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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With the summer sailing season underway for two months, we can see keen competition and enthusiasm among the 34's. In the Iberia race, the first of the Association offshore competition, ten 34's participated with the honours going to Huckleberry. She was hard pressed by Perie Banu, and Individual, and some stiff competition is anticipated this season amongst the scratch markers of the fleet. You will know the result of the Roland Smith race by the time this Newsletter arrives, so I'm making no predictions.

The Christmas social event will be a twilight at RFBYC on 14th December and all are invited to repeat the conviviality of our other get-togethers. Some boats might even come up from Fremantle, to test the smoother waters.

Other events that have received a measure of support have been the cruise to Parker Point, and the Saturday afternoon races from Royal Perth. Should any more people wish to participate 'please don't hesitate' to contact Willi Lauffman or Dennis Connor.... or just turn up.

As you will read later, a couple of points are under discussion and due to be decided by the committee.

Firstly, the date of the State Championships. This has been the subject of discussion since the AGM, at which there was no firm decision on whether Easter was preferred to one or more weekends earlier in the season. Easter was selected by the committee as reported previously, but the long weekend of 3rd to 5th March has been suggested as an alternative because FSC will have Olympic courses laid out for other classes at that time. If any intending competitors have definite preferences, would they please advise the secretary.

Secondly, I have been concerned that the shorter-masted boats should be encouraged to participate in the Association's events, especially the State Championships. Those who have followed the results know that the measurement system does not cope with the extra pace of the tall boats in light winds. A two-tiered system has been suggested, with the tall boats contesting the major championship, and the others sailing for a 'small mast' prize. All sailed in the one race, and all based on the measurement system. There would also be handicap results, to help along the not-so-fast.

If you think that the idea is worth a try to keep alive the interest of the standard rig sailors, then please let us know.

It only leaves me to wish you all a happy Christmas and 1984. For an enjoyable cruise to see the new year in, what better than joining Willi Laufman's fleet on the Busselton trip.

Roger Passmore

PRE SEASON DINNER

Many thanks to Brian Jefferson for organising a thoroughly enjoyable evening at F.S.C. on September 30th. Over 50 members enjoyed a sumptuous smorgasbord and got to know their fellow members.

Thanks also to Helen Passmore for the flowers and to Julian Mann (13 years) for providing an interesting talking point for the evening.

Jon Sanders, Bob Sampson and Dick Newnham were presented with their Life Membership Certificates; they were voted Life Membership at the A.G.M.

Bob Sampson, founding President, was appreciative of the honour given to him and wished the association continuing success. Dick Newnham was President for 3 years and instigator of the new measurement system.

Jon Sanders thanked the association for the support they gave him during the double circumnavigation and expressed his support for the measurement system, even though he didn't win the championships.

Tell me sir or madam
Whatever the case may be
Are you still small
Or have you gone tall
And raised it to forty-three
I'll let you sit and think awhile
To find out what you want
Do you want to go to forty-three
And get blown out to sea
Or remain at forty feet
So when the strong winds come round
You'll stay unbeat
But

If this is not how you feel
Why not put your boat in dry docks
And fix on a large winged keel

Julian Mann

SS 34 FIXTURES 1983-84

Ocean Racing Consistency Series

(6 races - 5 to count)

Iberia	12-11-83
Roland Smith	10-12-83
Stan West	21- 1-84
West Coast Series	25- 2-84
Five Fathom	10- 3-84
Dolphin	24 -3-84

Royal Perth Yacht Club Invitation Races

All Saturday races

14-1-84

4-2-84

17-3-84

14-4-84

Fremantle Sailing Club

11-2-84

31-3-84

* STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS*

It is suggested that the State Championships be held at Fremantle Sailing Club over the Labour Day weekend in March in conjunction with the club's regatta and Viking championships.

Olympic Courses set, start and finish boats supplied by the club.

OR

At Easter where we supply start and finish boats and lay our own courses.

Club facilities available either date.

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Bob 364-7685

by 19th December

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Available all colours - pocket size

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OR

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TWILIGHT

December 14th R.F.B.Y.C.

All 34 members welcome to a Christmas twilight and barbeque at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

All river boats please come along and give the Fremantle members a ride.

Please let Merv Finn know numbers.

CREW POSITION WANTED

Jennifer - 23

367-7313

- crewed on mirrors
- doesn't get seasick
- preferably river, maybe ocean.

CLUB NEWS

Let's hear what's happening at your club.

Contact Simon or Kathy - 336-2131

Closing Date February 14th, 1984.

NEWS

The SS 34 design has been represented in almost every Hobart Race since Morning Cloud won in 1969.

This year Sulphur (Dick Newnham) with an average crew age of 57 is carrying the flag for the association.

Dick departed Fremantle on Saturday 26th November and was escorted on his way by Morning Flite.

He reported his position on the 3rd December as 100 miles west of Eucla.

Good Luck Dick!

Ron Smith: has joined the tall people and should be racing soon.

Henry Walker (Mr FixIt) has been thinking about fixing Wings.

Individual, recently launched, is doing exceptionally well, winning the Geraldton race YAH and the Mandurah race IOR and YAH.

SYZYG, Morning Flite, Mañana and Delphis entered into the community spirit and took a group of teenage girls sailing around to Carnac Island (and they're asking for more????????).

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