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It isn't essential to be an office bearer in the Association to get your photo on the front cover - but it helps - after all you probably write to the Editor more often than the average member.

Tony Oram, West. Aust. Secretary and No. 5546 BETSY FIVE grace this issue in a charming study taken by Joy Falls of Applecross, W.A. during one of the W.A. Heron Association days on the Swan River.

## NEXT ISSUE

The January issue will carry a report of the 8th Australian Heron Championships and will be published toward the end of the month.

However, the Editor will be going to Canberra and wishes to have the issue "put to bed" before he goes, so - DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR JANUARY 1967 ISSUE IS FRIDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1966, IF YOU PLEASE.

Articles of general interest are particularly welcome; notes on new clubs sponsoring the class will be printed as they are received and old friends may use the HERON NEWSLETTER to tell of their doings.

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# 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The 8th Annual General Meeting was held as scheduled on Monday, 8th August, 1966 at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Edgecliff, under the able chairmanship of our President, John Dixon-Hughes.

There was an attendance of 49 boat owners, two Life Members and 22 other members or visitors, but the response to the Committee's attempt to get wider representation of members' views was most encouraging - no less than 129 proxies were admitted by the meeting.

The President, having been assured that his formal report would be adopted and printed in this issue spoke informally. His remarks on the work of the Measurement Committee were supported and amplified by John Shipton.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement (also reproduced in this issue) pointing out that the form of the Statement was different from that presented last year, and while this changed form was fully approved by the Auditor, it did prevent a direct comparison with last year's results. However, the Treasurer gave a split-up of the Income and Expenditure by the Association on a per member basis (which is also reproduced in this issue).

The Financial Statements having been adopted, the meeting turned to the election of officers and, at the request of the retiring President, Life Member Stephen Dearnley took the Chair. Mr. Dearnley spoke of his pleasure at being asked to take the helm, if even for only a short time, but said that it was difficult to add to what had been said on previous occasions. However, he was pleased indeed to hear that the "happy Heron spirit" had been evident in Western Australia during the President's visit. He also remarked that the Heron Association was being used as a model by the small boat fraternity in general, and that several of the ideas which the Association had adopted were being taken up by other classes.

Mr. Dearnley indicated that he had a written Nomination of John Dixon-Hughes for the position of President for 1966-67 and there being no response to his call for further nominations, he declared John Dixon-Hughes elected.

On assuming the Chair, John Dixon-Hughes thanked the members for their confidence and proceeded with the election of the remaining officers. The results of the election were:

Vice Presidents: Dr. Colin Alderman
Marshall Hawes
Albert J. Wright.

Hon. Secretary: W.J. Youll

Hon. Treasurer: G. McTiernan

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. E. Barrett

Mr. R.F. Dorling was appointed Auditor and Mr. F.W. Jones was invited to act as the Association's Technical Adviser for 1966-67.

The Meeting then turned to the Motions on Notice and, after some skilful pilotage by the President through the area of uncertainty left by the Secretary's inadvertent omission of Rule 34, "CAPSIZING" (from the Draft Constitution and Rules, recommended by the Committee, when these were printed in the September issue of HERON NEWSLETTER). The following results were achieved.

| Motion | Details | Result |
|---|---|---|
| 7a | Rearrangement of existing Rules | CARRIED 113- 5 |
| 7b | To adopt the proposed Constitution and Rules as recommended by the Committee, EXCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF "RULE 34 CAPSIZING" .... | CARRIED 147-25 |
| 7c | To consider proposed rules individually | NOT DEALT WITH - Motion 7b having been carried. |
| 7d | Life Membership for K.K. Dane | CARRIED 168- 1 |

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| 7e | Life Membership for L. A. Nangle | CARRIED 168- 1 |
| 7f | Formation of W. A. Heron Association | CARRIED 171- 0 |
| 7g | To delete the CAPSIZE RULE | LOST 48-122 |
| | In view of the confusion which might have existed, the President then accepted a motion "that 'Rule 34 CAPSIZING: If a boat capsizes during a race, that is, if the top of the mast touches the water, the boat is disqualified and must retire' be adopted." | |
| | On being put, this motion was | CARRIED 96-76 |
| 7h | Editorial changes | CARRIED 170- 1 |

The formal business of the Meeting closed at 10.20 pm and after a film showing the leader film of Peter Dabb's "The Art of Sailing" series and the Newsreel shots of the 7th Championships in Adelaide - supper and yabber rounded out the evening.

## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 8TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

The season of 1965-66 has been one of steady progress and development of the Association in all fields. The rate of growth has been maintained as anticipated and this aspect of the year's activity has been well covered in "HERON NEWSLETTER".

I intend to limit my report to aspects which are of particular importance to the Association as a whole and to topics of importance to all owners - those which maintain the class and increase outside interest in the Heron; hence Championships and Racing are of importance, whether or not we actively participate ourselves.

CHAMPIONSHIPS - the Adelaide series was an excellent, organised programme, conducted in every detail with skill, vigour and understanding. The result was a success beyond the hopes of the Association and set a standard which will be difficult to maintain.

In Canberra there has been much activity and there will be nothing left to chance to ensure that this series will be at least the equal of the Adelaide gathering.

It is one of the aims of the Association to lay down a standard procedure for Australian Championships and this is to be one of the tasks of the Management Committee over the next year.

STATE DEVELOPMENT. The Heron develops in each state as a stronger entity, bringing sailing to a wider range of families than before. Its growth has been discussed by your Secretary in articles. We have the State Associations, and their very active committees, to thank for the satisfying results achieved.

Regional development has proved to be very satisfactory in Canberra and Southern Districts of N.S.W. Your Committee has been particularly pleased with this progress and foresees considerable advantages to come of this, as the class grows, in each state.

Perhaps the main strength of the Heron is the ONE DESIGN concept and its maintenance is one of the most important duties of the Association as a guarantee of continuity. The individual owner is thereby protected against rapid devaluation of his equity; remember that as a group of 2,000 boat owners at $500 each the total is not inconsiderable at $1,000,000! There is no place for the developer in the Heron Association. Despite the importance of measurement only 50% of boats have been measured but 90% of these are A class.

MEASUREMENT COMMITTEE: This committee has spent hundreds of hours preparing a Measurement Form which will provide a satisfactory and adequate check that boats really remain one class, that they are "as per plan". I thank them on our behalf for the work that they have done of measuring, lofting, preparing data, discussion and remeasuring, all to ensure that measurement will be a simple and accurate as possible to secure the Class. The task has been a very difficult one.

Finally, I thank all those who have worked for and helped the Association over the last twelve months, particularly Secretary & Editor, Bill Youll, Mrs. Barrett and the committee as a whole.

JOHN DIXON-HUGHES

# Y. W. HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30TH JUNE, 1966

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ACCUMULATED FUNDS | | | |
| Balance at 1st July, 1965 being excess of Assets over Liabilities | | | $2708.82 |
| Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, as per Statement of Income and Expenditure | | | 144.04 |
| Balance at 30th June, 1966 | | | $2852.68 |
| Represented by: | | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash at Banks | | | |
| General Account | | 4145.00 | |
| State Imprest Accounts | | 384.93 | 4530.02 |
| Stock on Hand | | | |
| Buoyancy, Plans, Trophies, etc. - at cost | | | 1522.82 |
| Prepayment | | | |
| Heron Newsletter - July issue | | | 467 53 |
| | | | 6520.37 |
| Deduct: LIABILITIES | | | |
| Sundry Creditors | | | 3667.51 |
| | | | $2852.86 |

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1966

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|---|---|---|---|
| INCOME FOR YEAR | | | |
| Subscriptions Received | 5001.35 | | |
| Less: Allocated to Newsletter | 2336.60 | 2664.75 | |
| Registration Fees | | 1111.45 | |
| Donations | | 336.73 | |
| Commissions | | 205.50 | |
| Interest | | 116.81 | |
| Royalties | | 25.14 | |
| Sundry Income | | 35.50 | |
| Profit on Sale of Buoyancy, Plans, Trophies, etc. | | 1682.08 | 6177.96 |
| Deduct EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Newsletter | 2836.99 | | |
| Less: Allocations from Subscriptions and Revenue Received | 2772.67 | 64.32 | |
| Affiliation Fees | | 1477.73 | |
| State Association Subsidies | | 1191.85 | |
| Establishment Grants | | 400.00 | |
| Secretarial Expenses | | 924.00 | |
| Printing and Stationery | | 1160.41 | |
| Postages | | 490.89 | |
| Duty Stamps | | 33.10 | |
| Telephone | | 42.68 | |
| Advertising and Publicity | | 102.88 | |
| Meeting Expenses | | 93.80 | |
| Sundry Expenses | | 52.26 | 6033.92 |
| BALANCE, being Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds | | | $ 144.04 |

## *PROGRESS REPORT ON ORGANISATION FOR 8TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HERON CHAMPIONSHIPS*

### *Canberra 18th to 5th January, 1967.*

1. Entries received to October 10, 1966 total 68 being as follows: S.A. 3, Vic. 27, N.S.W. 28, A.C.T. 7, Q'ld 1, Papua 2. Entries for the Junior trophy total 4 (included in the 68).

