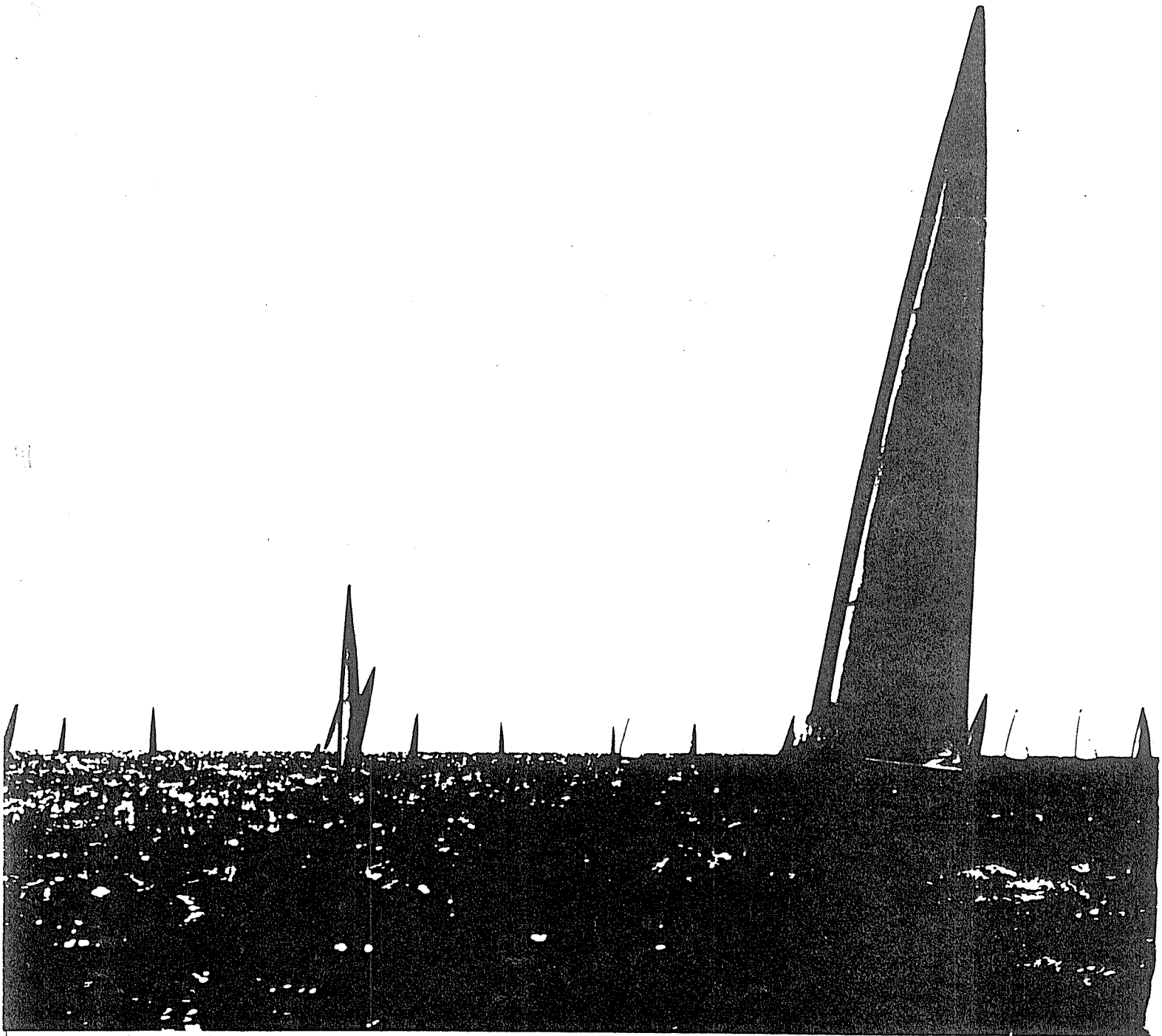
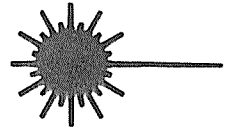


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N.S.W AND A.C.T DISTRICT LASER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER MAY 77

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**\* (★ At last! The 1977 Show. ★) \***

# COMING REGATTAS

## M.H.Y.C.~Social Day for Worldly Women.

Sunday 29th May, 12.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. MIDDLE HARBOUR YACHT CLUB  
Proposed programme all subject to alteration, modification and clarification.

