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EDITORIAL . . .

COMMODORE'S NIGHT

A merry throng attended the Commodore's Night and the Club House warming held on Saturday night, December 16th, when trophies won throughout last season were presented to successful skippers. Aggregate points for Power Boats went to Mr. George Ennis, and for Sail, Mr. Des. Williams. Both these gentlemen received handsome, wall-type barometers set in the repilca of a ship's steering wheel. A beautiful supper of home-made cakes, etc., all cooked by the Commodore's wife, Mrs. Paterson, was enjoyed by members and guests, who were loud in their praise of the good fare provided. A large Christmas cake, baked by Mrs. Paterson, and decorated by the Commodore himself, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blades by Mr. Paterson. The cake, surmounted by a model power boat, bearing the name of the Secretary's new boat **"Lorelei,"** would have done credit to any caterer, and was as pleasing to the taste as to the eye. A very pleasant evening was rounded off by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the following gentlemen were admitted as members, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to our ranks: Mr. T. W. Macknamara, of Regent; Mr. R. G. Hilton, of Parkdale; Mr. L. R. Reece, of North Carnegie, full members, and Mr. G. Woff, of Heatherton, crew member.

GENERAL

The Novelty Event for Power Boats, held on Sunday, November 26, resulted in a win for Frank Smith in **"Ala,"** with Fred Clark in **"Rhythm,"**, second, and Keith Glennister, in **"Irene,"** third. The task set skippers, consisted of making a run out towards a flagged buoy, about which a number of clear glass bottles had been dropped. Each bottle contained a numbered card corresponding with a number previously given to each skipper. ALL you had to do was find your bottle containing your number and return to the pier head. JUST A SIMPLE AS THAT. Trouble was that by the time the boats reached the spot where the bottles had been dumped, wind and tide had play-havoc with them. Language generally used on the golf course only, came from several of our craft.

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Crew member, Miss Noreen Cox and Mr. Herbert William Foulsum, were married early in December, and the best wishes of all at the Club are extended to them. The groom, you will remember, was a member of the crew of H.M.A.S. Australia when she made her mercy dash to HEARD ISLAND last July.

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What a splendid success was the Club's Smoke Night! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and many favorable comments were heard regarding the Isle of Mordialloc Cup—a splendid example of the cup maker's art. Trophies for First, Second and Third,

were also much admired, and would grace any home no matter how palatial. George Nicholson, of Sandringham, looked a proud man indeed, as he carried off the bacon. Bert Whalley brought down the house with his description of what happened to three young ladies at Mordialloc, some years ago. Fitzy. was his innocent accomplice. Altogether a good night.

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George Bates, Harry Wharton, Keith Glennister and Arthur Chappel, have put in some good work on the clubhouse during the past few weeks, with the result that the front main windows are about finished. All done without a plan too. Isn't it just marvellous what you can accomplish if you KNOW what you are doing. Thanks boys.

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With 210 lovely whiting in "the bag," George Ennis and party, returned to the creek after a few days of Christmas boating at Swan Bay. The only blue spot in an otherwise perfect holiday, was the lack of yachting etiquette shown by the crew of a boat flying the burgee of a club whose headquarters are situated up the Yarra. This party indulged in the unforgivable sin of mooring jumping. Thank goodness we are blessed with a very large bay.

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Christmas time seems to be hoodoo time for Len. Wright's 'PETER PAN.' During the holidays, one Club official noticed she was down by the head, and on investigating, found 18in. of water in her cabin. Hastily scrounging pumps from all and sundry, work was started on the job of getting rid of the water. Never before, was so much pumped by so few in such quick time, and Oh, how that motorised pump from Jack Day would have helped. What about it Jack? Arthur Chappell, Jefferson Blades, and the Secretary, were the main pumpers, and it took them just the bare five hours to get her dry again.

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New member, T. MacNamara, who now skippers the "VARUNA," has promised us a battery charger for the use of members. This will fill a long-felt want. Having effected sundry repairs to "VARUNA'S engine, Mac. has already spent some time out on the Bay, and looks like being a real salt water lover; also his wife who is his keen Crew Member.

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Ray Davenport wishes to extend thanks to those Club Officials who went out of their way to notify him when his boat was submerged recently. Incidentally, Ray followed up this appreciation with a substantial cheque to the club funds.

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A.N.A. week-end is nearly here. What about a few entries for the race to Geelong? As you are no doubt aware, the Regatta put on by the Geelong Club on this week-end is a very special affair, and it would be nice to see some of our boats attend. Len Wright is donating a Trophy for the occasion, and

a pleasant time is assured for all who make the trip. Incidentally, Len has informed us that he intends providing the Club with a vacuum cleaner, which will be of terrific assistance in keeping the Clubhouse floor just as we would like to see it.

Starters in the second Sailing Race, for the Club Aggregate, held on Sunday, December 10th, were as follows: "BALLERINA," W. Foulsum; CAPE COD," I. Melen; "MOONSHINE," Tony Bowden; "AQUILA," A. Chappell; "BLOSSOM," W. Bates, and P. Blades; "PLURRY URRY," C. Wharton; "FULMAR," F. Smith; "LURton; "FULMAR," F. Smith; LURLINE ELLEN," R. Mercer. Bert Bowden in "STELA MARIS," acted as starter, and the boats got away on the first leg of a 1½ mile triangular course and sailed into a fresh south west breeze. Twice round was the distance and the fleet was well bunched as far as Aspendale. In the final run past the finishing flag, "BLOSSOM" was first, "LURLINE ELLEN" second, "PLURRY URRY" third. Everyone was pleased with the day's event.

No doubt you all noticed in the Press where the Australian Olympic Council had formed themselves into a Limited Liability Company for the object of running the Games. Now aren't they copy cats?

Ladies of the Club gave a cry of dismay when they saw the new steps, leading to the verandah and installed by Fred Clark and Ross White. Gone was the nice top step, a little higher than the others, where the owners of trim ankles could pause for breath—or something. However, we mere males can give ALL of our attention now, to the business in hand. That is of course, those of us who are under enghty.

THOUGHT FOR MONTH

A Woman is as old as she looks—
Man too old when he doesn't look.

The big Flathead, caught by Bc Wells, and mentioned in last month "ANCHOR," was not the Grandpa o them all after all. Since then, Mr. A. Davidson, in his boat **"Seagoose,"** landed a beauty which tipped the scales at 5lb. 15ozs. A VERY NICE fish.

DATES TO REMEMBER

A.N.A. Week-end, Jan. 27; 28; and 29. Race for Power Boats to Geelong for Peter Pan Trophy.

M.M.Y.C. Club Regatta: Sunday, Feb. 4.

Executive Committee Meeting:
Tuesday, January 30.

General Meeting:
Tuesday, February 6.

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EDITORIAL . . .