2. Accommodation arranged to October 10 by division and entrants totals 258 so it can be seen that the average attendance is 4 per boat.

3. Indications given of attendance at the New Year's Eve Revel and the Presentation Dinner are as follows - Revel 184, Dinner 190.

   (EDITOR'S NOTE: On the basis of the above figures it seems possible that over 100 competitors should enter by the closing date, in fact since October 10 additional entries have been received.)

4. The Sailing Instructions have been drafted by the Sailing Committee of the YMCA Club.

5. Construction of the YMCA Clubhouse is in the last stage and it will be completed to enable it to be used for the Series.

6. The remainder of the planning is progressing and from present results the indications are that competitors should have an orderly and comfortable series in Canberra.

7. To date all requests for a particular type of accommodation have been met but it looks as if the Black Mountain Tourist Camp is booked out for vans and cabins (at this date only 4 x 4 berth and 4 x 5 berth vans are available). But plenty of camp and caravan sites are available. All other accommodation still available.

8. A publicity burst will occur shortly, there have been various segments on TV and other agencies keeping things alive.

## *CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS LAST POST 30TH NOVEMBER, 1966 IF YOU HAVE NOT ENTERED, DO IT NOW.*

(IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR ENTRY FORM — WHICH WAS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER, 1966 ISSUE OF THE HERON NEWSLETTER — SPARE COPIES MAY BE HAD FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MRS. E. BARRETT, 18 BRISBANE AVENUE, LINDFIELD, N.S.W. (PHONE 46 4834)

## *INTER-DOMINION CHALLENGE*

The incoming Secretary of the Y.W. Heron Sailing Association of New Zealand, Ron Ackroyd, of 479 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland, N. Z. writes:

> "On behalf of the New Committee, I wish to confirm our enthusiasm for the Inter-Dominion, and to assure you that our preparations are going forward as planned.
>
> We can, however, at this date only guarantee you 6 boats in excess of any that you may bring over. We have posted a Questionnaire to all our members in this regard and, if the results are as expected, we may be able to increase this figure.
>
> We will be assisted with the Inter-Dominion by the Tamaki Yacht Club who are to supply the course, starting tower, and other facilities and the Victoria Cruising Club (our home Club) who are to assist us with crash boats and tower staff."

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It appears, at this stage that our team will be made up from:

Warren Clarke, R. McDonald, G. Quigley, W.J. Youll, Pat Lawson, who have indicated that they intend to go to New Zealand and M. Billings, K. Billings, G.R. Francis, Bruce Mackie, Rex McMaster, and Ian Spies, who will be there barring Acts of God or the Queen's Enemies.

Selection trials may be the order of the day yet!

## *REVISED MEASUREMENT FORM*

During the past 12 months the Measurement Committee has considered ways and means to ensure that all Heron dinghies have been constructed faithfully to plan.

As with other classes, where the emphasis has been on racing, the Heron has not escaped the attention of "improvers", who build boats to conform with the measurement tolerances of a measurement form. By doing so they have used the tolerances to design what they think will be a faster boat. They lost sight of the fact that the measurement form is only a method of test checking to establish that a boat has been built according to official plans - it does not supplant the official plans.

Because of the way in which the data has been recorded on the measurement form it has been possible to build a boat outside the dimensions on the official plan and yet test check satisfactorily on the measurement form. The Measurement Committee has recognised these short-comings and has re-designed the measurement form.

This new measurement form will be introduced immediately. You will note that the datum for most measurements is the transom rather than the stem, as it was found that the free hand shaping of the stem caused a variety of shapes and this effected the measurements taken from this point. In addition, the position of the centre board and its shape are checked.

Another major variation was the decision to measure externally chine to chine from a fixed position from the transom. This is in lieu of the measurement formally taken chine to chine at frame one. You will also note additional transom measurements. In other respects the measurement form is similar to the previous one. A summary of the rules for guidance to the new builder is attached to the actual measurement form.

This new measurement form in no way alters the plans or alters any measurements accepted in the past but it does provide a more satisfactory means of checking that the boat has been built to plan. Because of this, any measurement previously accepted on the old measurement form will not be disputed if it does not fall within the tolerance of the new measurement form - e.g.: If in the past the measurement, bow to forward edge of mast, was within tolerance and if the measurement on the new form, transom to aft edge of mast, was not within tolerance, the boat would not be re-classified.

If, as a result of a protest or remeasurement for any reason, a measurement not previously taken, such as transom to the fore edge of fin, is found to be outside of tolerance. this may render the boat subject to re-classification by the measurement committee.

We have endeavoured to keep the measurements to a minimum, for we have found that the more measurements with allowable tolerances that are included on the measurement form the greater temptation for enterprising builders to construct to the extreme of the tolerance which they think will give best performance. Every aspect has been very carefully debated and the result of the measurement form is a very well considered verdict and we feel will be instrumental in equating the performance of boats.

At every General Meeting where measurements are discussed, it is quite apparent that it is the members desire that all boats be as near to the plan as is possible and it is our opinion that this revised form will have this effect.

R.K. Lock SECRETARY N.T. Corvisy CHAIRMAN.

for Measurement Committee

## MEMBERSHIP GRADES

The Heron Association has been built on Family Sailing and this is the reason for the several grades of membership adopted in Rule 3.

Joint ownership is intended to cover family groups where father, or mother, or one of the children may wish (and be permitted) to skipper the family Heron, but one notice will serve to inform the whole group. Mother will not want the house knee deep in HERON NEWSLETTERS.

Part ownership is intended to cover the case where two people, not the same house, have an interest in a particular boat and where each requires copies of notices.

Non boat owners include forward hands who want advice of Association doings, Accredited Builders, and other who are just "interested in the class".

## *VICTORIAN NEWS*

THE FROSTBITE SERIES - In all five races were planned: at RMYS (St. Kilda) on 22nd May - 36 starters; at Latrobe Valley YC on 19th June - 39 starters; at Black Rock YC on 17th July - abandoned because of weather; at Victorian Ladies YC (Sandringham) on 21st August - 33 starters and at RYCV (Williamstown) on 18th September - only 22 starters. The final results were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Quinta (J. Carter) | Albert Park SC |
| Astrid (R. Rowe) | Black Rock YC |
| Alchera (A. McClure) | Black Rock YC |
| Junior II (J. Harney) | Black Rock YC |
| Ripa (A. Humphries) | Elwood SC |
| Sepik (L. Murphy) | Elwood SC |

PICNIC RACES AND PROMOTION DAYS - As part of its winter programme Black Rock YC conducted an Icicle Regatta on 31st July at which races were held for all type of classes from Flying Dutchmen downwards. A fresh breeze and (really) icy water was the order of the day but, despite this, a good fleet of Herons entered. Quinta (J. Carter) Alchera (A. McClure) and Moon Doggie (J. McMaster) filled the major placings.

BLACK ROCK YC challenged ELWOOD SC in a friendly fashion at Black Rock on 4th September in dull, light conditions. The setting is described in the photo below. Black Rock of course won the challenge this year but 1967 has a story yet to be written.

BLACK ROCK YC and ELWOOD SC Challenge Race at Black Rock, Sunday, 4th September.

Picnic race off RYCV, Williamstown, Sunday, 18th September.

The afternoon of the Frostbite event at RYCV on 18th September was in the nature of a picnic. Heroners lent their craft to well known skippers from the Port Phillip Yacht Clubs which foster yachts much larger than Herons. Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron scored the highest points to beat Royal Yacht Club of Victoria and the RAAF Club. (Photograph above)

RAAF Base, Point Cook invited various yacht owners to stage races off Point Cook on 9th October. In all 25 Herons honoured this invitation and in a cold wind, a nasty sea, an annoying jetty - and "flocks" of Moths, Gwens, Catamarans etc. had some exciting racing. Familiar names appeared on the winning list:- Sprite (J. Botterill), Astrid (P. Rowe). Sepik (L. Murphy) as well as a new contender for honours Kayos (G. Blunt).

In the first organised picnic for the 1966/67 season, Herons gathered off RMYS (St. Kilda) on 16th October for two races. In the morning 18 Herons started in a light southerly, so light in fact that only one lap was sailed although the whole fleet completed a second lap before lunch. Place getters were: in Juniors Pintado (B. Woinaski), Vision (Jill Arscott) and Karni (G. Beech); in Senior Bon Ton (L. Hess) and Pride of (L. Ralph).

The wind strengthened a little for the 36 Herons which entered the afternoon event. First away was Ricci (K. Bullen) who soon established a two length lead from Sandgroper (R. Thompson), Moon Doggie (J. McMaster), Astrid (P. Rowe). Pintado (B. Woinaski) and Vision (J. Arscott). Unfortunately the bulk of the fleet followed these to an incorrect weather mark and out of the race. However, Alchera (A. McClure) Quinta (J. Carter), Apalis (J. Matthews), Sprite (J. Botterill) and Hornblower (T. Evans) found the proper mark and, alternating in the lead, fought out the honours to the finish. The final result was:

| Line Honours | Handicap |
|---|---|
| Hornblower | Hornblower |
| Sprite | Apalie |
| Apalie | Sprite |
| Alchera | Half Yani |
| Quinta | Opal |

NOTE: What a day for marks! What went wrong? Skippers, did you listen to the briefing beforehand?

