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COVER PHOTO -
Don Walker (6710), Roy Salmon (8302) and Ari Knoop (8598) revel in the only 'heavy' race of the Nationals at Barmera, S.A.

INSIDE BACK COVER -
An 'orderly' and 'disorderly' rounding of the lee'ward mark!

LAKE BONNEY, BARMERA, S.A.
AND THE 24TH NATIONAL HERON CHAMPIOSHIPS Report by M.Clarke

Did I hear someone ask, WHERE'S BARMERA? Some 94 Heron skippers and their families know only too well where is Barmera, in the heart of the Riverland area of South Australia, south of Renmark, surrounded by orchards, vineyards and offering fantastic country hospitality.

It was easier to get to Barmera, for some than for others. Ernie Horne and family from W.A. had, probably, the worst experience when their car decided to "blow up" somewhere on the Nullabor and, one BIG END later, they finally limped into the Lake Bonney Caravan Park. Bill Parry, from N.S.W., didn't have it much easier - the story goes that just one week prior to leaving for the series, Bill managed to put his car out of action but a very generous Boss said, TAKE MINE. Somewhere near Yass Bill's trailer disintegrated taking a nasty chunk out of ENDEAVOUR'S skeg. Help from a friendly garage man got him back on the road with Heron sitting safely on top of car on re-arranged roof racks. Everything was fine until Bill decided to make his first evening stop - he wiped out the Motel sign pushing boat and racks back on to the boot of the Boss' car! After that, Bill Tucker's broken fan belts and Peter Gilchrist's burst hose pipes hardly rate a mention.

The geography of Lake Bonney is such that all competitors were within walking distance of the Yacht Club - from the caravan park, the motel, the hotel and various units and this made for a closeknit and very sociable series. The first event, an unofficial one, was organised by Peter Gilchrist to celebrate S.A. Proclomation Day. Peter donated the highly prized trophies (little blue painted wooden Herons on stands) and organised a Fun Race divided into 7 teams with a LeMans start and no holds barred. It was a lot of fun and laid the foundation for one of the most relaxing series ever held.

TUESDAY, 28/12/82. Registration complete, skippers and crew gathered on the lawn of the Yacht Club to hear Commodore, John English welcome them to Lake Bonney, to see National President, Noel Hill raise the National Class Flag and invite delegates to raise various State flags, and to hear local Member, Peter Arnold, recall his early and rewarding days in Herons and express pleasure in being asked to officially open this, the 24th National Heron Championships. Then followed the O.O.D's briefing and it was onto the water for the dress-rehearsal to any series:

THE INVITATION RACE - With temperature in the high 30's and a zephyr breeze undecided in its direction, the competitors finally got away after a one-hour postponement. Some 8 minutes later only 28 Herons had crossed the starting line. Barry Burdon's ZINFANDEL caught it's own private breeze and ghosted away from the rest toward the windward mark. The backmarkers, having started on the ?wind, found themselves putting up whisker poles to run before a breeze which had shifted some 100°. It took Burdon 28 minutes to reach the windward mark with Arthur Bullock's DRIFTALONG (appropriately named) next to round. Many of the Big Guns were back in the pack having difficulty finding

any breeze. Meantime Committee eyes were focused on a dust storm building up in the Nor'west and the darkening skies overhead and the order was given to shorten course. All but a dozen skippers crossed the line before the squall hit, the only casualty being Narrabeen Lake's Ken Lenton in RAZZAMATAZ who did a most spectacular capsize seconds after finishing. The defending Champion, Craig McPhee in EIGEN VECTOR had notched up his first win closely followed by Paul Kassebaum's EOS with ZINFANDEL, third.

The day was rounded off by a delightful Bonney Welcome dinner prepared by the Ladies Committee which, throughout the series, was able to satisfy the hungriest Heroners.

HEAT ONE - 30/12/82. The squall of the day before provided a lasting breeze for the start of Heat One and with the wind coming out of the southwest corner 94 competitors ran the line searching for the 'right' spot. Several won a reprieve from the 'round the ends' rule when too many premature starters resulted in a general recall. This time it was Alan Blenkle's MAN O WAR which lost out, being the only boat to break the One Minute Rule, the rest of the fleet just managing to hold back in anticipation of the gun.

Barmera's Brian Caddy got the best of the start and immediately took STORM BOY to the eastern side of the lake. REVENGE, the lone Tasmanian entry sailed by Andrew Palfreyman followed with Armitage's OUTCAST in hot pursuit. There were a few surprises in the first ten around the windward mark - but then that's lake sailing. EIGENVECTOR rounded 10th, was 7th at the end of the reach and 4th at the end of run, a place he was to hold until the final mark when he outfoxed Caddy to cross the line just 13 seconds ahead of STORM BOY.

RESULTS:

1.	8998 EIGEN VECTOR, C,McPhee S.A.	5. 9576 RASTUS, D.Llewellyn, NSW
2.	9490 STORM BOY, B.Caddy, S.A.	6. 9282 OUTCAST, J.Armitage, SA
3.	9601 REVENGE, A.Palfreyman,TAS.	Jnr.9671 LITTLE AUSSIE,C.Carey,Q.
4.	9620 BEJUGARAWAY, R.Hale,Vic	Lady9592 DING HO. J.Owens, NSW.