If the Club were to collect all the bits and pieces that have been promised at various times, what a wonderful place we would have. However, the battery charger from T. Macnamara does not come under the heading "may be." The charger has been duly delivered, and we think will prove a very valuable asset. From the same source came out present incinerator, and shortly two rubbish bins are to be delivered. Thanks Mac.

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At our last general meeting, Mr. P. Keegan, of Black Rock, was admitted to full membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming this gentleman to our ranks.

OBITUARY

Flags at the Club House were flown at half-mast over the week-end of February 10th and 11th, in memory of the last Mr. Ray Davenport, who passed away on Thursday, February 8th. Well respected and liked by all who knew him, Ray had the welfare of the Club at heart even though ill-health had prevented him from taking part in any of our sporting or social events. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his sorrowing relatives.

GENERAL

The Club run to Geelong, for the Peter Pan Trophy, held in the Australia Day week-end, was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Commodore N. Paterson, and his two sons Fred and Bob, came down to Mordialloc at 5.30a.m. on the Saturday, to start the boats on their way, and after a small amount of mucking about, the following craft set off: Irene Melen's "CAPE COD," A. Bowden's "STELLA MARIS," L. Wright's "PETER PAN," L. Seabourne's "SNAPDRAGON," S. Fitzsimmons' "FLORIN BOY," and T. Macnamara's "VARUNA." Each boat was allotted 250 points, and points were lost for late starting from Mordialloc, and early or late arrival at Geelong, about 36 nautical miles away. L. Seabourne's "SNAPDRAGON" won the event, losing only 14 points. A very creditable performance indeed, while L. Wright's "PETERPAN" and Irene Melen's "CAPE COD," filled second and third places respectively. The Regatta organised by the Geelong Yacht Club, was a most colourful affair with well over 100 boats attending, and some excellent racing was witnessed by the spectators.

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Mr. W. Foulsum, the Club Publicity Officer, is now the owner of the V. J. "AQUILLA." Bill proposes to race this craft on suitable days, but what we are all anxious to know, is where is he going to put his legs?

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, February 27th, so if you think of it, please give them a ring at JW 2906 any time about midnight on that day, and offer them con-

gratulations. They are a very nice couple, and they really DO appreciate an occasional nocturnal phone call. Anyhow, Mr. and Mrs. Rich., please accept our congratulations, and we feel sure that goes for everyone at the Club.

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If you are disposing of your boat, please inform the new owner that the mooring DOES NOT go with it, and thus save many heartaches later on. Once again, we thank you.

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Coloured movies, taken by Mrs. McNamara at Geelong, promise to reveal some outstanding scenes if things turn out as they should. Maybe we could have a special screening one night when the censors are not around. What about it Mrs. Mac.? We believe some shots are quite rosy. (Excuse the pun.)

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Nominations for a crew representative on the Executive Committee will be called for at the next general meeting, which is to be held in the club house on Tuesday, March 6th.

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Roy Edwards has delivered us the sheets of caneite for lining out the club house, and has also agreed to let us have sufficient bricks and the necessary bricklayers to build our new fireplace. Once this is done, the winter should have no terrors for us, as, with the plate-glass windows already in and a new wind-tight front door fitted, we should be quite snug against the elements.

Empty bottles, collected around the island, bring in quite a few shillings each year, the last batch returning us 25/-. This is, of course, much better than throwing them into the Creek, where they become a terrible menace to people with bare feet. Keep up the good work, folk. Special mention should be made of our Commodore, whose efforts in transporting the bottles to a marine store yard, are much appreciated.

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The Shoot and Bang Race for Power boats, held on Regatta Day, February 4th, was won by Miss Irene Melen in "CAPE COD," after being pressed very closely by the second and third boats. With a little more experience in power racing, our Rene is going to be a force to be reckoned with, and she is already well in the picture for the season's aggregate points. Incidentally, Regatta Day was not quite what we wanted it to be, due to the fact that some outstanding jobs on the the club house were still in abeyance on that day, with the result that it would have been quite unsafe to have had a large gathering in the building.

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The six vases, adorning the picture rail of the club house, are a donation from Mrs. M. Dows, previous owner of "ANNETTE." This lady is forever doing some small service for the club in a most unobstrusive way, and really has a very long distance to travel to arrive at our headquarters, thus making her efforts on our behalf all the more noteworthy. Thank you Mrs. Dows.

Sunday, March 18th is the date chosen for the WHALLEY CUP. As in previous years, the race will be run from Williamstown to Sandringham, and entrants are limited to members of the M.M.Y.C., Sandringham Yacht Club, and Royal Victorian Yacht Club. Under the conditions of the race, every boat has an equal chance, and it makes no difference whether you are the owner of a forty footer, or a small putt-putt boat. Your Committee want as many members as possible to enter their craft, as we want to see that Cup come back to Mordialloc. After the race, competitors and friends will be entertained at luncheon at the Sandringham Club House, the cost of the entertainment being borne equally by the three clubs concerned. We want you to make an effort to be in this race, and entry forms will be despatched to all power boat owners as soon as they are available.

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How do you like the appearance of the Island, these days? At the last Executive meeting, orders were given that boats making a parking area of the centre of the Island were to be removed, the grass cut, and in general the place tidied up. The result is as you see it today, and we aim to keep it that way. Will you do your bit?

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We have had the opportunity of examining the Log of the Yacht "BALLARINA," on its Christmas cruise, which took in a visit to Frankston, Mornington, St. Leonard's, Swan Island, McDonald's Jetty, Sorrento, Rye, Rosebud and Dromana. This cruise of well over a hundred miles was enjoyed by the three members of the crew, and the total cost to each was only 25/-, which goes to show what can be done with a fair boat and a fair breeze.

Des. Williams, skipper of "COCKADE," spent some considerable time painting the Club Burgee on the bow of his boat only to find that the colour scheme was inverted. Whether this was by accident or design, we are unable to say as it has been suggested that the amount of upside-down sailing done by "COCKADE" recently is considerable.

THOUGHT FOR MONTH

How Lucky I am! Whenever I make a mistake, people are sure to discover it.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Executive Meeting—
Tuesday, February 27.

Next General Meeting—
Tuesday March 6.

Whalley Cup—
Sunday, March 18.

Sailing Race—
Sunday, March 4, at 2p.m.

Power Boat Race...
Sunday, March 11, at 11a.m.

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ISLE OF MORDIALLOC GIFT

The Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift will be held on Sunday, April 22nd., at 11 a.m., and NOT as previously announced on the 29th. Change of date has been caused through the tide on the latter date being at an inconvenient hour. Don't forget your entries have to be in by the 14th April so there is no time for delay. A briefing meeting will be held in the Club House on Friday, April 20th, at 8 p.m., when Skippers will be given their aproximate starting time and general instructions. Entry forms are available at the Club Rooms and remember, that this year we are accepting entries from members of any recognised Yacht Club.