By far the most rewarding activity for Victorian Heroners for several seasons was the SPECIAL PROMOTION DAY at Elwood SC on Sunday 23rd October. Some prior publicity in the press. the generosity of Heron owners and the most perfect sunny summer Sunday in Victoria for years combined to bring smiles of satisfaction to the organisers.

THE RESULTING STATISTICS WHICH MAY ENCOURAGE OTHER STATES TO DO LIKEWISE ARE: —

A. 10 PAGES OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PEOPLE WANTING TO MAKE A SHORT SAIL IN A HERON;

B. 500 OR MORE TAKEN FOR A SAIL;

C. 20 TO 30 HERONS ON THE WATER CONTINUALLY DOING JUST THIS;

D. POSSIBLY 50 PROSPECTIVE NEW HERON MEMBERS TO BUILD OR BUY AND JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

E. ALL SPONSORING CLUBS ASSURED OF NEW MEMBERS.

APPROACHING EVENTS by the time this article goes to press opening days at both BLACK ROCK (30th October) and MORDIALLOC (6th November) will be over and a resume will appear in the Victorian Newsletter. However for the rest of 1966 the programme is:-

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| 13th November: | 1st Heat State Championship at Elwood SC |
| 20th November: | 2nd Heat at Mordialloc SC |
| 27th November: | 3rd and 4th Heats at Black Rock YC |
| 4th December: | 5th Heat at RMYS |
| 11th December: | Picnic at Altona YC |
| 18th December: | Heron Christmas Picnic at Safety Beach |

NOTE: Invitations to Heroners to enter their events have also come for the Waranga Lake Regatta on 5th/6th November and for the Cairn Curran Lake Regatta on 26th/27th November.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1966/1967 - At this date only 21 entries have been received for this and, unless a sudden deluge of forms come in soon, many would-be starters will be disappointed. In 1965/1966 there were 53 entrants. It is hoped, therefore, that the expected "deluge" will yield at least another 32 starters for this year.

VICTORIAN YACHTING COUNCIL - The VYC was pleased to elect the Victorian Heron Sailing Association as a Registered Class Association of VYC on 28th July, 1966. This is indeed heartening news and should help the standing of our Association in Victorian Yachting circles.

## A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Those who attended the 8th Annual General Meeting will have enjoyed the joke (at my expense) about the absence of the "Capsize Rule" (Rule 34) from the draft of the now adopted Constitution and Rules.

The mistake was wholly mine, and I accept responsibility, and apologise for the confusion which existed in the minds of some members as a result.

I would also like to thank Neville Fulthorpe, publicly for the very decent and reasonable stand he took in adopting our President's suggestions for resolving the mess I'd made.

One thing is clear - we will never be unanimous on the CAPSIZE RULE - but it is affirmed as Association policy - unless there is a specific note in the sailing instructions to exclude its operation.

Bill Youll

## *W.A. HERON ASSOCIATION NEWS*

John Kitto, President these several years has finally decided that he should stand down. W.A. Heron folk recognise the sterling service John has given to the Heron cause and wish him good luck with his Division 3 cruiser, new home, new son, and normal business activity.

Don (WEFREE) Davis has been elected as President for the remainder of the Association year.

HMAS Leevwin S.C. is almost ready to launch two more boats.

Opening Day Regatta (October 23. 1966) and Lake Queerearrup Sailing Club Invitation (November 12 - 14) will be reported in the next issue of HERON NEWSLETTER.

The W.A. State Championships will be held at Albany (Princess Royal Y.C. our hosts) on the long weekend January 28 to 30, 1967. This is the event of the W.A. Calendar - be in it!

## W. A. HERON SAILING ASSOCIATION — 1966–67 PROGRAMME

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SUN. | 27th Nov. | Race Day | Crawley Bay | R.P.Y.C. |
| SUN. | 11th Dec. | Race Day | Crawley Bay | R.P.Y.C. |
| SUN. | 18th Dec. | Invitation Race Claremont Y.C. | Swan River | Claremont Y.C. |
| SAT. | 7th Jan. | Cockburn Sound Regatta | Cockburn Sound | Cruising Y.C. |
| SUN | 15th Jan. | 1st Heat Metropolitan Trophy | Crawley Bay | R.P.Y.C. |
| SAT./MON. | 28/30th Jan. | State Heron Championships | Princess Royal Harbour, Albany | P.R.S.C. |
| SUN. | 12th Feb. | Lake Jandakot Picnic Day | Lake Jandakot Armadale | L.J.Y.C. |

## *QUEENSLAND HERON ASSOCIATION NEWS*

The 1966-67 Season began September 10 with the Queensland Yachting Association opening races at Manly, Brisbane, in which several Herons competed.

The Heron fleet sailing with the Humpybong Yacht Club at Woody Point, Redcliffe. is now ten strong, and there are at least six more building in the Brisbane area (two should be launched within a month or so). We anticipate increased fleet numbers and even more interesting racing.

Humpybong Yacht Club fleet welcomes the crews of "HEATHER LYNN", VECTOR, "PEPITA"

The Moreton Bay Heron Championships will be held from the H.Y.C. on 2nd, 16th and 30th April, and 7th May. 1967, and it is hoped that boats from centres outside Brisbane will be able to compete this year. All Heron owners are invited to attend.

The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has notified us that the Squadron will be adopting Herons this season, and hopes to assemble a fleet to sail from the Squadron H.Q. at Manly.

A few Herons are sailing with the Cleveland Yacht Club again this season.

Harry Nillson's "HELGA", newly painted and looking very smart, was exhibited at the "Telegraph" Boat show during September, and created much interest.

Queensland Office Bearers this year, elected at the A.G.M. on 9th July are:- President, Clive Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer, Les Clark, Publicity Officer, Bob Roskams. Clive and Les were also elected delegates to the Q.Y.A.

Our local skippers, many of whom are pretty inexperienced, would welcome more articles in the Newsletter on sailing and rigging Herons by top skippers in this field. An example is the article by "WAP's" skipper in the September 1965 issue. What about it, experts?

## *SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERON ASSOCIATION NEWS*

Chairman, Dr. Colin Alderman. has been elected a Vice-President and Hon. Secretary, John Keen a committeeman representing South Australia in the Y.W.H.S.A. of Australia.

Organisation for the SECOND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS is proceeding along lines similar to the 7th National Championships at Largs Bay. Mr. Brian Keal has accepted an invitation to be O.O.D. for the series. A sea Scout group has offered the services of its members for various shore duties and it is expected that the Sea Rescue Squadron will lend its strength to supplement rescue craft from Port River and the host club.

Notice of race and entry forms have been posted to all members registered as at October 31, Copies will be posted to new members as each monthly membership list is received from Sydney.

The trophy list has been extended to include the first unplaced lady skipper who, with the team event, should give a wide field of interest to competitors.

The team event is not a teams race in the true sense but rather an aggregate of points of four yachts from each club. This should heighten interest for those not aspiring to the major prizes. The plaque for the Team event has been donated by the Largs Bay Sailing Club to commemorate the 7th National Championships, the first to be held in South Australia.

Appointment of Measurer. Michael G. Lockyer, 6 Scholefield Rd., Kinston Park, S.A. (Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club.)

Le Fevre Boys' Technical High School, Hart St., Semaphore. Under the guidance of Mr. Pike a group of senior students is to build and sail a Heron as a school project. The first hull is to be named LE FEVRE I which leaves plenty of scope for expansion of the fleet.

Attention Builders - Minuzzo Construction Pty. Ltd., 31a Barnes Rd., Payneham, S.A. (37.4315) advise that they will be pleased to supply selected Spruce, Oregon and Meranti at special prices.

*The Seventh N.S.W. Heron Championships will be held*

*at Huskisson on Jervis Bay*

*on 28th, 29th and 30th January, 1967*

The Nowra Sailing Club will be the Host Club

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON IST DECEMBER, 1966**

Arrangements for accommodation are being made and your requirements should accompany your Race Entry Form. Don't forget the necessary deposit!

* The Nowra Club has reserved a boarding house at Huskisson which will take 36 persons.
* Ample Motel accommodation is available at Nowra.
* Camping and caravan facilities are available close to the launching area. (It is recommended that as many as possible use these facilities.)

A special launching area is being set aside and a watchman has been engaged to look after the boats overnight.

A Dance and Social has been organised for the Saturday night and on Sunday night the ever popular Barbecue will be on at Bert Wright's home at Vincintia.

At least 4 reliable pick up boats have been organised and arrangements have been made for the committee to be supplied with hourly weather reports from the Naval Base nearby.

**THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A BIG ROLL UP. EXCELLENT RACING SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED ON THE BEAUTIFUL JERVIS BAY.**

## JAX TROPHY

The first day of Teams Racing for the 1966-67 round of the Jax Trophy was held at Double Bay on Sunday, October 16, 1966.

The newly formed Heron division of the Double Bay Sailing Club were the hosts.

Twelve Clubs entered teams, these represented all but 2 clubs from the Metropolitan Area and one team came from Nowra. The response and interest shown in this event is most gratifying and the ultimate winner will have certainly earned the title of Team Champions for the Season.

