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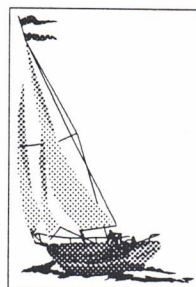
March 1997

Editorial

The sailing season is drawing to a close. Overall it has been a very successful season. We certainly have been lucky with the weather. Over the whole of the summer there have been some magnificent sailing days.

The big news about the club in the last month has been Doug Thorne's resignation as club captain.

Doug has done a wonderful job as captain over the last two seasons. He introduced a number of innovations into the sailing program including Sunday afternoon rather than morning racing. This has meant a far more relaxed Sunday for the Manners family and judging by the larger off-the-beach fleets this year others have also appreciated the opportunity for a sleep in Sunday morning after a usually late Saturday night.



Introducing some innovations into the sailing program is only one of many contributions Doug has made to the club. The work he has done with the barbecue and the shed are also worthy of special mention.

I fear sometimes we take for granted the work some individuals put into the club. We all bitch and complain on occasions when things don't go exactly as we would like. After the event we all have a tendency to be experts. The wrong course was set. The buoy was in the wrong position. The race should not have been shortened when it was.

Most have a tendency to dwell on the little things that go wrong and overlook the big things that go right. Unfortunately it is the club captain who bears the brunt of this criticism.

Doug, on behalf of us all **"Thank you for a job well done."**

For the remainder of the season John Derham and Frank Bancroft will jointly be filling the role of Club captain.

Clay Manners

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 29	IAN FREELAND TROPHY SERIES (ALL DIVISIONS)
March 29	GRAND SHED OPENING 6.00PM LASAGNA NIGHT 7.30PM
April 25	PORTSEA TO FLINDERS AND FLINDERS TO CERBERUS RACES.
May 4	WORKING BEE

14' Nationals

The 14ft skiffs' national championships were sailed on Sydney Harbour. A fleet of 43 boats contested the titles. Victorian boats dominated the regatta. The series was won by *Irwin Sails*. *Grunt* was runner up and *Susan Day* skippered by Guy Bancroft was third. Scott Bancroft in *Beam Me Up* was sixth. All of these boats have sailed at Flinders.

The Australian 14ft Sailing Council has also agreed to amalgamate with the International 14 class. This will create the opportunity for Australian boats to race internationally. There are about 350 active skiffs around the world sailing in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, UK, Japan, Germany, Denmark, Italy, France and Switzerland.

Clean Up With Ken

Astute readers of West Headings will have observed that the last edition included a notice encouraging FYC members to participate in the annual Clean Up Australia day. The fact that most members did not receive their copy of West headings until after the day was over did not appear to affect the roll up. (Is there a message here.)

Ken Lacey and Frank Bancroft were in charge of the operation and they set up headquarters in the car park near the jetty. We could tell they were in charge. They were wearing very smart red waist coats.

A small but enthusiastic band of FYC members reported for duty. It was truly amazing what was found just along the foreshore. Old tyres, hundreds of bottles and cans, a plastic bag containing rotten fish and thousands of Cadbury chocolate wrappers. Participation in events such as this certainly makes you more aware of what a messy mob we are.

Rear Commodore's Controversial Win in Labour Day series

On corrected time *Scamp*, skippered by Clay Manners, was last across the line in heat 1 and second last in heat 2 but still managed to win the Labour Day series.

This result was achieved through a combination of a generous handicap and the number of boats effectively disqualified because their skippers were rostered on patrol boat duty.

Club handicapper Brian Coleman defended *Scamp's* handicap, "he is hopeless", but questioned the validity of two race series. "With a short two race series we don't have a means of accommodating boats out because their skipper is on duty," Brian explained.

He went on to suggest that next season major series like the one held over the Labour Day weekend should comprise a minimum of 3 races.

West Headings sought the reaction of a number of prominent club identities to *Scamp's* controversial win. Rod Slater described the result as an "absolute disgrace. If the skipper had any decency he would hand the trophy back".

Comment was sought from Frank Bancroft but he was delivering a load of seaweed.

Recently retired Club captain Doug Thorne said "It would never have happened in my day!"

Commodore Darcy Smith was the only one who was prepared to provide Manners with any support. "Great little boat that" he said. Darcy was the previous owner of *Scamp*.

This win is sure to cause emotions to run high. If you have a view let other members know. Write to :

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RESULTS

Seniors

Race: Labour Day Series Heat 1

Date: 09 March 1997

Boat Name	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corr. Time	Place	Club H'cap	Corr. Time	Place
Diddy Do It	92.55	127	72.87	1	127.7	72.47	3
Crossfire	83.42	112	74.48	2	116.8	71.59	2
Tarrinaut	89.38	112	79.8	3	116.3	76.85	4
Scamp	90.25	112	80.58	4	127.4	70.84	1

Seniors

Race: Labour Day Series Heat 2

Date: 10 March 1997

Masters Ap- prentice	84.05	112	75.04	1	112.0	75.04	4
Tarrinaut	84.62	112	75.55	2	116.3	72.76	3
Flat Out	85.57	112	76.4	3	123.7	69.18	1
Scamp	90.25	112	80.58	4	127.4	70.84	2
Anka	120	123	97.6	5	123.0	97.6	5