NEW MEMBERS . . .

Mr. H. Nisselle, of Elwood, Full Member; Mr. D. G. Crawford, of Clayton, Junior Boat Owner; Miss L. D. Platt, of Elsternwick, Crew Member; Mr. I. W. Crawford, of Sandringham, Crew Member; Mr. E. F. Martin, of Murrumbeena, Crew Member. At the last General Meeting of the Club the above members were admitted to membership and we take this opportunity of welcoming them.

WHALLEY CUP

With more than fifty boats taking part in this year's Whalley Cup, a wonderful sight was afforded spectators who lined the break-water at Sandringham to see the finish of this Classic Race. Many favorable comments were heard from Skippers regarding the simplicity of the entry forms for this year's event. These, in fact, closely resemble those in use at our own Club. Bert Whalley, sponsor of the race, looked a pleased man indeeed, as he stood on the Club verandah at Sandringham to make the presentations. Old timers considered this year's Cup race as the best yet, and the weather gods were definitely in a kindly mood. Mr. H. Brewer, of the Royal Victorian Yacht Club, won the race with his cruiser, "Orion" and though no Mordialloc boats were included in the place getters, we were very well represented in the race itself. The folowing boats, with Skippers' names in brackets, flew the Mordialloc Pennant whilst competing: "Snapdragon" (L. Seabourne), "Florinboy" (S. Fitzsimmons), "Ian" (G. Ennis), "Corio" (A. Wells), "Stella Maris" (A. Bowden), "Kelvina" (L. Reece), "Penguin" (C. Ruse), "Olga" (F. Paice), "Cape Cod" (I. Melen), "Peter Pan" (L. J. Wright), "Irene" (K. Glenister), "West Wind" (R. Edwards) "Venette" (S. Hiam), and "Cyrene" (P. Barlow). A very good muster indeed.

In the Shoot and Bang Race, held in the afternoon, Frank Paice, in "Olga" was successful, thus winning the gold watch to be presented by Mr. Whalley.

GENERAL

Admiral Starkey, skipper of the "Omeo." celebrated his 71st birthday a few weeks ago and gets about like a lad of half his age. Incidentally, Arthur has spent more time in the saddle than most of us have spent in bed, although these days he is content to hold the tiller instead of the reins.

Returning to Mordialloc after the Whalley Cup, Len Wright and Reg Richardson had a few anxious moments when they tried to enter the Creek more than three hours before high tide. Caught on the sand bar, the "Peter Pan" broached and took some nasty seas on her beam before the boys swung her around and finally made their mooring. When interviewed after tying up, their red faces and wet clothing were ample evidence of the belting they had received. Explanations revealed that our Lennie had been going by one of last month's Tide Tables. Aftermath of all this was another little pumping job on the "Peter Pan" during the Easter holidays.

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Stan Fitzsimmons, after declaring at 7½ miles per hour, in the Whalley Cup, romped through the field at about 10 knots, passing every one in his stride and adding just one more to that happy band of time-busters.

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Gee, that re-call Flag was hard to see in the Shoot and Bang Race at Sandringham Whalley Cup Day, and the Sandy Boys would be well advised to reverse their signalling procedure. this, we mean, to send the boats to a flag fall, which of course is easily seen from the starting line, and recalling the boats by firing the gun. The high cliffs and buildings at the back of the breakwater very effectively block out any sign of the flag once you get more than 300 yards from the starting line and although it might be hard to hear the gun for the recall, we think Skippers would discern the flash and the puff of smoke easily enough.

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Mr. Stan Penwarden Crew Member of the "Peter Pan," will be leaving by plane on April 8th, on a business tour of England, the Continent and the United States. Stan will be away several months, during which time he will investigate the intricacies of electric devices produced in other lands. Whilst overseas, Stan is hoping to contact Tod Waite, who of course you will remember, left on a business tour of England some months ago. The best wishes of all at the Club go with you Stan.

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What a pity that the owners of some of the magnificent craft that competed in this year's Whalley Cup, would not spend a few shillings on decent number plate and so assist the officials on the breakwater, who do their best to identify the boats as they cross the line. One boat in particular, at least 40 ft. long, and which must have cost her owner a fair packet, had numbers about 5" high.

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Immediately after General Business, at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 3rd, we are to be given a talk by the Manager of the Australian Dredging and General Works Co., (Mr. Stigter) of the existence in the Netherlands of a continuous struggle between Nature and Man. Mr. Stigter, who is here in Australia to supervise the dredging for the new docks at the mouth of the Yarra, knows his subject thoroughly and members can look forward to a pleasant and instructive evening. We

would particularly like to see a good attendance.

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Sunny Queensland seems to have a magnetic attraction for members of the M.M.Y.C., because, although we have two members residing there permanently (Messrs. John Hayne and Ken Kirkby) quite a number of other members have the urge to visit those parts. At the moment, Mr. and Mrs. George Bates are holidaying there, and in May next, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow intend travelling northwards. Rene Melen is another who intends to spend some of the winter months in our northern state travelling, if possible, per S.S. "Manunda." Disdaining anything under 20,000 tons, Mr. and Mrs. Bates travelled on the R.M.S. "Mooltan," and in a letter to home emphasised just what a fine time they were having.

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Work on the Club House is still progressing slowly but surely, and at the moment the chimney foundations have been laid and the new blinds and the Club name-plate duly fixed. Busy with hammers, saws and chisels, Fred Clark, Bert Bowden, Ross White and others, and right up to the time of his departure north, George Bates ably assisted by Harry Wharton, made considerable progress with the timbering for the sides and the front of the ground floor. For the concreting job, Albert Wells lent his concrete mixer and the navvies on the job included John Turnbull, Stan Fitzsimmons, Arthur Chapple, Tony Bowden and the Club Sec.

Over the Easter recess, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden and family forgot the sea and went caravaning in the quiet bushlands of Gippsland whilst Stan Fitz. and Tom MacNamara sailed their respective craft to Swan Island. Of the sailing fraternity, Bill Foulsum and son John took the 'Ballerina' to the Frankston Regatta for a few days. Incidentally, Bert Foulsum and his wife, who we remember as Noreen Cox, are in Melbourne at the moment on holidays and we should see more of this couple in the near future as there is a definite prospect of Bert being transferred to Flinders Naval Depot from Sydney.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The mind is the index to the face. People with beautiful minds usually have beautiful faces. That is why most of us are so very plain.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, April 3rd.—General Meeting and Lecture by Mr. Stigter.

Friday, April 20th.—Briefing Meeting at Club House at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 22nd.—Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift.

