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EDITORIAL:

"Childrens' Xmas Party"

The following letter has been received from the Gentlemen who were mainly responsible for the running of the Childrens' Xmas Party, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking them on your behalf, for a job well done.

To the Editor:-

Dear Sir,

We desire to express our thanks to the Parents who so whole-heartedly supported our Xmas Party on Sunday, December 13th. Our thanks, also, to those Members who did the various jobs around the island, such as giving out hats, whistles etc. A very special thanks to the ladies who attended to the afternoon tea, also, to the rather rotund gentleman who seems to have a knack of producing a never ending supply of that stuff called "TEA" on such occasions, and thanks again to those Members who gave financial support. We would like to acknowledge donations from

Arthur Chapple, Joe Mather, Bert Walls, W. Evans and G. Attwood, the latter two, both non members; and those whose names did not appear in the previous "Anchor". Again, many thanks.

Signed; Ross White
Jim. Smith.

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GENERAL:

Here are the names of two candidates for admission to the Club, and these gentlemen will be interviewed by the Committee before our next General Meeting. Mr. William Creech of Violet St., Frankston and Mr. Ronald Margetts of 10, Grieve St., Nth. Balwyn.

Indifferent weather was experienced by the boats that took part in the Xmas cruise, but at least some Members of the Cruising Fleet stuck it out to the bitter end, which after all proved to be not so bitter as might have been expected. One conclusion reached, was that Cameron's Bight, an anchorage about a mile on the Rosebud side of Sorrento is easily the best natural all weather haven on our side of the Bay. The Naval Depot at Swan island, on the opposite shore is also particularly good. Here, yachtsmen are always welcome and so long as simple security regulations are observed, one can have a perfectly lazy holiday. Hot water showers are laid on, and milk, bread, ice and general provisions can be obtained from near-by Queenscliffe. Fresh water taps are on the piers and conveniently placed hoses will reach your tanks any time a fill up is needed. Those lucky folk who can arrange for some one to drive their car down for them, are really to be envied, for they are then independant of the Island Truck service and can come and go at their leisure, getting their provisions any time they desire. Fishing, too, in the locality is generally very good, although this Xmas the prevalence of easterly winds rather spoilt the fun in this respect. During the actual holiday period it is sometimes impossible to find a berth at the piers and then it is essential to have a dinghy with you, so as to be able to make an occasional trip ashore. The anchorage in Swan Bay, close to the piers, is excellent.

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At long last the workshop under the Club House is beginning to take shape and already a new bench has been erected with our lathe bolted into place and the Emery Wheel placed in position. Very shortly we are expecting to have our Line Shafting mounted in bearings and the electric motor for driving it connected up. Now Gentlemen, the work of installing this equipment has to be done by people who are well acquainted with this type of job, so you are not being called on to take part in a working bee, but we would appreciate it very much, if those of you who own the miscellaneous

collection of non-boating gear which is at present cluttering up the down stairs section, would do the decent thing and come along and remove it - forth-with.

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Bad weather marred the annual race to Geelong, on the Australia Day week-end, with the result that only three of our Power Boats made the crossing. They were "Seasprite" G. Emmis; "White Gull", J. Prince; and "Moa", J. Mather. Thirty-eight sea miles is quite a journey for a small boat and considering that you have only one full day at Geelong it is understandable when Skippers prefer to stay at home, rather than battle with the elements on a Bay that can kick up as nastily as ours does.

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Sunday, February 14th., is the day of the Lonsdale Cup, a race for Power Boats and sponsored by "The Little Ships Club". Last year this event was won by our own club when George Ennis won in an exciting finish. This year our Club will be again well represented and spectators on the St. Kilda Pier should see an excellent days racing.

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Some time in the next few weeks Members are to be given an opportunity to see a selection of films, dealing with various subjects and one in particular dealing entirely with the building of the "Cormorant" Type Yacht. Presented by Mr. Gil. Nicholls, who incidently is a member of ours, and who is in world class as an amateur movie photographer, these films will be shown at the Club House on a date to be announced. Members and their wives and Friends will be welcome and we would like to see a good roll up.

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Our own Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21st., and a record number of entries is anticipated. This race, which is open to Members of any recognized Yacht Club, never fails to attract some of the fastest boats on Port Phillip Bay. Entry forms are available at the Club House and must be returned to the Secretary by Feb. 13th.

A delightful day was spent by Skippers and Crews of eight of our boats when they sailed up to Sandringham to take part in a combined race with the Sandringham Yacht Club, on Sunday 24th Jan.; ideal weather conditions prevailed and after the race refreshments were served by the Sandringham Club to our visiting members.. It was generally felt that more of this club hob-nobbing would be of benefit to power boating in general. Lets have more of it.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

We all make footprints in the sands of time, but some leave the imprint of a great soul - others just the mark of a heel.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday 14th Feb. Lonsdale Cup
 Sunday 21st. " Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift.
 Saturday 27th Feb. Social at Club House at 8.30 P.M.
 Sunday 28th Feb. Willowbank Trophy (R.Turner)
 Tuesday 1st. Mar. GENERAL MEETING.

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"ISLE OF MORDIALLOC GIFT".

If you keep on trying, you must strike good weather some time. This is what we all thought, when the Sunday on the Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift Race turned out to be such a perfect day. For years now, we have been plagued with bad or indifferent weather, but this year we copped the best of the lot. Over thirty boats competed and the starting arrangements were just about perfect with a very efficient loud-hailer mounted on a motor van at the end of the pier. Arrangements on the Island, itself, were also ideal, and the catering was ably attended to by the Members of the Ladies Committee. Downstairs, two officials kept the guests from developing a thirst, and here also, a well loaded table carried savouries and sandwiches.