RESULTS OF LABOUR DAY SERIES - SENIORS

VYC Yardstick

Club Handicap

Boat Name	Points	Place	Points	Place
Scamp	8	2	2.75	1
Tarrinaut	5	1	7	2
Flat Out	11	6	8.75	3
Crossfire	10	5	10	4
Diddy Do It	8.75	=3	11	5
Masters Apprentice	8.75	=3	12	6
Anka	13	7	13	7

Seniors

Race: Aggregate 9

Date: 16 March 1997

Boat Name	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corr. Time	Place	Club H'cap	Corr. Time	Place
Master's Ap- prentice	88.70	112	79.20	1	112.0	79.20	1
Diddy Do It	104.27	127	82.10	2	127.2	81.97	5
Crossfire	92.02	112	82.16	3	115.6	79.60	2
Farandole	96.30	117	82.31	4	119.3	80.72	3
Scamp	101.78	112	90.87	5	124.5	81.75	4
Anka	DNF						

Juniors**Race:** Labour Day Series Heat 1**Date:** 09 March 1997

Moozie Too	48.47	149	32.53	1	158.2	30.64	1
Oriole	48.5	149	32.55	2	157.4	30.81	2
Seayalater	51.7	149	34.7	3	165.1	31.31	4
Shearwater	52.1	149	34.97	4	166.5	31.29	3
Fiery Dolphin	55.05	149	36.95	5	162.9	33.79	5

Juniors**Race:** Labour Day Series Heat 2**Date:** 10 March 1997

Boat Name	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corr. Time	Place	Club H'cap	Corr. Time	Place
Seayalater	93.42	149	62.70	1	165.1	56.58	1
Fiery Dolphin	97.50	149	65.44	2	162.9	59.85	2
Shearwater	DNF						
Oriole	DNF						
Moozie Too	DNF						

RESULTS OF LABOUR DAY SERIES - JUNIORS

VYC Yardstick

Club Handicap

Boat Name	Points	Place	Points	Place
Seayalater	3.75	1	4.75	1
Moozie Too	6.75	2	6.75	2
Fiery Dolphin	7	3	7	3
Oriole	8	4	8	4
Shearwater	10	5	9	5

Juniors**Race:** Aggregate 7**Date:** 16 March 1997

Boat Name	Elapsed Time	Yardstick	Corr. Time	Place	Club H'cap	Corr. Time	Place
Oriole	61.77	149	41.46	1	156.5	39.47	3
Seayalater	65.12	149	43.70	2	166.5	39.11	2
Shearwater	65.53	149	43.98	3	169.5	38.66	1
Fiery Dolphin	81.08	149	54.42	4	175.5	46.20	4
Zephyr II	85.85	149	57.62	5	163.4	52.54	5

Seen Overseas

In a Bucharest Hotel Lobby:

The lift is being fixed for the next day. During the time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Paris Hotel elevator:

Please leave your values at the front desk.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant:

Our wines leave you nothing to hope

In a Yugoslavia Hotel:

The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Seniors Aggregate

Date: 16 March

Progress after 7 races (2 discards)

Boat Name	Points	Place	Points	Place
Master's Apprentice*	6.25	1	10.25	2
Diddy Do It*	7.75	2	16.25	3
Farandole	9.5	3	21	5
Crossfire	14	4	8.5	1
Scamp	24	5	17	4
Flat Out*	31.25	6	35	6
Old Dog New Trix	36	7	42	7
Jock	47	8	45	=8
Sea Vixen**	48	9	45	=8
Incognito	51	10	46.5	10
Wahoo	58	11	51	11
Anka	63	=12	63	13
Seayalater	63	=12	56	12
Chaos	68	14	68	14

Junior Aggregate

Date: 16 March

Progress after 6 races (2 discards)

Oriole*	5.5	1	11.25	3
Seayalater*	8.75	2	14.25	4
Moozie Too	13.5	3	14.75	5
Fiery Dolphin	15	4	7.5	1
Shearwater	16	=5	9.75	2
Ammonia	16	=5	16	6
Black Magic	23	7	23	8
Zephyr II	24.75	8	26	9
Flash*	26.5	9	19.75	7

* - Boats which do not compete in an Aggregate race because their skippers are on rostered race duty, or which are actively participating in State or National Class Championships, are awarded points for that race equal to their average points for races started during the series. (This figure will vary as the series progresses; the final average cannot of course be calculated until the series is completed.)

RCD Hits Flinders

If you drive quietly down the track to the clubhouse early in the morning you can hear the faint morbid cry "bring out your dead." Yes, Rabbit Calicivirus Disease (RCD) has hit the Flinders foreshore. Our neighbours, Floppsie, Moppsie, Peter and the rest of the rabbit families are in mourning.

Dead rabbits can be found all through the scrub. It remains to be seen how permanent the control will be. Rabbits which come into contact with the disease in the first few months are immune for life. Their offspring are not. The disease will not completely eliminate the rabbit population. It is likely numbers will fluctuate up and down as the disease hits, the young survive, numbers build up and the disease hits again. Conventional control techniques should be used in conjunction with RCD.

Grand Shed Opening

The Commodore and Committee of the Flinders
Y.C invite all members to a
Cocktail Party in the Shed, Easter Saturday 9th
of March at 6.00-7.30pm.

Come Celebrate the opening of our long awaited
"Great Southern Shed".

Price: Free!

Lasagna Night

Following the formalities in the shed, members
are invited to the traditional Easter Lasagna
Night in the Club House.

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Price: Adults; \$12
Children; \$6

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