HEAT TWO - 31/1/82. The last day of the year and a hot one with only 4 to 5 knots of wind for the start. A well behaved fleet got away on time but Peter Macleod's ELUSIVE took 24 minutes to reach the weather mark closely followed by McPhee's EIGEN VECTOR with a long gap to HAPPY DAZE (Trevor Koch) and MAGNUM FORCE (Alex Hayter). The lone New Zealand entrant, Colleen Worters, moved BETELGEUSE into 7th place with Chris Carey's LITTLE AUSSIE close on her stern. Just 7 minutes after rounding the windward mark EIGEN VECTOR surged past ELUSIVE, LITTLE AUSSIE came from 8th to 6th and was putting in a real challenge in the dying breeze. There were some new faces at the end of the windward/return with Barmera skipper Robert Drogemuller's CONFUSION coming from nowhere to be second and Leon Duke's TELSTAR right behind him. The trying conditions were taking their toll with concentration almost impossible to maintain. Jim Armitage retired (first time ever in his sailing career) but Richard Humphris, the local vet. and newly converted to Herons stuck to his task refusing to retire even though he was lapped by 24 minutes. A shortened course was inevitable and

at 12.50 the two guns were fired. At that precise moment the Race Committee felt a strong puff, believed to have come from 188 sailors exhaling, THANK HEAVEN.

It was an exciting fight to the finish for the three leading competitors, McPhee on starboard and CONFUSION and MAGNUM FORCE on port. EIGEN VECTOR held the faintest of leads and drifted over the line just 18 seconds ahead of CONFUSION with MAGNUM FORCE 11 seconds away, third. (Not only do APOLLO and CONDOR have their heart stoppers!) Crossing the line was, for the rest of the fleet, the signal to abandon ship and many of the boats were 'pushed' home by crew swimming behind and seeking relief from the tremendous heat.

RESULTS:

1. 8998 EIGEN VECTOR, C.McPhee,SA
2. 9234 CONFUSION, R.Drogemuller,SA
3. 9746 MAGNUM FORCE, A.Hayter, SA
4. 9620 BEJUGARAWAY, R.Hale,Vic
5. 9580 TICKLED PINK,W.Jacobsen,N
6. 9691 ELUSIVE, P.Macleod,NSW
Jnr.9671 LITTLE AUSSIE,C.Carey,Q
Lady9587 PARDON ME, M.Bullock,Q.

NEW YEAR'S EVE and the weary sailors returned to a transformed Club house with bunting, streamers and a large net droped across the ceiling filled to capacity with balloons which were, over the next few hours, released when each State celebrated ITS entry into 1983. The highlights of the night were the various entertainments provided by state members. The Barmera Barbership Quarter (Caddy, Drogemuller, Walker and lead-singer, Duke). Queenland brought the house down with their ditty, PADDLIN' AT BARMERA, sung to the tune of Waltzing Matilda, two very different CINDERELLAS were presented by South Australia and Victoria and who will ever forget the famous N.S.W. FRUIT FLIES with their polished and well dressed act and clovenlyrics. (Their own children didn't recognise them!) And, finally, the small but LOUD cheersquad from the West who, under the baton of Bill Baker, urged us to continue these frivolities next year at Perth.

And so to the first of two Lay-days when a stroll through the Caravan Park at 8.30 on New Years morning found only one or two souls stirring, but it wasn't long before cars were heading out to the district's attractions, the Murray, the Locks and those vineyards.

Late afternoon saw THE CRICKET MATCH get under way, a limited over game saw S.A. bat first with Scott Caddy and partner scoring 5 before Scott succumbed to a foul delivery. Top scorer for S.A. was Kristin Magleish with 7 n.o. and Darren McNaught managed a 6 n.o. for THE REST. Paula Caddy of Barmera took two wickets with a most deceptive underam delivery and Narrabeen sailors, Rowan and Lenton added tone to the whole affair looking immaculate in WHITE TAILS! Our hosts for next years match, W.A. intend to re-write the rules and certainly check that the Umpires have TWO EYES. Just to make certain of victory, S.A. organised a raging duststorm with gale force winds which made the Rest's job of fielding nigh impossible and they went down 63 to 65. And so that treasured Cricket Trophy, Heron astride cricket ball, will reside, this year, with the Croweaters.

HEAT THREE - 2/1/83 - Any doubts that visitors may have had that Lake Bonney was nothing but a drift basin were dispelled during this heat. The drifting conditions of previous days had given way to 25 to 30 knot winds from the southwest and broken gear and retirements were the order of the day. But with the same skill, ability (and a heavier crew) EIGEN VECTOR lead the fleet around the first buoy and it was only in the latter stages of the race, and only for a short time, was this lead forfeited to Victoria's Ray Hale in BEJUGARAWAY. On the hard slog to the finish line, McPhee read the shifts a little better and kept his boat a little flatter to complete his hat trick with a one minute win over BEJUGARAWAY. Jim Armitage (OUTCAST) was 20 seconds away, third. In one capsize, Don Walker fell heavily on NONKLA'S boom breaking two ribs and dislocating his little finger - hardly the reward for working so hard to have those clubhouse extensions ready for the series.
RESULTS:

1.8998 EIGEN VECTOR, C.McPhee,SA
2.9620 BEJUGARAWAY, R.Hale,Vic.
3.9282 OUTCAST, J.Armitage, SA
4.9601 REVENGE, A.Palfreyman,Tas.
5. 9671 LITTLE AUSSIE, C.Carey,Q.
6. 9585 ENTERPRISE, W.Parry, NSW.
Best Junior, LITTLE AUSSIE
Lady 9592,DING HO, J.Owens,NSW.

