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EDITORIAL

REGATTA DAY

Sunday, December 11, is our first Regatta Day, which takes the place of the conventional Opening Day, but which is none the less spectacular for all that. This year we would like to make this doubly so, and are asking all members to come along and bring their wives and sweethearts. We are hoping to have a colour film made of the day's proceedings, and would particularly like members to display a bit of bunting on their craft. Some recent functions of this nature, which we have attended, have had a very gay atmosphere just by the addition of a few pennants on the boats. Afternoon tea will be provided for members,

friends and visitors, and the island will be gaily decorated. Saturday, December 10, will see a working bee in full swing getting the island and Clubroom cleaned up for the next day, and you have a special invitation to be in this also.

NEW MEMBERS

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the following gentlemen were admitted to membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them: Mr. H. F. Alder, of East Malvern, full member; Dr. A. B. Alder, of Prince Henry Hospital, crew member; Mr. D. J. Alder, of East Malvern, crew member; Mr. A. D. Long, of Burwood, crew member; Mr. L. Foley, of Elsternwick, crew member.

GENERAL

The sand opposite our slip-way should be on the move any time now. A heavy wooden ramp has been constructed suitable for allowing bulldozers and dragline excavators to get to work. It is with mixed feelings we will see this beach disappear. While it is a nice sheltered spot on which to rig sails or just laze in the sun, at the same time it will make a much wider channel for the passage of boats, and that is what we are mainly concerned with.

Any doubt some members may have had as to the seaworthiness of the launch "SNAPDRAGON," or to the capabilities of her skipper, Les. Seaborne, was dispelled on Saturday, November 12, when, in answer to an urgent call from the Mordialloc Police, the boat was taken out in the teeth of a westerly gale to search for an up-turned boat reported from Aspendale. Working in conjunction with two air-force planes, and having as crew, Bill Gavin, Todd Waite and Stan Fitzsimmons and using the club Secretary as ballast, Les. took his craft down the coast almost to Chelsea, and after sighting the distressed craft safely beached at Edithvale, returned back to the Creek all safe and sound, though slightly shaken up. Seas encountered were unusually large and the boat could not have possibly left the creek if the breakwater at the pier, recently constructed by Engineers of the Public Works Dept., had not been functioning effectively.

Young Fred Paterson, son of Commodore Paterson and Mrs. Paterson, will be leaving for a trip abroad early in December to investigate specialised technical production methods at the parent Company of his employers, whose head office and works are at Wolverhampton, England. Rather a feather in the cap of a young man in his early twenties, to be entrusted with a job of such importance, requiring as it does, intensity of purpose, plus social mixability, and it speaks volumes for the initial training Fred received at the hands of Mom and Pop. Bon Voyage, Fred, from all at the Club.

Here is a list of Sporting Events which we are hopeful of getting through in the present season. Cut it out and paste it in your hat.

Sunday, November 27.—First Power Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, December 4.—First Sailing Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, December 11.—First Club REGATTA—Races for both Sail and Power Boats.

Sunday, January 22.—Third Power Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, February 5.—Third Sailing Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, February 12.—LONSDALE CUP—for Power Boats.

Sunday, February 26.—Fourth Power Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, March 5.—Fourth Sailing Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, March 12.—Fifth Power Boat Race, at 11a.m.

Sunday, March 19.—WHALLEY CUP, for Power Boats.

Sunday, March 26.—Fifth Sailing Race, at 11 a.m.

Friday, April 7.—GOOD FRIDAY—Frankston Regatta.

Saturday, April 8.—Easter Saturday. Frankston Regatta.

Sunday, April 9.—Easter Sunday. Frankston Regatta.

Sunday, April 23.—Second REGATTA. Races for both Sail and Power boats.

Sunday, April 30.—FISHING COMPETITION, in aid of local Charity.

There is a prize given for every race, and in addition a points score is kept, and the winner of the aggregate points, both for power and sail, receives a very handsome trophy at the end of the year. There is no nomination fee for these races, but the Club Handicapper must have your name as a starter at least half-an-hour before each race is timed to start.