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APOLOGY

We desire to apologise to members for the non-appearance of the April edition of the "Anchor." This was brought about by an accumulation of various unavoidable circumstances. Apart altogether from the mass of extra work occasioned by the organising of our "Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift" (and this is considerable) we were beset with four nights overtime weekly, by an admiring employer; coupled with a private domestic function of great magnitude.

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At our last General Meeting, the following gentlemen were admitted to Club Membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them to our ranks: Mr. R. D. Rodger, of Beaumaris, Full Member; and Mr. G. W. Margetts, of Canterbury, Full Member.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The reason a pound note won't do as much as it once did, is because people won't do as much for a pound note as they once did.

GENERAL

Arthur Starkey, one of the Foundation Members of the Club and undoubtedly one of the most popular, is, at the time of writing, an inmate of the Masonic Hospital, East Melbourne, where he recently underwent a serious operation. All his friends at the Club will eagerly await his early return and complete recovery.

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Our thanks are due to all those good Members who so unselfishly hopped in and helped to cart and stack the 2,000 bricks from the mainland to the Island. When the bricks are built into a fireplace and chimney we will guarantee to warm the cockles of their heart. One of the most untiring workers was Rene Melen, who carried and stacked more than her share of bricks, with the result that one admiring member felt compelled to write us a short note eulogising her efforts. We reciprocate your sentiments, Bill.

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Roy Johnson's new boat is now moored at the Island, and appears to be functioning very well, after having overcome the usual "teething" troubles associated with a new craft. 22' in len., and powered with a 10-12 h.p. Simplex engine, she appears to handle very well, but could possibly be improved with a wind-screen mounted at the aft end of the cabin and with wheel steering. Nevertheless, she is a very fine craft and sits well in the water.

A letter, which we received from Mr. R. Richardson, and which would have been published in last month's "Anchor," had there been one, contains many thankful reference to those 'good' folk who so "kindly" rang Reg., on the occasion of his 25th Wedding Anniversary.

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This year's "Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift" turned out to be just the kind of success we now expect. Certainly, the thought and work put into the "Gift" by the racing Committee was reflected by the ultimate spectacle. The marshalling of the boats, the starting, the timing and the ability of the Officials to give the result a few seconds after the race was won, all helped to open wide the eyes of the Officials of other Clubs who were on the Pier. Keith Guthridge, of the Little Ship Club in "Nordecia" was the successful skipper, with George Bates, of M.M.Y.C., in "Ethel B," second; George Dillon of M.M.Y.C., in "Riplon" third; and George Ennis of M.M.Y.C., in "Ian" fourth. Last year's winner and this years sole entrant from the Sandringham Yacht Club, George Nicholson, busted his time by a few seconds. Partnered by Barney Dentry, and starting from scratch, Nick put up a remarkable performance, and considers that the help he got from the following seas on the long leg from Mentone to Chelsea gave him the extra fraction in speed, which proved his undoing. Others, worthy of mention, who just failed by the narrowest of margins were Bert Bowden, Jimmy

Smith and Bert Wells. The latter doing the 11½ miles course of rough water in his tiny 10' 3 h.p. boat. Jimmy Smith was possibly the stiffest man in the race, crossing the line just 2 seconds ahead of time. A very nice feature, relating to this event, was the letter of appreciation since received from the skipper and crew of the winning boat, congratulating us on the day, the arrangements generally, and the hospitality provided after the race. Just one of those little gestures that mean quite a lot. Writing of hospitality reminds us of what a lucky Club we are to have the help and co-operation of the Ladies who so willingly throw their weight in behind us on these days. The tables decorated with flowers supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Ennis, were a delight to the eye, and the catering generally, beyond reproach. As for the keg of "steam" the idea of presenting this to patrons in our underground dug-out was a splendid success and will bear repeating.

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The metal hand-rails around the Club verandah, are the work of Stan Fitzsimmons, and besides being neat and workmanlike, are a credit to this versatile member who is equally at ease on the business end of a paint brush or delivering a lecture on the advantages of forming a Yacht Club into a Company. However, it was with astonishment that we learnt of his acrobatic accomplishments. This took place on the Saturday afternoon preceding our "Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift." Stan was delivering to us the afore-mentioned and badly needed keg of steam. Instead of just letting the keg roll from the top of the hill on Bowman Street as we have seen other rough fellows do, our Stanley lowered it very gently from his station wagon onto the ground, then somersaulted over it, letting the barrel roll over his face, along his chest and legs, then somersaulted it once more, finally coming to rest flat on his back with his feet over the retaining wall and the keg resting nicely on his stomach. But — and this is to his everlasting credit — he still had a firm grip on the barrel.

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The snrubs planted along the path, leading to the Club House by Pat Keegan, are coming along nicely, but will possibly need the protection of a tree guard in the near future, as they are already showing the ravages of man and beast.

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With the sugar shortage hitting everyone so badly, it was only natural to see our stocks at the Club dwindle to the bitter dregs until Frank Paice turned out to be, one of the sweetest friends we have. Frank's contribution of half a bag, came in the nick of time and was welcomed with open arms. No doubt, when the price rises, shortly, we can expect no further shortage for the time being, at least

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George Ennis, owner and skipper of "Ian" has now put this boat up for sale and is expecting an early start to be made on his proposed thirty-footer.

"Dead-Shot Dick," the shooting Shag, who sits astride the cross-trees on the top of the telephone post on the Island, is up to his old tricks again. You will remember how, last season, he picked out Rene Melen for his unwelcome attentions, but this year he has decided on bigger and better targets. Still favoring the fair sex, this wretched creature, the other Sunday, chose Rose Fitzsimmons as his mark. Undoubtedly equipped with the latest in peep-sights and range-finders and making fine allowance for the wind, Dead-Shot splattered the moving target with a splendid burst of shrapnel — or something. The yells of the delighted spectators on the Club verandah were second only to the frantic antics of the "target" who refused to be consoled with the remark that she was lucky that Cows did not fly. However, if this episode leaks out to Canberra, we fully expect an account from Fadden for entertainment tax.

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A Fishing Competition will be held on Sunday, May 20, when a prize will be awarded to the Club member catching the biggest fish, and to the skipper of the boat bringing the greatest aggregate weight of fish.

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A Special General Meeting has been called for Tuesday, May 29th, for the Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year.

Don't forget that Tuesday, June 5th., is the ANNUAL MEETING, when fees again become due, and what is more important officers for the coming year are elected.

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Power Boat Races, which have been postponed during the Season, will now be run on Sunday, June 3rd, thus bringing to a finish the Power events for this season.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FISHING COMPETITION.— Sunday, May 20th.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (for nomination of officers).— Tuesday, May 29th.

POWER BOAT RACES.— Sunday, June 3rd.

ANNUAL MEETING (and election of officers).— Tuesday, June 5th.

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EDITORIAL . . .