HEAT FOUR - 3/1/83. Wind from the w/s/w and swinging 90° made the job of setting a starting line more than a little difficult. Again, the fleet was well behaved and, apart from Rowan Lewis in SPRITE going a little early and failing to return (resulting in disqualification) the other 92 competitors got away to a fine start. Spectators on shore were given a change of order when Armitage moved OUTCAST into the lead closely followed by Lewellyn's RASTUS and then, the pride and joy of parents, Helen and Peter Carey, the two Queensland juniors, Nicole Carey in CAREW and brother, Chris, in LITTLE AUSSIE. Then can husband and wife, Julie Owens in DING HO and Phil in REPRISE - How's that for a family Class?

Robert Drogemullar had CONFUSION nicely placed and looked set for another good result but this was not to be and CONFUSION lived up to her name by sailing into a hole and staying there. Meanwhile, the wind on the other side of the lake had picked up and Armitage completed the first lap in 38 minutes. The crew on the Committee boat were witness to some exciting and 'questionable' buoy roundings by the closely packed middle-of-the-fleet sailors. ESRA TEW pulled a bowplate fitting (always bolt, George, never screw) and Victoria's Tom McDougall and S.A. Don Malcolm liked rounding the leeward mark so much that they did it three times before they got it right. From 9th around the first mark, McPhee steadily improved to 3rd on the last reach only minutes behind the leaders but Armitage managed to keep OUTCAST in front and crossed the line 14 seconds ahead of Llewellyn's RASTUS.
RESULTS:

1. 9282 OUTCAST, J.Armitage, SA
2. 9576 RASTUS, D.Llewellyn, NSW
3. 8998 EIGEN VECTOR, C.McPhee,SA
4. 9620 BEJUGARAWAY, R.Hale,Vic
5. 9671 LITTLE AUSSIE,C.Carey,Qld.
6. 9500 TICKLED PINK,W.Jacobsen, N.
Best Junior, LITTLE AUSSIE
Lady 9506 CAREW, Nicole Carey,Q.

HEAT FIVE - 5/1/83. Although he had the series won, McPhee faced the starter along with 91 other competitors for the fifth and final race. A 10 knot southerly greeted the fleet which, yet again, headed off on a port course. It took defending lady champion, Julie Owens, just 14 minutes to make the windward mark with Hale's BEJUGARAWAY, Maxwell's UEI and Phil Owen's REPRISE close behind. BEJUGARAWAY overtook DING HO on the reach, Kassebaum's EOS moved into third, then second place and at the end of the windward/return EIGEN VECTOR had moved into the lead, but not for long. BEJUGARAWAY made another charge on the run and the work to the finish saw 6 boats sailing on very different courses, BEJUGARAWAY favouring the eastern shoreline, EIGEN VECTOR the western and TICKLED PINK sailing the rhumb line to the finishing boat. This was to pay off and the heat was won by Warwick Jacobsen with EOS second and EIGEN VECTOR third.

RESULTS:

1. 9580 TICKLED PINK,W.Jacobsen,NSW
2. 7801 EOS, Paul Kassebaum, S.A.
3. 9998 EIGEN VECTOR, C.McPhee,SA
4. 9490 STORM BOY, B. Caddy,SA
5. 9691 ELUSIVE, P.Macleod,NSW
6. 9620 BEJUGARAWAY,R.Hale,Vic.

Jnr.9763 DUNVEGAN, M.Hughes,NSW
Lady 9592 DING HO,J.Owens,NSW.

PRESENTATION DINNER - Barmera/Monash Football Club - 5/1/83.

Just when the skippers were getting the 'hang' of the lake, the series had come to an end. Sailing history was made at this Nationals when Chris Carey, in his last year as a junior, won his fourth consecutive Junior Title, a feat never before achieved by any other Junior in one Class. If we are lucky enough to have Chris with us, as a Senior, in Perth next year he may re-write the history books with another win, this time as Senior Champion. Of course he will have to do some neat sailing to take that title away from the 82/83 champ. Craig McPhee who, at 21 years of age, has won his second senior title in as many years.

Presentations were made and speeches well received and, as in all series, there ar many to be thanked for the effort, time and care taken to make an event such as this a success. Sponsors, Berri Fruit Juices, , Durnhill (Aust.) Pty.Ltd., S.A.Plywood Distributors, Commonwealth Bank, National Bank, Co-opBuilding Society, Dalby's of Barmera, and Hambours Pty.Ltd. The men and women of the Lake Bonney Yacht Club who toiled to get the extensions finished and then worked from daylight to dark for the duration of the series and to Robert and Margaret Drogemuller, their inspiration. O.O.D, John English, Peter Arnold and Trevor Stevens, for their courtesy and acceptance of me, a stranger from Sydney. George and Marj.Richardson and the S.A.H.S.A.Committee and Robbie, S.A. Senior measurer for the tedious and thankless task of measurement control. To all, a job well done, a job of which to be proud.

This series was the real meaning of Heron sailing, certainly we found a champion to be proud of but we are also proud of the dozens of Heroners who 'made up the numbers' and had a great Heron Holiday. We thank you and hope you will continue to be part of the Heron fraternity when it meets again in Perth for the SILVER SERIES, the 25th National Heron Championships.