Tod Waite, who in his spare time manufactures a range of high-quality machine tools for the engineering trade, has again put in an appearance at the Island in recent week-ends after about two years during which pressure of business kept him away from his favorite pastime. Noticing our supply of three-phase current, Tod remarked that we could now do with one of his small lathes, and he thought he had a spare one which he would let us have. We, of course, enthusiastically agreed, and straight away cleaned out an odd corner into which said lathe would fit. What with an electric winch, a drilling machine, several vices (both human and mechanical) and now a lathe in the offing, the place is looking more like a marine workshop every day.

Who said we were not going ahead?

Speaking of electric winches, ours is a beauty, and nothing appears to have been overlooked in its construction. Already several boats have been slipped by its aid, and it is just too easy to work.

With the first race of the season, right at hand, how many of you have your numbers ready? Please get a small piece of three-ply or Masonite, about 18in. square, and paint your number in big figures clearly on it; and when competing in races attach it in a prominent position on your boat so that Starter and Judge can see it. Remember the first race for Power Boats is Sunday, 27th, at 11 a.m., and here are your numbers:—

- 1.—CYRENE (P. Barlow).
- 2.—DESLYS (R. Blades).
- 3.—VENETTE (K. Kirkby).
- 4.—ETHEL B. (G. Bates).
- 5.—FROLIC (E. Bell).
- 6.—CAPE COD (I. Melen).
- 7.—RHYTHM (F. Clark).
- 8.—BETH (R. Chadwick).
- 9.—VARUNA (E. Dark).
- 10.—LORRIE DEE (J. Day).
- 11.—RIPLON (G. Dillon).
- 12.—STELLA MARIS (S. Deeks).
- 13.—ANNETTE (C. Dows).
- 14.—IAN (G. Ennis).
- 15.—LEONORA (T. Elsum).
- 16.—FLORINBOY (S. Fitzsimmons).
- 17.—IRENE (K. Glennister).
- 18.—PALS (W. Berthun).
- 19.—EILEEN (G. Lambert).
- 20.—RICHLIEU (T. Lew).
- 21.—AIDA L. (W. B. Long).
- 22.—LURLINE ELLEN (R. Mercer).
- 23.—BLUE BIRD (A. Blockey).

- 24.—QUIBERON (F. Noll).
- 25.—OLGA II (F. Paice).
- 26.—LOUANA (N. Paterson).
- 27.—PENGUIN (C. Ruse).
- 28.—ALA (F. Smith).
- 29.—MARLO (J. Smith).
- 30.—PENGUIN (Stephens Bros.).
- 31.—WILLIAM 1st (V. Stefanou).
- 32.—SNAPDRAGON (L. Seaborne).
- 33.—JUNE (B. A. Smith).
- 34.—CAMPION (D. A. Sinclair).
- 35.—MORLYN (E. Williams).
- 36.—(——) (T. Webster).
- 37.—(——) (E. B. Smith).
- 38.—TUBBY (S. R. Trivett).
- 39.—NORWIN (H. F. Alder).
- 40.—(——) (B. Warr).
- 41.—MONTY (R. Abbott).
- 42.—(——) (H. Allen).
- 43.—AR THERE (G. Carmichael).
- 44.—(——) (F. Cramp).
- 45.—RAINBIRD (R. Johnston).
- 46.—(——) (R. Davenport).
- 47.—SEA GOOSE (A. Davidson).
- 48.—DANNY BOY (D. Ebeling).
- 49.—(——) (G. E. Floyd).
- 50.—(——) (J. Kirkpatrick).
- 51.—OMEO (E. A. Starke).
- 52.—ZARA (R. Taylerson).
- 53.—BABS (J. Turner).
- 54.—TOGO (C. B. White).
- 55.—(——) (L. H. Waite).
- 56.—CORA LYNN (F. S. Walsh).
- 57.—CECIL W. (J. G. Whelan).
- 58.—CHINOOK (H. Wharton).
- 59.—PETER PAN (L. H. Wright).

