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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia

Having just completed another year in the life of the Heron, we have to focus our attention to the future. The most important goal for 1981/82 is to stop this constant loss of members that we have been experiencing over the past years. We finished the season with 1113 members which showed a reduction of 32 compared with the previous season. However, when you consider that we had 237 new members join the Association during the year, the result is almost tragic as, somehow, for some reason, we lost 269 old members.

The GRP Heron has well and truly established itself with manufacturers in most States. Unfortunately, the cost has been rising rapidly and today must be getting to the stage where the average family man has to think twice before investing. It is very gratifying to learn that Laurie Menogue from Victoria has set up a business to supply timber kits of Herons. This will again cater for the prospective Heroner desirous of building his own boat at a reasonable price. This area has been sadly missed since Marine Parks stopped manufacturing several years ago. It is hoped that the availability of kits again will attract many new members.

At Management level it has been a relatively quiet year with very few controversial problems. Unfortunately, in the early part of the season, we were forced to abandon the measurement committee as it became non-functional because of the reluctance of members to volunteer to act on this important Committee. The National Association took over and absorbed this function into its already full agenda. Because of the time required to consider measurement problems it was found that this was unworkable. My thanks go to the Botany Bay Club who realised our problem and several of their members agreed to reform the measurement committee into which several members from other clubs have now offered their services and I am pleased to say that the Committee is operating most efficiently again.

All our meetings have been well attended by the delegates and a great deal of business has been handled as might be assessed when you consider that 1935 items of correspondence were received and to prove the point that our efficient Assistant Secretary, Mary Clarke, was kept busy, 3124 items of correspondence were sent out.

There was a noted lack of interest from several States and in fact it became necessary for us to write to some State Associations to try and get a monthly report. It appears some States only come to life when they want to conduct or are running a National Title. This is not good enough as we need guidance and contributions from all States if we are to carry on and progress as a National Association.

Although I was unable to be in Melbourne for the National Titles I have heard very glowing reports from members who did attend. I was very disappointed with the small entry for this important event and I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to the Victorian Association for conducting such a good series. Jim Armitage of South Australia, to whom I extend my congratulations for winning the 22nd National Championship, has again proved his outstanding ability and it is hoped he will stay in our ranks for many more seasons.

I have been ably assisted throughout the season by a very capable and willing Committee. Rodney Watts, our keen and capable Hon. Secretary, contributed a great deal for his first year in this important position. Noel Hill, our Vice President and Treasurer, has been a great assistance with his calm, experienced decisions and helpful submissions and has certainly made my duty much easier than it could have been. Bruce Morrissey, our Editor, also did a fine job with our Newsletter as well as take a very active interest in management matters. To all the delegates who attended and those from other States who diligently, submitted their monthly contributions and their valued time, I extend my thanks. To Mary Clarke, our Assistant Secretary, and Registrar, I have to reiterate the words of most of my predecessors and extend my most sincere thanks for her remarkable efficiency and outstanding loyalty to the Heron Association and what it stands for. Mary has had a very busy year as you may imagine from the amount of correspondence, both in and out, that she handled together with all the necessary work associated with her position as Registrar and research work involved for our normal management business. Mary, I personally extend my thanks and also that of the whole Association as I am sure they would all want me to do for your help and competent assistance throughout the past season.

To the Measurement Committee, I again extend my thanks and especially to Alec Barrett who volunteered and carried out the duties as Secretary of the Measurement Committee even though he was getting very little help.

Throughout the season we enjoyed the use of the offices of B.C. Morison & Co., for our monthly meetings with the exception of the March meeting when it was necessary for us to find new premises because of a change in management of that company. We are most grateful to them for allowing us the privilege of their offices for so long. David Smith who also works in the city approached his company and then generously gave us permission to hold our monthly meeting in their building. Thanks David and also to your firm, South British United Insurance Ltd.

I suppose that when I go home tonight I will remember someone whom I should have thanked so to all those members who assisted the Association and myself during the year, I extend my sincere thanks.

For the past number of years we have been constantly losing members, so I ask that for the coming season let us make an all-out effort to stop this erosion. If each member was to introduce a new member or changed the mind of a member intending to leave our ranks, just imagine the result. So let us all try this coming season.

I have enjoyed my past year as your President and although these days I do not take an active part in the actual sailing side, my thoughts are always with you and I follow the results with great interest. Wishing you all a happy and successful season for 1981/82.

Allan Crane – *4/5/81.*

A SUMMARY OF THE 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – *Mary Clarke*

Held at the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, the Spit, Mosman on Monday 4th May, 1981. Thirty-three members and friends attended with a further 157 apologies, mostly from interstate members.

It was an evening of discussion (particularly about the merits or otherwise of vacuum moulded foam sandwich), of acknowledging the long time services of Alec Barrett by honouring him with Life Membership, of transferring trusteeship of the Association from one Life Member (John Keen) to another Life Member (Bill Youll) and of welcoming a new Honorary Treasurer, Barry Friere.

Taken in that order the motion to accept vacuum moulded foam sandwich brought forth considerable discussion and the mover and seconder can take some heart in the knowledge that their motion was favoured by a majority of those attending the meeting, but the postal votes were overwhelmingly against it. If I had to put my finger on the reason why, I would suggest that objection was not so much against sandwich construction, i.e. foam, klegecell, coremat, etc. but the proposed method of construction, i.e. vacuum moulding – 64 for/109 against. I'm sure the incoming Management Committee will discuss this matter during the coming year.

Built-in side buoyancy compartments were seen to be a very acceptable option and the motion was carried 158 for and 14 against. By option I mean that built-in side buoyancy compartments are now acceptable as well as full buoyancy bag kits or built-in tanks forward and aft.

There was very little objection to the membership/measurement card bearing an endorsement to the effect that weight correctors were required to be carried. This action would give the potential buyer and the race officer the opportunity to know a) that correctors were required and b) to check for their presence. This motion was carried 162 for/9 against.

It was a unanimous vote in support of Alec Barrett's nomination of Life Membership and I think Stephen Dearnley said it all in presenting the Gold Badge. "Alec was a gentleman of great experience and maturity who was not only a distinguished builder of Herons but, almost more importantly, a great builder of the Heron Class."

The Association has three Trustees, Messrs. Hawes and Shipton continuing in that office, Mr. John Keen tendering his resignation. In nominating his "old colleague" to join Messrs. Hawes and Shipton, John suggested that the position of Trustee could be more adequately filled by one closer to Management than he could hope to be living in South Australia.