24th NATIONAL HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS
(Best four heats recorded)

PL.	NO.	BOAT NAME	SKIPPER					TOTAL PTS.
1	8998	EIGEN VECTOR	C. McPhee-SA	1	1	1	3	5.25
2	9620	BEJUGARAWAY	R. Hale-V	4	4	2	4	14
3	9580	TICKLED PINK	W. Jacobson-N	7	5	6	1	18.75
4	9576	RASTUS	D. Llewellyn-N	5	10	9	2	26
5	9671	LITTLE AUSSIE	C. Carey-Q/1st Jun.	8	9	5	5	27
6	9282	OUT-CAST	J. Armitage-SA	6	3	1	19	28.75
7	9490	STORM BOY	B. Caddy-SA	2	10	14	4	30
8	7801	EOS	P.Kcesebaum-SA	11	11	7	2	31
9	9691	ELUSIVE	P. Maclod-N	17	6	10	5	38
10	9277	HAPPY DAZE	T. Koch-SA	9	7	15	9	40
11	9585	ENTERPRISE	W. Parry-N	18	6	12	20	47
12	9234	CONFUSION	R. Drogemuller-SA	15	2	24	7	48
13	9592	DING-HO	J. Owens-N/1st lady	22	16	13	10	61
14	9561	PAPRIKA	J.Jones-SA	21	12	16	14	63
15	8302	KARUMBA	R. Salmon-SA	11	18	21	15	65
15=	9746	MAGNUM FORCE	A. Hayter-SA	14	3	30	18	65
17	8382	ANJOPE	M. Salmon-SA	10	19	21	18	68
18	8726	LI'L LIZA JANE	R. Lewis-V	32	12	17	8	69
18=	9692	REPRISE	P. Owens-N	13	16	8	32	69
20	8052	MELITA	B. Drogemuller-SA	21	22	8	23	74
21	9601	REVENGE	A. Palfreyman-TAS	3	4	27	44	78
22	9634	JIGSAW	W. Tucker-SA	16	34	20	28	98
22=	6589	TELSTAR	L. Duke	50	8	31	9	98
22=	9563	RIPPER ROO	I. James-SA	31	35	15	17	98
25	9479	ZINFANDEL	B. Burdon-SA	33	27	19	21	100
26	9741	PADDY	J. McManus-N	37	26	26	12	101
27	9724	LUFF AFFAIR	L. Ralph-V	19	23	47	16	105
28	8773	VENERA	H. Luders-SA/1	23	22	22	42	109
29	9587	PARDON ME	M. Bullock-Q/j1	24	15	41	33	113
29=	8749	BINATANG	L. George-N	25	30	23	35	113
31	9668	RHONA	C. Tarran-SA	52	27	7	35	121
32	9769	RAPADAL	R. Watts-N	30	33	24	37	124
33	9767	JET LAG	P. Nicholson-SA	20	41	28	41	130
34	9506	CARE	N. Carey-Q/j1	46	39	42	11	138
35	6522	QUEI	D. Maxwell-SA	54	14	58	13	139
36	9584	DRIFT ALONG	A. Bullock-Q	34	29	66	11	140
37	9281	NEREID	A. George-SA	40	28	33	40	141
37=	9763	DUNVEGAN	M. Hughes-N/j	38	36	37	30	141
39	6710	HARI KARI	D. Walker-SA	43	52	17	38	150
40	9188	CAVALIER	K. Knott-SA	29	13	80	29	151
41	8977	TOMAS	R. Hazelgrove-V	54	23	29	46	152
42	6629	MAN-O-WAR	A. Blenkle-SA/j	43	25	38	49	155
43	8598	ARI-OOP	A. Knoop-SA	48	13	54	43	158
44	9416	MALUNA	A. Robertson-SA/j	38	19	53	54	164
45	8716	MUZZ-N-BULL	P. McManus-N/j	24	37	59	47	167
45=	9737	HOT DOG	G. Fowler-N	39	26	47	55	167
47	9429	STARGAZER	I. Brett-SA	27	56	62	25	170
47=	9230	HAKATERE	R. Kerr-Q	53	32	28	57	170

