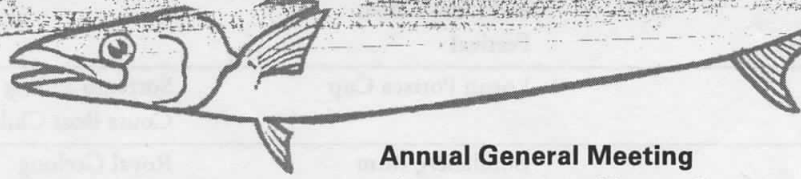


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Committee Changes

There have been several changes to the Committee of the CBA in recent times.

Vice President Jeffrey Richardson has resigned due to increased business pressure and other reasons. We are delighted to confirm that Nigel Abbott ('Whisper', Sorrento/Mordialloc) has agreed to take over from Jeffrey.

Honorary Secretary John Dixon has retired from the Committee due to a relocation to Sydney. We are very pleased to confirm that Steve Chiodo ('Kitty Miller', Queenscliff) has agreed to step in to replace John.

We wish to place on record our sincere thanks to Jeffrey and John for their invaluable assistance to the CBA and the former Couta Boat Club. Jeffrey in particular contributed an enormous amount to the areas of race administration, handicaps and sponsorship.

We have also created the new 'position' of Registrar and are pleased to confirm that Peter Sydes ('Lincoln Rose', Sorrento) has agreed to assist. This role will encompass administration of the Master Register including the issue of registration numbers and database up-dates.

We know you will join with us in welcoming our new Committee members.

Class Regulations

The Class Regulations for Season 2002/2003 have been ratified by the Committee and are now available from the CBA.

Annual General Meeting

The Association would normally convene an Annual General Meeting once in each calendar year.

We have not done so this year because

- a) The divestment of assets to Sorrento Sailing Club as it then was occurred in November/December 2001. No subscriptions were rendered in the year ending 31 March 2002. Invoices were sent later in 2002.
- b) Our new rules provide for a transitional committee to remain in office until the AGM in 2003.

As a result there will be no business for an AGM until the close of the current year in March 2003. In due course notice will be sent for a meeting to consider Accounts and Reports for the period ending 31 March 2003.

In the meantime, if any member has an issue or suggestion they should feel free to raise it with any member of the Committee.

Grand News from Queenscliff

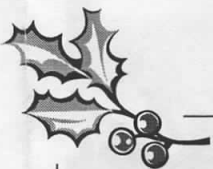
The Queenscliff Couta Boat Regatta is set to receive a major boost next year. The event will be known as the Grand Hotels Queenscliff Regatta following sponsorship from the Grand, Royal and Ozone Hotels. The longer term aim is to build the event into a two day heritage festival on the foreshore similar to the existing and very successful Queenscliff Music Festival. This initiative provides the opportunity to re-establish the historic link between Couta Boats and Queenscliff. Planning for next years event is underway and involves the Queenscliff Chapter of the CBA, the Queenscliff Maritime Museum, Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club and representatives of the sponsor hotels.

Port Fairy Prepares

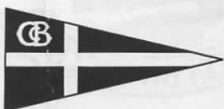
The Port Fairy Wooden and Classic Boat Association is all set to stage another successful festival next month.

The colourful parade of boats will be staged on the Moyne River at 1400 hours Wednesday 1st January, 2003. There will also be races for Couta Boats staged by the Port Fairy Yacht Club on January 4 and 5.

A wide range of other activities is planned as part of the festival. All visitors are most welcome. Enquires can be made by calling 5568 2850.



Merry Christmas and Happy Sailing in 2003 from the Couta Boat Association



Couta Boat Special Events Calendar

Date	Event	Host Club/Group	Location
28-30 December	Mazda National Titles (4 Heats)	Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	Sorrento and Capel Sound
4&5 January	Port Fairy Wooden and Classic Boat Festival	Port Fairy Yacht Club	Port Fairy
11 January	Logan Portsea Cup	Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	Portsea
25&26 January	Bundaberg Rum Festival of Sail	Royal Geelong Yacht Club	Corio Bay
1&8 March	Air International State Titles (4 Heats)	Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	Portsea and Sorrento
15&16 March	Club Marine Fishin' Boat Festival (3 Heats)	Mordialloc Sailing Club	Mordialloc
22 March	Grand Hotels Queenscliff Regatta	Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club	Queenscliff

Australian Wooden Boat Festival, Hobart

A reminder that the fifth Australian Wooden Boat Festival will take over Hobart's historic waterfront from Friday 7 to Monday 10 February 2003.

This is an event not to be missed – early travel and accommodation bookings are recommended. The official travel and booking agent for the Festival is Tasvacations

Tel: 1800 030 160
03 6234 4666

Email: reservations@tasvacations.com.au

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Former Couta Boat Club Committee Member
Sam Quigley

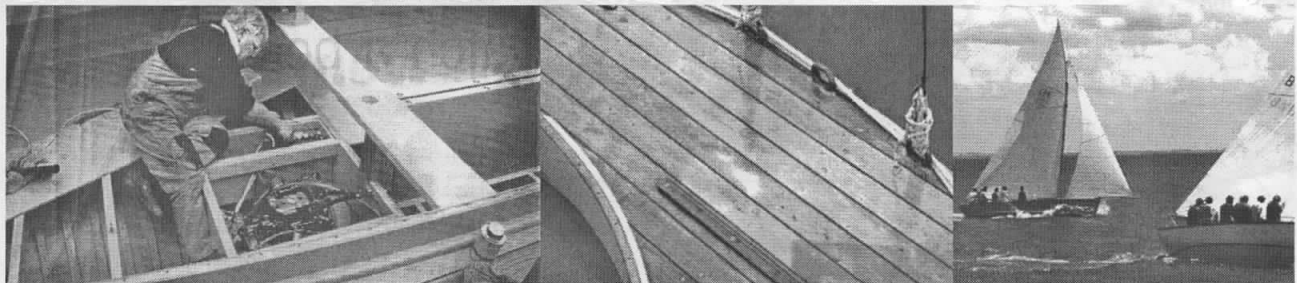
South Australian Wooden Boat Festival

This rapidly expanding and prestigious Festival will be staged at the River Port of Goolwa from March 14 to 16, 2003.

The range of activities is far too extensive to detail here – more information can be obtained from:

South Australian Wooden Boat Festival,
Box 494 Goolwa,
South Australia 5214
Ph: (08) 8555 1955
Fax: (08) 8555 3810

Email: info@woodenboatfestival.com.au
Website: www.woodenboatfestival.com.au
Once again it is necessary to book early if you plan on attending.



Transitional Committee

President: John Ross
Vice President: Nigel Abbott
Hon. Secretary: Steve Chiodo
Hon. Treasurer: To be advised
Registrar: Peter Sydes
Committee: Tim Phillips, Peter Hannah, Greg Nielsen
Delegates: Queenscliff – Greg Nielsen
Portland/Port Fairy – Roy Jennings
Sydney – Mick Morris
Perth – Tony Packer

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