Complimentary remarks on the running of the event were flying around thick and fast and we really think that all of our officials concerned should take a "bow".

This year, Sandringham Yacht Club, was again successful in carting off the Cup, when Tom Howells "ALEETA" came in almost dead on time and was declared the winner. "NORDECIA", skippered by K. Guthridge of The Little Ship Club, was second and "MARLO", with Jimmy Smith of our own club, third.

We think the time has now arrived, when our Racing Committee, should consider altering the style of this event to make it a first past the post affair, as, is indeed, being done in this year's Whalley Cup. Our Handicappers, should now have the true speeds of most of the well known boats in the Bay and any craft whose speed they do not know, can be harshly handicapped until their true form is known.

NEW MEMBERS.

At our last General Meeting, the following gentlemen were admitted to Membership of the Club, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them. Colonel W.C.L. Creech of Frankston, Full Member; Mr. R.W. Margetts of North Balwyn, Crew Member; Mr. W. Vestris of Parkdale, Crew Member; Mr. J. L. Danckert of Parkdale, Crew Member; and Mr. C.A. Armstrong of Parkdale, Crew Member.

At our next Meeting, applications from Mr. W.G. Holmes of 5 Scott St., South Caulfield and Mr. J. Molina of the Imperial Hotel, 4 Bourke St., Melbourne, will be considered for Membership.

GENERAL.

Owing to misuse, the controls of the Club Power Winch are to be locked up and keys are to be given only to those who are capable of handling the cradle and equipment. Recently, when Members were assembling at the Club House, for our monthly meeting, they were astounded to see our cradle left in the water, where some unauthorised person had left it after use. This is the kind of trick which penalises the decent Member because of the mean actions of the few.

Some very nice publicity for the Club, is flowing these days, from the pen of our Press Correspondent, Mr. Gordon Margetts. Twice recently, articles from him have hit the front page of the local paper and this kind of write up is all to the good. For far too long, we have been content to be shrinking violets in a field of dandelions, and it is time we began to realise the truth of the old saying that the pen is mightier than the sword. Keep up the good work, Gordon.

A very nice, woollen yachting cap, the pom-pom type favoured by the boys, has been donated to the club by Mrs. West, mother of Mrs. George Ennis, and this will be disposed of very shortly at one of our Socials. Done in the Club colours of red and blue, this cap is quite

smart looking and we are prepared to bet that it will be as cosy to wear as it looks to the eye.

We understand that there is a move afoot to change the name of last weeks race, from "The Willowbank Trophy" to the "Glenister Gift"; for as this implies it certainly was a gift to Keith to give him the start they did in this race. Ropping home by the bare three quarters of a mile, "IRENE" at least made the handicappers blush, and the rest of the field envious, while some of the remarks passed by a few of our more vulgar skippers would have dried up the Albert Park Lake. Still, for the rest of the boats, it was a beaut finish and some of them were only a few feet apart as they crossed the line. Quite a good show really, and one wonders why we don't have more of them.

This year's Whalley Cup, promises to be a very interesting race for all concerned. Reverting to the original idea of first past the post, this will have the effect of making the boats go flat out at the finish, thus ensuing a thrilling spectacle for spectators on the breakwater at Sandringham. Some years ago this type of race had to be abandoned because of the fact that certain of the handicappers would not insist in putting the boats in at their proper speed, consequently giving some skippers a big advantage over others. Nowadays, with handicappers promising to do the decent thing, we can all look forward to seeing some good racing. More than that, we owe it to our Sponsor, Mr. Bert Whalley, to make this event worthy of the great effort that he himself puts into it.

Commodore's night, December 19th., was an excellent wind-up for last Year's Social events and a splendid roll up of Members and Friends kept the fun and dancing going without a stop until midnight. Good wishes from the Commodore Mr. George Bates and Mrs. Bates brought the night to a close when Members formed a circle and sang Auld Lang Syne.

During the evening, trophies won in Club events during the previous Season were presented to Skippers and completely filled a large table set in front of the fireplace. Gasps of astonishment came from visitors when they saw the marvellous glittering array of trophies, included among which were the very beautiful tankards presented by Mr. Whalley to all those boats which finished the course in the Annual event which bears his name. Our thanks to Mrs. Bates for a very bountiful supper to which all did justice. Contrasting the attendance at this Social, with the first one of this Year, held on February 27th., Officials can only feel disappointed that more of our Members do not take the opportunity to come along and get known socially. Possibly, the decorations in the City or the Royal Visit may have had something to do with such a poor attendance and time alone will show if this was the case.

In recent months, the stork has been busy among folk closely associated with our Club. Mrs. Sundberg presented Ted with a bouncing baby boy, while Commodore George Bates and Vice Commodore Keith Glenister were made Grandpas again when their son and daughter respectively, were blessed with baby daughters. Latest addition to our fast growing family is a daughter to Eric and Joan Margetts.

Bob Turner, skipper of "Willowbank" was most unfortunate to miss out, winning this years Lonsdale Cup. Losing several seconds at the start, due entirely to his inexperience in this type of race, Bob had the misfortune to have his boat facing the wrong way when the time came to start. The amount of time lost was precisely the same as that by which he was beaten into second place. However, congratulations on a good race Bob. Harry Bethel, too, of "VEGO" was in the prize money and this very consistent performer looks like being a worthy competitor in all Club events.

Friends of Mrs. Barlow will be sorry to hear that she is in hospital suffering from Diabetes, and we are all looking forward to her quick return to our midst. Hers was one of the faces we missed at our last Social and many enquiries were made regarding her absence.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

Sun. 14th Mar.	George Bates Trophy for Power Boats.	
	Devon Tea.	
Sun. 21st "	Whalley Cup	Sat. Mar. 27th, Club Social
Sun. 28th "	"Moa" Trophy	Tues. " 30th, Next Gen.Meet.