And speaking of the Management Committee, Noel Hill, Vice President and Hon. Treasurer indicated an inability to continue in his latter office due to business pressure and nominated, with success, Mr. Barry Friere. At the time of Barry's election Noel suggested that the Association's finances would be in very good hands, Barry being a most respected Chartered Accountant. Those continuing to serve are Allan Crane, President; Rodney Watts, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Mary Clarke, Asst.Sec./Registrar; and Bruce Morrissey, Newsletter Editor.

Lance Barrett, Association Auditor, was able to accept nomination for re-election and the Committee thank him for his continued and efficient service.

To those officers throughout Australia who have retired or who are continuing we say "Thank you" for your time, your effort and your interest.

To the incoming officers we say "Welcome" and hope that your term of office will be informative, productive and, most of all, satisfying.

STOP PRESS –

The Management Committee of the N.H.S.A. of A. wishes to clarify what could be interpreted as a misleading statement contained in a letter written by M. Bailey and published on page 11 of the March, 81 Newsletter.

The ONLY form of sandwich construction permitted in the Constitution is in the area of the deck, side seats and thwarts. The hull MUST be "A minimum of hand-laid 3 oz. chopped strand mat lay-up or equivalent in chopper rovings all over and of single skin construction."

A hull of sandwich construction does NOT comply with the rules of the Constitution or the Specifications for GRP Heron Hulls as laid down by this Association.

MEASURERS PAGE

by the Measurement Committee Secretary

This is just a brief report on the activities of the Measurement Committee. The main activity of the committee is, of course, to classify the many new boats that have been built in the last three months and other boats that have come back on to the register.

Our main recommendation to Management which approved of it, was for an additional measurement for the transom, for the measurement form. This measurement which is to be a minimum of 70 mm., is to be measured from a line joining the chines to the bottom of the keel. Again this measurement on the form has as its purpose to ensure that boats are built according to the plans.

The committee also wishes to advise the members of the association that all new sails should be measured by a measurer and a measurement form sent in to be filed.

A new measurement form has been drafted and will be printed when present supplies have run out. The measurements on this form are so arranged that they follow the sequence of actually measuring a boat. It will, hopefully, give more space for comments on the actual construction of the boat (colour, finish, etc.).

The committee is discussing, at present, in its meetings the question of waterline length for the Heron, and how it can be measured directly or indirectly. A decision on this will, hopefully, be made in the near future.

The committee is always conscious of its responsibility to the Association and its members and to the One Design concept. It is, therefore, of concern to us to hear of attempts to get around the requirements of the plans and build their boats to comply with the measurement form only. Some seem to forget that the Constitution requires a Heron to be built **according to the plans** (except where modifications have been permitted)also. It is hoped that members and measurers in particular will be awake to these attempts to undermine the One Design concept. Because of this, it seems that the measurement form has to be continually updated.

Happy sailing one and all, and may the best skipper on the day always win!

MEASURERS OF THE HERON CLASS

as at 1/4/81

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23RD NATIONALS

Arrangements are proceeding well with several meetings being held between N.S.W. Heron Assn. and Speers Point A.S.C. representatives.

Progress has been made on the Sailing Instructions and the Social Programme. It seems strange that for a sailing series the social events are taking more time to organise than the sailing section. New Years Eve and Presentation Night have halls booked and music almost finalised.

Presentation Night wil be held at Cardiff District Workers Club in a delightful auditorium. The dinner shall consist of individually served Entree's (3) followed by a Smorgasbord, all designed to fill the emptiest stomachs and comes most recommended.

I am pleased to note that a lot of people read their last Heron Newsletter and responded to my request re camping at the Clubhouse. I have had, at time of writing, replies from Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Sydney but keep them coming. What about the Apple Isle and the Sandgropers? We have plenty of room for you too. The all important Entry Form will be in the next Newsletter so don't forget to fill it out as soon as you receive it.

An early warning! N.S.W. Sailing Regulations require the letters on your transom to be 50mm. high but don't worry, there is still lots of room for your Heron Sticker. Be seeing you.

Alan Sutton
Speers Point A.S.C.

ROLL OF HONOUR

In an Association of some 22 years standing it is expected and has happened that many thousands have joined, participated and eventually left the ranks to pursue the sport of sailing in bigger and bigger craft.

To those thousands we say 'thank you' for your interest.

But what of the group of Heron owners who were introduced to the Class in its infancy and who have been faithful supporters ever since. A simple 'thank you' is not enough recognition of their continued support over these many years and for this reason we have compiled this list to honour those who have supported, and continue to support, the aims and ideals of the Heron Class in Australia. In some instances they have been members for the whole 22 years and the list honours those with 15 or more years membership.

N.S.W.

Robert Backhouse (6239)
Murray Bailey (nbo)
A. & E. Barrett (7942)
Lance Barrett (5050)
Alan Binns (3993)
Campbell Burns (7660)
A. Cawsey (5731)
John Church (9438g)
M. & W. Clarke (9449)
John Cole (9414)
Neville Corvisy (L/m)
Allan Crane (9440)
Daniel Crawford (4271)
Ian Cull (7472)
Ken Dane (L/m)
Stephen Dearnley (L/m)
Ronald Dickson (6104)
Anthony Dobson (9669g)
Stanley Dose (8585)
George Early (7366)
Edward Elliott (4681)
Don Gordon (4310)
Charles Grimwood (8575)
Warren Grounds (5783)
Eric Hart (8060)
Evan Hatch (6855)
Byron Hoad (6420)
Charles Hutchings (7838)
Bill Imlay (5703)
Chris Lloyd-Owen (4534)
Robert Lock (9628g)
John McCann (3543)
David Murray (4971)
Maurice Plumley (5199)
Geoff Quigley (5865)
Ewin Reynolds (6958)
Ted Rice (4482)
Keith Ross (7080)
Cyril Samways (4871)
David Sangster (4123)
John Shipton (L/m)
Henry Bolton (5618)
John Sykes (8069)
Merv Tallis (9118)
Bill Waters (4094)
Josh Woolfson (3380)
Stan Wymer (7687)
Bill Youll (L/m)

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Graeme East (7152)
Roy Goldsworthy (6477)
Ralph Hanslow (4897)
M. Hawes (L/m)
Alex McClure (L/m)
Frank McGowan (5864)
Les Nangle (L/m)
John Pollock (8798)
K. Proposch (4588)
Len Ralph (7411)
Neville Ridgeway (nbo)
Alf Robertson (4429)
Garry Vincent (5739)
Norman Wright (4083)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Malcolm Cole (6874)
John Keen (L/m)
Graeme Luders (6784)
Max Luders (8773)
Terry Matthews (9468g)
Brian Moore (5965)
J. Nobbs (6131)
George Robertson (9416)
Mrs. P. Walter (7823)

A.C.T.

