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OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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11th December 1979.

BOB SAMPSON AND JOAN BONE THANK YOU.

At our Annual General Meeting when Bob did not seek re-election for the position of president of this association I thanked him on behalf of all members for his successful efforts to pull this association together just at the right time.

Few members will ever know the full extent of Bob's involvement in working hours, to help us get going.

Together, he and our Past Secretary and keen supporter Joan, have been good company, good competitors and made the game interesting.

President's Notes.

We hope to see at least six starters in many more ocean races.

(There were six in the "Iberia" race - Bob Ryding taking the honours in the Association and as overall IOR winner.)

The cruise in company to Busselton is ON with at least four starters.

This Association is hopeful of arranging teams races which should create keen interclub rivalry.

The Easter Championships will see more competitors. John Sanders will be able to compete as he is delivering Bubblegum back to the U.K.

Dick Newnham
President 1979 Season.

Some notes on our Xmas Barbeque and welcome back to Perie Banou and Bluebell:

Luck was with us weather wise and we had a beautiful evening for our Xmas barbeque.

We were very pleased that Jon Sanders and Max & Mrs Sheen were able to be with us.

Bob Sampson had done a beautiful job of the half moulds which were presented to John and Max in recognition of their exceptional seamanship in the Parmelia Race.

Joan Bone is to be congratulated on her wonderful array of salads which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was very pleasing to us all when she won two prizes in the raffle. Pat Cunningham won the other prize.

Thanks to Stan Reid and Dick Newnham we were able to watch Channel 7's repeat programme of the finish of the Parmelia race.

Everyone appears to have enjoyed the evening and according to Madam Treasurer, we made a profit.



Congratulations to Peter and Maureen Quatermaine on the launching of "Anjoue"

Secretary's Notes.

Firstly I would like to apologise for my first assignment as secretary, the BBQ notice..... wrong day wrong place what more could be wrong! I'll try to improve.

Should members wish to contact president Dick Newnham he can be found at 10 Lalor St, Scarborough ph. 3413380 or myself Sue Greenham at 26 Brighton St Cottlesloe ph 3848210.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE ... HAVE YOU PAID YOUR \$57..... PLEASE PAY MARY WALKER 103 Princess Rd Doubleview.

COMING EVENTS

The cruise to Busselton is on! January 2nd - 7th.

Boats will be meeting at Success Harbour for a 10am start. It is expected to anchor at Parker point or Warnborough depending on conditions.

Daybreak start to Bunbury - mooring at the Koombana Bay Yacht Club. An 8am start is proposed on the following day to Busselton anchoring at the Geographe Bay Yacht club.

It is hoped to have at least one leg of the return journey as an overnight sail, returning on the 6th or 7th of January.

There are four starters if you are interested please contact Dick Newnham for further details.

Teams race almost certainly on the 20th January.... we hope to have teams from Royal Perth, Fremantle, v The Rest. More in the next newsletter.

FOR SALE SECTION

Two single turning blocks, two single ball valves. Ring Dick Newnham 3413380.

Wanted Section

If there is something you want in the sailing line please lodge your ads with Dick or Sue.



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As the Founding President of the S & S 34 Association, I am sure you will all appreciate there is a certain amount of sadness in handing over office to the incoming President and Committee and I guess the time is opportune to comment on the activities of this Association over the past 12 months.

No doubt some of you will recall the inaugural meeting held on Tuesday, 10th October 1978, at the Fremantle Sailing Club, where this Association was formed. In all, there were 29 interested parties attending this meeting where a Committee was elected, consisting of Mrs. Joan Bone, Secretary; Mrs Mary Walker, Treasurer; Dr. Henry Walker, Mr. Graham Curtis, Mr. Ray Robinson, Mr. Bill Bone and Mr. Peter Kailis, Committee; with the writer being elected President.

