	9525	D. Jamieson	MHHSC
Travellers	1	Anonymous	9222	J. McManus	Narrabeen Lakes
(Heat 6)	2	Dame Nellie	7623	R. Lock	Concord-Ryde
	3	Zenith	8575	C. Grimwood	MHHSC

For any members of the Heron Association who would like to get some practice for the next State Championships on Balmoral Waters, you are advised that visitors are welcome to sail with us. Races are conducted on Sunday morning throughout the year except July and August. Entries are taken on the beach and Herons start at approximately 11.00 AM (give or take 10 minutes as I am writing this from memory).

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty six boats entered – about the most ever, and the races were sailed in variable wind conditions, both easterly and westerly breezes at three different venues. In other words, every race should have suited someone!

The first 10 boats finished in the following order:

1	8074	VAT 70	John Hill	5.7 pts lost
2	9274	SOCK IT TO EM	Dave Hartley	14.7 " "
3	8080	NEW BETSY	Tony Oram	16.3 " "
4	9474	TIPPEE	Jenny Anne Tiessen	31.7 " "
5	9470	WESTERN COMFORT	Ted Cartwright	33.4 " "
6	7952	CELINA	Max Taylor	37.7 " "
7	8766	KLIPSPRINGER	Alan Wilson	48.1 " "
8	5152	WE FREE	Bob Wegman	49.7 " "
9	8778	BUZZER	Barry Main	54.0 " "
10	8315	HELCIA	Keith Gammie	60.0 " "
First on Handicap was		9463	FLIPPY	Hank Lingius
Second on Handicap was		7952	CELINA	Max Birch
Third on Handicap was		9495	MELE TOO	Roy Christie

Winner of Ted Cartwrights – VAT 70 TROPHY – for the best Junior was Jenny Anne Tiessen.

Congratulations to all those people, and better luck next time the rest!

HERON SWAPPING EVENT – JUST A SUGGESTION

The aims would be to give the skippers an opportunity to sail as many different boats as possible with the object of comparing notes on rigging methods and improving the performance of the possibly slower boats via constructive comments. The course would be a short one containing a work, a reach and a run. There would be as many races as there were boats, time permitting. If time would not permit, the boats and skippers would be divided into 2 or more classes and possibly there could be a similar event on another day with a new arrangement of boats.

The roster might be arranged as follows:–

SKIPPERS / BOATS	RED NED	BLACK JACK	YELLOW PERIL	WHITE ANTS	BLUE PETER	GREEN PEA	POINTS LOST	FINAL PLACING
A. BROWN	A	B	C	D	E	F		
	2	5	1	2	4	2	16	2nd
P. GREEN	F	A	B	C	D	E		
	3	1	3	2	3	1	12	1st
R. SMITH	E	F	A	B	C	D		
	2	1	3	2	4	6	18	3rd
J. GRAY	D	E	F	A	B	C		
	4	3	4	5	1	6	23	4th
R. POTTS	C	D	E	F	A	B		
	3	5	5	6	DNF 10	6	35	6th
B. JONES	B	C	D	E	F	A		
	4	5	1	6	5	4	25	5th
BOAT TOTALS	18	20	17	23	27	25		

Race 'A' is the first race, Race 'B' the second race etc., the figures 1, 2, 3 and so on indicate order of finishing. A handicap might be applied to the boats or to the skippers, and it would be interesting to see if the usually most successful skippers would retain this ability in an unfamiliar boat. Associated with the series would be a comments card – one for each boat for instance.

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