Ian McDougall (9530g)

W.A.

Bill Baker (5359)
Tony Oram (L/m)

QUEENSLAND

Laurie Garnaut (nbo)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Like many others I have found the Heron a useful sail boat which is inexpensive and family orientated. I would also like to see it stay essentially one-design with any modifications made to be in the area of safety. I also seriously doubt if VMFS is the great breakthrough some claim.

As the Heron has a minimum weight there is no need to gain lightness and the present GRP hulls appear satisfactory; why try a new material which appears of unproven durability in small craft. If any alternate method of construction is to be employed why not push resin coated marine ply.

Surely this would have many of the advantages of both ply and glass craft using the WEST system or similar.

The Heron is also a very stable power boat and has much more "bite" on the water than some aluminium craft about. I power mine with a 4 h.p. Evinrude outboard and this is most adequate. Its duel purpose means we don't need two boats.

I also notice many trailers supporting our pride and joys are nothing short of a disaster and have found that my trailer using Morris 850 suspension is ideal as there is no axle and the boat can sit very low in the trailer to improve road stability and it is not necessary to immerse so much of the trailer when launching from a boat ramp on my own.

A. Stanway, S.A. (8945)

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COME TO KURRIMINE **COME TO KURRIMINE** **COME TO KURRIMINE**

Yes, that famous Kurrimine Regatta is on again and who could afford to miss one of the Heron Highlights of the year, particularly those Heroners living in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Tim Higham tells us that this years is to be better than ever and that even the weather has been arranged. So pack the Heron (and Mum and the kids) and head for Kurrimine. The Invitation race will be held on 30th September, 1981. Heat 1 of Harold Holt Memorial Trophy will be held on 1st October with heat 2 on 2nd October and heat 3 on 3rd October, 1981.

Further particulars can be obtained from Tim Higham, 85 Mourilyan Road, Innisfail 4860. P hone 070 611326

KIT BOATS AVAILABLE SOON

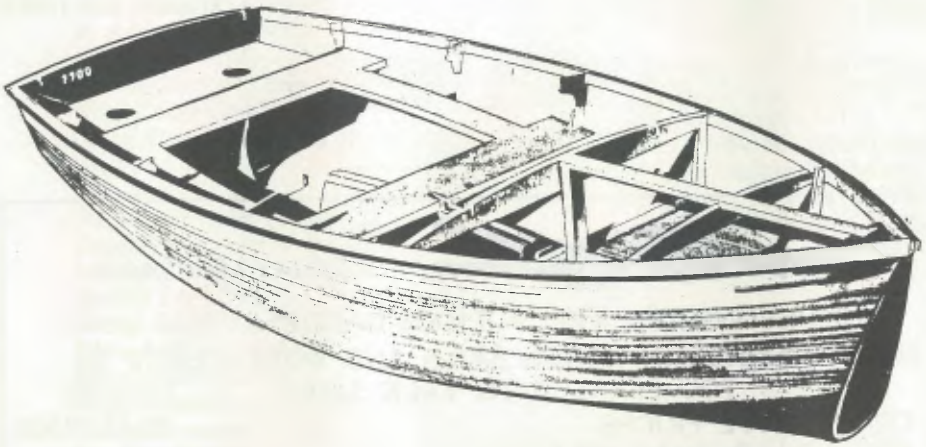
In our next issue we are hoping to announce the arrival of a HERON KIT. Laurie Menogue of 25 Sonia Street, Ringwood Victoria 3134, is putting together the final details to his package.

We're told the kits will be available in various forms and will be suitably packed for interstate delivery. Any State Association or members wishing to contact Laurie now can do so at his address above or phone him, Business phone 03-8792820.

WINTER BUILDING PROGRAMME

Why not, you've been thinking about it for some time – NOW DO IT. The Association has available a complete set of building plans, full size frame plans, building booklet, Notes to builders, Notes on permitted modifications, timber buying guide, etc. for the humble cost of $20 per set.

Available from the Asst.Sec. N.H.S.A.A., 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah 2093.

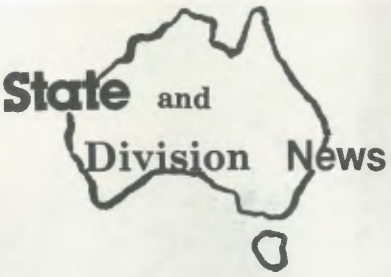


WARNING to those intending to fit side buoyancy compartments to plywood Herons.

It is **not permissible** to combine built-in side buoyancy with full height front or rear buoyancy compartments. The intention of the "side buoyancy" motion was to allow plywood Herons with similar righting advantages to GRP boats. The configuration of buoyancy **must** be similar in all dimensional respects to that in the GRP Heron.

Further, when ordering the new mainsail advise your sailmaker that shockcord is not permitted to be fitted to the luff and foot, the plans specifying these to be "roped".

Further, some sailmakers are incorporating a different weight cloth in the bottom panel of a mainsail. This is permissible provided that the panel is of a "woven" material.



TASMANIAN NEWS *from Mark Sweetingham 8546*

The 1980-81 season was a somewhat disappointing affair for Heroners in Tasmania. Despite the longest and warmest summer for many years and an ideal seabreeze nearly every weekend, Heron fleets racing at the Lindisfarne Sailing Club and the State Championships, were smaller than have been seen for many seasons. Nevertheless those who did participate would agree it was an enjoyable season.

Sailing the 24th State Titles over two weekends proved a successful formula as it gave crews a week to recuperate after the first two heats. The first two heats were sailed on the Lindisfarne Sailing Club course and heats 3, 4 and 5 at Orford off Raspinns Beach. James Andrewartha sailing with Jamie Ashmore was successful in winning his third State title. Andrew Palfreyman and Joanne Jennings revelled in the stronger winds to win the last two heats in fine style but were not consistent enough over the whole series to beat James and finished third overall.