M.M.Y.C.

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EDITORIAL:

" F I R E "

The disastrous fire, which occurred at Sandringham Yacht Club, a fortnight ago, should serve as a reminder to us of just what damage can be done in a few minutes by a carelessly dropped match or cigarette butt. Years of work and planning can disappear in less than an hour. The argument that the loss is covered by Insurance, loses its point when you come to realise just how little can be accomplished in these days of high prices, even with thousands of pounds expenditure. To rebuild a similar structure to our present Club-house, would probably take much more than we would get from Insurance, therefore, it behoves all Members to make sure that cigarette butts are safety stubbed and used matches are properly out, before being discarded.

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NEW MEMBERS:

At the last Meeting of the Club, the following gentlemen were admitted to Full Membership and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to our ranks. Mr. Jack Murphy of Parkdale and Mr. Joe Molina of The Imperial Hotel, Melbourne.

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GENERAL:

Hard luck for Harry Bethel, that he did not know "Who" to look for on the foreshore at Frankston last weekend, on the occasion of the "MOA" trophy. Harry's boat "VEGO" was the second craft to reach the pier at the end of the race, but Skippers then had to run the length of the jetty and find a member of the M.M.Y.C., on the beach, who would give them a note stating their time of arrival. Mark Ryan was the man to look for, but Harry, who is a comparatively new member, and Mark

who has not been as regular at the Club as some of us, had never before met each other and when last seen, Harry was disappearing along the beach towards Carrum still searching. Entries for the race were a little disappointing but this generally happens when an event has been postponed from a previous date, due to bad weather. George Bates was not well, Bob Turner and Roy Johnston could not make it and Grandpa Glenister had to attend a christening, however all those who went along thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing and congratulations are due to Bill Withers of "STELLA MARIS" who won the event.

The suggestion to cover in part of our slip-way, so as to enable members to work on their boats irrespective of weather conditions, has been put up to the Mordialloc Council for approval, and Councillors are coming down to the Island on a tour of inspection, to see for themselves just what we want to do. If permission is granted, this should be a good spare time job for the winter. Already we have undertaken to make a new cradle before next season and timber for same is being selected at present by Mr. Fred Clark who knows just about all there is to know regarding suitable timber for such jobs. Writing of jobs, reminds us that no one has, as yet, shifted their rubbish from under the club-house and, in fact, some have actually added to it since our last reminder. Seems as though tougher tactics are needed and will have to prevail. Now, PLEASE, shift your possessions or else they will have to be moved into the open.

Jimmy Harrison, has provided the necessary funds to inaugurate a Trophy for sailing craft, with the idea of perpetuating the memory of the late Arthur Starkey. To be known as the Arthur Starkey Memorial Cup, the event will be open to sailing enthusiasts in our own ranks, and we think that this is an excellent gesture. Nice work, Jim, and many thanks.

A nasty jagged piece of broken beer bottle, was picked up in the water near our slip-way last weekend. Just the kind of thing to nearly cut off the foot of anyone who might accidentally tread on it. Surely some of our members are not getting careless in this regard?

If you have any empty bottles just stack them up, near the Gent's Reading Room, and they will be collected and sold for the Club's benefit.

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By the way, there is now a wash hand basin, and a roller towel, installed under the club-house over near the work bench, so there is no more need for you to clutter up the kitchen to the annoyance of the ladies when you want to wash your hands OR paint brushes.

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That last Social was a bit of a frost as far as numbers go, and it makes you wonder why more of our members do not patronise these shows. The music is good, the supper is plentiful and the company, bright and cheerful, so, what more do you want? You all know that these Socials are held on the last Saturday of every month so come along and try yourself out, and bring a few friends too, if you like, they will be welcome.

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In the past few weeks, several members have disposed of their boats and those that readily come to mind are George Tevelein, who has sold "SANDRA"; and is now contemplating building something bigger. Dave Sloss has sold "LOUANA" and Bert Bowden and Bill Withers have swapped boats, whilst Len Wright has finally disposed of "PETER PAN". Ian Hick, is in the market to sell his small craft and Joe Mather is preparing to go to work and make extensive alterations to "MOA". George Ennis, has done away with his fresh water cooling and rumour has it that he is now threatening to fit his fifteenth propeller. "RICHLIEU" is back in the water and now sports a coat of white paint after five years in the "blue". Rod Rodger has fixed his stern bearing again, this time for keeps, whilst Bert Bowden, is making plans to fit a seat in the "MAVRIC" where he can just sit and think.

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A very nice compliment was paid us recently by two visitors from one of the more prominent motor yacht Clubs, up the northern end of the Bay.

Taken up into our Club-house by one of our Officials just as the afternoon tea bell was ringing, our visitors exclaimed with pleasure at the nice spirit of co-operation existing between all and sundry and regretted that no similar spirit prevailed at their own headquarters. As we have always remarked, there does seem to be something just a bit different about the set-up at the Island, and apparently visitors can notice it also.

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The time is now ripe to dump another couple of tons of metal shavings on the pathway at the back of the Hotel. Several large holes have developed alongside next doors punt and are now a threat to life and limb. Talk of dumping this metal is always good for a laugh for those of us in the know, as it produces, without fail, the finest array of weak backs and crook shoulders that you would find in a days march.