An excellent course was laid, with a good long windward leg. With a spanking north-easter a most enjoyable days sailing was experienced.

Four heats each of 6 races were conducted during the day and these went off like clockwork. The sailing committee should be complimented for their fine efforts with particular thanks to our lady starter, Babs Campbell, who handled the starting most efficiently.

At the end of the day Cronulla & Burraneer Bay Clubs were leading, each having won 4 heats. However, at this stage Cronulla, who have scored the maximum number of points, are well in front. Congratulations are in order to both these teams as they each had stiff competition during the day. Interest will be high to the performance of these teams on the final day - especially the final heat when they meet!

The complete results at the end of the first day are:-

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| Cronulla | 4 wins | 97 points |
| Burraneer Bay | 4 wins | 82½ points |
| Middle Harbour | 3 wins | 85¾ points |
| Balmoral | 3 wins | 84½ points |
| Woollahra | 3 wins | 80¾ points |
| Nowra | 2 wins | 81½ points |
| Connel's Point | 2 wins | 80¾ points |
| Double Bay | 2 wins | 77¼ points |
| BYRA | 1 win | 74½ points |
| Western Suburbs | - | 69½ points |
| Botany Bay | - | 66 points |
| Port Hacking | - | 64 points |

The second (and final 1966-67 round) of Jax Teams Races will be held at Clontarf, Middle Harbour on Sunday, February 12, 1967.

The New South Wales Association wishes to thank the committee of the Double Bay Sailing Club for their able and willing assistance and also all members of the Sailing Committee for a job well done.

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Most disappointed Club with the Jax Trophy Teams Races this season is Concord-Ryde Sailing Club. Apparently the official letter calling for entries went astray in the post. When the Club eventually made enquiries about the races they found that arrangements were complete and that Concord-Ryde Club had no entry.

A Club that drew both Balmoral No. 1 and Balmoral No. 2 teams last season deserved better luck this season than to miss out completely!

## DONATIONS

To the many members, who made donations to the Trophy Fund, the Committee of the Association extends its sincere thanks - not only for the actual cash - which is always most useful - but also for the assurance that, in the eyes of at least some of the members, the services provided by the Association are worth more than just a subscription of $3.00.

A great deal of work is required to keep an organisation like the Heron Association moving and these tangible expressions of appreciation will do much to keep the workers on the job.

## TYACK'S CAR TOPPER

Victorian member Ian Tyack of 112 Nicholas Street, Newtown, Geelong, faced with the problem of taking a boat and a caravan 200 miles for his holidays has developed the nifty gadget shown in action above.

Ian is at present negotiating with the Sales Tax people but feels that he will be able to market the device for about $60.

This may be the solution for folk who can't store a trailer or who like sailing and caravaning. If you are one of them, contact Ian directly.

## ABOUT BOOKS AND RACING RULES

The Sailing Season is now fairly opened in all states and the usual discussions on who should have done what, and when and why at which mark are beginning to reverberate round the foreshores or club rooms.

When you become involved in one of these good natured (we hope!) bouts, are you sure of your grounds?

Well, one way to help make yourself less unsure is to have at hand a copy of the Racing Rules, or more correctly, SUPPLEMENT A of the ROYAL YACHTING ASSOCIATION YEAR BOOK.

There are two versions of this publication. The RED BOOK contains the full Supplement "A" - including all the bits on the management of races; this version is essential for sailing committees - or the section of the Association Membership which feels that sailing committees, in particular, need education and instruction by example.

The WHITE BOOK is a more modest volume which is limited to the Sailing Rules. It is the correct version for those who believe sailing committees know their job but that their fellow club members could do with a brush up.

Some of the better organised clubs may have supplies of RED or WHITE BOOKS available for members, but if your club is not one of these, write directly to your State Heron Association Secretary enclosing a remittance of:

50 cents for the RED BOOK or

30 cents for the WHITE BOOK and

a stamped, addressed envelope not less than 5½" x 7½" in size.

STATE HERON ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES please note that, if your State Yachting Authority does not have supplies, the Secretary of the Y.A. of N.S.W., Capt. Max Hinchcliffe, C/- Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Peel Street, Kirribilli, N.S.W. will be able to help with the books - but not the state prescriptions.

PAUL ELVSTROM EXPLAINS; Paul Elvstrom (R. Creagh-Osborne & Partners) 103 pages; 6" x 4½" - illustrated - soft plastic bound; $2.50.

Elvstrom is a champion helmsman to whom all can listen, confident that his advice will be sound.

In this little book he has dealt, rule by rule, with the I.Y.R.U. Rules, illustrating by means of diagrams, exactly what each means.

The book is a handy size though it would be difficult to read in any sort of a seaway so small is the type!

A nice touch is the inclusion of a set of plastic model yachts with which incidents may be set up for discussion (-not necessarily before a protest committee).

YACHT RACING TACTICS; Joachim Schult (George G. Harrup & Co. Ltd.) 213 pages - 9" x 6" - Illustrated - Cloth bound; $2.00.

This is a book for the advanced student. Chapters are headed: "The overall Tactical Plan"; "The Start"; "The Windward Leg"; "The Finish"; and a final chapter to point up the things which matter in "Teams Racing Tactics".

For instance no less than seventeen different situations are recognised by the author involving only two yachts on the windward leg. Advice is offered as to the attack and counter in each instance. Sixty five diagrams are used in this exercise, most of which show three or four sequential positions of the two yachts.

The test is a sound translation from the original and the only criticism your reviewer can offer is that it is a bit irritating to be forced to turn back (or forward) to find the diagram illustrating what one is reading.

This book is a "must" for those who like the close tactical sailing.

NOTE: This book is currently being reviewed chapter by chapter in SEACRAFT - for which Subs are still available through the Association at $3.60 posted.

## REPORT ON PORT PIRIE "LITTLE BOAT SHOW"

The "little Boat Show" held in a local store from July 23rd to August 2nd (10 days) was the culmination of a lot of preparation principally by Heroners Dick Emery and Terry Matthews. The centre of the display was Grey Ghost (5044) which was rubbed down to bare wood and completely re-varnished for the occasion. (It needed it anyway!) Forming the backdrop were boat fittings purchased by the store and photographs loaned by the Hon. General Secretary.

Throughout the whole venture we received the enthusiastic support from the Manager of the Port Pirie Co-op Store, Keith Atherton.

The display was publicised in the local paper by the Store by means of a $7\frac{1}{2}$" x 5" advertisement which included a photo of Heron 5678.

The success of the venture was difficult to judge. In terms of interest shown, the response was overwhelming. An estimated 80 pamphlets were taken by people during the display. Although we had hoped that we would encourage more people to get Herons for the coming season, our numbers are still too few (4 built with two more being built). However, on a brighter note, the number of people who intimated that they would buy or build one in a season or two was quite large.

All in all, we considered that our effort was worthwhile and we hope that our example will show other Heroners that it can be done in a relatively small centre such as Port Pirie.

## ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Following the rearrangement and amendment of the Constitution and Rules approved by the 8th Annual General Meeting, these have been reprinted in a somewhat more readable form.

The only significant change from the recommended draft published in the September issue of HERON NEWSLETTER is the inclusion of the Capsize Rule which reads:

> 34 CAPSIZING. If a boat capsizes during a race, that is, if the top of the mast touches the water, the boat is disqualified and must retire.

Consequently it is not proposed to issue the Constitution and Rules automatically to every member - the cost is significant and better use can be made of these funds.

However, if you feel that you will not sleep soundly without a copy of the Constitution and Rules under your pillow, feel free to drop the Hon. General Secretary a line and one will be sent by return mail.

## *GEAR, GADGETS & GIMMICKS*

Do your tell tales "wind-up" as shown in Figure 1 on the lee shroud after a long work?

Well try the idea we saw on JOKER (Bill Brown), the other day (Figure 2). Instead of tying his piece of three-ply wool-and-nylon directly to the shroud, Bill ties it round itself leaving a small loop to encircle the shroud (about $\frac{1}{4}$" clear inside diameter). Then to stop the tell tale slipping down the shroud, he had wound about 6" of $\frac{1}{2}$" wide P.V.C. insulation tape into a small cylinder on the shroud.

The telltale can whip about in the eddies in the lee of the main sail on JOKER, but it is always (or nearly always) untangled when she goes about onto the other board.