We have received a letter from a correspondent, regarding what he terms the Club's lack of publicity, but as the same subject was discussed at our last General Meeting, we are not publishing his rather long letter because this issue of the "Anchor" is

already rather crowded.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If you don't like Melbourne weather—just wait a few minutes.

SOCIAL

At the social held on Saturday, October 29th, a profit of £12 5/1 was shown on the night, and this has been transferred to our building fund n/c. As usual, every one had a good time, and we are looking forward to the day when we have a much bigger Club House to accommodate these functions.

HIGH WATER AT MORDIALLOC

December 1949

Saturday 3,	00 a.m.	12 p.m.
Sunday 4,	0.34 a.m.	1.07 p.m.
Saturday 10,	6.06 a.m.	6.26 p.m.
Sunday 11,	6.46 a.m.	7.06 p.m.
Saturday 17,	11.15 a.m.	11.53 p.m.
Sunday 18,	00 a.m.	12.23 p.m.
Saturday 24,	6.15 a.m.	6.33 p.m.
Sunday 25,	6.50 a.m.	7.07 p.m.
Monday 26,	7.33 a.m.	7.38 p.m.
Tuesday 27,	7.55 a.m.	8.10 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next SOCIAL—Saturday, November 26.

Next Executive Committee Meeting—Tuesday, November 29.

Next General Meeting—Tuesday, December 6.

First REGATTA—Sunday December 11.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

On behalf of the Commodore and Flag Officers of the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club, we extend to all readers the compliments of the season and the wish that 1950 will bring along some decent boating weather on the days that you wish to go boating.

NEW MEMBERS

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the following gentlemen were admitted to Club Membership and we take this opportunity of welcoming them. Mr. W. Foulsum, of Box Hill, them. Mr. W. Foulsum, of Box Hill, Full Member; Mr. J. Foulsum, of Box Hill, Junior Boat Owner; Mr. D. A. Williams, of Ascot Vale, Full Member; Mr. K. R. Williams, of Ascot Vale, Crew Member; Mr. G. Pittock, of Ascot Vale, Crew Member; Mr. William Gavin, of Port Melbourne, Crew Member; Mr. F. Pugh, of Box Hill, Crew Member; Mr. A. H. Dixon, of Highett, Crew Member.

GENERAL

The club regatta, held on Sunday, 11th December, was a complete wash-out as far as any actual racing was concerned. Heavy seas completely nullified any attempts at organised aquatic events. One or two boats got out and Bob Mercer sailed his craft down from Sandringham, but all in all, it was no day for small yachts. Stan Williams and his partner got a good ducking when their boat "bottled" a hundred yards or so out from the Creek en-

trance. On the social side, however, things were quite a success. Several of the boats around the Island were gaily bedecked with bunting and a coloured movie was taken of all the important people about the place, including one skipper flat on his back in the sunshine, doing the spine-bashing act. The season was declared officially opened by the Mayor of Mordialloc, Cr. J. McCully, who remarked on the apparent happy relations which seemed to exist between the various bodies on the Island. Afternoon-tea was then served by the ladies in the club room, whilst out in the sail room, Harry Wharton and Reg. Richardson gave repeated demonstrations of how to splice the main-brace to a large and appreciative audience, who quickly mastered this intricate operation. Due to the good efforts of the usual few workers, the Island looked fairly spic and span, excepting for the one or two hulks lying around in a half painted condition. Country members were represented by Mr. George Carmichael and the Tree Lovers League was represented by F. McSweeney's dog. Every one seemed to enjoy themselves.

