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Newsletter of the
Couta Boat Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Refer to Annual General Report.

RACE PROGRAMME

Don't forget... the first race for the 1983/84 Couta Boat Club Aggregate is

PORT MELBOURNE LAGOON FISHING BOAT REGATTA SUNDAY OCTOBER 30, 1983 AT

PORT MELBOURNE YACHT CLUB STARTING TIME 1430 HOURS.

Entry forms for the PETERSVILLE SERIES, FIRST RACE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 1983 AT 1100 HOURS are available now. Give the organisers and the Sorrento Sailing Club a break - ENTER NOW!

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Write it on the wall - mark it in your diary - stamp it in your memory - tie a knot in something - what ever you do, don't forget the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday October 20, 1983

TIME: 8.00 p.m.

LOCATION: Port Melbourne Yacht Club.

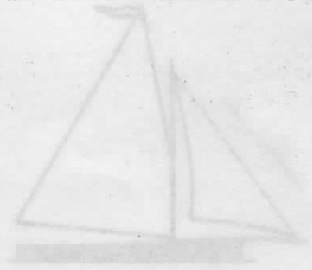
The Agenda is as previously advised. Please remember that we hope to keep Club business as brief as is reasonable to allow adequate time for our two guest speakers -

COL ANDERSON - Managing Director, Hood Sails, Melbourne.

Col will talk on sail trim with emphasis on the use of tufts, the setting of hoodsails and mains etc. etc. All of Col's talk will help you sail faster, more efficiently and get more enjoyment out of your Couta Boat or Invitation Boat.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

WILL BAILLIEU - Owner/Builder of Hero. Grinder on Australia 11. Will really needs no introduction. Here is your chance to hear about the America's Cup from the point of view of a crew member. Will won't give a tack by tack, gybe by gybe description of each - a zillion words have been written from that angle already! Will shall present a unique insight into new training and preparation, crew motivation, the challenge planning and organisation etc. This is your chance to hear first hand the story of the America's Cup victory first hand.



NEWS ON BOATS, NEW OWNERS

This winter has seen quite a lot of activity and growth in the Couta Boat Club.

LUCY - WARWICK LEEMING

A 22' Lacco - was the first boat built by Ken Lacco when the family returned to Rosebud in 1930. Ken owned and fished out of her for a short time before selling her to another owner. Lucy was rebuilt by Tim Phillips during the winter - to see the transformation from an apparent wreck to the lovely boat she is now had to be witnessed to be believed!

AMANDA - TIM PHILLIPS

A 23' Lacco. Not one for wasting time, Tim completed Lucy and started immediately on the restoration of Amanda for himself. Work completed so far has included the installation of a new keel, re-fastening the hull and new floors. Work on the deck is currently under way. Amanda was originally built for Bill McCombe who at one time was owner of Puritan, a 30' Jones Couta Boat.

OTHER SNIPPETS OF NEWS

Finally from Port Melbourne we hear news of a newly restored double ender. Doug Beazley will also tell you of the Fisheries and Games Inspector he happened to meet (!!!) who has a nice 21' Lacco over Williamstown way.

Danny Foley, winner of last seasons re-sailed Portsea Race in Sea Whyf, has secured a 26 footer from South Australia.

ALICIA - JOHN HARRIS

A very nice looking 24' Peter Locke boat recently retrieved from South Australia. This will be Tim's next project after Amanda. Work will include such relatively minor tasks as removal of the cabin (by chain saw or calf dozer), installation of plate case, coasing, new psars etc.

(NO NAME) - RICK LANSELL

Rick has secured a Cayer built 25 footer similiar to Alicia. Restoration will include a new laid deck, plate case, spars etc.

OLD EXISTING BOATS, NEW OWNERS

During the winter several boats changed hands -

SURPRISE	new owner	IAN STURZAKER
WATTLE	new owner	PRESIDENT MARCUS
COLLEEN	new owner	JAMIE SPENCER
SALLY	new owner	DAVID BAILLIEU

We hear thet Charlie Strong may have a buyer waiting in the wings for JULIE.

NEW OWNERS WANTING BOATS

There are several people looking for Couta Boats at the moment. Among them is Andrew Bisset, who is looking for a hull of around 22' to restore or a fully or partially restored boat. Andrew can be contacted on 240 1666 (bus.)