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49	9696	SONAL	S. Swindells-N/l	42	53	50	27	171
50	9706	MELANA	A. Hendriks-SA	65	31	30	51	177
51	9764	RUMJUG	D. Malcolm-SA	62	29	37	50	178
52	7815	NONKLA	D. Walker-SA	63	51	40	31	185
53	9462	KRISCA	K. Schulten-N	49	46	68	24	187
54	7651	TEKIN	P. Beaumont-SA	45	46	42	56	189
54=	9583	RISING DAMP	T. Rowan-N	35	44	60	50	189
56	9289	MICKIKS	R. Harvey-SA	44	67	38	43	192
57	8318	IONA	S. McGilvray-ACT	26	49	78	45	198
58	8976	DEES-YAH	R. Power-SA	31	45	52	71	199
59	6410	SPRITE	A. Lewis-V/j	75	17	49	60	201
60	9756	WEE NIP	A. Rankin-SA/j	41	61	52	48	202
61	8901	CHARLIE GIRL	K.McCarthy-SA/jl	47	51	44	61	203
62	9528	KHAMSIN	C. Tarran-SA/j	35	62	45	66	208
63	9775	RED ROCKET	B. Proven-V	48	39	48	74	209
64	9564	MULGA BILL	T. Hill-sA	69	63	48	34	214
65	9498	TAMARAG	N. Hill-N	20	61	83	52	216
65=	6885	WATER WITCH	J. Guy-SA/j	55	58	34	69	216
67	9685	LAKE FLYER	G. Wilson-N	74	57	25	67	223
68	9703	GRANDE ROUGE	A. Sutton-N	57	55	45	71	228
69	8087	WINKY DINK	A. Pimlott-SA	59	36	39	DNF	229
70	7474	WILD FIRE	H. Arber-WA/l	56	65	76	34	231
71	8704	SUDEDA	P. Beck-SA/j	68	55	51	58	232
72	7198	BETELGEUSE	C. Worters-NZ/l	71	18	54	62	235
73	6634	HYLDI	H. Moritz-SA	12	DNF	67	65	239
74	8345	NERANA	J. Robertson-SA/jl	70	66	53	60	245
75	8521	DOUBLE RUM	B. Malcolm-SA/l	73	37	70	73	253
75=	9699	PURPLEXED	P. Robinson-Q	74	35	75	69	253
77	8355	SUE CAROL	M. Brunger-SA	58	DNF	49	53	255
78	5359	PLOD	W. Baker-WA	78	32	74	75	259
79	9476	PAKAJAS	P. Gilchrist-SA	51	DNF	55	59	260
80	9222	ANONYMOUS	L. Fowler-N/j	72	81	54	61	268
81	7025	CAROB	D. Sutton-SA	41	DNF	DNF	39	270
82	5611	BOUNTY	P. Armstrong-N/j	83	62	63	64	272
83	9435	DEMELZA	R. Johnson-SA	77	63	73	63	276
84	7685	COLUMBIA	M. Jahn-SA	60	68	DNF	72	295
85	9591	SEA JADE	D. Miles-Q	89	60	81	72	302
86	6149	HARRY L	T. McDougall-V	82	70	67	84	303
87	8045	PEARLY	P. Knoepfli-V	88	50	89	78	305
88	4926	CHARITY	D. Walter-SA	85	72	68	81	306
88=	5905	MINTI	P. Walter-SA/l	84	75	65	82	306
90	9174	ESRA TEW	G. Richardson-SA	86	78	64	89	317
91	9542	RAZZAMATAZ	K. Lenton-N	82	66	88	90	326
92	7255	THE WOMBLE	R. Dunk-SA/j	90	79	79	87	335
93	7835	TUSANI	R. Humphris-SA	DNF	83	70	90	338
94	9758	TARO	E. Horne-WA	87	76	DNF	82	340

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HEAD WEST FOR THE 25TH (SILVER) HERON NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This series is just NINE MONTHS away and the following information is published to assist with your accommodation needs for your visit to Perth for THE BIG ONE - THE SILVER SERIES.

AND THIS IS REAL "STOP PRESS" NEWS - Those at Barmera will remember that Roy Christie was distributing information on St.Georges College, within the grounds of the University of W.A. and open for bookings for the series. We are now pleased to advise that CURRIE HALL, also within the grounds, but much more suitable accommodation for Heron families is available in the form of 4,5 and 7 bedroom flats, each flat having its own kitchen, bathroom, lounge and balcony. (and linen, sheets pillow slips and towels). All this for $6.50 per night per room, each room has two beds and a third can be installed for an extra $3.50 per night.

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NOTE: We hear that the Narrabeen Lakes group has an excellent deal with a transport company for carrying TWELVE Herons to Perth and return for $350pb.For more information on this deal contact David Llewellyn 452-1139

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Como Beach CaraPark - 6km south at Como,on-site vans, no camping- 09367-1286
Kenlorn CaraPark - 9km SE at Queens Park, on-site vans, camping 09-458-2604
Careniup CaraPark - 14km N. 85 bays,on-site vans,camping $24pw.09-447-6665

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AND AFTER PERTH, HOBART TASMANIA 1984/85.

No, this is not too early to be thinking of a visit to the Apple Isle and the 26th National Championships. A series to this venue needs more time in the planning for both entrants and the Committee charged with the responsibility of hosting the Titles.

Tasmanian President, Andrew Palfreyman, is anxious to have some idea of the numbers interested in doing a spot of sailing and sightseeing. Shipping Companies have been approached and some discount may be available for bulk bookings. If you are THINKING ABOUT IT, drop a line to Andrew Palfreyman, 15 Joynton St., Newtown.Tas.7008 for more info.

A tentative programme has been listed to commence with Registration and Invitation Race on the 29th December, 1984 and the final race on the 4th January, 1985.

**Acting Editor's Note - Having been fortunate enough to have sampled the Tasmanian hospitality for two National Titles, I can thoroughly recommend this venue for a COMPLETE family holiday - but you MUST BOOK EARLY.

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NATIONAL HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

25TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Buccaneer Room (Ground Floor) of the Middle Harbour Yacht Club, The Spit, Mosman on MONDAY, 2ND MAY, 1983 and you are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m. **SHARP.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting.
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Election of Officers
6. Election of Auditor
* 7. Motion on Notice (a)
   Nomination of Mrs. Mary Clarke for Life Membership of the N.H.S.A.A.
   Moved G. Richardson, seconded C. Gurr.
* 8. Motion on Notice (b)
   Nomination of Mr. Allan Crane for Life Membership of the N.H.S.A.A.
   Moved M. Picman, seconded I. Cook.
9. General Business.

