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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An eventful three weeks since Christmas, highlighted by the Portsea Fishing Boat Regatta run by the Couta Boat Club, has also seen the RIP launched and a striking turnout of boats for the remarkable Petersville Series.

Our thanks to the Sorrento Sailing Club for running the Couta Boat Invitation Race so smoothly and efficiently, leading to an enjoyable conclusion for the participants to the delight of the organisers.

No one will have missed the extent of the media publicity that surrounded the various races, particularly, the Portsea Regatta, and the coverage given to our boats and their skippers and crew. On a serious note, it should be brought home that the publicity was initiated and secured by the Couta Boat Club in advance, namely with the excellent Press Releases prepared and targeted by John Ross, plus the follow-up reminders on the last working days before races/events.

The media contacts have been in the past, and will be in the future, further cultivated by the Club on your behalf. Please do not misinterpret the opportunity to speak to the Press, nor mis-use the image of the traditional Couta Boat, not to mention the loyalty you owe to the Boat Club that provided you with the opportunity to make comment. I believe the type of publicity we require is immediately at hand in the result of the Petersville Series. Our oldest (and dearest ?) boat and maybe our best, 'SURPRISE' (Ian Sturzaker), built in 1914, took out the honours. Most of us know the details and history behind this exemplary craft. What a great follow-up story to the now Premier Victorian Yachting event this win provides

We look forward to seeing you all again on Saturday next for the "CRUISE IN STYLE" to Mornington for the Coonemara Cup and the Williamstown Cup (at Mornington) on Sunday. This event should prove to be a great gathering of the boats at different ports and with plenty of moorings and lots of plans to maximise your enjoyment. I urge you to join in what promises to be a great visit.

## HANDICAPS

The Couta Boat handicaps are constantly reviewed to give all boats an opportunity to win. Alice, as an example, was first on handicap in the 2nd Petersville Race and subsequently had her handicap marginally adjusted. She still would have won on her new handicap. Congratulations to the Kimpton Family.

Skippers take note, sail the course straight and you could win too!

## PETERSVILLE SERIES

This year's Petersville Series has been an even greater success than last year's, and many thanks are due to Warwick Hoban for his continuing efforts in organising and managing this event.

The Couta Boat Club has been well represented in all races and it is interesting and pleasing to note that the winners in this year's Series are all restored "old" boats.

Surprise, magnificently rebuilt and consistently sailed by Ian Sturzaker, won from Pearl sailed by Dugga Beazley and Regina sailed by Martin Ryan.

The results of Petersville Race 2:-

Over the Line:

1st - SALLY

2nd - KATE

3rd - PEARL

Handicap:

1st - ALICE

2nd - KATE

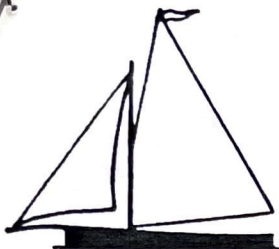
3rd - SURPRISE

The results of Petersville Race 3:

Over the Line and Handicap: 1st - SALLY

2nd - RIP

3rd - KATE



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## COONEMARA CUP CRUISE - SATURDAY, 25TH JANUARY

The Coonemara Cup Cruise/Sternchaser from Portsea to Mornington to be held on Saturday, 25th January. Similarly handicapped boats will be starting in groups for this cruise in style event.

The Cup will be awarded to the best "CRUISE IN STYLE" boat.

Skippers and crews please note this is a fun event, not a race, motors are allowed and we welcome, power boats, cruisers and others to join in and make it a great day. Moorings will be available in Mornington harbour.

CRUISE RULES: COONEMARA CUP CRUISE

START: PORTSEA PIER

<u>START TIME:</u>	BOATS HANDICAPPED .8000 AND LESS	11.00 A.M.
	BOATS HANDICAPPED .9000 AND LESS	11.40 A.M.
	BOATS HANDICAPPED OVER .9000	12 NOON

COURSE: PORTSEA TO MORNINGTON VIA THE HOVELL PILE LIGHT

## SHIPPING

Attention is drawn to all participants that commercial shipping in channels has absolute right of way.

If it appears that you may obstruct shipping you must start your engine and allow the shipping clear passage. You will not be penalised for doing this.

## INDEMNITY

All those taking part in this cruise do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Couta Boat Club Inc. or any of the Officers or Members are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or for the sufficiency of its equipment. The couta Boat Club may refuse any entry. Attention is drawn to FUNDAMENTAL RULE - RESPONSIBILITY, which states:-

"It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht and skipper to decide whether or not to start or to continue to participate".

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RACE INSTRUCTIONS

WILLIAMSTOWN CUP - SUNDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1986 AT MORNINGTON

- Race Start will be at 2.05 p.m. following the Jubilees at 2.00 p.m.
- Race instructions will be available at Mornington YC on Sunday morning.
- The race briefing will be held at 12.30 p.m.

PORTSEA FISHING BOAT REGATTA - SUNDAY, 11TH JANUARY - RESULTS

Many members, and in particular, the public will be glad to hear that the 1987 Race (next year) will be run from the Pier. This year's errors of no wind and screaming ebb-tide will be overcome by shorter course legs and, if necessary, course shortening to ensure the maximum number of boats in the fleet finish.

This year's results are:

MINERVA	-	1st over the line
REGINA	-	2nd over the line
PEARL	-	3rd over the line

Handicap results are:

REGINA	-	1st
MINERVA	-	2nd
PEARL	-	3rd

SORRENTO INVITATION RACE - SATURDAY, 4TH JANUARY - RESULTS

This race was held as per the amended race schedule issued at the A.G.M. correcting the September issue of SCOOP.

The race was held in ideal conditions with the following results on handicap:-

MINERVA	-	1st
ROSE	-	2nd
SALLY	-	3rd