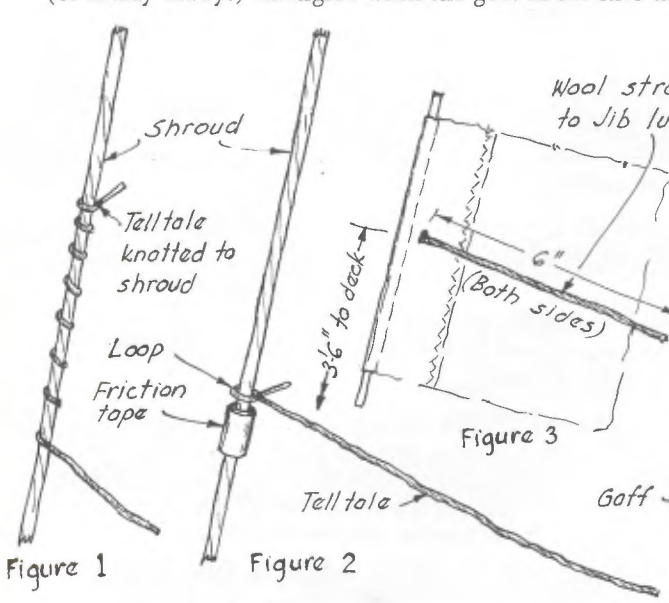


Figure 1




Figure 3

Figure 2

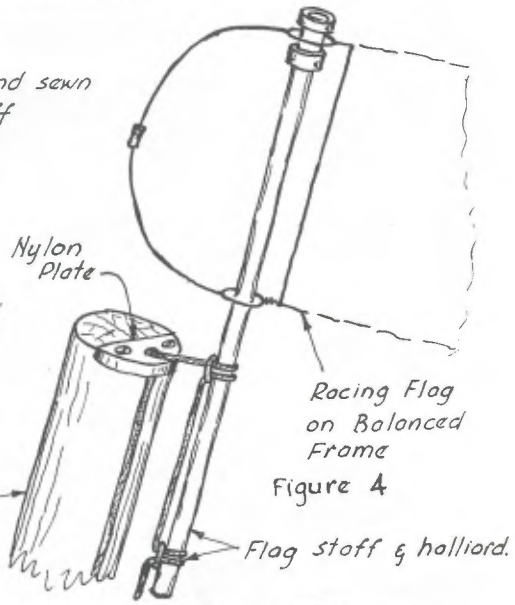


Figure 4

Another secret weapon appeared on PYE WACKET (Bill Elliott) recently. Bill discounts witchcraft but claims the idea works - especially on the light, to very light days.

A 12" length of three ply wool-and-nylon, in a good strong colour - red or black for white sails, or white for the Ted Rice School - is threaded through the jib luff about 1/3 the height from the foot. Figure of eight knots either side hold it in place. (Figure 3).

While the strands of wool on both sides of the sail lie quiet and straight and the boat is on the wind, steady as you go.

If the windward one flutters bear away a little. If the leeward one flutters, she will sail higher with advantage.

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In the "life is too short" department we found the idea for racing flag halliards. The boat was BARRACUDA where shipwright-gadgetteer-helmsman's father Ron Greenwood has let a nylon plate into the top of the gaff.

A hole in this plate serves as a fairlead for the flag halliard, the fall of which is led down inside the sail luff-rope groove in the gaff, thereby reducing windage (and the tangles which often occur in this light line).

We swear we saw this, and it looked like Figure 4.

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All these ideas have one thing in common (including BARRACUDA'S racing flag).

They all give you an indication of how your sails are trimmed - the sail luff strand directly and the tell tale, or racing flag, indirectly.

The tell tales are particularly useful for the flukey changeable winds in the sheltered areas with steep hills near at hand. They should lie parallel to the sail cloth immediately after of the luff.

The racing flag should lie parallel to the sail near the peak.

## S. A. CLUB REPORTS

HENLY - We attribute the big lift in membership and enthusiasm to the influx of Heron sailors in the Club - three last year, fourteen this year.

Since the beginning of September Herons have been on the beach every Sunday morning and newcomer Bill Abbott in SANDRA has found his sea-legs. Phil Heath (ALKIRA) is ready for our southerly blows and Lance Mathias has his new craft afloat. Ken Whitelaw has purchased Rex Dix's AIGRET and re-named it PAMELA. Others to salute the Commodore on Opening Day will be Robert Buckley in BUCKLEY'S and two juniors, with David Brooksby as skipper, in a new boat. DIGET, SARLI and the new SCANDAL II will make racing eventful.

Really keen to get going are John Lee (DOT) and Dr. and Mrs. John Lindon in BLUE BELL II. David Fuller is hard at work fitting out a new hull and should make the water early in November.

The Sailing Committee for the State Championships to be held at Henley on January 28, 29 and 30, 1967, is buckling down and preliminaries are starting to fall into place. Club facilities have been completely overhauled with a new ramp, tractor and enlarged car park. Arrangements have been made, too, for safe storage of country boats and holiday accommodation is readily available at hotel, motel or caravan park within half a mile of the clubhouse.

Overnight parking for boats will be provided with a floodlit area and night watchman. The main room of the club is an ideal vantage point for following the races and will be set up to cater for family luncheons and refreshments.

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WHYALLA - Although there were only two Herons present on Opening Day (October 8) the numbers will grow. One other boat has been purchased from Cleve and four more are in varying stages of construction. We expect a fleet this season of seven boats.

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ROBE - With nine Herons in the area and another three visiting boats Robe will definitely be a good roosting spot from December 26 to January 7, 1967. All events are conducted with a real picnic atmosphere but are well-organised with junior skippers racing most mornings and open events every afternoon. Colin Heard P.O. Box 206, Naracoorte, will be pleased to hear from those contemplating the trip.

Colin is finishing off a new Botterill hull and, with Dr. Martin Huntley as crew, is preparing to make an assault on the 2nd State Championship at Henley next January.

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KANGAROO ISLAND - From being as silent as Radio Prosh, Colin Raison comes in loud and clear with news that his only other Heron mate, Brian Woolley, has purchased the champagne.

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BARMERA - Lake Bonney Season commenced on Sunday, October 9, and sailing will continue right through to April. Tom and Bob Johns with their "JONZEE" started the Herons off last year and this season we hope to commence with eight. Nice multiplication for a country club.

Mick Wright, our local Boat Builder, has helped to boost Herons. His fame has rapidly spread, and he is currently building five for Club Members in Adelaide.

Take a good skipper like Frank Mackay in a first class boat like his "WHIM" built by Mick Wright, and its a combination hard to beat, as Rex Dix in "AIGRET" and Allan Lee in "STRIFE", will sadly admit. Rex and Allan, both top Adelaide skippers, dropped in for a weekend or two at Barmera and we are sure they have gone away with much more respect for inland skippers. It was interesting to note, though, that Frank passed them all in "WHIM", but so did Rex when he swapped boats with Frank.

Bob Johns is so smug about the beautiful set of his new Quin mainsail, that he watches it all the time, instead of watching where he is going - result. the first holed hull for the year. Russell McGowan, the other Heron in the collision summed it up nicely in two words, but we can't repeat them.

Well, you City Slickers, sorry, Skippers, the challenge is always open and the sailing good on Lake Bonney at Barmera. Drop in one weekend and try us. The best time is at Easter when we hold our Regatta and the Town is in Carnival, make it a must for next year.

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PORT RIVER - This club now has 43 Herons on its register which is probably more than any other South Australian club.

Most of the folks from last year will be at it again plus quite a few "conversions".

First big outing for River boats was at the Opening Day of Port Adelaide Sailing Club. Twenty-two River Herons were attracted to the Opening which was all but blown out. Opening Days at three other metropolitan clubs on the same day were abandoned because of stiff winds.

Denis DeGilio revelled in the conditions in PILOT and romped home in front of Graham Luders (HY-PHIN) and Roger Rowe (SYLVIC).

George Robertson's new boat, JANNIE, is being looked at keenly. This boat is certain to be the subject of much wily tuning before being nominated as a candidate for Canberra. The same will apply to other River notables - among them Max Luders, Rex Dix, Ron Hoare, Harry De Gilio, John Manning and Vic Woolley.

Les Ockenden who runs his own Hartley as a rescue boat for the club had to nut out a system for getting son Greg's new Heron (PAPER TIGER) to the beach as well. A few swift, deft passes with a saw and a couple of well-directed belts with a hammer redesigned the cockpit so that PAPER TIGER now sits in it.

Ted Ellis has the satisfaction of seeing his daughter Susan, being shown the "ropes" by Don Manning.

Alf (Why-did-it-have-to-happen-to-me?) Simmons has gone back to hospital for an encore of his hernia op. last year - "shackled to the cot like a forestay to the deck." Another sailor unamused by fickle Fate is Association secretary, John Keen. John has been hobbled for about a month but, without daunt, has carried on.

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FAR WEST - Two of our Herons have left the club. MISS JAN went to Port Lincoln and the other to Adelaide. Although our numbers are reduced our competitive spirit is still high and our regular club races should provide some good tussels for line honours.

WAIT-N-C (C. Klau) a new lightweight hull has taken out the Commodore's Trophy with LA RONDE II (H. Schrimpf) runner-up.

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PORT VINCENT - We consider Herons admirably fill the gap between trainers and seniors without directly clashing with other intermediates who are out and out racing machines.

Our Herons at the moment are TRAMP (M. Hender), JUROKEKE (L. Lock) and Kevin Hage's new un-named masterpiece. We also have an Adelaide-ite. Hugh Payne, who sails SEA-SPRITE in our bay some week-ends, including the well-known Easter regatta. All Heron owners are welcome, always, to sample Port Vincent's wonderful sailing conditions.

Probably our biggest news at the moment relates to another class. The 1967/8 Australian 505 Championships will be held here.