* Comment supporting the above nominations appears elsewhere in this issue

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IF UNABLE TO ATTEND, please complete the APOLOGY AND POSTAL VOTING FORM and return to the Hon. Gen. Secretary, N.H.S.A.A., 1 Ethel St., Balgowlah, 2093 before FRIDAY, 29th April, 1983.

3rd. Warwick Jacobsen with daughters Chantal & Tricia (N.S.W.)

Lady Champion Mrs. Julie Owens and the charming Miss Sutton.

4th. David and Rhys Llewellyn (N.S.W.)

W.A.'s Ernie Horne and his presentation from S.A. President, George Richardson, of the Lake Bonney Caravan Park Trophy for perseverence, both on and off the water.

Champion, Craig McPhee, with multiple crew Wayne Hale, Cathy George and Craig Russell.

5th. & Junior Champion, Chris Carey and brother, Justin (QLD)

Runner-up, Ray Hale and son Gary (Vic.)

6th. Jim Armitage and Andrew Cheval (SA)

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Lake Bonney Yacht Club and Herons at rest.

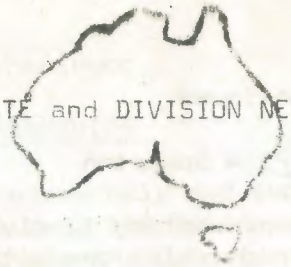
What did the photographer say to get this response from the Port River and Brighton & Seacliff group?

Off and running in the Proclamation Day Race.

Marj. Richardson presenting trophies to the winners of the junior "fancy dress" competition.

N.S.W. Fruit Flies created quite a buzz at the New Years Eve Party – recognise anyone?

Brian & Scott Caddy (Barmera) with the Arber family from Perth at one of the many locks through which passes the MURRAY EXPLORER.



STATE and DIVISION NEWS

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDUP

23rd N.S.W. HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS - A number of things were highlighted at this series hosted by the YMCA Sailing Club of Canberra. First was the predictably unpredictable Canberra wind which insisted in not showing its face until 1 p.m. each day. In order to have two races on Saturday and Sunday this meant sailing until 7 o'clock in the evening. This, combined with the extremely hot weather, made for a tiring but enjoyable series. The third day was somewhat different inasmuch as the wind started at 12.30 and was subsequently followed by the most horrendous thirty seconds of an over-60 knot willy-willy, causing a number of boats to capsize and two boats badly damaged.

Apart from the unfortunate capsizes there were also a number of humorous ones, including the inaugural capsize by Tom Rowan (RISING DAMP) who lasted less than five minutes from leaving the shore to start the first race. (Editor's note: - The damp rose a little faster than Tom expected!).

Congratulations to the new State Champ. Harold Melzer and for' ward hand Alan Swindells in NAUTICS. With a 1, 1, 2 and 3 the result was in doubt until the last work of the last heat, Harold just beating defending Champion, Don Jamieson (TICKLED PINK) who finished with a 1, 1, 2 and 4. Sid Dyer (HORNET) and Charlie Grimwood (ZENITH) battled it out for 3rd and 4th placing with Michael Groves (KOALA) 5th and Peter Macleod's ELUSIVE, 6th. Scott Jamieson (ABRACADABRA) won the Junior Title and Sonia Swindells (SONAL) retained her Ladies Title. The Handicap Championship was a closely contested result with a couple of Narrabeen 'heavies' namely Ron Hughes and Ken Lenton, being pipped to the post by Canberra sailor Harold Panjer (SIRIUS).

An interesting and very successful innovation was a forward hand written proficiency test on Heron rigging and points of sailing. All were passed by examiners Lenton and Rowan and were awarded specially engraved medals. The whole thing was treated lightheartedly and is bound to become a tradition of future State Titles.

By Monday evening as everyone was starting to drink away their dehydration and apply the Sunburn cream the consensus of opinion was that it had been a good series, thanks were extended to the officers of the YMCA Sailing Club for their hospitality and everyone was looking forward to meeting old and new friends next year.

(Report contributed by Harry Mills, Peter Macleod and Alistair Stewart)

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STATE AND DIVISION NEWS, continued

18th S.A. HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS - Somerton

With 45 competitors representing 11 clubs, the scene at Somerton Yacht Club was a spectacular one with entrants favoured by blue skies, hot weather and winds from just about every point of the compass.

O.O.D. Geoff Wilson and his team gave fine support to S.A. President, George Richardson, both on and off the water, in the conduct of this series. Heat One was sailed in a light sou'wester which gradually freshened to 12 knots. National Champ. Craig McPhee's EIGEN VECTOR headed off Roy Salmon's KARUMBA early in the race and went on to win with Paul Kassebaum in EOS filling third spot.

A morning race for Heat Two saw 8/10 knots swinging from nor'west to sou'west and a shortened course gave all the opportunity for a reasonably early lunch. Another win for EIGEN VECTOR and this time Kassebaum managed to clinch second place with Robert Drogemuller's CONFUSION, third.

Heat three showed great promise, the race starting in 20 knots but it gradually faded and McPhee's EIGEN VECTOR got the gun in a 8/10 knot breeze well ahead of Mark Salmon's ANJOPE in second spot and the consistent Kassebaum finishing third.