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This years Whalley Cup was a pretty fair turn, and it must have pleased sponsor Bert Whalley, to see the boats that turned out. A very fresh northerly wind made the first leg of the course to Port Melbourne, pretty hectic, with some of the crews getting a good wetting. From Port Melbourne to Sandringham, with the wind on our tails, was very pleasant, but conditions in the harbour at Sandy, where the boats had to tie up, were not so good. A good north wind shows up the one weakness in the present Sandringham harbour, but no doubt this will, in time, be rectified. Handicapping for the event, was fairly good with a few of the boats hiding their true speed from the handicappers and this includes a couple of our own craft. The luncheon, at Sandringham, was tops, with everyone, apparently, having plenty to eat. Starting arrangements, at Williamstown, were the best we have seen in this event, whilst the tape-recorder used by the Officials at the finishing line, was a real brain-wave and a playback from this instrument, after the race, settled any doubts that there could have been, regarding the final placings. The official result was "IKONA", R.V.M.Y.C., first; "FALCON" M.M.Y.C., second; "SAN MICHELE" R.V.M.Y.C., third.

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EDITORIAL:

Annual Meeting.

Our next meeting to be held on June 1st is the Annual Meeting at which Officers are elected for the ensuing 12 months. In their hands will be the destiny of the club for another year. If the right men are elected, progress will, no doubt, be continued. Looking back over the past few years, one can see the steady improvement that has taken place in our club, and for this we must give thanks not only to the officers, but also to the ordinary member whose job it is to sift the gold from the dross.

Therefore it is up to you, the member, to weigh the qualifications, and capabilities, of each candidate and vote accordingly.

In the past you have not let the Club down.

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Next Tuesday night, May the 18th, a film night is being held in the Clubhouse to which all members and their friends are invited. Starting at 8.15 P.M. and dealing with subjects of mutual interest the films are the work of Gil Nicholls who has attained world celebrity status in the amateur movie picture field.

Included in the program is a photographic record of the building, from start to finish, of the "Cormorant" type of yacht, one of which, Gil himself is builder, owner, skipper.

If the ladies who attend this picture night would each bring a "plate", then the club would put on a "cuppa", for supper.

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At the annual meeting of the M.M.Y.C. to be held on Tuesday, June 1st, no less than fourteen nominations have been received for positions on the Executive committee.

As only six committeemen are to be elected, it seems as though at least eight candidates will be eliminated. Nevertheless it is a good healthy sign to see such healthy competition from members who are prepared to submit their services for the use of the club.

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A new cradle is now coming up for our slipway. The design in general appearance, is similar to the existing one, but much stronger, plus the fact that a central bearer will accommodate shorter boats, which at present are very badly catered for. All bolts will be of Bronze, thus eliminating the rust, which has been the main cause of failure in our present cradle. Mounted on four heavy iron wheels with axles of 2 inch diameter, this job should give us many years of good service, whilst at the same time making it much easier for members to prop their boats upright, once they leave the water.

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That four mile per hour speed limit in the creek seems to have been forgotten by most boat users these days. It can be most annoying too, if you happen to be making some fine adjustment to a magneto or "carburettor" or something, when some lunatic rushes past in his boat. After you have rescued various small screws, bolts, or washers from the bilge, where they have fallen, from the violent motion resulting from the passing craft, and you are ready to start again, the same fool dashes past again. These are the happenings which cause the usual placid skipper to use what the authors like to describe as "Salty Language".

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A nice run was taken by a few of the boats on Sunday May 2nd., when a trip was made to Black Rock. Whilst there, the opportunity was taken by a few of those present to go aboard the old gunboat "CEREBUS" which is partly submerged as a breakwater, just out from the Shore.

The wooden decks of this original member of the Old Victorian Navy, are still in a wonderful state of preservation, as likewise the iron Hull and super-structure. A natural reef runs out almost to the "CEREBUS" making a fairly safe haven in all but very heavy weather.

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A very nice interlude took place at the Devon Tea held in the Club Rooms on Sunday, May 9th (Mothers Day) when Mr. Jack Prince rendered an appropriate song to mark the occasion; accompanied on the piano by his son Norman, Jack gave us "When the ebb tide flows". Then as an encore, Jack and Norman sang a duet with Norman again officiating at the piano. Both items were very well received. Each mother at afternoon tea was given a lucky ticket which entitled her to partake in a draw for a gift box of chocolates donated by Mrs. Blades, and these were won by Mrs. John Murphy, wife of one of our new members, and were greatly appreciated.

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The Public Works Department Dredge, which has been working in the creek for the past 3 weeks, is doing a very good job and has already removed the bar from across the mouth, and has also deepened the entrance considerably.

Another improvement which was noted last weekend is the vast amount of filling that has been deposited between the pier and the creek, thus filling up all the low-lying land in this area and also acting as a barrier to stop unauthorised persons from removing sand from this part of the foreshore.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Reformers are always at their best
When they commence on themselves.

The following is a list of names for those members who have been nominated for the various positions which will be voted for at the Annual Meeting.

Rear Commodore: R. Rodger, G. Ennis.

Handicapper: N. Paterson, A. Moss

Asst. Handicapper: A. Moss
N. Paterson, R. Paterson.

General Committee: G. Margetts
V. Malthouse
J. Mather
N. Paterson
A. Bowden
H. Bethell
R. Read
R. Rodger
J. Prince
W. Withers
G. Ennis
C. Tull
J. Smith
A. Moss

Crew Member on the Committee: H. Swift, G. Watson.

Racing Committee: W. Withers, H. Bethell,
J. Prince, R. Paterson,
J. Mather, A. Moss,
C. Tull, A. Chapple,
H. Wharton, R. Rodger,
N. Paterson.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.