OTHER NEWS

The yard at Sandringham Yacht Club began to resemble Delganey Avenue with Minerva, Helen, Wattle, Victory and Hero all hauled out for a refit over the past few weeks.

Chris Young is about to launch his 38' William Aitken "Ingrid" design at Mornington. Target date for the launching is October 20.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yes it is that time of the year. Membership must be renewed no later than October 31. Remember you must be a financial member to participate in the Annual General Meeting (renewals will be accepted on the night.)

The good news is there will be no increase in subscriptions for 1983/84.

Remember -

- * you are a member of one of the really unique sailing/boating Clubs
- * there are no race entry fees
- * you receive regular newsletters
- * you get to have more fun by participating

A membership renewal form is enclosed - more available on request for new members.

SAFETY - HAVE YOU GIVEN IT A MOMENTS THOUGHT ??

We hope that you all have given the subject more than a moments thought.

If not consider this -

Owner's Responsibility

The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know

where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of these special regulations, their use by sponsoring organisations, nor the inspection of a yacht under these regulations in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.

It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue to race."

The above is extracted from the A.Y.F. Safety Regulations - Part 2 - Keel Type or Ballasted Yachts Racing during daylight hours in other than Ocean Races.

Category A of these regulations i.e. for races conducted on sheltered, enclosed waters shall be adopted by the Couta Boat Club for season 83/84.

These regulations are printed in the "Blue Book" - the A.Y.F. 1981 - 1985 Yacht Racing Rules. The Club has available a typed extract from this book on request. Either way you are urged to obtain a copy, study the relevant section/category and equip your boat accordingly.

The demands of the regulations are not onerous, they are not excessive. They are sensible. They cover such basic requirements as

- fuel line installation
- fire extinguisher
- buckets and lanyard
- anchor, chain and warp
- torch
- first aid kit
- life jackets
- hull identification

Enclosed with this newsletter please find two copies of a Safety Equipment Declaration. Please complete and return one copy to the Hon. Secretary, Couta Boat Club.

A master list will be prepared and forwarded to the V.Y.C. which then qualifies all boats on the list to race at any recognised Club.

Please note:

The State Motor Boating (General) Regulations apply to all boats, (power, sail, even Club rescue boats) in all Victorian waters. A booklet is available from the Government Printer and is recommended reading.

Owners are also reminded of Port Rule 62B which requires small vessels, in all circumstances, to keep out of the way of any vessel of 500 tons or more and of any tug or launch assisting the movement, berthing or unberthing of any vessel of 500 tons or more. This rule applies to Victorian Proclaimed Ports and includes the waters of Port Phillip and Westernport.

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Owners are reminded:

- do not anchor in shipping channels.
- when in close promimity to a ship do not cross ahead of it.

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Dear Marcus,

I received your letter of notification of life membership with much pleasure. With my interest in couta boats, I hope to use this honour by attending some of your race meetings and meeting other members throughout the season.

Yours faithfully,

Harry Clark.

Dear Marcus,

Many thanks to the boys and your good self in sending a life membership of your Couta Boat Club. I will treasure that ticket as I think it a most wonderful thought of you all. It brings back many memories to me as I was belting in and out of the Rip for over 14 years. Also, many thanks for all the pamphlets regarding your Couta Boat Club. How I wish I was a few years younger, I would certainly be over there to join up with you all. I also notice in one of the pages an article about the White Wings, I know her full well, also the chap at Flinders, I did quite a lot of rescue work on her while the chap at Flinders had her as she was very sick. She was alright in smooth water but you had to nurse her in any head sea, she always thumped badly as she was very shallow under the mast and right forward. I am still lamenting over you not having my good ship. I often wish she was over there with you. She would have showed them all the way really. I will never get over it. I go down to the Daughters for a break now and again but I like getting back home again. As you can see I am a poor hand at this writing job, much better at going to sea. Hope Tim is well, give him my best. Now I wish you and the boys every success with your Club. I do appreciate your wonderful kindness in making me a member of your Club.

Kindest regards and best wishes to you all at the Club from your friend

Andy Johansen

ENCLOSURES

- * MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
- * SAFETY DECLARATION