I wonder how many of our members appreciate the task that we took on. The Constitution had to be formulated and was a mammoth task in its own right. Letterheads and nomination forms designed and printed, whilst my personal file shows in excess of 140 outward letters connected with this Association's needs. Finally the big day. Our first official race was held as a race within a race for the 'Iberia' trophy, conducted by the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Our trophy was for the 'Jetset Tour' trophy and was won by 'Morning Menace', skipper Bruce Keyes. For those of you who picked up S & S 34 pennants at the Monday night presentations from the various yacht clubs, please appreciate that this just didn't happen, but was caused and wonder if the recipients appreciate the fact that the Committee had to make official applications to the clubs some 2 months prior to the event, check the race sheets on Monday mornings, work out handicaps, provide official correspondence setting out place-getters and have

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the correspondence, together with our pennants, returned to the club in question before the Monday night presentation.

No doubt the highlights of the racing year were the State Championships conducted from the Fremantle Sailing Club, which was quite keenly contested and was most ably controlled by Regatta Officer, Dick Newnham, together with his staff of Joan Bone and Mary Walker. It is now history that Ron Clarke in 'Nadia', won the inaugural State Championships for S & S 34 yachts.

The Winter season races were conducted once monthly at the Fremantle Sailing Club and proved quite popular. No doubt Bob Ryding of 'Morning Swan' had to provide an additional mantelpiece in his home to house all the loot won.

The Parmelia Race has created interest right across the Nation and I feel it would be fair comment to say that 'Bluebell' and 'Peri Benau' have received more than their share of publicity which has assisted greatly in publicising S & S 34 craft.

The coming season's racing has been planned with the idea of conducting two teams races; one on Sunday, 9th September and one on Sunday, 2nd March. On 19th October, we wrote to Royal Perth Yacht Club requesting permission to form two official Royal Perth Yacht Club teams and advising that the team convenors would be Bill Bone and Ron Clarke. A similar situation was apparent with South Perth Yacht Club, nominating Henry Walker and Dick Newnham as team convenors, whilst at Fremantle Sailing Club, Davis Blumentals and the writer were the nominated convenors. Fremantle Sailing Club has once again been approached seeking permission to conduct our State Championships during the Easter break and I believe that permission has been granted to conduct this event.

It was proposed to hold additional races within races and with this in mind, we approached Royal Perth Yacht Club in correspondence of the 19th October, seeking permission to hold a race within the Club's races for the 'Sunbury City Classic' on 26th January and the 'Winterbottom' on 1st March. A similar situation is apparent with Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, where on 9th October, we wrote requesting permission to hold races within races for the 'Iberia' on 17th November, Roland Smith on 15th December, 'Gordon Craig' on 12th January, 'Sunbury' on 16th February,

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'Dolphin' on 29th March, and we are still awaiting replies from the clubs in question.

Members may be interested to learn that Dick Newnham and the writer have been very active in Y.A. I believe Y.A. Administration holds our Administration in esteem. We are one of the few Associations that have handled Y.A. business efficiently and speedily. In fact, the latest Y.A. newsletter makes special note under Class Flags - "The S & S 34 and Javelin Associations were the only classes to submit Class Flags to date. Delegates requested to treat this matter as urgent."

We have also been well represented on Y.A. Youth Committee and the writer will be involved in a Youth Training Scheme associated with the S & S 34 class and would welcome any support from interested members.

In all, I feel that for a new Association, a lot was accomplished and trust that the incoming Committee will continue to guide this Association progressively.

Brickbats and bouquets, I feel, are warranted.

Firstly the Committee. One Committeeman did not attend any meetings whatsoever, whilst another two, attended less than 50% of the meetings. In fact, you could basically say, that the Committee consisted of Bill and Joan Bone, Henry and Mary Walker and the writer, whilst Simon Walker and Dick Newnham, volunteered their services, which were gratefully received by your Committee.