With the month of July almost gone, we can now look forward to the return of the sun, which in turn brings our thoughts to boats and boating. However, before new season sailing can take place, there is much to do. Painting, scraping and general renovating, has to be attended to, which in most cases necessitates the use of the slipway. Therefore, we now advise those Skippers who have these jobs to do, to make early application for the slip. Once on the cradle, hop into the job as you are limited to eight days use of same. If your work takes longer than this time, please arrange to jack-off or side-slip. Remember, there are others who want to use this equipment.

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the record number of thirteen candidates was admitted to Membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming the following to our ranks: Mr. R. J. Starkey, of Black Rock, Full Member; Mr. W. R. Perrott, of Elsternwick, Full Member; Mr. F. P. Brennan, of Caulfield, Full Member; Mr. J. A. Prince, of Mentone, Full

Member; Mr. J. A. Mather, of Mordialloc, Full Members; Mr. R. H. Read, of Parkdale, Full Member; Mr. B. Nicholls, of Parkdale, Full Member; Mr. C. W. Tull, of Parkdale, Full Member; Mr. L. K. Chegwidden, of South Yarra, Full Member; Miss L. E. Bramley, of East Brighton, Crew Member; Mr. D. S. G. Cheese, of Bentleigh, Crew Member; Mr. F. J. P. Malcolm, of McKinnon, Crew Member; Mr. H. Swift, of Caulfield, Crew Member.

GENERAL

No doubt, most of you have received by now tickets for our Annual Ball, which, this year, will be held in the Mordialloc City Hall, Brindisi Street, MENTONE, on Friday, September 7. This hall is, of course, much larger than the Mordialloc Masonic Hall where in the past a crowd of 350 people (our usual attendance) did make things a little uncomfortable. However, at the City Hall, this number will not nearly fill the dance floor, and in addition, the car parking facilities at Mentone are definitely superior. As usual, we will have a first class orchestra, and an excellent supper, and arrangements have been completed for the distribution of lucky balloons in the Club colors, and bearing the club monogram. Now get busy and arrange your party and help make this Jubilee year Ball a great success. For those of you who do not know the location of the City Hall, here are a few simple directions. Proceed to the beach side of the Railway line at the Mentone Railway Station, and travel south along the main shopping street for 200 yards, till you reach Brindisi St., on the corner of which is the Mentone Fire Brigade Station. The City Hall is only 50 yards along Brindisi Street.

The Local Consultation on the Grand National Steeple, and known as The Little Tatts, was drawn as per schedule in the presence of six members of this Club. Tickets for this affair, which were flying around our Club-house as numerous as white butterflies in summer time, went all over Australia and at least two horses were drawn by people associated with the Club. Showing his usual "lucky form," Stan Fitzsimmons, drew one of the thirteen horses in the race, but unfortunately, he did not get amongst the big money. In these Sweeps, Stan certainly has a lot of luck, but by the same token he buys a lot of tickets. For those of you who are inteersted, here is a result of the drawing:—

BRONZE LADDIE, 9611, D. Ryan, 447 Bay Street, Port Melbourne.

KINGS WALK, 13733, N. Laird, 112 Hannan St., Williamstown.

WORROWING, 6541, Mrs. Heenan, 6 Woddell St., Black Rock.

JUNG BAHADUR, 19881, H. Dawes, West Road, Pearsdale.

BURLING, 5391, Karyn Collins, 20 Avelin St., Hampton.

LLANDRILLO, 4611, W. Gymer, Glenmor Crescent, Black Rock.

REPEATER, 6451, B. Murdoch, C/o. Bank of Australasia, 394 Collins St.,

Melbourne.

QUIXOTIC, 6189, J. A. Shaw, 54 Wheatley Rd., Bentleigh.

GREY MORN, 6952, L. Fergusson, C/o. Sigma Co.

SEA LEGEND, 9589, S. Fitzsimmons, C/o. M.M.Y.C.

BALLYROGAN, 160, G. J., C/o. H.D., Sandringham Yacht Club.

CRUSING, 562, A. Park, 90 Rose St., North Fitzroy.

WINDAVA, 9043, G. Hayes, Marine Engine Works, Port Melbourne.

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Did you see the write-up about the M.M.Y.C., in the current issue of the Power Boat Magazine This article was by Bill Foulsum, our Publicity Officer, and was very well put together. In fact, it is just the kind of thing we can do with a lot more of. Keep at it Bill.

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Consistently piling up points throughout the season, Rene Melen, in her craft, "Cape Cod," was the successful Skipper in the year's power boat events, and it is to the everlasting credit of this young woman that she should perform so excellently against such strong opposition as was presented by the Power Boat Skippers, throughout the year. If and when, our Rene leaves permanently for Queensland, the loss to the Club will indeed be great, for over the years, there has not been a more enthusiastic Skipper around the place. In the sailing races, Bill Bates and Peter Blades in their craft "Blossom," had just that little bit of edge on the rest of the competitors, which finally gave them the honors for the year. "Blossom," a Sandridge Sharpie, built by Bill and Peter, proved to be a fine sailing craft, in the light airs, which were experienced during the summer months.

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With the Secretary's office just about completed, and very snug too, our next attack at the Club-house will be on the Kitchen, which is to be thoroughly cleaned out and modernised with stainless steel sink, draining board, cupboards and all that. Incidentally, the new flood light, with the powerful beam, which lights up such a big area at the Island, is the work of Vic. Coombs, who is also arranging a red beacon light, which can be installed on a tall post, at our head quarters, so as to indicate the location of the Creek to those who may be out on the Bay after the sun has set. With regard to the activities of the working bees, splendid results have been obtained, and those members who only put in an occasional appearance, have been amazed at the amount of progress shown. The fireplace and chimney is now completed, the building itself has now been completely relined and by the time you are reading this, we hope to have fluorescent lighting installed (attention, Lennie). Using a spray gun to great effect, Keith Glenister and his off-sider, Arthur Chapple, sprayed everything within reach with glue-size, even to sticking the clock to the wall. The enthusiasm of this pair — and others we could mention —

bodes well for the future of the Club, and when coupled with the virile, go-ahead policy of our present Executive, no doubt explains the current rush of boating enthusiasts to join our ranks.

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Don't be surprised if you get word at any moment that our monthly Socials will be on the "GO" again. Present indications are that these could start at almost any time and even though our new dance floor is not yet installed, it is just possible this job could be done in the very near future.

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Do you value your craft? Judging by the bits of "string" we see some boats tied up with, there are many of you who don't. However, for those who "DO," we are now in a position to recommend some excellent Insurance. This is fairly comprehensive too, covering theft, fire, damage, etc., etc. If interested, come and see us some time for full details.