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BRIGHTON AND SEACLIFF - In the July Newsletter a mention was given of the group-building of fifteen Herons by members of this club. This month we are able to report this project completed. The Heron fleet stands at 32 boats.

After much frantic last-minute preparation, eleven beautiful, shiny new boats were lined up on the lawn in front of the club each with a bottle of champagne standing by the bow. Somehow or other all married couples were still on speaking terms and in most cases the wives performed the honours in a short naming ceremony (of boats!)

It was blowing pretty hard when the fleet took to the water later in the day, after the season had been officially opened by the Mayor of Brighton and the Commodore had taken his position on the flagship to take the salute on the first lap of the race.

However, only 15 minutes after the starting gun the race was abandoned in deteriorating squally conditions. Apparently this did not worry a couple of Heron skippers and Pete Sievewright sailing his new KUMALE with his two young daughters saluted the Commodore and wanted to know why everyone had retired to the bar.

Now we are waiting for the real racing season to start when we can expect a good turnout each week.

With most skippers new to the class it is difficult to forecast who will be out in front but it is probable that such old hands as Pete Sievewright, Jim Hall, Less Brown and Jim Glazebrook will be fighting it out. On the other hand there may be a few dark horses among the newcomers.

Of one thing we can be sure we will have a good season with the goodwill which has grown up during the building project evident on and off the water during the season.

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LARGS - Arnie Deed won the S.A.Y.R.A. Regatta in his new boat SHERYL.

In common with some other Gulf clubs, unfortunately. Largs Opening Day was blown out.

Syd O'Halloran with more stainless steel than Dame Pattie on his new boat THESEUS managed to lead the sailpast in proper Heron fashion, but Ross Knapman found a spruce mast too light in 40 knot winds (and is furiously working on Oregon).

Peter Thompson, the late Sharpie hand, is sailing Doug Hogg's new boat while Doug continues in his lightweight Sharpie.

Peter Simmons and crewman Mark Alderman had plenty of practice at what they know how to do best - that is, ditch.

There is an interesting and colourful argument in the Wilson family as to who will make the better skipper of their new boat - father or son?

Among old sailors returning to the fold in new Herons are Jack Wilson, Keith Cosh, Neil Wilson, Herb Klaffer, Bill Zinnack and Graham Welch.

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SOMERTON - After the Major of Brighton had opened the season on October 22 the Mayoress christened five new Herons. Eleven Herons flew into the water on a glorious day with a steady 8-knot breeze. An exciting race with only 32 seconds between first and third was won by newcomer, Graham Luders. He will take some beating.

Arthur Braddock surprised with an equal fourth with Chris. (Ramrod) Gloyne who proved that safety rails are not necessary on a Heron. Now we know Chris can drive a Heron as well as a jeep.

We are fortunate at Somerton to have Ivor Smith, a professional boat-builder as a keen Heroner. His advice on construction and racing is greatly appreciated.

Tuition classes are planned throughout the season. These will be on Sunday mornings under the guidance of Peter Remilton.

Plans are well under way for a new building to double the size of the existing clubhouse.

Four more Herons are nearly completed and, by Christmas, it is expected that we will have at least 20 Herons - an ideal size for a Heron fleet but we will be glad to give any information to all Heron owners interested in joining us at Somerton.

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GRANGE - The Grange Sailing Club's First Annual Winter Championship series concluded with a Picnic Day on Sunday, October 2. The final race of the series turned into a real 'picnic' when a 35 knot line squall swept in from the south and flattened all but one of the fleet. The only boat to reach the beach under its own power was NICKY, sailed by an up-and-coming yachtsman, John Elsegood, who came out as the winner of this first winter venture.

Overall, the series was an outstanding success with an average fleet of 50 boats (representing five classes) taking to the water each Sunday. Most races were sailed in light breezes and experience gained during the winter will give new-comers a lift.

That old salt of Sharpie fame, Arnie Deed, started in the second to last heat and showed all other competitors his transom from start to finish. If he continues to sail in this manner we might yet have a chance to grab the Silver Heron! Results for the winter series were; NICKY, J. Elsegood, CHUM, T. Foster and VAGABOND. J. O'Shea.

The committee of the Club would like to thank all winter supporters and advise that next year the series will start at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday, August 6th, 1967. (Don't say you weren't warned!)

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The Hon. General Secretary gets many a letter which says, "I want to build a Heron" (and very little more!) Occasionally a fresh wind blows in this was one such:-

"Dear Sir,

Being a dintinction student of the history and philosophy of science, and a trainee librarian to boot, one would almost say that I was bookish. Be this as it may, it occurred to me last year that I was nineteen summers, and now as many winters, old, and had not yet set foot onto a sailing craft. I wish to, I have considered building one, but feel I am not as well versed as I might be in the art. The only one that seems suited to my meagre talents are the "simple" dinghies - "Mirror", "Sabot", "Manly Junior", etc. However, I am a fast learner, if not physically. (I am 5'5" and weigh 9 stone.)

Your "Heron", though, appears the exact type I am looking for - it LOOKS like a yacht. I was perusing a "Seacraft" mag., January '66 vintage, when I looked closely at the print under the picutre of the "National Heron", and saw that you are capable of supplying information on this class.

Sir, I would like some.

Yours Sincerely," oc2

## *PERSONALIA*

ALBERT CAAN - lately owner of 4818 - CAAN TIKI writes from "Topeka", Camp End Road, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey, — to say that he is resigning from the Association but sends his best wishes to former Club mates at Woollahra and to all old friends in the Association.

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It was with a touch of regret that we struck the name MISS JANE HERON off the register last week, but we are very pleased to see that MRS. JANE STEVENSON will still own PLEIONE. Congratulations on your choice, Mr. Stevenson and best of fortune to you both.

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The veteran JIM WALTERS has been forced to restrict his activities afloat in ANNABELLE. Jim is well known in the metropolitan Queensland scene, where he has done an immense amount of behind the scenes work rounding up prospective Heron owners and preaching the Heron message. Thanks Jim - hope to have you back at full strength soon.

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Dear Mr. Youll,

I would like to express through you, my appreciation of the recent decision of the Australian Heron Sailing Association in appointing me Honorary Life Member.

You can be assured that I value this honour very highly and will do my very best to further the interests of the Association at all times.

With kind regards,

L. A. NANGLE

7 Warne Street,
Eaglemont, N.22

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Shortly after the September issue of HERON NEWSLETTER hit the streets, Life Member, Stephen Dearnly, rang the Editor and began burbling about "how good it was to see the SEX boat on the cover" of that issue.

Having racked his brains for sometime and concluded that there just hadn't been anything like that aboard BROLGA the Editor remained quite puzzled until the following letter arrived.

Dear Bill,

11 Upper Cliff Rd.
NORTHWOOD.

It gave me quite a jolt when the September Newsletter arrived in the post to-day to see Brolga again on the front cover. I think that if her forward hand had known then what lay ahead of him in the next few years when he would be developing Australia's largest National class sailing dinghy he would not have been smiling so broadly!

It is a great honour that the name of this veteran Heron should be perpetuated in the Brolga Plate to be presented to the U.K. Heron Association and I would like to express my deep appreciation of the tribute which the Y.W.H.S.A. of A. is paying both to Brolga and its former master.

As this seems as good a time as any to turn up some of the early photographs I am enclosing a few old snaps which you may like to have for the archives as well as the original SEACRAFT article which started all the trouble.

Also enclosed is a small cheque towards the cost of the Brolga trophy.

Yours,

STEPHEN DEARNLEY

Apparently for "SEX" one reads "SECS'" and thanks for the Donation, Stephen.

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Balmoral Skipper Ian Spies takes the Hard Cheese Award - Saturday night, dinner in Melbourne up early (5.00 am) - Jet to Mascot - low flying through the city - rig in a rush - to the starting line - away first - well in front then STRAIGHT OVER THE FIRST MARK!

Still, it leaves the Championship Series open a while longer.

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## N.S.W. CLUB REPORTS

BALMORAL SAILING CLUB 1966-67 Season started on the 11th September, but club activities got under way three weeks earlier with a most successful prize giving dance at the North Sydney Police Boys Club. About 300 members and friends attended with youngsters and oldsters alike letting their hair down. This was our first dance on a large scale but I am sure it will not be the last.

Prizes awarded for the 1965-66 Season included:

Club Championship.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 5620 | Narrabeen | - Eric Quarford |
| 2nd | 5188 | Tempo | - Bob Locke |
| 3rd | 4666 | Scallywag | - Anne Darling |

Annual Point Score

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 4666 | Scallywag | - Anne Darling |
| 2nd | 5188 | Temp | - Bob Locke |
| 3rd | 4143 | Kuma | - Pat Lawson |

Winter Shampionship

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 5505 | Crafty | - Ian Spies |

Winter Point Score

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| 1st | 4666 | Scallywag | - Anne Darling |
| 2nd | 5505 | Crafty | - Ian Spies |
| 3rd | 4143 | Kuma | - Pat Lawson |

This season has seen many changes. Several well known members have moved into other activities. Twelve new skippers and their boats have appeared.