Final Results were:	1.	Craig McPhee (EIGEN VECTOR)	0 pts.
	2.	Paul Kassebaum (EOS)	14.4 "
	3.	Mark Salmon (ANJOPE)	16.0 "
	4.	Roy Salmon (KARUMBA)	26.0 "
	5.	Ian James (RIPPER ROO)	35.0 "

Best Junior: Alan Blenkle (MAN O WAR) Best Lady: Ann Robertson (MALUNA)
Best Verteran: Roy Salmon Best Country skipper: G.Mayhew (MAHNA MAHNA)

The Largs Bay Perpetual Trophy was won by Henley Sailing Club, at last wresting it from the Port River Club. Well done, Henley, it proves to all sporting people if you keep trying success will come.

It proves, yet again, that the Heron can provide enjoyment for all ages, the youngest competitor in this series being 7 years old and the oldest about 60!

(Report contributed by Colin Gurr, Don Malcolm and George Richardson)

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VICTORIAN HERON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - Will be conducted at the Westernport Yacht Club over the Labour Day long week-end 12th/14th March, 1983. Camping sites are available adjacent to the Clubhouse. For further information contact Stuart Mackereth on (03)277-2451

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WELCOME TO NEW MEASURERS - Peter Carey, 136 Long St.,Pt.Vernon.Qld. and Greg Clifford, 183 Cypress St., Urangan. 4658

1982/83 A.C.T. HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS

This series was most pleasantly and successfully run by the Canberra YMCA Sailing Club over the last weekend in November. Good winds favoured the competitors throughout the series, especially during the Saturday afternoon heat when all Herons except the heavy-weather specialists, Arvid and Judy Le jins, were wiped out at 5 p.m. when the sea breeze arrived - all 35 knots of it. Heat 3, during Sunday morning's light breeze, provided the best finish, with 200 metres to go and Stewart McGilvray running in the lead, Alastair Stewart surreptitiously stole his wind, crept past to windward and won by 27 seconds, with Tony Bradley another 7 seconds away, third. Final placings went to, 1st Alastair Stewart, in SAPPARINE, 1,1,2. 2nd Stewart McGilvray (IONA) 2,2,1. and 3rd Tony Bradley (EEJAY) 3,3,4.

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TASMANIAN HERON YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION - Reporter:Andrew Palfreyman

The scene, this year, is based around Regattas at Sandy Bay, Royal Hobart and Bellerive. Sailing at Lindisfarne has been held mainly in strong winds, up to 35 knots but retirements have been few and the standardof survival very good.

There is, however, an exception to every rule and the award for consistency in the mast losing competition must go to Anthony Morgan in DYNAMITE JACK. Twice now, in a blow, Anthony has decided that his mast was better out of the boat than in.

Congratulations to John Lock for taking the first Line Honors Pennant, and to John Savage for winning the Handicap Pennant sailing SHARA and DARING respectively. DARING, by the way, is Heron No.753 built roughly 24 years ago! Just goes to show that the One Design concept is alive and well, this Heron being just as competitive as its modern day counterpart. In extending our congratulations to Craig McPhee, 1982/83 National Champion, we note that Andrew Payne is'tickled pink' that his old boathas scored yet another big win.

Fleets at Lindisfarne have been good with 8 to 10 boats sailing each week and our Committee work has been centred around organisation for the 26th National Titles.

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WHAT'S RED AND WHITE and should now be gracing the transom of your HERON? It is the 1983/84 sticker showing that you not only promote and sail a Heron, but that you are financial. Complete the sub.form appearing elsewhere in this issue and send your cheque or money order NOW to N.H.S.A.A., 1 Ethel St.,Balgowlah. 2093.

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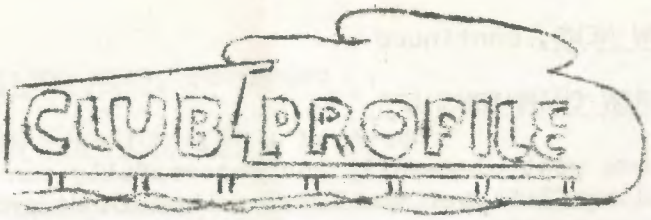

HERVEY BAY SAILING CLUB HERON SHIELD (Queensland)

This event is the first on the Queensland Grand Slam of four major events. The balance consist of the Sth.Qld.Titles at Lake Cootharaba on the May long weekend, the Central Qld. Titles at Mackay in the June long weekend andthe North Qld. Titles and Harold Holt Memorial Regatta held at Kurrimine in the September/October School holidays (the latter event will, this year, host the Queensland Titles by rotation). For information on the above contact Peter Carey, 136 Long St.,Pt.Vernon (071)28-1170 or John McKeown, 14 Laurel Ave., Chelmer (07)379-7440 - all Heroners are eligible to compete from any State.

The Heron Shield resulted in a clean sweep for reigning National Junior Champion, Chris Carey with forward hand, Jody Scott in LITTLE AUSSIE. Chris powered away from his 20 rivals to win each of the four heats with considerable ease.

Greg Clifford in MAN THE PUMPS sailed a vastly improved series to take second place from John McKeown's JAWS, third, Nicole Carey in EAREW was fourth also winning the Ladies Title. Other good performers were Boyd Timmins (TAKARI), Chris Mitchell (GYPSIE SAM) Robert Kerr, HAKATERE; Tom Robertson, WIND DANCER and Peter Robinson in PERPLEXED. Two juniors, Peter and Eric Gropp showed that, next year, they could take a power of beating in the junior events.