12.30 Two short races; followed by 2 up race, 2 up ladies, Backwards, Mast Climbing, Novice, Slalem races  
POLO GAME - Odds versus Evens

Afternoon Bar-B-Q  
Evening Jazz Band for \$2.50

The club bar will be available for on shore imbibers.  
Contact Lyndall Coxon 89 1648 to assist in catering or just turn up.

For a full sailing day, why not sail in Balmoral's winter race at 10.50 a.m. and then cruise down to M.H.Y.C. for your Bar-B-Q and frivolity.

COME AND HELP OUR WORLDLY WOMEN GET IT O/S.

## Connell's Point~Womens World Regatta.

Sunday 5th June 11.30 A.M. RACE, AFTERNOON BAR-B-Q

Race entry fee \$2.00 - Entries by 30th May. Entries to Connell's Point Sailing Club P.O. Box 489, Hurstville 2220 or phone Sailing Secretary : Bob Martin 524 5814.

Afternoon Bar-B-Q with proceeds to aid representatives to Women's World Titles in England.

## Nth.Aust. Laser Champ'ships in Darwin.

29,30,31 July and 1st August, 1977

Invitation race on Friday 29th, 5 race series-Saturday, Sunday & Monday. Accommodation available billets, caravans in D.S.C. boat yard or hotel/motel.

Approx 20 boats available for charter at minimal fee.  
Darwin Sailing Club has bars, restaurant, Bar-B-Q plates, shower, toilets, etc. available to competitors.

Also N.T. LASER TITLES on the preceding weekend July 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Interstate entries welcome.

For details and entry forms contact Frank Walsh - 90 5297 (Home)  
922 1255 (Work)

## Coffs is off.

The Coffs Harbour Yacht Club has advised us that the June long weekend regatta will not be held this year due to a drop in interest in the class in Coffs Harbour. However, the Wallis Lake Regatta held by C.H.Y.C. in conjunction with the Great Lakes Sailing Club will be held on December 3rd & 4th, 1977. So support the regatta to prevent further demise of these good weekend regattas.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

N.S.W. & A.C.T. DISTRICT LASER ASSOCIATION MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT BALMORAL

SAILING CLUB ON MONDAY 9TH MAY, 1977, AT 7.30 P.M.

The 1976 - 1977 Committee consisting of Chairman - David Catterns; Treasurer - Jeff Hodder and Committee Member - Warwick Philips, brought the meeting to order. The Secretary, Mark Philips, has departed overseas.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were not available, but the Chairman consulted his memory. The minutes were left unmoved.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman delivered his feelings of the past year, off the cuff. Dave commented that with the Meeting being somewhat later than originally anticipated the Association had lapsed into a limbo; perhaps a lesson could be learnt that the Annual General Meeting was best not held in conjunction with the State titles.

The Laser Association should be a strong Association, particularly if we consider the success of the small but strong contenders.

Thanks were given to members of the committee for their efforts during the year.

It was noted that social events, though successful and fun, had generally been supported by the same people, and that more general support for social functions was needed to bring the Association together.

The District had had a successful sailing year with Neville Wittey being placed 13th in the World Youth Titles; Lyndall Coxon 2nd in the Qantas Women's and gaining a trip to the Women's Worlds; the District had five representatives at the Worlds in Kiel with three placings in the first 25; and we have four representatives to go to Brazil.