True to his word, Tod Waite brought along to the club house one of his small lathes and presented same to the club. As a sample of the machine tool maker's art, this job would be hard to beat. Compact and sturdy, it will fill a long felt want at the Island, enabling to be done on the spot, jobs which would otherwise have to wait for a week or more to get done. For good measure, Tod "chucked" in a drill-chuck, another product of his versatile organisation, and that makes us feel

like "chucking" out any one who says there is no Father Christmas.

Well, were you one of the 75 members who turned up to our first smoke night? What a splendid night it was, even though, no doubt, some small shortcomings were visible to the naked eye. Chief disappointment was the non-attendance, through illness, of the guest of honor, Mr. Bert Whalley. However, members were relieved to hear that Mr. Whalley was well on the road to recovery. Commodore McKenzie of the Sandringham Club, acted in Mr. Whalley's stead and presented to Mr. Ken Kirkby, a magnificent canteen of cutlery, for his win in the 1949 Whalley Cup. Skippers of boats which finished the course inside the time limit, were also recipients of the now Famous Whalley Tankards, each decorated with the crossed flags of the competing clubs.

We had our first power boat race, on Sunday, November 27th., over a course of approximately six nautical miles, and this event developed into a battle of the club midget ships—the seas being too rough for our big boats to go out. Winner of this event, was George Bates, in ETHEL B, with George Ennis in IAN second, while third place was filled by George Dillon in RIP-N. Altogether a good day for the Georges, and a bad one for Marine engines, which konked out with sickening regularity. Modesty forbids us to mention the name of one boat which arrived back in the Creek with more sea-sick passengers than there are snakes on a porcupine; however, she did get back under her own power

much to Fitzy's disappointment. He had prepared a welcoming committee to "greet" her as she arrived back at the end of a tow-rope, but that was not to be.

Have you ever sat in a small boat in sight of land and nearly starved to death? You can have this experience by acting as starter and judge for one of our six-mile Sailing races. These sailing-guys have a way all their own, Here briefly, is what takes place. The race is timed to start at 11 am, and you finally get the limit boat away at twenty-five minutes past, after having to give first-aid to one chap who pulled so hard on a stay, or a wire, or a rope of some sort, that he broke the top off his mast and the force of gravity being what it is, said mast came down and rapped him quick smart over the boko. He was one less to start anyhow. Well away they go to the windward buoy after shrieking at you as they go past, "What's the course? What's the course?" There are many ways apparently of reaching the windward buoy, some boats head for the water tower at Chelsea then beat out in a long zig-zag, others go in the opposite direction towards Beaumaris finally turning in a long slant out to sea. After waiting for what seemed ages, the "FULMAR" with Bert Bowden at the helm, comes into view and crosses the line, next comes "COCK-ADS" and then "CYCLONE" third. In your weakened and starving condition, with a supreme effort you start your engine and up anchor arriving back at the club house just in time for afternoon tea. Here you find that

some one has lodged a protest because the winning crew had their slickers on inside out—or something. No folks, I'll stick to the stink-boats where a six mile race is a six mile race and not on endurance test for the human frame which needs at least one meal every twenty four hours.

Saturday, December 3rd, saw the unedifying spectacle of the majestic FLORIN BOY with its 80 H.P., Stutz straight-eight car engine, being towed back into the Creek by Keith Glennister's 2½ Cat Power Marine job. Unfortunately, Keith could only get this vessel as far as the Creek entrance where she sat on the sand till 2am, thereby giving the Creek mouth a definitely cluttered up appearance. Beats me why Stan and Frank don't look at the tide table before embarking on some of these hair-brained journeys.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Endurance, is patience, concentrated.

SPECIAL NOTE

Our next sporting event (?) is a power boat race timed to start at 11 am, on Sunday January 22nd 1950. You should all be back from your vacations by that date, so some along and start the New Year right.

PLEASE, remember there is NO Executive Meeting for this month, and accordingly NO General Meeting for January 1950.

Next Executive Meeting ... Tuesday,
January 31, 1950
Next General Meeting ... Tuesday,
February 7, 1950
Next Social ... Saturday, February
25, 1950

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