This scribe has sailed from many parts of Sydney Harbour and surrounding areas over the past twelve months and has commented to our members how fortunate we are with our facilities at Balmoral the sandy beach, trees, grass, parking, shops and a clear and interesting course to sail. We warmly welcome visitors from other clubs to our Sunday races. The gun goes at 10.50 a.m. Please avoid November 20th, December 18th and January 15th, heats in our club championships.

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The new season has brought with it a number of new boats and crews to LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB. Our average number of starters has jumped from last seasons 12 to nearer 20 already. These numbers will improve as the weather warms up. Ron Brown is being constantly bombared with enquiries regarding the group, so our future looks rosy.

Among newcomers are "Hot Toddy" (Darryl McKinnon) and "Arrana" (Machael De Fina & R. Hodges) in the junior division and "Leo" now sailed by Ray & Adrian Kiely (another light-weight father - son combination) and "September" (Lance Flood) in the seniors.

At the first heat of the Club Championship, a number of skippers were seen to break out in a cold sweat when a black hulled, red jibbed Heron appeared at the starting line. However, it was not Bob and Margaret Pollock out to take out trophy home, but Jill Toohey and Judy Alexander from Woollahra, sailing Bob's former boat, now renamed "Kulani".

The girls did very well too, leading us all to the first windward buoy. but luckily for the locals, they were not sure of the course and dropped back to fourth at the finish. Still it was a very good effort on their part and we at the club were very pleased to see visitors taking part.

Darryl Mannix has a new lightweight crew in young Bruce Watts and the combination is really making "Pyrrhic" fly.

"Pyrrhic" gained first and fastest time in the first two point-score races and easily won the monthly point-score decided over three heats.

Second in the point score was "Dorian" sailed by father and son combination Charlie and David Fisher, with the popular Morley's John and Ollie sailing "Hilde" into third position.

The junior division results were "Sasha" - Terry Carruthers & M. Basic 1st; "Graken" - Geoff and Karen Watson, 2nd; and "Greste" - Stephen Brown and Annette Haining, 3rd.

Results for the first heat of the Championship were:-

Seniors

1. "Tinkerbell Too" - Clarrie & Peter Ferguson.
2. "Pyrrhic" - Darryl Mannix & Bruce Watts.
3. "September" - John Hookway & Lance Flood.

Juniors

1. "Naik" - Neil and Ian Kelso.
2. "Sasha" - Terry Carruthers & Mark Basic
3. "Greste" - Stephen Brown & Annette Haining

Lake sailing this year will include more "3 up" races for seniors. Four of these races in the programme will allow more scope for family sailing and the introduction of "new chums" to Heron racing Judging from the comments made after the first of these events, which was won by "Dorian", these races will be very popular.

Although we will not be able to make our annual trip to the Gosford area this year because of a clash of the Toukley regatta with a heat of our own club championship, a number of families are showing keen interest in renewing acquaintances with other "Heroners" at the Australian Championships in January At the moment three boats have entered for this event, but hopes are high of convincing others to make the trip also.

## CONCORD-RYDE CLUB SAYS, "HELP YOURSELF"

How's your club membership?

If you are like most clubs you will always be looking out for new members.

With extensions to the Clubhouse planned, CONCORD-RYDE SAILING CLUB Officials felt that a determined effort to increase membership was warranted.

What was needed? - Advertising.

The best form of Advertising . - Offer something free.

What can a sailing club offer free? - Why, sailing of course!

And that is what they did offer!

With the help of the local and daily press, together with on-site notices, the Club invited all and sundry to come for a sail on a recent Saturday morning. A fleet of Herons and Manly Juniors was kept busy in excellent weather, taking small boys, their sisters and their fathers, out on the water. A couple of VJ's and Skates catered for the more venturesome. No one was tipped into the River and great interest was shown. The only near incident occurred when one Heron skipper was taking a young lady for a sail. She sought his advice on a suitable type of boat. He suggested that the Manly Junior was an excellent training boat (traitor!) and that she could race one until she was sixteen. "But I am sixteen!", the indignant young lady replied.

In spite of this the morning was a definite success, particularly in view of the little effort involved. While the Club's Heron fleet is building up steadily, there is still room for more. Any prospective members or even those just interested in taking part in a race are most welcome to join in

**ALONGSIDE RYDE BRIDGE ANY SATURDAY AFTERNOON FOR A 2.30 START.**

The DOUBLE BAY SAILING CLUB have formed a Heron Division and will be pleased to enrol more members. At the present time at least 12 Herons sail with the club and several more are in the offing

The Clubhouse still has rack space available but intending members are requested to make early application. Good courses are laid in the vicinity of the Club and excellent competition will be available.

Interested Heron Owners should contact Ron Gibson on 36-1018 for complete details of Subscriptions, Sailing Programmes.

LAKE BURRENDONG SAILING CLUB can now lay a three mile triangular course, which is nothing to what they will be able to do on the full lake (which will be bigger than Sydney Harbour )

Sydney visitor Dick Sleeman (Cronulla) reports a greying handicapper sorting out handicaps for a fleet of over 40 ranging from Herons to Catamarans.

Wellington member Bob Laurence reports eight Herons for the beginning of the Season.

Fifteen Herons chased Point Score honours in PORT HACKING OPEN SAILING CLUB's Winter Series. Final placings: MISTAKE, NANDOR and JENNY LIND.

Warmer weather is expected to attract 30 or more of the 35 registered boats to Sunday's starting lines.

Club Championships are well under way; KALLOO II (Keith Ross) just gained the upper hand on MERRY WEATHER (Alex Bently) in Heat 1 (a light weather duel). In Heat 2 the order was MISTAKE, LU LU BELLE, KALLOO II.

Last Season's limit boats (especially the all girl crewed KALEENA and VIT) have made exceptional progress.

Heron owners interested in racing under ideal conditions are welcome at PORT HACKING OPEN - Contact Keith Ross, 4 Graham Avenue, Miranda (524-4129) for further details.

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CRONULLA SAILING CLUB held a short pre-season course of practical sailing instruction for the new and limit boats in our fleet. The crews who attended all appear to have benefitted.

Our measurer is still shaking his head in puzzlement after weighing in R. Paul's "OLIO" at 126 lbs. or so. Don't know where he saved the weight, it looks quite normal.

Paul Hopkins. Jim Cook and new skipper Stan Wymer have launched new boats. Jack Miller has bought Ken Dane's "GILLIAN" and is as happy as a dog with two tails. Dave Yates has stiffened his mast and last Sunday in light airs cleared out to a good win from a scratch start.

Commodore Neville Fulthorpe takes a front seat in alternate races and if young Greg, who skippers on these occasions, keeps going at the same rate, Neville may have to give up his position to a lighter forward hand. Bill Stafford is impatiently awaiting a new set of sails. Ian Cull is always with the leaders.

Our team's success in the first round of the Jax Trophy augurs well for February's second half.

A recent film night showed two 16 mm films lent by a firm of soft drink manufacturers, (S-s-s-sch - no free plugs). The first reel was an elementary course of sailing instruction and the second, a comprehensive practical demonstration of the sailing rules, had more impact in its 30 minutes of film than a full night of lecturing.

Cronulla Sailing Club's Invitation Race is on November 27. Entries close with the Club Secretary P.O. Box 86, Cronulla, on November 15, 1966. Trophies to be raced for are the Port Hacking Championship on scratch and the Cronulla Cup trophies for 1st; 2nd and 3rd. on handicap.

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EUCUMBENE SAILING CLUB's August-September Newsletter - 14 quarto pages of it - is a model for other clubs to follow. We suspect that, without a great deal of winter sailing this may be the issue for the year; The Club's programme for the less cold weather will give little time to the Club's scribe for writing - if he wants to sail. Herons are well represented by these stalwarts.

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WESTERN SUBURBS AMATEUR SAILING CLUB's 1965-66 Season rates "successful", especially since all members have remained. Reinforced with several new boats this season promises to be even better.

As did many other clubs we too ran a short winter season. Though hampered a little by inclement weather the winter series was rated a success and is included on 1966-67 Season's Programme.

The roundup of Trophy winners for 1965-66 Season is

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opening Day | | Zenith | C. Grimwood. |
| Championship | 1st | Zenith | C. Grimwood |
| | 2nd | Puppet | W. Douglass |
| | 3rd | Toz | C.A. Bull |
| Points Score | 1st | Zenith | C. Grimwood |
| | 2nd | Toz | C.A. Bull |
| | 3rd | Enjay | C.H. Bull |
| Marathon | | Keighlian | G. Dewsnap |

Trophy Races Enjay C.H. Bull.

Training for the 1966-67 Season has been in progress for some time with mixed results. One skipper while out "training" a young son became aware of an uncanny silence from his crew - on investigation he found the crew fast asleep!

Our Invitation Day Regatta is on the 22nd January 1967. We extend this invitation to all who can participate and promise to do our part in making your day on our river enjoyable.

## *N.S.W. REGATTA REPORTS*

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON OPENING DAY on 10th September, attracted a surprisingly (and disappointingly) small fleet of twelve Herons which sailed the Squadron - Athol - Rose Bay course a flooding tide in a very light easterly. Your scribe's new forward hand summed it up nicely; the conversation at the Squadron at the Squadron rounding mark the first time went like this:-

Forwardhand: "Where do we go now?"
Skipper: "The same triangle again."
Forwardhand: (after a pause of thirty seconds and con exprezzione) "Oh, No!"