The question being how to get them to Brazil. The resolution of the last Annual General Meeting which resolved that Association funds were not to be used to fund representatives attending overseas titles, had made it very difficult for the funds to be raised. It was the efforts of Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club that sent our representatives to the World's. It would be a tragedy if the money could not be raised for future World's.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT AS AT 9TH MAY, 1977

### 1. WORLD TITLES FUND RAISING ACCOUNT

#### INCOME

Paffle	3,041.75
Bop	535.14
T Shirt	40.00
Interest	2.38
Loan from Assoc.	100.00
	<u>3,719.27</u>

#### EXPENSES

Cheque Book	2.50
Repaying of loan expenses	223.70
Bop	221.99
Paffle	295.94
Prizes	655.00
	<u>1,599.13</u>

#### DISTRIBUTIONS

J. Dorling	1,050.00
D. Catterns	400.00
B. Johnston	200.00
I. Gibson	375.00
	<u>2,025.00</u>

#### SURPLUS FOR YEAR

\$ 95.14

### 2. ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT

BALANCE AS AT 20.1.76

2,541.76

#### INCOME

Subs. & Regatta	4,855.90
Sundry	511.04
Interest	64.81
O/S Deposit	3,244.00
	<u>8,675.75</u>

#### EXPENSES

'75 State Championships	1,000.00
Typing	11.57
Postage	308.16
Courier	39.51
Y.A. of N.S.W. Dues	20.00
Printing	726.22
Trophies	122.65
"Barry Thom" visit	510.94
World Fund	548.75
Scales	45.00
Association Dues	2,022.00
'77 State Champs.	1,368.00
On behalf of World Fund	223.30
General Expenses	503.64
Sydney Harbour Champs	66.00
	<u>7,404.85</u>

#### NET OPERATING SURPLUS FOR YEAR

1,270.95

#### TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

3,832.71

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted by the meeting.

## TRAVELLER'S TROPHY

Dave Catterns presented the trophies for the Traveller's Trophy (metropolitan) to:

- 1st Anton Lynar
- 2nd Andrew York
- 3rd Dave Catterns accepted the third prize from himself on behalf of Mark Philips and promised to read it also on Mark's behalf.

## NEW COMMITTEE

As his last official act, Dave Catterns presided over the election of the new Chairman.

- ★ Andrew York was elected unopposed.

Andrew took the Chair and called elections for the remainder of the committee. Two nominations were received from Tim Alexander and from Graham Gilbert (who was absent on an overseas trip).

- ★ Tim Alexander was elected Deputy Chairman.
- ★ Frank Walsh was elected unopposed as Secretary.
- ★ Neville Wittey was elected Measurer, over Graham Gilbert.
- ★ Mark Orrock was elected Treasurer unopposed.

The meeting then approved the co-opting of the following members of assist the Committee. The additional members of the Committee are Graham Gilbert (Assistant Secretary), Anton Lynar, Robin Staples (Traveller's Trophy), John Way (Country Traveller's Trophy), Lyndall Coxon (Boat Show) and the World Title Representatives (Fund Raising).

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The meeting moved onto general business items and discussion was held and the following motions put forward and voted upon. All motions were carried, some after ammendments.

1. Motion That each club be invited to nominate a liaison officer to be invited by the Committee to attend Committee meetings; and that the Committee report back to the liaison officer.
2. Motion That new members be issued with copies of the Class Rules and the Constitution at the time of joining; and that all members be notified of revisions to the Class Rules, and issued with copies if so requested.
3. Motion That within the Committee a member be appointed Publicity Officer to be responsible for race results being published, etc.
4. General comment was received that Performance Sail Craft should be made aware of the poor quality of the boats being produced.

Motion That a survey be made of members' boats to establish extent of defects in production and the collated results being brought to the attention of P.S.A.

5. The problem of contacting non Association boat owners was raised. It was suggested that letters be sent to Club Secretaries suggesting that the clubs make it a Club rule that boats competing in Laser races be sailed by Association members.

