

dore F. D. Mather's excellent chairmanship combined to provide a happy night which will be long remembered by Squadron members. The Patron of the Club (Sir Norbert Keenan, M.L.A.) presented an attractive array of ulitarian trophies to successful skippers and crews. The club championship was won by popular Johnny Gaunt with "Sirius." A fine gesture on Kev. Owens' part was his trophy gifts to crew members for the part they played in "Vega's" improved performance last season. Following the presentation of trophies Sir Norbert held an attentive audience with tales of his early yachting experiences in W.A. Amongst the guests were representatives of kindred clubs and the Press. Secretary Evans and his committee must be congratulated for providing a most enjoyable evening.

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ANNUAL MEETING AT C.Y.C.

A record attendance was presented with a healthy balance sheet at the Claremont Clubhouse on Friday, July 29. Highlights were a surplus for the year of £491, with accumulated funds of £7,273. With its own freehold, C.Y.C. is probably one of the most financially comfortable yacht clubs in Australia.

In a lengthy report the Commodore outlined plans for an ultimate ideal clubhouse, and urged members to avoid temporary alterations to the existing buildings.

During the past year the club had extended its jerry 80 feet seawards, sewered the club property, installed a trolley for heavy goods, and completely re-furnished the lounge.

For the first time a paid secretary was engaged and an outside man employed.

Re-elected unopposed were:—Patron, Hon. Sydney Stubbs, C.M.G.; Commodore, Ron Tough; Vice-Commodore, Bill Crommelin; Rear-Commodore, Stan Bourne; Hon. Treasurer, A. L. Davis; Hon. Auditor, A. A. Lloyd.

Ballot for committee resulted: J. L. Muhling, W. Wright, D. Morgan, G. Renner, A. C. Fenton, A. R. Davis, G. McBean, A. J. C. Sampson, T. Percy.

Life membership was conferred on Mr. H. Motteram and Mr. T. Watson. Mr. Motteram was present and was congratulated by all members.

Two fine trophies, the Felix Levinson Challenge Cup, won by the Commodore at Royal Perth Yacht Club's opening day, and the Eugene Levinson Challenge Cup, won by the Claremont fleet at the last Australia Day Regatta, were given into the

Club's safe keeping for twelve months.

At the conclusion of the meeting members mingled until the early hours in traditional Claremont fashion.

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A.N.A. SHARPIE SAILING CLUB

The annual dinner and presentation of prizes was held at the club on Saturday, July 23. About 160 members and guests enjoyed one of the best nights in the history of the club. Practically all metropolitan yacht clubs were represented. After the toast list Sir Norbert Keenan, M.L.A., presented the trophies. Mr. R. Tasker ("Falcon") was the recipient of trophies for the State 12 sq. metre title and club championship. Other trophy winners were "Victory," "Metric," "Unique," "Meteor," "Frantic," "Havoc," "Elite" and "Lynx." Amongst those present were Mr. P. Chandler, A. E. V. Tucker (A.N.A. Board of Directors), Mr. S. M. Harvey (A.N.A. Aquatic Club), and Mr. A. Craigie, an old Commodore of the club.

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DINGHY CLUB DEFEATS MOUNTS BAY AT FOOTBALL

On July 10 at the Kelmescott recreation ground the Perth 14ft. Dinghy Sailing Club challenged the Mounts Bay Sailing Club to a football match. The bus left the dinghy club at about 10.45 a.m. followed by members and families of the two clubs in their private cars. After lunch, running and novelty races were conducted. Sharp at 2.30 p.m., the dinghy boys led by Ted Lofts (black and white guernseys) entered the field followed by Col Taylor and the skiff boys (light blue and yellow guernseys).

From the moment the official timekeeper, Vice-Commodore Nickels of the Perth Dinghy Club, sounded the starting bell the game was keen. Members from each side took, and

gave, some hard knocks. Nigger McDonald must be commended for his fine exposition of umpiring. In an exciting finish the Dinghy Club won by four points.

Weary and sore yachtsmen made their way homewards, fully convinced football was tougher than yachting despite the fact that their own game can be tough at times.

The skiff boys have challenged the dinghy club to a return match. It will take place at the Kelmescott grounds on Sunday, August 21.

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SAFETY BAY YACHT CLUB

Members have been busy conducting functions and attending working bees. A Sunday roster system ensures a continual flow of stone from the quarry to the building site and in their spare time crews are preparing their boats for the coming season. A new addition to the fleet is the 16ft. skiff "Wings," now owned by Bob Walker.

At the last monthly meeting the ladies formed a new section named the lady members of the Safety Bay Yacht Club. Their first task was the catering for a ball conducted on July 29. This they achieved excellently. Noticed present were the Premier (Mr. Ross McLarty) and Mrs. McLarty, Mr. Gordon Hack, and the Commodore of the Claremont Yacht Club (Mr. R. Tough).

Despite many capsize last season the girl crew of the skiff "Velour V" intend to compete in next season's racing. The crew comprises Miss Audrey Hawker (skipper), Connie Hawker (sheet), Melva Chisholm (forward) and Pam Clarkson (well). They are believed to be the only lady skiff crew in Australia sailing in open waters.

AMERICAN TEAM FOR SYDNEY

Speedboat racing in Australia will receive a fillip next season if American Guy Lombardo carries out his intention of paying us a visit. He will lead a team of American drivers which will include well-known Danny Foster. They will bring five crack boats which will be disposed of after the series at a tentative figure of £3,000 each.

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

Up to £2/2/- will be paid for interesting yachting voyages, camping and fishing excursions, also technical boating articles. Be sure to double space your work. "Australian Aquatic Monthly," 65 Murray Street, Perth.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FREMANTLE-BUNBURY RACE

Sir,—I am speaking on behalf of myself and four other members of the Princess Royal Sailing Club, Albany, W.A. We are keen to crew in the Fremantle-Bunbury race and anything you can do to assist us to achieve this will be greatly appreciated.—PLUMB STEM, Albany.

[Skippers who may require extra crew in the next Fremantle-Bunbury ocean race are requested to contact this office for further details.—Ed.]