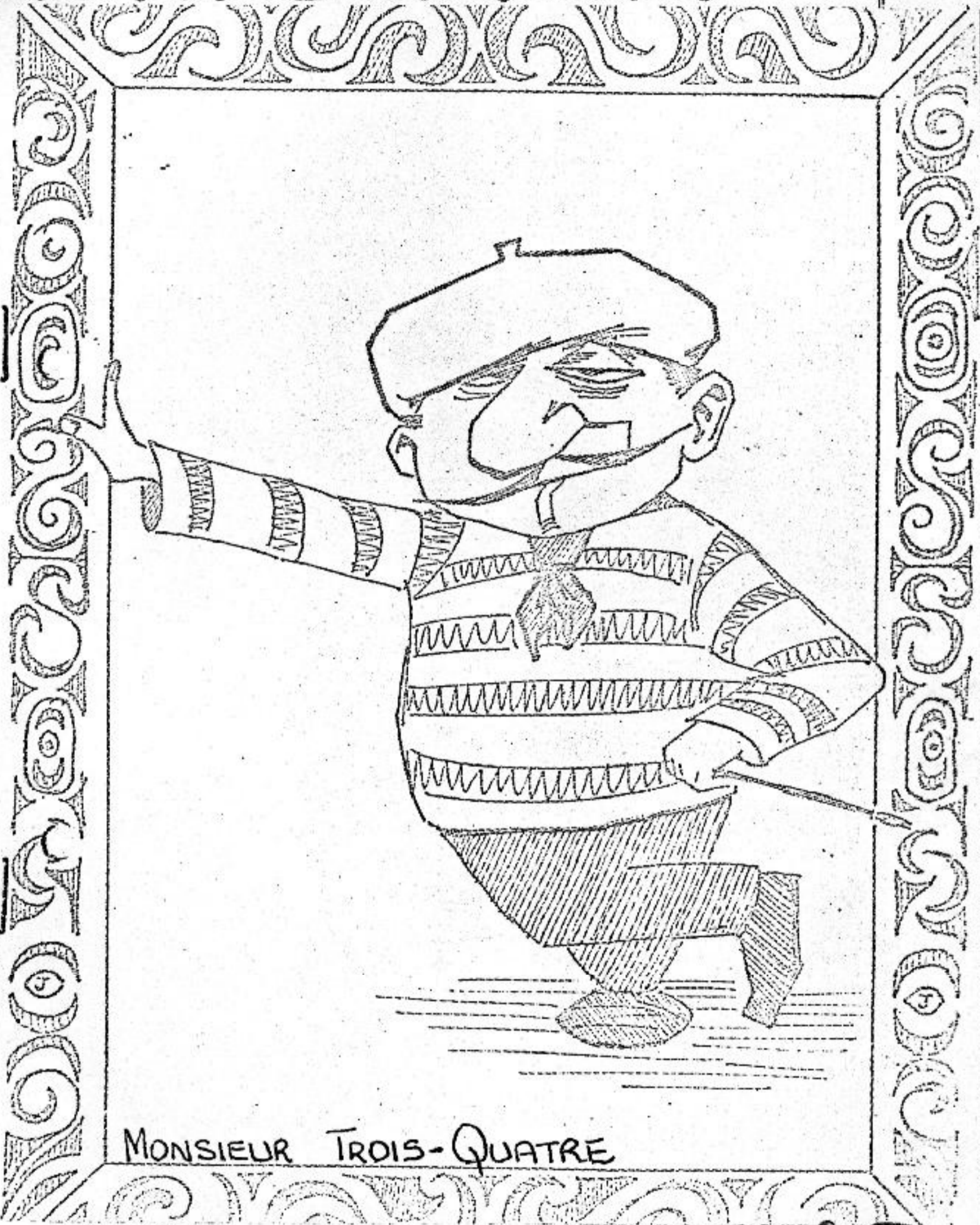


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S & S 34 ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

For those who did not attend the Inaugural Meeting Tuesday 10th. October, you are by now no doubt aware that the S & S 34 Association of Western Australia has now been formed. The writer, Bob Sampson being elected Inaugural President. Our secretary is Mrs. Joan Bone, 35 Wittering Crescent Balga, telephone 3490702, the treasurer is Mrs. Mary Walker, 103 Princess Road Doubleview, with a committee consisting of:- Mr. Graham Curtis, Mr. Peter Kailis, Mr. Ray Robinson, Mr. Bill Bone and Mr. Henry Walker.

I believe special note should be made that prior to the meeting, the writer received telephone call from Mr. R. B. Hockey from Esperance, wishing the Association every success and advising of extreme interest in his area of the Class, with the prospects of further boats being built for the Esperance area. Mr. Hockey also advised his intentions of joining this Association.

From Albany, a Mr. Brian O'Keefe attended our meeting, and from personal discussion it would appear that there is also interest in 34's in this area, with a possibility of further boats joining the Albany fleet in time. Incidentally, Brian hopes to have his boat commissioned prior to the Albany race.