Patience rewarded SLIPSTREAM sailed by Frank Allen of Balmoral with fastest time and the handicap placings went to KULANI, Jill Toohey of Woollahra, SLIPSTREAM, and KUMA, Pat Lawson of Balmoral in the third place.

NOWRA HERON WEEKEND, held, as is customary, over the October long weekend produced the usual satisfactory result of good sailing and conviviality.

Saturday afternoon saw Councillor Ryan extending a warm welcome to the 50 visitors and local skippers and later starting the Heron race. Maybe he wasn't responsible for the wind backing from SW to SE and increasing to 20 knots at the three minutes flag, but it did. Quite a start - and a good sail on the River. Fastest time was Ian Spies (CRAFTY) of Balmoral, with Charles Grimwood (ZENITH) Western Suburbs and Frank Allen (SLIPSTREAM) Balmoral in the placings.

Sunday on Jervis Bay went to the patient ones - particularly in the afternoon when a heavy thunderstorm passing to the north provided a purple backdrop to an all but becalmed fleet. The only sound was the steady munching of fingernails, for most N.S.W. skippers are a little touchy about squalls after the 1966 N.S.W. Championship weekend.

The morning race saw Ian Spies in first with Bruce Mackie (MITGARDE) Woollahra and Bill Youll (ANEMONE) Middle Harbour 10 and 15 seconds away. In the afternoon it was much the same, Ian Spier, Bruce Mackie but local man Don Ray (FIESTA) from Nowra Club was in the minor place.

The Barbecue at Bert Wrights went to plan and the first spots of what turned out to be a real thunderstorm didn't fall until nearly 7 pm (by which time most of the food had been eaten).

Monday brought in a fresh, gusty, cold straight-down-the-river westerly. Only eight of the fleet took to the water. Even John Shipton - our first life member to sail in a N.S.W. Regatta - came ashore after several runs across the river having decided not to take the 50-50 CHANCE ("Everything was creaking, and it's not my boat", quoth John) on the River.

Only boats to finish were: George Early (MISCHIEF) Connels Point, Josh Woolfson (POGO) Balmoral, and John Burns (BERNADINE) Koonawarra Bay

The wind won on Monday afternoon - no racing!

The Association's Pincnic Formula (only one dip into the cookie jar) spread the mementos of a first rate weekend round the fleet in a satisfactory manner and all the visitors went home with the thought; "Nowra did it <u>again</u>."

CONCORD- RYDE INVITATION REGATTA on October 22, 1966 was sailed in an unpredicted and unpredictable moderate easterly. This came in just in time to prevent the fleet disappearing upstream on the flooding tide, but turned the set south easterly course into a soldiers one. ZENITH, (Charles Grimwood) led the way - all the way. ANEMONE (Bill Youll) was lucky to catch RUFUS (Chris Lloyd Owen) at the second last mark and hold her for second. Handicap results were GREGALE (J. Brislee) with ZENITH and ANEMONE in the minor placings.

## YET ANOTHER CLUB SPONSORS HERONS

Jack Pont of 12 Peters St., Mareeba, North Queensland writes:

"With reference to the list of Clubs in the July Newsletter, please add TINAROO SAILING CLUB, to the Queensland list. Unfortunately, races are not yet regularly organized for Herons within the Club - there are only two of us - but perhaps during this summer we may get organized."

and from literally the other end of the continent, W.W. Young of "Fairlands", Woodanilling, W.A. writes:

"You ask what is the area of Lake Queeriarup. It is about 900 acres in size and is one of a chain of lakes, Lake Norring is another and the biggest is Lake Dumbleyung where Malcom Campbell established his world water speed record. We are about midway between Perth & Albany, 120 miles from Albany and 150 miles from Perth and almost in a straight line between. Mine is the only Heron, and at present there are no certain owners in the future although it is a possiblity there could be some.

Our lake was selected for its natural sandy beach with shady trees, but in some years it becomes too shallow for sailing, although this year and the past two have had good depth of water. We have about 15 boats in the sailing section besides ski boats. Ours is the only club near here sponsoring yachting probably because power boat operation is more easily acquired by people reared so far from the sea. There are several ski clubs at Norring and Dumbleyung lakes.

I sail occasionally with the Perth Herons and last summer sailed at Albany, where I flatter myself, my boat's performance assisted in the greatly increased interest in Herons there, where the number has soared from one boat to possibly seven boats this coming summer. I hope to take part in the State Championship series, to be held there this coming January.

Would you please add QUEERIARUP CLUB to your list of clubs sponsoring Herons? We will probably invite other Herons to take part in our regatta on November 13 this year.

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## *COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT*

(Mr. Findlay to note!)

87 Pacific Avenue,
Penshurst.

18th October, 1966.

Dear Mr. Youll,

Do you think you will be abllle to tallk the Englllish Association into spellllling Connel's Pt. correctlly this year?

Yours sincerelly,

Ron Handley.

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## SEASONS GREETINGS

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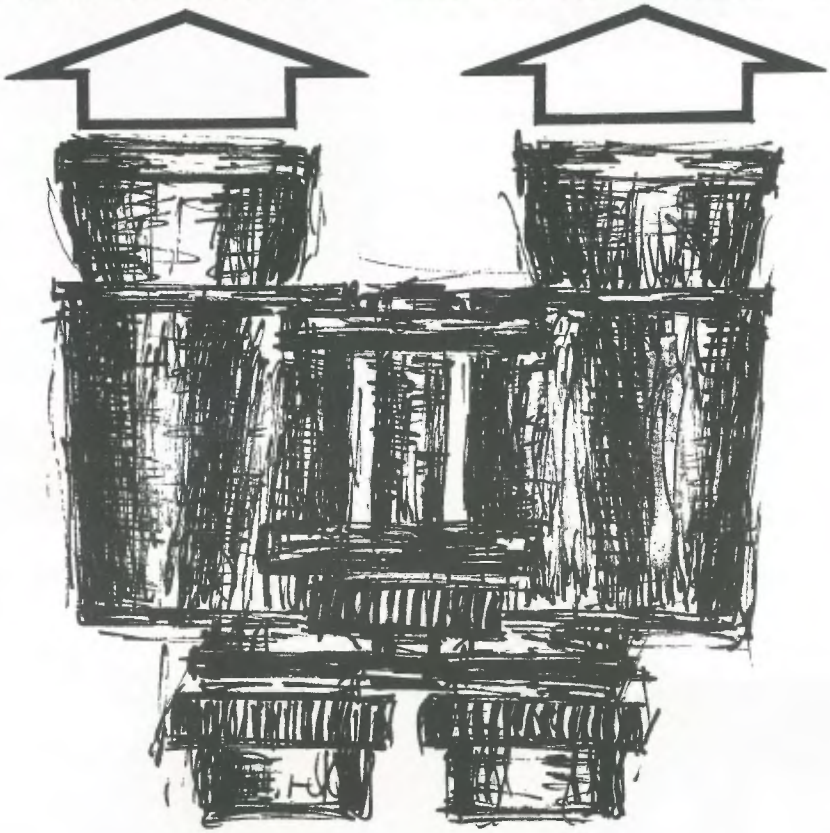

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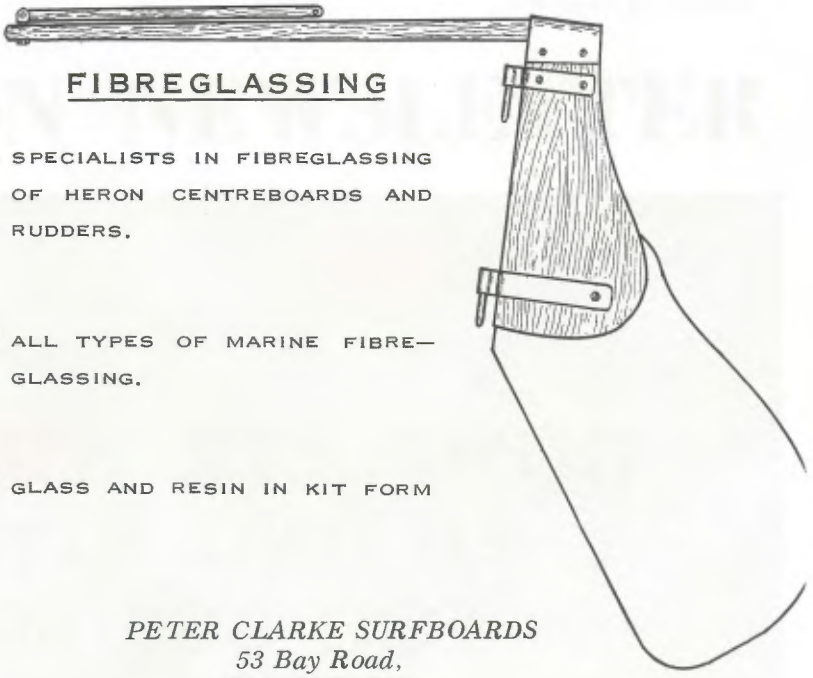

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