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At a pleasant little gathering in the Club-house, at afternoon tea, on Sunday, July 15th, the opportunity was taken by the Vice-Commodore, Mr. George Bates, to present to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lambert, a covered pyrex Casserole in a silver stand, to mark the occasion of their wedding, and to express the good wishes from all at the Club. In responding, Gordon pointed out that with the additional duties encountered with his new state of married bliss, he had not the same opportunities to visit the Club as of yore, but was looking forward to more boating in the summer months. Judging by the remarks of Mrs .Lambert, he will certainly be kept up to this promse.

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At the time of our going to press, our old friend Arthur Starkey, we regret to say, was back in Hospital. He is in the St. Columbus Ward of St. Vincents. Unfortunately his compla[illegible] has not yet cleared up as quickly as was hoped, but we sincerely wish hi[illegible] a speedy recovery and trust to [illegible] him back amongst his cronies bef[illegible] long.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Be friendly with the folk you know. If it weren't for them, you'd be a total stranger.

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Dates to Remember—

Next General Meeting (at which we would like to see you present).—Tuesday, 7th August.
And there will be a fire in the fireplace.

Jubilee Year, Annual Ball.— Friday, 7th September.

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EDITORIAL . . .

M.M.Y.C. ANNUAL BALL

Now that our Annual Ball has come and gone, it is perhaps reasonable and appropriate time to take stock of things and weigh the pros and cons of this annual function.

Without wishing to appear in the role of "knowall," and at the same time refraining from saying, "we told you so," we think that events did prove our contention that the move to the City Hall Mentone, was a wise one. Apart altogether from the humbug attached to getting a definite reply from the Caretaker of the usual hall, as to whether we could get the use of same or not; the superior seating accommodation, better parking facilities, larger hall, and better kitchen lay-out at Mentone, alone justified the change. Just what the financial result of the Ball, was, we are at present unable to say, but as a social function, it was undoubtedly successful. Much credit is due to the ladies of the Social Committee and the Social Secretary, who spent some hours on the day of the Ball in decorating the Hall and preparing the supper.

The frocking of the ladies, was as usual, delightful, and was the cause of much favorable comment, as was indeed, the sartorial elegance of some of the gentlemen. The balloons in Club colors (a donation from The Little Ship Club) were much sought after and the sale of these alone returned the sum of £7 12/9, whilst the holder of the lucky balloon won a handsome pair of nylons, donated by Mr. A. Chapple.

Taken bye and large, the Ball was an outstanding success, and those members and their friends who graced the occasion with their attendance, were amply repaid by a wonderful night's enjoyment.

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the following candidates w[illegible] admitted to Club membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them: Mr. B. Clarabut, of Oakleigh, Full Member; Mr. R. G. Kemter, of Burwood, Full Member; Mrs. D. Mather, of Mordialloc, Crew Member.

GENERAL

With clanging hammers and much verbal advice, a few of the boys got stuck into the job of laying the new myrtle floor, in the Club house, on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th and 16th. Adhering strictly to the "PLAN," the old floor was ripped up and by 5 o'clock on Sunday evening, the new one was down in its place, but not before and extra set of joists was placed between the old ones, thus making a perfectly solid foundation. Urged on by the Secretary and other weaklings, who were too feeble or too tired to do much, the lads put up remarkable performance, assisted in no small manner by the long series of clean jokes and witty remarks from Reg. Richardson.

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One unbiased spectator, estimated that if all the two-inch nails bent by Gordon Margetts and Bert Moss, were placed end to end, they would reach from the Creek to the top of the You

Yangs — and with nails hard to get too. Whilst the clatter was at its height upstairs, two stalwarts hung the sliding door downstairs, and this of course, was promptly coated with red lead. All in all, it was a good show with most of the usuals pulling their weight. However, special mention must be made of Keith Glenister and Arthur Cooper for their sustained effort. They were first on the job in the morning and last away at night; both lolly-water drinkers too. Every one was glad to be back at work on the Monday to get a rest.

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Mr. E. B. Smith has disposed of his boat "Corio," which has been taken to Sandringham. "Cape Cod," the pride and joy of Rene Melen, has also changed hands, but in the case of this craft, her new owner intends to keep her at Mordialloc when, we hope she will continue to take part in Club events. Writing of Club events, reminds us that the Sailing Committee has now drawn up a full and comprehensive program for the approaching season, and members will receive a copy of this in due course.

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It has been decided that the popular Club Socials will commence again on the last Saturday in October. When the work of raising the Club house was put in hand some time ago, these ever-popular nights had to be discontinued, but now, with a new floor and general improvements all round, members can look forward to a resurrection of these pleasant evenings. For the re-opening night, arrangements are being made for a hired orchestra and it will be appreciated if members keep this night free and lend their support.

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At our last General Meeting, a suggestion was made that a list of members, their boats and phone numbers — if any — be placed on the wall near the Club phone to enable contact to be made with any owner whose boat may need attention. This matter is now in hand, and it would be appreciated if members would refrain from defacing the notice once it is fixed in position.

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Pat Keegan, whom you will remember had the misfortunte to have his boat smashed up last February, during the storm which drove the T.S.S. "Nairana" ashore, is at the time of writing, about to take unto himself a wife. These days, Pat is the proud proprietor of a hire boat establishment at Broken Bay, N.S.W., but nevertheless he still retains membership in the M.M.Y.C. Any Club members, desiring to hire a boat up that way, should make it their business to call on Pat. If they take a pound of butter with them, this will probably pay for a boat for a FULL day, so scarce is the grease up Sydney way. Anyhow, all the best from the Club, Pat and Rae.

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On Friday, September 14th, the engagement was announced of Miss Dorothy Richardson to Mr. Bob Wardell. Dorothy, of course, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Rich-

ardson. We extend congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

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A very nice kerosene range was loaned to the Club by new member, Joe Mather, just in case of any unforseen difficulty regarding gas rationing on the night of the Ball. Fortunately, we were not called upon to use it, but it did give one a nice feeling of security to know it was there. Incidentally, the very beautiful sausage rolls, which graced the table at supper time, were a product from the kitchen of Mrs. Bowden, whilst the dainty place-cards in the shape of yachts, were made and designed by Mrs. Billie Macknamara. Our thanks to all these good folk.

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Stan Penwarden is due back in Melbourne early in October and we are looking forward to a chin-wag with him. Stan of course, for some months has been on a business trip embracing visits to England, Continent and America, and we believe in the course of his wanderings has seen some very fine small-craft.

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Our old friend, Fred Clark, has been on the sick list until recently, and his continued absence from the Island has been the cause of much regret. Maybe with the return of warmer days we can expect to see Fred and his wife back amongst the regulars.

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We have noted with amazement that quite a few of the Club members and in fact, boat owners generally, display a lamentable lack of knowledge when it come to the characteristics of various metals when brought into contact with sea water. It is apparently not appreciated just how corrosive action in speeded when iron or mild steel is in contact with non-ferrous metals in sea water, therefore, in a effort to waken members to the damaging effects, so caused, we have prepared the following table showing relative corrosion of iron in sea water.