Next Sunday	May 16th	Power Boat Event 11 A.M.
Next Tuesday	May 18th	Picture Night in Clubhouse.
Saturday	May 29th	Social in Clubhouse 8 P.M.
Tuesday	June 1st	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

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EDITORIAL

- ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS -

Well Folk, we hate to hurt you, but the fact of the matter is that Club Subscriptions are due again and we are getting in just ahead of the Tax collector. Fees, as most of you are aware, are £5/5/0 for full Membership and £2/12/6 for Crew Membership, and we would be obliged if you would send your remittance as soon as possible after receiving your account. By doing so an appreciable amount of book work is saved and also we would then have the funds available to carry out our various improvement schemes. - So, here's hoping.

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GENERAL:-

My word, what keen interest was taken in our Annual Elections this year. Nearly half of our Members attended and voting was remarkably intense. This is quite good for the Club generally, and indicates a healthy spirit. Nominations for office were also a record this year, and this speaks well for our future for it is a well known fact that no one seeks to be elected to office in any organization that is either dying or decadent. Here is the list of Office Bearers for the coming year:-

Commodore, Mr. G. Bates
Rear Commodore, Mr. G. Ennis
Asst. Secretary, Mr. A. Chapple
Social Secretary, Mr. H. Wharton
Slip Master, Mr. A. Bowden
Publicity Officer, Mr. G. Margetts
Handicapper, Mr. A. Moss
Asst. Handicapper, Mr. R. Paterson
Vice Commodore, Mr. K. Glenister
Sec. & Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Blades

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Bowden
 Mr. H. Bethell
 Mr. V. Malthouse
 Mr. J. Prince
 Mr. J. Smith
 Mr. J. Mather
 Mr. H. Swift

A very delightful evening held at the Club House on Tuesday 18th, was the picture night, presented by Club Member Mr. Gil Nicholls. If no one had told you all about the birds and bees and flowers, you'd have learnt all about them seeing Gil's delightful nature studies. The photography and colouring brought murmurs of delight and the accompanying music was particularly well chosen. Everyone was thrilled with the scenes of yachting on Sydney Harbour, and the men, impressed and a little envious of the wonderful equipment they saw in use, in the building of the two lovely Cormorant class yachts, owned by Gil and his friend Charlie Tull and which are now on our register. Many thanks for such an excellent evenings entertainment Gil. After the show, the Ladies, bless them, in usual style produced a tasty supper of sandwiches, cakes, tea, etc.

Our Racing season has drawn to a close, and the George Ennis Trophy, one of our last events, took place in the form of a Bottle Race on Sunday Morning, 16th May. According to an eye witness on the Pier, this event made a particularly fine show for the spectator. To see all the boats streaming forth together in search of the bottles and racing back and entering the creek mouth to return to their base, looked very well indeed. This trophy was won by "MOA" first, "LORELEI" second and "MARLO" third. Sunday 30th May, saw the "VEGO" Trophy run under similar conditions. There was a good roll up of Skippers and in this event "SEASPRITE" was successful.

Except for the date, 13th August, a Friday night, and the locality, Caulfield R.S.L. Ballroom, Hawthorn Rd., Caulfield, we have nothing new to tell you about our Annual Ball. However, 'twould be wise to make tentative plans and date your friends to make up a party for this year's cabaret event. We want a bumper crowd, and THIS is your opportunity to entertain. More of this in our next issue.

From time to time, one hears murmurs about the "clique" which prevails at the club. Well, be this as it may, but on looking around at the same familiar faces at our last monthly social one realises how this phrase arises and if it was not for this self same clique our Socials would be a far greater financial loss than they are at present. Strangely enough, socially, everyone has a most enjoyable time. Members, please bestir yourselves, let us have some of that new blood we hear about, and patronise your club socials, teas etc., and BE one of the clique. We hope to see you ALL next time.

It was nice to see Mrs. Barlow back in our midst, dancing around at the last Social, after her long bout of sickness. Keep up the good work Mrs. Barlow.

Missing from the tea-making squad, for the past few week-ends, has been Mrs. Margetts who has been a patient in St. Ives Hospital undergoing a tonsilectomy. We understand that she is at home again and making good progress and should be back with us again soon. Kind regards from all at the Club, Mrs. Margetts.

Over the Queens Birthday Weekend, three of our boats sailed up the Yarra, as far as Johnson St. Bridge, a distance of nearly 15 miles. The boats were "SEASPRITE" "WHITE GULL" and "LORELEI" and notwithstanding the cool conditions, skippers and crews enjoyed themselves immensely. It is a safe bet to say that not 10% of the Melbourne public know the beauties of the Yarra beyond Prince's Bridge. Leaving Mordialloc on the Saturday

afternoon, about 2.30, the boats reached the Henley staging without incident at dusk. Stopping here overnight and then, after a hearty breakfast, next stop was at Grange Rd. Bridge, where an inspection was made of Gordon Margett's latest nautical acquisition, a 27' Cruiser with more beam than Queenie at the Zoo. Gordon was busy getting this craft busy to take her place in Millionaire's Row at the Island, but could still spare time to dig up drinks for all who were thirsty, and of course that means ALL. From here the boats pushed on past beautiful home to the Hawthorn Tea Gardens jetty, where lunch was taken. After lunch, on again through beautiful rugged scenery and under various bridges from one of which, small boys could not resist dropping a bottle, almost on top of "WHITE GULL", much to the annoyance of her skipper whose language made the foliage along the banks, positively wither. Next, we came to the Johnston St. Bridge and this is journey's end as far as the Lower Yarra is concerned, so, round-about-face for the return to Henley Staging which was reached about 4.30 P.M. A cool breeze sweeping up from the City soon found the weak spots, so the boats were moored head into the breeze and "lights out" was soon the order of the day as crews settled in for a good nights rest. Ten sharp, Monday morning, found the boats ready to leave for home, and after a leisurely trip down to the river's mouth, course was set for Mordialloc. With a fresh breeze on our transoms and well rugged up to keep out the cold we literally sped, without effort, finally tying up in the creek at 1.30 and all hands voting it a most pleasant and successful week-end.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

Saturday 26th June
 Tuesday 6th July
 Sunday 11th July
 FRIDAY 13TH AUGUST

Next CLUB SOCIAL
 General Meeting
 Devon Tea at Club House
 ANNUAL BALL, Caulfield R.S.L.
 Ballroom, Hawthorn Rd.,
 Caulfield.