RESULTS:

Heat One –	1st	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham
	2nd	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha
	3rd	SHARA	J. Lock
	4th	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman
	5th	CENTURY	A. Morgan
Heat Two –	1st	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha
	2nd	SHARA	J. Lock
	3rd	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham
	4th	GAZINTA	M. Davis
	5th	JACARILLA	V. Coleman
Heat Three –	1st	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha
	2nd	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham
	3rd	GAZINTA	M. Davis
	4th	PANACHE	P. Bingham
	5th	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman
Heat Four –	1st	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman
	2nd	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha
	3rd	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham
	4th	CENTURY	A. Morgan
	5th	PANACHE	P. Bingham
Heat Five –	1st	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman
	2nd	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha
	3rd	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham
	4th	CENTURY	A. Morgan
	5th	PANACHE	P. Bingham

The Holland family of S.A. watch as Mary Clarke christens FINALLY (9738).

It really is a family class — some of the Heroners represented at the Lake Boga Easter Regatta.

A very proud Alec Barrett receiving his Life Membership badge from Stephen Dearnley, founder of the Heron class in Australia.

Yes, there is a hull under that rigging. LITTLE AUSSIE was almost renamed LITTLE AUSSIE BATTLER in these conditions. Sailed to perfection by Junior Champion Chris Carey and crew Ann Marie Downs.

Three cheers for THE REST, what they lacked in cricketing prowess they more than made up for in enthusiasm!

FLASHBACKS TO MELBOURNE AND THE 22ND NATIONALS

And here we are at the starboard end as the second wave are about to cross the line.

This is what it looks like at the port end of the starting line. Would you believe KUDU (5845) made it on port hand!

Overall placings after discarding worst heat –

1st	WOT NOT	J. Andrewartha	5.5 Points Lost
2nd	NIMROD II	M. Sweetingham	8.7 " "
3rd	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman	10.5 " "
4th	SHARA	J. Lock	18 " "
5th	GAZINTA	M. Davis	19 " "
6th	CENTURY	A. Morgan	20 " "
7th	PANACHE	P. Bingham	22 " "
8th	JACARILLA	V. Coleman	27 " "
9th	SOBRAON	P. Bostock	37 " "
10th	SUHALI	G. Tilley	39 " "
11th	RAPSCALLION	H. Elliott	45 " "
12th	SINN FEIN	I. Whyte	47 " "

The Annual Heron – Mirror Teams Race was sailed two weeks after the Championships on our home ground the L.S.C. The less said about the result the better!

Congratulations to John Lock for winning the coveted L.S.C. Class Champion award for this year. John sailing with Cameron Best in SHARA won the first Pennant Series and was runner up in the second Series. Andrew Palfreyman (REVENGE) won the second Pennant Series. Others to perform well over the season were Vivian Coleman in (JACARILLA) and Peter Bingham (PANACHE).

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members to the Tasmanian Association; David Salter in GAZINTA, Bob Hillier in CETUS, Robert Seymour in JAFFA and Mrs. J. Holmes who has bought AMMON RE. We wish you all the best with your sailing next season. Finally I would like to acknowledge, on behalf of all Heroners in Tasmania, the fine work our president Dugald McDougall has done for the Tasmanian Association over many seasons. Dugald will not be seeking re-election at this years A.G.M. I am sure with the burden of the Presidency off his shoulders he will be a keener competitor and a serious threat to the 1982 State Titles.

VICTORIAN STATE TITLES – Westernport Yacht Club 7/9th March, 1981

Report from Laurie Menogue

Congratulations go to Ray Hale from Lake Boga who has won his third consecutive Championship in 9620 (BERJUGARAWAY). This year his son, Gary, crewed for him. The evergreen Len Ralph came second in 7411 (ZORAIDA) and Bob Lewis in 8726 (LI'L LIZA JANE) third.

The conditions provided a real test of seamanship for the competitors. There was always a tide, up to three knots, either coming or going, flukey 5 knot winds with temperatures in the 30's to cold 23 knot southerlies with higher gusts and associated blinding rain squalls. Westernport Yacht Club ran the series with expertise which helped to make the series most enjoyable.

HEAT ONE – saw 8537 (BET-C-LEA) skippered by Tanya Clarke pass half the fleet with the assistance of a private wind to win in light, flukey 5 knot breezes. It was Tanya's many hours of lake sailing which helped her to pick all the wind shifts. She also beat the entire Sparrow class fleet which started 15 minutes earlier than the Herons.

HEAT TWO – Ray Hale, (9620) finally won by a margin of 1 min. 10 sec. from Len Ralph (7411) with Bob Lewis (8726) third. The light 5/10 knot winds came from all directions during the early part of the race and finally settled down to the N/NE. There were five different leaders in the race which indicated the competitiveness of the skippers.

HEAT THREE – Ray Hale won by 1m.24s. from the next four Herons which finished within 5 seconds of each other. During this race the light breeze increased to average 23 knots with a choppy sea which again proved that Ray can handle a variety of conditions.

HEAT FOUR – The race started with a light 5 knot westerly and many had a hard time trying to lay the windward mark which had a nice "bow wave" due to the outgoing tide. After most Herons had completed the first triangle the wind changed and settled to a cold southerly of 20 knots with heavy rain squalls. This race provided the best finish of the series. Ray Hale and Bob Lewis could not decide who had won since there was only 1/10th of a second between them at the finish. Ray won, Bob filled second spot with Len Ralph only 16 seconds away keeping them honest.

HEAT FIVE – The girls had their moment of glory. 9724 LUFF AFFAIR skippered by Marie Ralph won by 30 seconds from 8067 (WHIZ) Jacky Williams who held the lead for most of the race. The girls got out to the start about 6 minutes late with the assistance of a light breeze while some of the talkative old hands were still paddling over 1 km. away from the line. Paddling after the 5 minute gun is a no-no but it did not affect the final results.