From the local scene although the meeting was well attended, it was most obvious that for want of better words, our heavies in the racing scene were conspicuous by their absence, however I am sure that now that the ground work has been done, that more active participation will be apparent by this sector.

Since the meeting, correspondence dated 3rd. October was forwarded to the Fremantle Sailing Club thanking them for the use of their premises, whilst it was the wish of the meeting to conduct an Inaugural 34 race within a race. The 'Iberia' trophy conducted on the 18th. November by the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club was nominated. The trophy has been donated by Mr. Warren Pateman, the Managing Director of Jetset Tours, the trophy being known as the 'Jetset Tour Trophy'.

The writer spoke by phone to Mr. Bruce Campbell of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Wednesday 11th., re our proposals which were followed up in correspondence from the Association of the 12th. October seeking permission to organize this event. At this date we have received correspondence from Royal Freshwater Bay confirming receipt of this despatch, which will be discussed at their next sailing committee meeting.

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At this date, your committee has decided that all racing will be on a handicap basis under T.C.F., with an Association yardstick.

Handicapping committee has been formed from volunteers consisting of:-

Mr. Keith Turner (R.P.Y.C.)

Mr. Peter Kailis (R.F.Y.C.)

Mr. Henry Walker (S.P.Y.C.)

who will investigate the merits of the various craft, and adjust handicapping accordingly.

Your committee is also investigating producing pennants for various places, whilst a design for letterhead is also under consideration.

A State Championship has been mooted and the matter discussed with Mr. Ken Patterson the Chairman of Cockburn Sound Regatta. Thoughts were that possibly we could run this series in conjunction with the Space-Sailer Championships which will be conducted during the Christmas Cockburn Regatta.

It would be appreciated that if it is the wish of the members to hold this series, we will have to move with haste as Regatta planning is in its final stages.

Enquiries with some of our leading skippers reveals that John Sanders will be competing in the Sydney Hobart and will not be available, whilst Keith Turner will be circumnavigating Tasmania.

The second thought was that possibly this series could be transferred to Easter, and permission could be sought to hold our events on the river in conjunction with the Thunderbirds, who I am led to believe hold State Championships from Royal Perth Yacht Club. John Saunders has volunteered to investigate the possibilities, and no doubt will report back in the not too distant future.

No doubt you are all aware that the bulk of all yachting events are conducted under I.Y.R.U. rules, the prescriptions of the A.Y.F. and the Y.A.W.A., and it is the normal requirement of the Yachting Association to become affiliated with the Yachting Association of Western Australia.

From the racing enthusiast we require your comments on when and where you require races conducted, and to the degree you intend to participate examples being, races within races conducted by clubs. State Championships conducted by this Association under the control of a recognized

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Club.

At this stage, it should be mentioned that the Fremantle Sailing Club have set a course for 'A' Division Cruises, it has been designed by Mr. Noel Sweetman Rear-Commodore, and by trade a Hydrographicer with the Fremantle Port Authority. His charts of the course sets out quite clearly all hazards, depths etc., and in discussions I believe that Fremantle Sailing Club would be more than willing to conduct Association races.

How good is your navigation? Some of our members have been attending Wembley Technical School doing a night course on Coastal Navigation. Discussions with the Principal of Wembley Tech., a Mr. Roy Lugg revealed that if there are some 15 to 18 members interested in doing this course during 1979, application to his school would be receptive to conducting a night class for our Association, and I would appreciate receiving remarks from interested parties.

On the cruising side, Fred Green takes off on Saturday for Northern Australian waters, and will be back early in the New Year prior to planning a more extended voyage. Fred has offered to keep us advised of his movements, which will be printed in future newsletters. He also advises on his return he would be more than happy to conduct a seminar for the cruising minded, bearing in mind his experiences associated with provodering and equipping his craft. No doubt John Saunders will also assist in a seminar of this nature.

I feel it should be made quite clear at this stage, that our Association is not wholly devoted to the racing yachtsman. There are cruising activities to be organized, seminar and instructional projects from basic sailmaking, first aid at sea and preventive maintenance, whilst I believe that the occasional Fellowship functions should be arranged.

Your committee also decided to formulate a quorum of approved contractors to carry out various works, who you have found to have completed satisfactory projects, such as, refrigeration, electrical, mechanical etc. Lets have your names and comments which will benefit our Association and members.

Thoughts also centred around purchasing power of the Association and no doubt bulk buying various components would benefit the members in general.

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For the racing yachtsman with a large wardrobe, no doubt you have sails that are not to your individual liking, whereas I believe some of our newer builders and cruising types on tighter budgets would be more than interested in discussing the purchase of these unwanted sails.

Any Association is only as good as its active members. We are all aware that the S & S 34 is a prestigious boat, let's make our Association likewise and support your Committee, which no doubt will benefit us all.