CLUBHOUSE Tel. No. XY12 03. Hon. Sec. R.E. Blades.

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EDITORIAL.

Club Annual Ball.

Well, here we are, only a fortnight from our Annual Ball, which just serves to show you how time flies. No doubt most of you by this time have received your tickets, and if so, don't be alarmed to find no price on them. Although this year we are holding an invitation ball, each ticket is priced at 25/- and each club member is responsible for the return of the money for each ticket issued in their name. If you have friends coming it will help the committee considerably if they write the name of the club member who is sponsoring them on the back of their tickets.

This will simplify matters for the doorkeeper, and make it much easier for whoever has to show them to their correct tables, and make for much less fuss and bother. If you have not already made up your party do so at once, and contact Harry Wharton if you need more tickets. By the way, this year there is no need to tote your own drink along, as stewards will be ready and willing to serve you with any beverage whatsoever, either hard or soft. Just one more thing. Parking for cars is both free and plentiful.

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NEW CANDIDATES.

The following Gentlemen are desirous of joining our club, and they will be interviewed by the Committee in the next 30 days.

Clive Robert Harrison	18 Neerin Rd. Caulfield. Truck Dealer.
William Murray	5 Bolson Ave. Hampton. Garage Proprietor.

NEW CANDIDATES. (Cont.)

John Crittenden, Ringwood. - Accountant.

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At the last general meeting of the club reference was made to the relatively small number of members who regularly patronize our general meetings compared to the huge roll up we get at our annual meeting, when there is a spot of voting to do.

This was particularly noticeable at the last Annual meeting when several faces were seen for the first time since their owners had joined the club.

Henceforth, a roll is being kept, showing the names of those who are regular in attendance, and this will be compared with what one member described as the "Blow-ins" next June. A very "touchy" subject, no doubt, but it will be good to watch the reactions.

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You remember that "Beaut" picture night we had at the Clubhouse recently when Gil Nicholls put on a few of his celebrated pictures, well, now we have prevailed on Joe Mather to do something along the same lines, with the result that Saturday August 7th has been selected as a suitable date to put on a show. With a view to helping our funds along a small charge of 2/- is being made for each "Gent" who attends, whilst the ladies are asked to bring a "plate," then after the show, supper will be served. Joe's Films will have quite a club atmosphere about them, as some of them deal with numerous incidents about the Island, and at functions we have attended, so come along and see yourself as others see you.

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Would the trusting soul who leaves a pair of oars "planted" under the hedge at the back of the Hotel, please contact the Secretary. Last week-end the said oars were in the act of being "whizzed off," by a couple of young louts, who were intercepted just as they were making their getaway with the oars over their shoulders. There is a safe place for such gear on the Island, so why not use it?

Don't look now, but we believe some of you members have forgotten where you left your cheque books. Sixtyfour of you, altogether, did not respond to our plea for an early payment of subscriptions. What about it, folk.

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We hope you like the new punt bay, which is being constructed by a few of our more enthusiastic members, which has already cut punt sinkings to a minimum.

However, when there is an exceptionally high tide, you must remember to "Bob your Nob," otherwise the things you use as brains, may be left hanging on that cross beam which ties two of the posts together, over on the "Pub" side of the creek.

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Rumour has it that the very popular lectures on navigation, given by Ron Rog or last season, are to be continued. If so, this will be much appreciated by those who were only just getting a grasp of things, when they were discontinued, so suddenly.

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That's a nice enlargement on the clubhouse wall of three of our boats tied up at Hawthorn Tea Gardens up the Yarra on the Queens Birthday weekend. The work of Geo. Ennis, this photo has created much favourable comment, and is a credit to the photographer. A few more nautical shots, like this, on our clubroom walls, would give the place just that salty atmosphere, so necessary in any boating headquarters.

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If you want to use the slipway before Xmas, contact the Slipmaster, Bert Bowden, and lodge a definite booking, otherwise you may be left lamenting.

Remember too, the rule about only eight days on the cradle, otherwise jack off, and make room for the next fellow.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

A Friend is someone who knows all about you, but likes you just the same.

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The new Social Committee was elected at the last executive meeting and comprised three Flag Officers. Mr. Bates, Mr. Glenister, Mr. Ennis and their wives, Social Secretary Mr. Wharton and his wife, Secretary Mr. Blades and his wife.

Help from the wives of any of the members in providing the scones for our monthly Devon Tea would be much appreciated, and if they would either personally contact Mrs. Blades or 'phone her at XU3189 telling her of their intention, she could draw up a roster and advise them when it was their turn.

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Our last Social was the usual social success, everyone enjoying themselves immensely, but still not receiving the response in attendance that one would expect.

Birthday greetings were the order of the night, especially to Tommy and Jean Carter, our drummer and pianist, who were congratulated on the birth of a baby son.

Mrs. Croam was once again the lucky winner of the box of chocolates. We are beginning to suspect that she bribes the kiddy who draws out the lucky ticket. Congratulations on your run of luck, Mrs. Croam.

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COMING EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER.