Above all the hard work everyone had a good time –

PLACINGS:-

1.	9620	BEJUGARAWAY	Ray Hale	6¼ points
2.	7411	ZORAIDA	Len Ralph	12 "
3.	8726	LI'L LIZA JANE	Bob Lewis	14 "
4.	7152	NINA	Graeme East	24 "
5.	8515	SLOW DOG	John Caporn	26 "
6.	5396	VAN DIEMEN	Arthur Moule	27 "
7.	7002	TRIALANERRA	G. Martin	27 "
8.	8537	BET-C-LEA	Tanya Clarke	28¾ "
9.	9578	ALTERNATIVE	Dale Martin	29 "
10.	7611	MERINDAH	Laurie Menogue	33 "
11.	8067	WHIZ	Jacqueline Williams	36 "
12.	6501	ATHOS	A. Proven	38 "
13.	9724	LUFF AFFAIR	Marie Ralph	38¾ "
14.	7448	AYESHA	Tony Cope	45 "
15.	9104	NUDGE NUDGE	B. Middleton	45 "
16.	8592	FUMSUP	Keith Hepworth	50 "
17.	9421	MERALTA	S. Holding	71 "
18.	7381	ALCHERA	J. Douglas	76 "

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NOTES – Peter Gilchrist (PAKAJAS 9476)

The season has now finished and we can be happy with the way it has gone. We had our successes in Melbourne and many of us are looking forward to Lake Macquarie.

Two of the most popular events in South Australia are the annual picnic and the teams race.

The picnic this year was held at Clayton Bay, a very pretty part of the lower Murray, just up stream from Goolwa. It was a new venue for us and is likely to be used again. George Richardson arranged the programme and did a marvellous job. Apart from the usual round of balloon races, single handed races and family races (crew must be an adult or two children) George invented a "Milk Round" race. Small cream jars were sealed, numbered and scattered across the water. They were then picked up (always from boats on starboard tacks) one contained a lucky Heron badge, it was for first prize. There were other winning numbers. Jim Gilchrist in PAKAJAS was the winner. We have a good local rule that you can only win one prize at picnic day – just as well because Craig McPhee in EIGEN-VECTOR scooped the pool.

The teams race was won again by Port River. It is a pity that there is not more scope for teams races. They are really good fun and introduce a range of new skills. I wonder if a day of interstate races could be run in association with the National Titles?

The A.G.M. was held on May Day at Grange club. The old committee was re-elected but with Colin Gurr (Grange Sailing Club) taking over as publicity officer. We wish them all good luck.

Their first job is to decide between the applications from Somerton and Port River Clubs to hold the 1982/83 state championships.

CLUB PROFILE

ROYAL PORT PIRIE YACHT CLUB – *Don Maxwell (6522)*

The season has come and gone. How time flies when we are enjoying ourselves.

Our Club has had a very successful season, with our team winning the Iron Triangle teams race and we were second in the State teams race. Our Iron Triangle team consisted of T. Matthews CHIMERA (9468), P. Matthews ICARUS (7395) and D. Maxwell QUEI (6522) and the State Team, the same boats plus R. Harvey MICKIKS (9289), We were very pleased with the results, as the winning team in the State event consisted of the National Champion, the runner up, a winner of two heats in the Nationals, and the National woman champion, so to be beaten by this team was no disgrace.

Terry Matthews must be very pleased with his season's efforts, with a twelfth in the National titles, winning the Country section of the State Titles with a six overall, a third overall in the Easter Queen of the Gulf Regatta and second in the Club Championship, but we will all have to exert ourselves next year as his son, Peter (7395) has done well by winning the State Junior title, with thirteenth overall and third in the Club Championship in the first year of sailing a Heron.

Our Club Championship this year was sailed as a series of six races throughout the season, with the result in doubt till the finish of the final race. This competition between the three top boats is improving our performance greatly. The final results were 1st – D. Maxwell (6522), with 3 points lost, 2nd – Terry Matthews (9468) with 11.7 points lost and third, Peter Matthews (7395) with 23.1 points lost.

During the year TJILUWAH (8062) was sold in Port Augusta, Don Patterson VIRTUE (8030) was transferred to Adelaide, but on the brighter side we welcome Geoff Pike (ARFAMO (6971)) to our Club. Also we have Allan Irvin building a wooden boat to be ready next year and I have heard that we will have a boat sailing here from Port Augusta, the owner having been transferred to a school in our area.

STARGAZER, Mike Arbon's boat is now in our Club, Ian Brett being the proud owner. Ian is a very good Moth sailor who now has a family old enough to crew and who has seen the light. Welcome Ian and family.

In all, next season, the competition should be very good, so to be in it, out with the sander and paint pot. – Cheers for now.

LAKE BOGA YACHT CLUB EASTER REGATTA, 1981

– A Story from Judy McDougall (6149)

Our annual Easter pilgrimage to Lake Boga began Thursday afternoon with a great flurry of shopping and packing. We eventually set off with a very strong wind pushing us along. The forecast was for 'gale force winds' so we were a little anxious but as usual our forecasters were wrong and we arrived at Lake Boga to a beautifully starry night with gentle breezes.

The weather that greeted us each morning after that was magnificent – balmy, sunny days with a breeze that rose just on starting time.

The marvellous hospitality of our 'Lake Boga Heroners' makes this holiday one we always look forward to and thoroughly enjoy – if you haven't tried it, you're missing one of the highlights of the sailing season.

An added attraction this year was the presence of Mary Clarke, our National Association Asst. Secretary/Registrar. Mary had accepted Ray Hales invitation to see Victorian 'Heroners' at leisure and enjoyed every minute of it.

On the social side of things Betty and Ray Hale turned on the usual Campfire BBQ and we send our sincere thanks to Betty for the unusual amount of work she puts in preparing for this relaxed and thoroughly enjoyable get-together. Ian Rickett's contribution of a flagon of Best's Muscat went down well!!! It cured Beryl's toothache, anyway! The evening was rounded off by an impromptu visit to the Pioneer Settlement to see the 'Light and Sound' at 10p.m. Betty Hale magically organised it in about 10 minutes.

The 'Heron Ladies' as we are now known made visits to the Murrabit Market, the Mohair Goat Farm, a Paddle Steamer and a very strange visit to a bio(degradable)dynamic (?) winery!!

Another very unusual and completely informal BBQ took place on Sunday night around the swimming pool at Kisimul Caravan Park, with Margaret Martin taking photos. We know Mary enjoyed herself that night – we've got the proof!

Well of course there was also some sailing done – and it turned out to be a real cliff hanger. The breezes varied from very light and flukey with a couple of gusts. Our fleet numbered 19 and the total entries for the Regatta were 189, so it was really busy on the water.

Our only S.A. representative, Craig McPhee, stole first place with some very classy sailing from Mick (heady with success) Ralph, with his Dad, Len, hot on his transom for 3rd place. Ray Hale made up the 4th spot. When Mary Clarke made the presentations she remarked that the Ralph family were represented by three generations: Len, son Mick and grand-daughter, Cheryl (Mick's crew). We felt this may be a first for Victoria.