Now for the crunch. Like all organizations, finance is required and it has been decided that membership to the Association will be \$5.00 per year 1st. November 1978 to 1st. November 1979, whilst Boat Registration would be \$10.00.

We have enclosed nomination forms which also incorporate a small questionnaire to give us guide on the interest of members. It will be appreciated that costs to get this Association off the ground have been borne by a few. In future, newsletters and circulars will be forwarded to financial members of the Association only.

To those racing yachtsmen wishing to compete in Association events, it should be made quite clear that nominations will be accepted from Registered Boats only where the skipper is required to be a member of the Association.

Please treat this matter as urgent. We need funds, affiliation with Y.A. to print stationery, pennants and other numerous items.

Please return your nomination form with cheque to our treasurer, Mrs. Mary Walker, 183 Princess Road Doubleview.

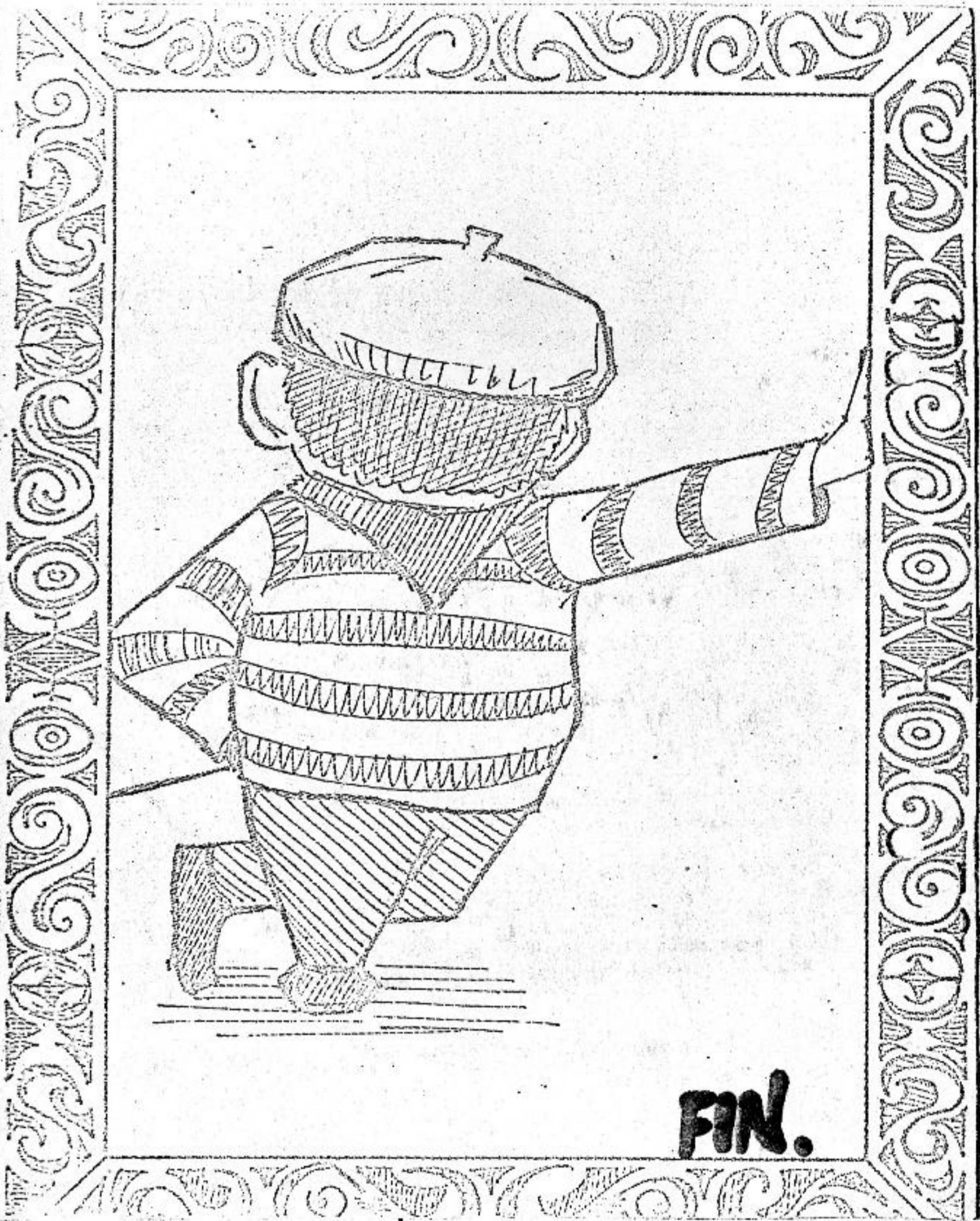
A General Meeting is to be held at Royal Perth Yacht Club on Tuesday 8pm. 14th. November 1978. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the activities of our Association and in particular, to adopt the Constitution of our Association as per the enclosed copy which was discussed during the Inaugural Meeting.

Your attendance would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

R. S. SAMPSON President.
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19th. October 1978.



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