Saturday, July 31st.	Social at the Clubhouse.
Tuesday, August 3rd	General Meeting.
Saturday Aug. 7th	Picture Night at Clubhouse
Friday Aug. 13th	Annual Ball at R.S.L. Ballroom, Hawthorn Rd. Caulfield.
Sunday Aug. 15th	Devon Tea at Clubhouse, 3.45 P.M.

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EDITORIAL:-

Slipway Fees.

We hope most of our Club Members have read the Editorial in the August issue of "SEACRAFT". It deals with the charges for boat slipping in the fair state of N.S.W., where boat yards have made an agreement between themselves to charge a minimum of 1/3d. per ft. of boats length, to haul out a boat, and this is for 24 hours or part thereof. Over and above this charge, it costs you 3d., per foot for use of the cradle, so, of course, there is no "cradle squatting" over there.

Moorings, too, are quite an item in the Harbour City; 4d., to 9d., per foot per WEEK, are the usual charges if your boat is tied up at a private marina, so, it looks as though we, at Mordialloc, are not so badly done by after all. What do you think?

GENERAL:

Latest seaport to get a rock breakwater, is St. Kilda, where the P.W.D., has started the job of dropping truckloads of large "ronnies" at the rear of the refreshment Kiosk. Proposed breakwater will extend 1000' in the direction of Middle Park, and will enclose a large area of water. Surely ours at Mordialloc MUST be a next on the list.

Reports from Sydney now confirm that H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" is being broken up, so it looks as though our chances of seeing her off shore from the Clubhouse are almost as dead as square dancing.

Were you at our last Social? If you were, we are sure that you would vote it the best for many months. We actually made a small profit on the night. And,

were you in that marathon barndance? We understand it went for just on 40 minutes. It does not do to challenge "Tommy" our drummer - all not being as young as we were - he certainly had his "revenge" and we just loved it but could hardly stagger back to our seats. Any way it bumped up the sales of soft drinks. Remember our next Social, the last Saturday in the month, be in it and have a good time.

The Picture Night, put on by Joe Mather, on Saturday night, 7th August, was voted a great success and was well patronised. The colour pictures recalled what would normally be "lost week-ends". We enjoyed seeing ourselves at Geelong and at home and our boats on the water. Few skippers have the opportunity of seeing their boats in action, being usually on board, but due to Joe's fine shots, those present could see how their craft appeared in the eyes of others. Seeing pictures of that happy occasion the Xmas tree party for the children makes us realise how soon the Festive season will be upon us again. These intimate Club Films were supplemented by several very good shorts and a full length picture, all about drug running. The supper, supplied from the Ladies' "Plates" was delightful; everything looked lovely, but it was Mrs. Withers luscious strawberry sponge that caused so many exclamations of delight. We have a budding florist in our midst in the person of young Rhoda Withers who delights in "doing" flowers. She was responsible for the many vases of flowers arranged around the room. Our Picture Night netted the sum of £3/6/ 0 for our Club Funds, many thanks Joe for your fine effort.

Well, our Annual Ball has been and gone, and what a grand night it turned out to be. We are sure there was not a soul present who did not enjoy themselves. There were not as many present as in previous years so our new surroundings just took the crowd well. The music was absolutely tops and kept the dancers on their toes till well after the

official finishing time and the service of the stewards engaged to attend everyone's requirements, very good. As for the supper, well, it was all that could be desired and we had to keep dancing to shake down all the good things consumed. The frocking of the ladies was particularly pleasing and there were several outstanding delightful creations worn.

Mr. Bates, our Commodore, and Mrs. Bates entertained representatives from Sandringham Yacht Club,

Victorian Ladies Yacht Club, and The 12 Sq. Metre Sailing Club. Late in the evening lucky balloons were sold and after the winner, Miss Margaret Hans, was presented with the prize of a pair of Nylon Stockings, more balloons were dispensed amongst the dancers, giving the scene a real gala atmosphere and creating quite a lot of fun before everyone collected their wraps and departed for home. An unofficial check showed about 140 people present which was just 98 less than the crowd at last year's ball, however, it was none the less enjoyable for that.

It was nice to welcome back one or two of our old timers, to our Devon Tea on Sunday 15th Aug. Although this function is always run at a profit, it seems to have developed into a day when the regulars just pay 2/- for scones and cream instead of the humble 6d., for tea and biscuits. We would like this to be a day when you invite and entertain your friends at the Club. The Ladies of the Committee were very disappointed at the lack of response for offers to make scones, only two additional ladies offering, thus leaving the job to the few on the Committee.

We are sure there could not be more heart felt congratulations offered to any one than those which the whole club tender to Beryl and Arthur Chapple on the safe arrival of their little son Bryan Robert. Here is wishing Beryl and the little chap continued good progress after a very anxious time.

Mentioning babies, many of you will remember young "Dossie" daughter of our old club mates Reg and Doll Richardson? She has recently become the proud mother of a baby son, Colin John. Congratulations to Dossie and husband Bob.

As announced at our last General Meeting, the Navigation Lectures have been resumed, the first being held on Tuesday 17th Aug., and conducted by Mr. Ron Rodgers. On this night he ran over all the points given at previous lectures thus bringing his listeners up to date. Apparently this was very necessary as many realised when they discovered how much they had forgotten. All interested in the subject should not miss the next lecture to be given by Ron, the date of which will be announced later.

Congratulations and all best wishes, from all Club Members, to Bert Michelson, who has recently forsaken bachelorhood for the state of wedded bliss.