Mary also brought a surprise trophy with her to present to the most consistent skipper, apart from the winners, and it went to Graeme East. Congratulations to all who took part – the series was a great success. Our thanks to the Lake Boga Yacht Club for their organisation and particularly to Ray Hale for keeping the 'Heron' flag flying at Lake Boga. See you there next year?

EPILOGUE *by Mary Clarke*

Firstly, thank you, Judy, for your contribution to the Newsletter, it's great to see the Heron ladies having a go – there should be much more of it.

There are only one or two things I would like to add to Judy's fine coverage of the Lake Boga Regatta. My thanks to Ray and Betty Hale for a truly exciting and enjoyable week-end, to the Ralph and East families for their hospitality and transport from Melbourne to Boga and back and to the Holland family of South Australia who gave me the honour of launching John's masterpiece, Heron No. 9738 (FINALLY). I believe participation at Boga was the incentive for John to put the finishing touches to her – mind you a first class paint job as a Christmas present from the family wasn't hard to take either!

Congratulations to Craig McPhee on his fine win and I know he will be doing his best to encourage more Saussies to cross the border to take on the Victorians.

And don't forget to take some time off from sailing to enjoy the tourist attractions. I thoroughly recommend the 'Light and Sound' wagon excursion through the Pioneer Village, particularly when the decision was made slap, bang, in the middle of a barbecue to race the 16km. in to Swan Hill. And the bio-degradable-dynamic winery was just something else again! but that's another story?

LAKE BONNEY YACHT CLUB NEWS

Our season has drawn to a close and results of events are as follows. The club championship was once again taken out by Storm Boy 9490, Brian Caddy, followed by Unk 9499, Roger Kassebaum and 3rd Confusion 9234, Robert Drogemuller. 'A' series handicap honours went to junior sailor Bob Crispe, Zoe 8996, 2nd Unk, 3rd Storm Boy. Fastest Storm Boy. 'B' series handicap – 1st Telstar 6589, Leon Duke, 2nd Zoe, 3rd Unk. Fastest Telstar. 'C' series handicap – 1st Confusion, 2nd Storm Boy, 3rd Telstar. Fastest Confusion.

This year has been a busy one for our members with the upgrading of our toilet and shower facilities and the building of a new L shaped jetty.

A reminder to all Heron sailors throughout Australia that the 24th Nationals, 1982/83, will be held at Lake Bonney. Make your reservations now we have an excellent Caravan Park and Motel only a short walk from our club.

MIDDLE HARBOUR HERON SAILING CLUB

Now at the conclusion of our 22nd sailing season, we extend congratulations to our trophy winners. Warwick Jacobson had a stranglehold on the championship series, followed by Ian Cook (again) and the ever present crocodile Mel Picman. Points score series was taken out by Sid Dyer, who with his recent scratch win in the Easter Regatta at Balmoral, has sounded a warning for future championship events. Second in the points score, was Warwick Jacobson and 3rd Charles Grimwood. Congratulations to Michael King who took the junior championship and to our two lady skippers who completed the series, Sonya Swindells and Michelle Burgers.

We also extend congratulations to our members who put up such a fine performance in the state championships. It was very noteworthy the way in which members of different clubs combined to repair the damage wrought during the heavier heats. So congratulations again to Ian Cook and Harry Melzer who despite capsizes, finished all heats to take 3rd and 4th overall, to Charles Grimwood carrying over 20 stone crew weight to be always in the first six and finish 2nd overall, to junior Robert Pearse, who even with a disqualification from a general recall, finished 2nd in the juniors and to the many others who competed.

Commiserations to Warwick Jacobson with three second places, could not complete a fourth heat due to a broken mast and to Mel Picman who had to retire from the two heavy heats, whilst amongst the leaders, due to gear failure.

So with the winter points score now in progress, we look forward to an even more exciting season next September.

SPEERS POINT HERON NEWS

Speers Point Herons have just completed a successful season in spite of some ups and downs. One of our downs was the large number of last seasons Heroners who only came on the odd occasion this season. These are the "Luke Warmers" who frustrate the regulars who do all they can to encourage and persuade people to come every week to improve their sailing and strengthen the class. We also lost some boats due to postings in the skippers occupation. School studies took a toll of our numbers in the younger sailors.

On the UP side of things I am pleased to report that the competition at the head of the fleet has been very keen indeed with only four minutes generally separating five boats.

Five new fibreglass herons took to the water, four of them locally produced by Eric Sweeney and another is on the way for next season. The Heroners had several social functions during the season with very good attendances which help to bind the sailors together. Two additions to our fleet have been getting right into it on the sailing and social side. We welcome Phil and Julie Owens who arrived from South Brisbane late February with Dynamite and Ding Ho. South Brisbane's loss is a welcome gain for us, weep you Sunshine Staters.

Two additions of a different kind were Janet Blunden born to Tom and Barbara and Katrina Garrett born to Roy and Robyn. Congratulations to the proud parents and welcome to the future forward hands.

On the competitive side we must congratulate Robert and Peter Champness who sailed the Phoenix to a very convincing win in the Club Championship series. This is the first time the Club Championship has come Roberts way and is well deserved. The first half yearly Pointscore went to Javelin sailed by Peter Church closely followed by Sir Inge sailed by Karen and Robert Black. The second half yearly Pointscore was won by Alan Davidson sailing A.D. with Sir Inge one point behind. Because of her two fine placings Sir Inge won the overall yearly pointscore.

Alan Sutton (9703)
Heron Manager

PORT RIVER SAILING CLUB

Congratulations to Craig McPhee EIGEN VECTOR on his first Port River club championship.

It has been a good year for the club with up to 25 Herons sailing in club events.

Kevin Fawcett sailing LESLIE-K was the most successful in handicap events and has improved tremendously over the year. Apart from Kevin there were eleven different handicap winners this season which shows that the unique Port River handicap system has merit, despite its detractors.

It's paint and sandpaper time now and we are all looking forward to next year.

CONNELS POINT SAILING CLUB – by RAPAD

Another season has finished for most of us though some will brave the cold winds to contest the 4 races of the Winter Series. Most of us, however, will put our boats into dock, some to repair the damages of the season (Dave Sangster has had a few holes in his boat for a while now), others to refinish the boat, but a lot of us will just sit back and ponder the many enjoyable races of the summer season.