I must say a special thank you to Secretary Joan, for the very diligent and wonderful job she did for this Association. Not only was there many, many hours spent on Association work, but many dollars saved in Joan's personal contribution.

To Mary, an excellent job in balancing the budget and with Joan, organising the distribution of newsletters etc.,

To Henry, Bill, Simon and Dick, thank you for your assistance in making the Association tick.

We have received a lot of disappointment by the lack of participation and member response in the past, however, we have proved the need for this Association which must go from strength to strength.

To Fred and Audrey Green, in particular, Audrey, for the

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wonderful contributions to our newsletters. Thank you. The Green saga has been avidly read and discussed by our members and we truly hope that any new members contemplating a similar exercise, follow Audrey's example and keep us posted on their activities.

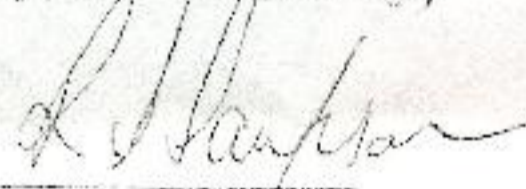
To John Sanders, who was unable to participate in our inaugural State Championships, was with us in thought, by his magnificent gesture of donating the State Championship trophy.

To the owners of the Arona Diesels with the gear box troubles, I wonder if you realise that you looked like being left in the lurch. Possibly you are unaware of the activities of this Committee in recording our complaint with the Italian Trade Commission and the writer's conference with the Arona Agent and Dr. Scala, the Italian Trade Commissioner, re the complications apparent, which was the final push needed to have this matter rectified.

I believe special thanks are warranted to Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and to the Fremantle Sailing Club for allowing us to conduct Association races, using their facilities.

I also thank the trophy donors and boat owners who have had 'open house' at their launchings and to all those who have assisted the writer and this Association during the inaugural year and wish the incoming President and his Committee, a successful and enjoyable year.

Yours sincerely,



R. S. SAMPSON (President)

S & S 34 Association of Western Australia



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 15th November, 1979
South Perth Yacht Club.

1. Secretary Joan Bone read the notice to convene the meeting which was attended by 20 members.

Apologies : J. Gillett, Bill Bone, Mr & Mrs Nelson, Ron Clarke, Phil Harry.

2. Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting were passed out and moved by Henry Walker and seconded by B. Gillett as true and correct.

- 3.1 Business from meeting :- Renewal of membership reiterated for the benefit of new members.

4. Costs were discussed and pointed out. Financial report adopted moved by Dick Newham seconded by Robert Ryding.

5. Auditors report noted.

6. Presidents Report read by R. Sampson.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

- 7.1 President H. Walker nominated and declined.
Dick Newham Nominated by Henry Walker seconded by Ollie Martinson. Accepted and took the chair at 8.00pm.

- 7.2 Secretary, Sue Greenham moved by herself seconded by R. Ryding.

- 7.3 Treasurer, Mary Walker retained position, seconded by Henry Walker.

- 7.4 Measurer, Phil Harry seconded Henry Walker.

- 7.5 Committee.

Kingsley Plesse	Ollie Martinson
Bob Sampson	Henry Walker
Joan Bone	Robert Ryding.

seconded by Stan Reil.

8. Business ; Bob Sampson spoke of a December cruise via Rottnest to Bunbury with a possible race to Busselton with others of this type to follow. Members thought this was a good idea. More to be announced through the newsletter.

- 8.1 Bob Sampson called for volunteer boats and crews for a Commodore race at the end of the Parmelia Race as there are to be visiting Commodores. Davis Blumentals, Henry Walker, Bob Sampson and Dick Newham volunteered boats.

- 8.2 It was suggested that a good representation from this association meet the Parmelia Fleet especially the two 54's in the race.