A suggestion has been made that some of our boats make the trip up the Yarra for Henley, this year. A number of moorings have been arranged for by Mr. Gordon Margetts. We would suggest, that as this year, Henley is going to be on the grand scale of pre-war years, an effort should be made to have a good portion of our fleet at the Henley Staging. Those interested in obtaining a site, please contact Mr. Margetts.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The man with his shoulder to the wheel probably needs a new battery.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

Sat. 28th Aug.	Social at Club House
Tuesday 31st Aug.	Executive Meeting.
Tuesday 7th Sept.	General Meeting.
Sunday 12th "	Devon Tea

No parking ANY Saturday or Sunday in front of the Hotel.

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"RAZOR".EDITORIAL:ANNUAL BALL

Have any Members still got money for ball tickets, which has not yet been handed in? At the moment, results show that we will be flat out to pay our way, and it seems as though we entertained at least forty more than we have received money for. If you have slipped on your donation, please let us have it as soon as possible.

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GENERAL:

A new batch of pennants will soon be available and these will be for sale at 12/6d. each, compared to the old price of 7/ 6d. each, which only goes to show that even in the flag making game, costs have risen as steeply as in most other walks of life. Still, there is one big consolation, properly looked after, your club pennant should last, at least, 5 years.

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Our Racing Committee met recently, and drew up a most comprehensive program of events for the coming season and this is now in the hands of the printer and will be distributed to members as soon as received from the press. We do hope that this year there will be something definite done about posting results in the club room immediately they are known, and thus allow members to keep themselves up to date with regard to their point score. Another little point which will lead to more harmony will be to stick strictly to any prearranged type of event and not allow bickerers, no matter how vocal, to sway officials.

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This years Xmas Treat for the kiddies is set down for Sunday, 12th December, and again the arrangements are in the very capable hands of Jimmy Smith and Ross White. More of this in our next issue, but we think, possibly, the rules will be much the same as before, with maybe a few attractions for the kiddies this year.

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Slip-way Master, Bert Bowden, is kept very busy these days, writing names on his list for use of the slip-way and crossing them off as various boats go up and down again. On a recent Sunday afternoon, having waited for the high tide, George Ennis went up for one of his quick propellor changes and back into the water. John Murphy, having completed his spot of painting, went back into the water. Alex Davison brought his "SEAGOOSE" up and side slipped her for some maintenance work and a new cabin. Then, "ANNETTE" was brought up for the inspection of her new owners and a scrub. In all, it presented a very busy scene, and meant quite a few shekels for the club coffers. Spring feeling seems to have got members going a little earlier this year and already a number of boats are looking the better for a new coat of paint. George Bates, "ETHEL B" has had a real "do" this time, George having burnt off all the old paint back to the wood, and is looking especially spruce and ready for the "Season". Ron Rodgers is doing likewise to "FALCON" which should look extra nice. Ron, however has had the misfortune to lose the assistance of crew member Verdi Malthouse just at the critical moment who has been ordered to bed following a collapse recently, due, no doubt, to overwork. Here's hoping it is not too long before we see Verdi back at the Island.

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Whether it was the mild evening or not, we don't know, but we had quite a jolly roll up at our Social at the end of the month and all enjoyed themselves immensely. It was good to see our Assistant Secretary Arthur Chapple and his wife Beryl in our midst once more, though neither

had reached their old form, however, all in good time. By the way, Arthur and Beryl now have their baby son at home and think that they are just the ant's pants. Our lucky box of chocolates was taken, this time, by a visitor to whom we say, congratulations - and - come again.

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Fellow club members and friends of Bert Bowden, will learn with regret of the passing away of his father recently and will all join in offering their sincere sympathy to him.

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Sunday 12th, saw great goings on underneath the Club house. A working Bee, to clean up in preparation for the concreting of the workshop floor, was organised and the same few Bees did all the buzzing. Congratulations fellows on a job well done.

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Thought for the next Working Bee

The world is divided into two classes, those who do the work, and those who get the credit. Try to belong to the former. There is far less competition.

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Devon Tea in the afternoon followed the Working Bee of the morning and there was a very gratifying roll up of Members and their Friends. Now that you have experienced how nice it can be to entertain your friends, please keep on doing it. Many thanks to the one making lady volunteers, also to the ladies responsible for the last lot of scones. We thought them especially nice. It must be pleasing to those responsible to know that we made a profit of £4/18/0. For our next Devon Tea, we have had two tins of Strawberry conserve donated by young Graham McConchie's Dad, for which we say thank you.

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What did you think of the beaut green "black" board used by Instructor Ron Rodgers at the last Navigation Meeting, held in the Club rooms on Tuesday evening 14th inst.?

It was most generously donated by Freddie Clark whom we have noticed of late, caught up again with boat fever and doing some seasonal titivating to his boat "RHYTHM". Many thanks Fred.

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Another addition to the Club is a very natty piano stool, a long felt want for our pianist and which we understand is the joint work of Jimmy Smith and Freddie Clark. Again, thanks a lot, fellows. It's a real musical chair, too. Had you noticed?

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Returned to the fold, is smiling Davie Sloss, with his new acquisition, a twenty-four footer. Da has a lot of work ahead of him to make this vessel his dream boat, but she shows great promise and perhaps it won't be too long after all, before Dave is able to join in the Club's activities.

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George Tevelein's boat, high and dry on the island, is fast reaching that stage where she can get into her own element. Last week-end George, with a horde of helpers, finally manhandled a Straight-Eight Engine into place, which, according to George, should send his boat along like a rocket. Next addition will be a new cabin which should then make it quite one of the nicest boats in the club.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

Your character depends largely upon what the Public doesn't know about you.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.

Sat. 25th Sept.	SOCIAL at the Club House.
Tues. 28th "	Executive meeting.
Tues. 5th Oct.	General Meeting.
Sun. 10th "	DEVON TEA

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