Let Iron by itself be regarded as—	1.000
Then, Iron in contact with Brass is—	3.434
In contact with Copper—	4.958
In contact with Lead—	5.550
In contact with Gun Metal—	6.534
In contact with Tin—	8.657

THOUGHT FOR MONTH

You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you, if you could know how seldom they do.

Next General Meeting.— Tuesday, October 2nd.

CLUB SOCIAL.— Saturday, October 27th.

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EDITORIAL . . .

Flag Etiquette

With the advent of suitable yachting weather, no doubt some of you will be sailing about Port Phillip Bay, and possibly, calling into the harbors of other Yacht Clubs, where keen eyes will be on the look out for any small faults in seamanship or yachting etiquette. Therefore, perhaps, the time is now appropriate to discuss a little matter which we will call "Flag Etiquette."

By memorising the following lines, you will, maybe, save yourself and your crew from embarrassing comments from the hard-bitten shellbacks who are always ready to criticise visiting yachtsmen, and who are invariably found lounging around docks, piers, and yacht clubs yards.

Well, here it is:—

It is illegal to wear the white or blue ensign, unless a special warrant from the Admiralty has been obtained. The Union Jack is not worn on yachts unless the King is on board. The Red Ensign — or preferably the Red Australian Flag, should be at the ensign staff (astern) on Power Boats and at the peak of the after gaff on Sailing Craft. There is no stipulation for Auxiliary Yawls under power, lacking gaff and stern staff. The mizzen head is the best alternative, although some authorities are against it. **Never, at the main.**

Club Burgees, that of the Senior Club on top, are worn at the main. Failing a main mast, at the jack-staff in the bows. **Never at the stern staff.** When there is no Club Burgee, the house flag can be worn at the main, although its correct place in a single masted ship, with or without Club Burgee, is at the starboard yard arm or spreader. Some authorities maintain that with a two-masted ship the house-flag should be worn at the mizzen head.

Only the Ensign or Red Australian Flag is dipped in salute. It is lowered slowly to approximately two-thirds mast-head height, kept there till the salute is acknowledged and then raised slowly to the truck once more.

IMPORTANT: Lower your flags and burgees at sunset. It is pure laziness and bad seamanship NOT to do so.

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 to our Club: Mr. H. H. Broad, of Ormond, Full Member; Mr. J. Tait, of Mordialloc, Full Member.

GENERAL

Mooring fees are again due and like most other things these days, they have gone up in price and are now just double what they were last year. However, even at this price they are still very cheap and one is never concerned with what the weather is like, outside, as the sheltered waters of the Creek afford a sense of security which is not always present at some anchorages we could name. When you

receive your account for a' mooring, please send your cheque promptly and help us to help you. Cheques should be made payable to "The Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club," and we will do the rest.

Friday, November 2nd., is the Club Annual Smoke Night, which is to be held in the Supper Room of the Mordialloc Masonic Hall. On this night, trophies won in the Isle of Mordialloc Annual Gift and other events, will be presented and all male members of the Club will be welcome. Invitations sent to visitors from other Clubs, mention that "Dress is Optional," and this goes for our own members too. For those who do not desire to wear a dinner jacket, an ordinary Sac suit with collar and tie is in order, but we do think the occasion calls for something a little better than an open-necked shirt and we are NOT being snobbish.

Writing of suitable wearing attire, reminds us of the large number of members who never stop to think how much damage can be done to the deck of a boat, when they stride aboard (none too lightly) wearing ordinary leather soled shoes. There are Yachting Clubs in Sydney — and other parts, where you are most unwelcome, unless wearing rubber or rope soles and shoes so covered are now readily obtainable and are quite comfortable to wear and attractive to look at. It's a fashion some of us could cultivate.

Mr. Frank Paice, owner and skipper of the "Olga," and whom, you will remember, won the Shoot and Bang race on the last Whalley Cup Day, is now the First Citizen of Nunawading, having been installed in the very high office of Mayor at a recent Council meeting.

Two very nice tubular steel armchairs and a honey-blonde writing desk for use in the Secretary's office, have been delivered to the Club. Combined with the four garden seats and the beautiful stainless steel sink, donated by Mr. L. Seaborne, these items are all helping to make that homely atmosphere which is such a strong feature at our Headquarters. Incidentally, the crate of masonite — that substance so hard to obtain — which arrived during a recent week-end, was a gift by Mr. George Ennis. This material will be used to line the new addition to the Club-house, after the lockers are removed to a downstairs position.

As advised in our last edition, our very excellent Social evenings are commencing on Saturday, October 27, at 8 p.m., when members will be able to try out the new dance floor which has been sanded and sealed for the occasion. For this night special arrangements have been made regarding an orchestra and of course our usual high class supper and refreshment will be available. We would particularly like you to patronise this affair and show your committee, just how you

appreciate the work that is being done on your behalf. Remember the date, and don't be late, Saturday, October 27th.

The paragraph in last month's "Anchor," dealing with the accentuation of corrosion of iron in sea-water when in contact with non-ferrous metals, caused quite a buzz, but we can assure members that the figures printed ARE correct. Seeing that most motor boats which rely on salt water for cooling have either a copper or brass pipe or fitting, to lead the salt water to the engine, this explains the rapid corrosion which takes place in the water jacket and explains the desirability of freshwater cooling. The latest marine motors have fresh water cooling as a built-in system; but quite a good substitute is obtained by running a length of copper tubing on the outside of the hull through a couple of skin-fittings and thence to the engine pump. Only a small reservoir of fresh water is required, the heat being transferred through the aforementioned copper tubing. However, it is an advantage when using this system to add about 10% of cutting compound, as used on on engineer's lathe, to the cooling water. For complete efficiency, it should be the aim to keep the cooling water in the engine at about 160 degrees and we have been advised that this figure can be maintained by allowing about one foot of ¾" copper tubing outside the hull for every horse-power which the engine generates.

THOUGHT FOR MONTH

No man lives without jostling an[illegible] being jostled; in all ways he has [illegible] elbow his way through the world, giv[illegible]ing and receiving offense.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, October 27th.— CLUB SOCIAL.

Friday, November 2nd.— CLUB SMOKE NIGHT (Men Only).

Tuesday, November 13th.— GENERAL MEETING.

Please Note: General Meeting changed from first Tuesday in month to second Tuesday, because of it falling on Cup Day.

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EDITORIAL . . .

MOORINGS

Some of you folk don't deserve to be looked after the way you are. The least any member can do is to co-operate with Club Officials who are spending valuable time chasing their interests. Each boat owner who has a mooring, has been notified about his mooring fees, but there are still more than twenty, who have not yet paid, and anyone would think that moorings in the creek are plentiful. The fact is that mooring fees are now two months overdue and if not paid for by December 15th, they will be re-allotted. Do you want to retain yours?