I think most of us benefited from the experience of close racing on the George's River and it was pleasing to see the improvement of many newcomers to the sport of sailing. And of course, the spirit of cooperation and friendliness was a marked feature of our meetings.

The Championship was decided over 5 races this season and the first 3 positions were taken by the veterans of the class. Stan Dose (JID 8585) came first with 2 firsts and 2 seconds and George Early (MISCHIEF 7366) came second with 2 firsts, a second and a fifth. Tony Dobson (HELENA 9669) came third. The younger sailors in the fleet may be able to beat them now and again but experience is what counts in the long run.

The Point Score for the season, based on the handicap positions in the 24 races sailed in the season, has also been finalised. The results are:-

1.	RAPAD 9489	Rod Watts	54 points
2.	JID 8585	Stan Dose	98 "
3.	AUNTY JACK 8988	Arch Orange	113 "
4.	MERMAID MISTRESS 9645	Ivan Mackay	113 "
5.	VILJA 4123	Dave Sangster	138 "
6.	MISCHIEF 7366	George Early	139 "

One of the most hardworking members of the class by far at our club is Karl Schulten and all the Heroners thank him for his efforts as Secretary of the class during this last season.

A successful Invitation Race was held on the 28th March. However despite "local knowledge" none of us were able to fill the major places, these going to the visitors. In the handicap positions, we were more fortunate. RAPAD came second and EMU (9000 Kieth Damant) came third.

The annual Bridge to Bridge race on the George's River, as usual, provided some fun and new experiences with its mid-race beach turn-around. With rules that said anything goes, there was often seen the paddle in use, and also often heard the car horn of an overtaking Laser. But having to contend with varying wind direction and wind strengths due to the hills around was also an experience.

Looking forward to the next Summer season and you are all welcome at Connels Point.

NARRABEEN LAKES SAILING CLUB

Our Club Championships have been concluded and after a keenly contested battle Peter McLeod in Elusive won the scratch event from David Llewellyn in Rastus. Third place went to John McManus in Anonymous. The winner was not decided until the second last heat when the light to medium conditions prevailing on that day suited Peter down to the ground. David's prayers for a heavy day went unanswered. Peter and his wife Wendy have since departed for a five week holiday in England. Several of our Heroners were on hand at Mascot to give the McLeods a suitable farewell and in the best Narrabeen tradition Peter and Wendy were sent off on their flight with the now famous Narrabeen Heroners theme song, much to the delight of the crowd at Mascot. Before departing Peter informed your scribe that a new Elusive would be built during the off season, so this is fair warning that Peter is out to try and snare the National Title as well as strongly defend his well earned State Title.

The Handicap Championship was also keenly fought out with the final results not being decided until the last heat had been sailed.

The winner was David Llewellyn in Rastus. Second place was taken by Peter McLeod in Elusive and third place was filled by John Strahan in Phar Lap. The early wins by both Peter and David proved too much to overcome. Not far away in fourth place was George Schauwecker in Liesl.

Harry Mills in Slipalong proved predictions right since the last issue as he has now won two handicap events in a matter of three weeks. He has naturally reduced his handicap however, the way he has Slipalong going he will still be up amongst our handicap honors.

Ron Gilholme in Storm is also an improver and next season should see Ron take out an event or two. Probably his greatest hurdle is the ribald singing and remarks coming from Ken Lenton in Razza when the two boats are sailing close together, it does tend to break one's concentration, but it is no doubt Ken's secret weapon.

Jim Aikenhead, whose son has been sailing as forward hand for Gunter Baumgartb in Mors for the past couple of seasons, has got the Heron bug and has taken delivery of a new glass boat hull. Jim is now busy completing the boat and will sport colours in the new season.

Talking of new boats, David Llewellyn had said he was going to build a new boat in the off season. However, Nola Llewellyn has found several uses for the money around the home so David is resigned to having old Rastus for at least one more season.

Most Heroners know our John McManus and his boat Anonymous, and of course his famous tattered terry towelling "Red Hat". John was recently sent on an urgent rushed trip to Canada on business. His wife Nola suggested it would be cold in Canada and that it would be a good idea if John was to take something to wear to keep his head warm. You guessed it, John was all ready to take his Red Hat on the plane with him until Nola stepped in and said NO! John was most disappointed.

The football season has begun and Ron Hughes (Muzz'N'Bull) is busy with his coaching duties with Forestville Rugby Club. Ron finds it hard to get to sailing each week once the competition gets under way but no doubt will be on hand on our final day when the Champagne Brunch is held. David Rose (Blizzard) will be busy following Manly Rugby league team over the winter break but the way they are going he will be on hand at the seasons opening in August as semi finals for Manly seem to be no chance.

The sand paper and varnish time of year is on us again, so unfortunately for some of our ladies who were hoping those odd jobs around the house would be attended to, the bad news is a few weekends will again be spent around a Heron sailing dinghy.

BRIGHTON & SEACLIFF YACHT CLUB – Adrian Pimlott – Winky Dink 8087

Heroners at B. & S. Y.C. enjoyed the closest racing for several seasons with new faces leading the fleet for a short time. When these new faces put it altogether for 2 hours or so they will be much harder to beat.

Our fleet this season averaged 18 Herons but our Saturday winds averaged much less. It took 13 weeks to complete our last 7 races, heat 3 of our club championship was sailed 5 times.

Mike and Darren Witty are our new Club Champions, excelling in our light winds with great expertise, 78-79 and 79-80 Club Champs Adrian Pimlott and Billy Simpson were runner up. Brian Messenger and Kylie Fraser had their best season ever to take 3rd place.

In our Consistency Trophy (handicap placings each week) Marten Pieck and Ron Johnson were never more than a few points apart since Xmas. However Marten put in one bad race, the last race for the season and Ron scored a 2nd on handicap. The final result had to wait until all placings were calcualted. Well done "Old Smokey" your best season ever.

Dean Beaumont "Tekin 7561" and Darren Witty "Touch of Class 8981" both scored handicap doubles while 11 other skippers scored a win each.

Results 80-81 Season

Club Championship

1.	Touch of Class	8981	Mike Witty	5.7
2.	Winky Dink	8087	Adrian Pimlott	14.7
3.	Bye Bye Birdie	8567	Brian Messenger	41.7

Consistency Trophy (Handicap Results)

1.	Demelza	9435	Ron Johnson	94.4
2.	Reiger	9512	Marten Pieck	98.4
3.	Spirit of 76	9285	Iraj Afnaz	116.7

Ron Stone Memorial (Most Fastest Times)

Winky Dink Adrian Pimlott on a count back from Touch of Class Mike Witty.