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- 8.3 It was pointed out that it would be necessary to alter the proposed team's race on Dec 9th as it clashed with the Naturalists race.
The feeling for team races was good.
- 8.4 Bob Sampson is a certified yachting coach and will take youth from any club.
- 8.5 Approaching launchings:-
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| Peter Quatermain | - Nov 21st. |
| Dennis Norris | - Dec. |
| Ollie Martinson | - Early Dec. |
- 8.6 Henry Walker thanked Bob Sampson for his work on the newsletter.
Henry Walker asked for new members to state preferences for racing, cruising etc.
He also suggested meetings should be called with guest speakers.
- 8.7 It was suggested that Max Sheen and Jon Sanders be made honorary members of the Association at an evening combined with a Xmas barbeque some time in December - date yet to be decided.
- 8.8 Joan Bone expressed displeasure with a 20 out of 64 members at the A.S.M. Some members suggested an annual standards that was not so bad.
9. Thanks were given by Dick Newham to South Perth Yacht Club for the use of the Club for the meeting.
10. Memberships were renewed and new memberships received.

From the Past Secretary.

I wish to say welcome to Dick as new President and Sue as new Secretary.

A special thank you to Bob Sampson for the splendid support he gave me to make my task rather simple. I can take little credit for the letters which have been sent to many Associations, Yacht clubs and media people. I am sure Bob has a hidden talent for journalism. A special thanks to his wife Val who did all the typing. These are the happenings which our members are not aware of. The wives, like it or not, and husbands manage to get involved with tasks such as these so that the Association functions. Much of our personal time is interrupted with phone calls, meetings, etc and we really don't stop to think of families. So thank you to the families in the background.

I enjoyed the 12 month office and especially creating our friend who graces the front and rear of the newsletter. I feel he is suave, and the symbol of what we think cruising is all about. I hope you all agree.

I can never say enough thankyou's to Fred and Audrey for their letters and I will continue to pass them on to Sue to have in the newsletters.

At this stage they have just arrived in Durban after battering through a storm. No damage to either craft or crew.

I wish all members a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and trust that you all have very good sailing.

Joan Bone.

LETTERS

FROM OUR

GRUISING

MEMBERS

Anchored off Mombasa Yacht Club, Kilindini Harbour, Mombasa. 4th Oct. 79.

Dear friends and relations, I guess after 1½ weeks here, and as next Tuesday could see us on our way again, that I should continue the next chapter of Coorong capers.

Maritius to Reunion was a dead loss sailwise. We had arranged to meet Claude from Rodrigues and had a pleasant sail with the crew of Delphine from Grande Baie to Port Louis to clear. With bus strikes, and elusive Customs officials we were late leaving, 4.30 p.m. and had just cleared the island by dusk when the wind died and we motored for 24 of the 26 hours the trip took us and got in just at dusk. It was so good Fred had been there before and knew his way in to a small man-made harbour of St. Pierre. Having tied up to the wharf we were whisked off by some friends for a shower and a meal, and then back to Coorong for a good night sleep.

Sunday, after visiting the police station which was our only formality, we were taken to Fred's friends house where we were welcomed with champagne and spent a pleasant family day playing cards in the afternoon because it had come into rain. When we got back to Coorong we went out on to a mooring. There were no problems about this because it was school holidays and many of the local boats were away cruising, so we just moved from one to another as needed. The first couple of days were wet and windy and we really enjoyed a quiet couple of days on board.

Wednesday, we walked the town and drew many looks because we were both in shorts, now I only wear mine on the boat. From the bank we found the market, bakers, etc. Reunion was very French, very expensive and very friendly. That evening we spent the first of many happy hours at the little local yacht club which was open from about 5 - 7 pm with a very friendly Frenchwoman behind the bar. She spoke very little English and as anybody came in she would ask if they spoke English. Except for the Doctor not many did, but we found that if we tried to speak French first, they would nearly all find a few words of English which most of them had learned at school.