NEW MEMBERS . . .

At the last General Meeting of the Club, the following were admitted to Membership, and we take this opportunity of welcoming them: Mr. S. Sinclair, St. Kilda, Full Member; Mr. J. T. Bult, North Fitzroy, Full Member; Mr. H. R. Dickens, Caulfield, Full Member; Mrs. V. Kirkpatrick, Mentone, Crew Member; Mr. C. B. Clifford, North Fitzroy, Crew Member; Mr. R. J. Heuts, Elsternwick, Crew Member; Mr. M. T. Ryan, Moonee Ponds, Crew Member; Mr. J. B. Davis, Alphington, Crew Member; Mr. R. J. Croam, Mordialloc, Crew Member; and Mr. W. Briggs, Preston, Crew Member.

GENERAL

Big schnapper, are definitely on the bite, and members are experiencing one of the best years in memory of sport with this great fighting fish. Already, Joe Mather, Roy Read, Keith Glenister and Mrs. Len Wright have caught big fish and as the season develops, catches promise to be more numerous. From information received, it appears that the fish are not favoring any special bait, nor are they biting at any special time of the day, although early evening does seem to be the most popular time. Practically every boat that comes in has schnapper on board, or the occupants can tell of the "big ones" that got away after straightening out hooks or breaking lines.

Well, the annual smoke night was a great success, with everyone pleasantly mellow and in just the mood for the occasion. The artists were very good, particularly the magician, who had everybody wondering. On the domestic side, some very fine speech making was heard with honors being equally divided between Commodore Mackenzie of the Sandringham Yacht Club and Frank Paice of our own Club. As the first citizen of Nunawading, Frank certainly looked the part and acted the part and was the picture of sartorial perfection. On the whole it was a good night and well worth repeating.

The resurrected Socials seem to be the very thing members were waiting for, as all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the first one held on October 27th. No less than seventy-four members and friends attended, which is not a bad effort, really. Many favorable comments

were heard regarding the orchestra, which, of course has been hooked for further socials. The new dance floor gave every satisfaction and in the kitchen, the ladies were delighted with the stainless steel sink now complete with cupboard beneath, built by Bert Wells, and plumbing by that prince of plumbers Jack Prince. The last social for the year will be held on Saturday 15th, which of course is traditionally, "Commodore's Night," and to which we expect an even bigger roll-up.

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Here's good news for boat owners. You can now throw away your gear levers and reverse levers. No longer is it necessary to glide carefully towards your mooring with hand or throttle ready to go astern in a flash. No sirs, you can now come in at full speed ahead and stop dead in a matter of seconds, simply by applying the famous "Moscow Stopper" to your craft. Invented by our club mate, Gordon Margetts, the new device was demonstrated before an admiring audience of both sexes on Sunday, November 18. Here on the still waters of the creek, the "Annette" was one moment doing a good five knots, and the next moment she was absolutely stationary. We understand that Gordon is applying for world patent rights, but at the moment, is trying hard to remove one big drawback from the device. It makes your face go very red when in action, hence its name. Let Gordon tell you about it.

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Are you going to bring your kids, your neighbor's kids, or your grandchildren to the Xmas Party? Held on Sunday afternoon, December 9th, the idea is to let Officials know beforehand how many children you are bringing, and then you also bring a present for each nipper in your party. Don't spend more than five shillings on each gift and see that it is handed in by about 3.15 p.m., with the child's name plainly written on the wrapper. Santa will land on the Island about 3.45 p.m., from one of the boats and the fun will be on. A cup of afternoon tea for the grown-ups will be available, but a few scones or cakes from your pantry will help considerably to make things successful. Now, don't forget, here are the rules and get them straight: 1. Bring a present for each child in your party; 2. See that the child's name is written plainly on the wrapper; 3. Come early and bring a bite to eat. We will do the rest. Age limit, 11 years. Officials running this party are Jimmy Smith and Ross White.

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After the two-minute silence, observed on Armistice Day, at 11 a.m., which also co-incided with our Club Day, no less than fourteen boats lined up out at the Pier, for the first Novelty event of the year. It was a most impressive sight., as the boats raced away to a point about two miles distant, where bottles, containing appropriate numbers, had been set adrift some time previously. Roy Johnson's "Nombre" was the successful boat, the crew of which had a lucky break in finding their bottle at about the third try. It was then a simple matter to head the field back to the pier. Sec-

ond and third places were filled by "Ethel B" (George Bates), and "Stella Maris" (Bert Bowden), with Len Wright's "Peter Pan" just beaten, into fourth place.

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The very nice Frame hanging in the Club Lobby and containing the names of those members who can be contacted by phone, is the work of Reg. Richardson and is indeed a very nice addition to our Club equipment. The idea of the list is to allow any one to contact you by phone if your boat is in need of attention. This fills a long-felt need and we are indeed grateful Reggie.

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The large doormat just inside the front door, is there for you to wipe your feet on, and the ash trays, which are placed on the table in the Club room, are there for you to stub your cigarettes in. We do hope that you will use both for the purpose provided and so save the new dance floor, which has already lost quite a bit of that "new" sheen so noticeable at first. The door mat is a particularly fine job and incidentally a product of the Blind Asylum, and gives one the impression that there are many years of service built into it.

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A new six-inch vyce is to be added to the work bench, underneath the Club house, where in recent weeks a queue of two or three persons has been noticed lined up waiting to use the existing vyce. Later on we hope to get our lathe installed and a band saw in operation. A small high-speed drilling machine would be a decided advantage and this could possibly be added in the very near future.

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Congratulations to Crew Member, Barry Ruse, who has recently announced his engagement to be married. We understand that Barry takes the big step in the New Year. All the he[illegible] to you and your fiancee from all your club mates.

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The shrubs and flowers which are now doing so well along the front of our verandah, were donated by a very good friend of the club, who expects to be leaving for N.S.W. in the very near future. If you happen to be down at the Island, in the middle of any week, or during any hot spell, don't be afraid to give the plants a drop of water and so help things along. It is YOUR club you know, and a few shrubs etc., do lend it that "cared-for" look which makes the difference between a 'home' and a place, just where some one lives.

THOUGHT FOR MONTH

Quite often, when a man thinks his mind is getting broader, it is [illegible] his conscience stretching.

Next GENERAL MEETING.— Tuesday, 4th December.

XMAS PARTY — for Children.— Sunday, 9th December (3.45 p.m.).

POWER BOAT EVENT.— Sunday, 9th December (11 a.m.)

SOCIAL (at Club House).— Commodore's Night. Saturday, 15th December (8 p.m.).