Submarine Trophy (Most Swims)

Bye Bye Birdie Brian Messenger.

NATIONAL HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR *CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP*

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS:

Please note that I/we ..... (SURNAME)

hereby apply for renewal of my/our membership in the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia for the year 1981/82.

as ☐ sole owner) of boat No. .....
☐ part owner) which is called .....
(Please tick appropriate box) ☐ joint owner)
☐ non boat owner) classification .....GRP or Plywood

I/we intend to sail with the .....Club during the 1981/82 season.

My/our occupation(s) is/are .....

and my/our address(es) for Association correspondence is/are

Street .....
Town .....
State ..... Post Code. .....Phone : .....
(Please tick this box if either address or Phone No. should be changed from that shown on Association records ☐)

My/our remittance enclosed is made up as follows :–

Subscription	$ 10.00	**Form of Remittance**
Donation to Trophy Fund	$	Cheque
Other Payments	$	Postal Order
Total	$	

Details of other payments are

..... **Signed:**.....
Date :.....'81.

FORM OF RESIGNATION

Please note that I/We ..... of ..... (STATE)

have disposed of my/our Heron No. ..... called .....

to Mr. ..... of ..... (FULL ADDRESS)

and do not wish to renew membership in the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia.

TO: Hon. General Secretary
National Heron Sailing Association
of Australia
C/- 1 Ethel Street
Balgowlah, N.S.W. 2093

Signed:.....
Date : .....'81.

NATIONAL HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH, 1981

1980 $			1981 $
	Accumulated Funds		
9,190	Balance at 31st March, 1980		7,515
(1,675)	Surplus of income over expenditure		399
$7,515			$7,914
	Represented by		
	Assets		
40	Cash on Hand		40
698	Commonwealth Trading Bank		1,249
–	A.G.C. Debentures		2,000
5,826	Permanent Building Societies		4,107
51	Sundry Debtors		20
675	Loan for Mould		350
2,894	Stocks on Hand – at cost		2,725
611	Office Equipment – at cost less depreciation		483
10,795	**Total Assets**		10,974
	Current Liabilities		
2,314	Sundry Creditors	2,181	
23	Current Account – N.Z.H.A.	23	
943	Subscriptions in Advance	856	
3,280	**Total Current Liabilities**		3,060
$7,515			$7,914

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1981

	Income		
	Subscriptions	10,388	
6,451	Less allocated to Newsletter	3,116	7,272
1,012	Registration Fees		1,286
	Newsletter – Subscriptions	3,116	
2,670	Other	140	3,256
333	Commission		282
398	Donations		378
652	Interest		466
376	Royalties		483
331	Surplus on sales of goods		1,310
12,223			14,733
	Expenditure		
482	Advertising and Publicity	389	
20	Affiliation Fees	20	
198	Bank Fees	200	
77	Depreciation	128	
50	Establishment Grant	–	
21	Insurance	–	
4,561	Newsletter	4,719	
1,191	Postages	1,772	
909	Printing and Stationery	555	
69	Repairs and Service	80	
4,628	Secretarial	4,778	
1,154	State Association Subsidies	895	
-	Sundries	43	
388	Telephone	635	
150	Trophies	120	
13,898			14,334
($1,675)	**Excess of Income over Expenditure**		$399

AUDITORS REPORT – I report to members of the National Heron Sailing Association of Australia that I have examined the available books, accounts and vouchers of the Association in respect of operations for the year ended 31st March, 1981 and, in my opinion, the above statement of assets and liabilities and the Income and Expenditure Account have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association at that date.

L. Barrett
Hon. Auditor

SYDNEY – 4th May, 1981.

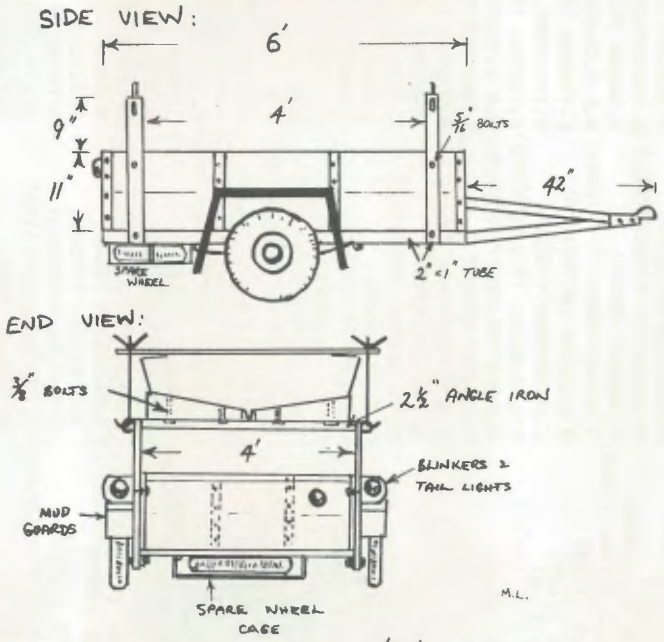
Several B. & S.Y.C. Herons took part in the Easter Regatta at Goolwa. Goolwa is on the River Murray only 8 miles upstream from the river mouth. Sailing was varied from racing around the cans to going 3 mile upstream to Currency Creek and back. The morning races were light and flukey but the afternoon races were nice sea breezes. A good time was had by all, especially "Grandpa" George Richardson seen teaching his grand children the art of Heroning. Not to mention our Moonlight fleet, George "Sheezalulu" Smith, Jim "Tick" Hopkins, Bill "Jigsaw" Tucker and Grandpa George "Esra Tew" Richardson, all set out for a pleasant Sunday afternoon sail only to be becalmed right up Currency Creek and caught paddling back under moonlight. All got back safe and well with many funny stories to tell.

HANDY HINTS AND IDEAS SECTION – BOX TRAILER CONVERSION

With the price of boat trailers sky-rocketing, you might like to convert a standard box trailer into an extremely efficient work-horse. Max Luders, long-time member of the Association, provides us with some fine drawings.

The frame is of 2" x 1" steel tube welded together with the bottom and sides of hard wood bolted on with ¼" R/H gutter bolts, the tray size is 6' x 4'.

He did recommend that the mud-guards need to be sturdy and bolted on as you have to stand on them quite often when loading and unloading or making adjustments.



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