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HAWKESBURY RIVER SAILING CLUB Reporter: Ken Elton

A change of sailing area for our club with a move to Lookout Bay, Brooklyn. Turn right at Brooklyn Pub, go down to the ramp - Parsley Bay and sail or walk around to Lookout Bay, lovely sandy beach and a marvellous sailing area. We sail most every Sunday.

We are a bit down on Heron numbers this year, but with still enough to make a class and the competition is very keen with only a few points separating the front runners. Our season got away to a rough start, what with the weather, our rescue boat motor having a double hernia, had to be admitted to the motor hospital, but thanks to doctors Gallahar, Gazzola and Elton, is now doing fine.

Last sailing day before Christmas we ran an observation rally with crews having to find cryptic clues to the course at various check points at remote beaches, etc. around the sailing area. Great fun - your Club might like to try it - Good sailing.

CONNELS POINT SAILING CLUB Reporter: WAGS (7191)

Congratulations must go to our hardworking Secretary, John Griffin, who has done his utmost in the smooth running of our Heroners this season, keeping details of race results, point scores and general organising.

The Club was represented at the Nationals by Noel Hill, Rod Watts and Karl Schulten and John Griffin and Phil Hallsworth kept the representation going at the State Titles.

.On the home front, a good average of Heroners are sailing each Saturday and it was nice to see Rod Watts' new Heron RAPADAL break through for a Handicap win. Tony Dobson's HELENA seems to be a consistent front runner but competition to be first across the line is very keen this season and a number of middle order skippers are improving their performances and positions.

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NARRABEEN LAKES SAILING CLUB Reporter: Peter Macleod

Clubmembers have been busy attending National and State Titles, ten Herons at Barmera and fourteen at Canberra. Race attendances, at home, have also been good with an average of 15 or 16 boats from the total register of 24 and we are hoping for even higher numbers for the second half of the season.

Those who know our Lake will understand how delighted we were to hear of our Council's decision, early in the season, to dredge the central basin, our main sailing area. Unfortunately this has not yet been done but they did open the sea entrance to the lake with an immediate loss of a foot of water! Parts of the course were already less than three foot deep so the loss of a further foot was less than welcome.

Luckily we still have some deep parts left on which to conduct our races so if you happen to be in the area some Sunday (our afternoon race starts at 1.30 p.m.) please drop in - visitors are always welcome. Just head for Jamieson Park on the southern shore of the Lake.

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Y.M.C.A. SAILING CLUB - Canberra Reporter: Alastair Stewart

As always, racing this season has been keen and friendly and our Hello Heroner campaign, organised by President Stewart McGilvray has resulted in a number of new families being welcomed to the A.C.T.Heron Division. Two new-comers, Tony Bradley and Harry Panjer have been steadily reducing their handicaps although Tony's handicap

couldn't quite counteract the antics of crew Tiffany Wylde-Brown who, during one race prevailed upon Tony to return to shore for a "comfort stop" and promptly locked his car keys in the car. With Stewart McGilvray letting son(and future champion) Ken do most of the helming this season, the leader in the Club Championship is Alastair Stewart whose 16 year old jib finally disappeared for ever in a cloud of sapphirine-coloured fluff and has been replaced by an icy-white boreal creation expertly handled by Miss Nyree Mobbs, kidnapped from the Tasars. Yes, Nyree, there is more to sailing than sheer speed.

Our sole representative at the 24th Nationals was, again, our indefatigable President, Stewart McGilvray, with June and Ken. Stewart finished in the top - er- two-thirds of the fleet, but several times lead the various eventual winners early in the races.

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HENLEY SAILING CLUB Reporter: Don Malcom (RUM JUG)

Our Club Championship looks like being a Salmon affair with Roy edging out son, Mark - time will tell. New sails seems to be the order of the day with a wide range of sailmakers represented. Barbara Malcolm's DOUBLE RUM is doing Dad like a dog's dinner in the handicap section, must do something drastic about that - maybe forget the maintenance!

Newcomers, the Willis family, have shown that they can be up with the best. The handicap events have been spread throughout the fleet and Bill Dickson's VIRGINIA, on her occasional outings, performs well and BARIWE'S skipper, Barry West, continues to get wet!

Our representatives at the Nationals had mixed fortunes. Alex Hayter's MAGNUM FORCE (out of mothballs, as he has been concentrating on the 505 worlds), Roy Salmon in KARUMBA and son, Mark, in AJOPE all performed well. Ian James in his third season in RIPPER ROO was up there with the leaders. Peter Nich olson suffered from JET LAG and your scribe, RUM JUG, ended up being his age. Andrew George (NEREID) misread his programmes starting time and Barbara Malcolm DOUBLE RUM showed perseverance in her first season as skipper.

Some hot tips gleaned from the experts - Brian Caddy on vang tension - pluck it like a violin to sound E FLAT, also lengths of cassette tape tied to shrouds or peak of gaff make great wind indicators. Andrew Palfreyman on mast bend - sit on it and if it bends more than 2" then its toosoft - all very scientific stuff? And from me - on how not to sail a series - start late, forget the rhumb line, throw the compass overboard, lost thewhisker pole, tack on lifts, give way when I should stand on. (Editor's note; No wonder his daughter beat him in the Invitation race!)
COMING EVENTS - Wallaroo Easter Regatta and the Henley Allcomers Yardstick series after Easter.

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