The games for the Islands of the Indian Ocean were on and the Alt girls took us to the opening ceremony at their new stadium. Another day Anniek, (a volunteer barmaid) and her two boys took us sailing at St Paul. The competition was Lasers, 420's and windsurfers. We met the coach of the Seychells team who remembered us being there in '76, and brought us up to date with news. The island was so beautiful. Volcanic, roughly 30 mile in diameter and 10,000 feet high, so lush and green mostly, and we were driven all over with a picnic in the hills and such food, beer, wine and even icecream for sweets (no eskys) and at lunch at the hotel when we had heart-of-palm, or millionaire's salad which was superb, so called because it takes 7 years for the tree to grow and then it dies when the heart is cut out of it. The French certainly eat well. As a return of hospitality I cooked an Australian meal for 8. Home made brawn, roast lamb, mint sauce and vegetables and the 'piece de resistance' was to be a pavlova, but the tragedy in a strange oven, and saw me at one stage down on my hands and knees in the kitchen trying to hack the black off the bottom!!!!!! Fresh fruit and whipped cream saved the day and it was a great success.

Through Claudes friends we also met, visited and eat with, and even went to a dance with some of the local Creoles and really enjoyed seeing both sides of the island life. Our bikes did overtime and I really enjoyed

the local markets, a really good variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, and my French improved each visit. There were two decorative fountains in the forecourt - both with plastic hoses attached to the fountain outlet, and tomatoes and vegetables being wash in the bowl. One morning we were taken for an hour's flight over the volcano which was quite aweinspiring. The last eruption was in 1976, and we saw the track of the lava from sea, land and air. Fred has some good photos. Unfortunately the flight was early in the morning to beat the clouds and happened to be the day after we had been dancing, and drinking, and we were not too fit so it was back to Coorong to sleep. Our two weeks were now three and it was difficult to leave. We had an extra three days because big swells meant the entrance was closed and local yachts returning that weekend had to go to the next port and we didn't see the doctor before we left to get cruising news from Maritius, (which was disappointing) of recent arrivals. Even the day we left the ocean looked rough, but once we got around the island it was fine and the leg to Mombasa was the best we've had so far. Over 10 days we averaged 150 miles per day @ 6.25 knots. As we had to round Madagascar and pass the Amirante Is. we kept watch several nights and missed them by a long way. Can't say the same about a freighter which we missed by a hundred yards when playing cards. First felt the wash and as Fred dived for the cockpit, I could see the lights through the forward port porthole. Fred had been out half an hour before and I was fiddling with the radio instead of going out to check for shipping between hands. Needless to say we kept constant watch for the rest of the trip and saw NOTHING.

As usual we needed to slow down, and even so made our landfall at 2 a.m. so had to jill around until daylight, then we were further out, and north further than we realised. The entrance was a little tricky locating the bouys. Bob had sent us a mud map showing two wrecks - but one had been removed in the meantime. Bob and Vera missed seeing us sail in, we dropped sail inside and great joy to see not only Abraxas, NZ yacht from Mauritius but Randy, Shea and Pamela from the American yacht My Love whom we had met in Bali, and who wintered in Perth in 1977.

We cleaned and tidied both ourselves and Coorong while waiting for the officials, and then back to drop anchor out in front of the yacht club. By early evening we had shared beers with cruising people and caught up on the news, met Bob and Vera and collected our mail and were all set for another interesting stay in a new-to-us foreign place.

While here we will go alongside and Fred will paint the bottom. We hope then to daysail to Zanzibar, call at the Comores Islands on the way Majunga in Madagascar where we will stay awhile. (with visas this time) and then be in Durban about 2nd week in December. Will stay 3 - 4 weeks before leaving for Capetown. Our mailing address there will be Point Yacht Club, Box 2224, DURBAN R.S.A.

AT THIS POINT WE THANK AUDREY FOR HER LETTER AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AND FRED ON BECOMING PROUD GRANDPARENTS OF A BOUNCING BABY BOY.

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