6. In order to promote more interest among sailors, who are not in the winner's circle, the introduction of a handicap system, however imperfect, into Traveller's Trophy events, was proposed.

Motion That the Committee arrange a handicapping system for Traveller's Trophy races.

7. Due to concern that to many Traveller's Trophy events could interfere with club racing and therefore, the general strength and cohesion of the class, the following motion was put forward and carried.

Motion That the number of races for a Traveller's Trophy Series be limited to seven.

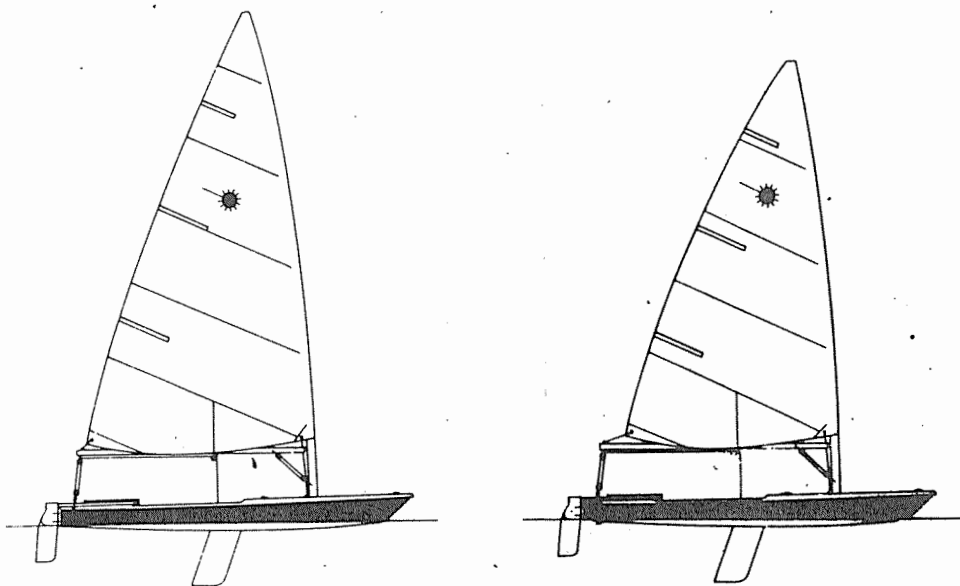
8. The next motion raised by the past Chairman, Dave Catterns, brought the most discussion of any of the motions. It sought to reverse the decision of last year on funding for World Title reps. The point was made that our Association is not intended to make a profit; that representation in World events leads to better overall competition and sailing skill throughout the class, and that after all is the aim of the Association.

Motion That the motion of the last Annual General Meeting dealing with funding of representatives to overseas regattas be rescinded; and that the Committee be empowered to allocate Association funds at the discretion of the Committee, for assistance for representatives travelling to overseas regattas.

9. Motion That for 1977 - 1978 any Association funds allocated to be used in sponsorship be allocated to sending representatives to the World Title in Brazil.

10. The meeting approved that the Association be represented in the Yachting Association sponsored "Sail Sydney 77" Section of the Boat Show in September, 1977.

11. The committee is to arrange quarterly meetings with Speakers, films, fund raising and general good times.



# REGATTA NEWS

## LASER WOMENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australian Lady Skippers gathered at Woollahra on March 19th-20th to compete in the 2nd Qantas National Womens' Championship. The weekend opened with a welcoming cocktail party for all competitors. This was a great night - renewing old friendships and making new ones. Speeches were delayed (thank goodness) until the Victorian girls and South Australians could arrive. Their plane was circling Sydney for one hour I believe. The plane landed and the fleet was together - 6 Victorians, 1 South Australian, 3 Queenslanders and rest of us NSWites. The sailing was at Rose Bay.

### HEAT 1 - WIND E.N.E. - LIGHT 3 - 6 KNOTS

Nicki Bethwaite (N.S.W.) held an early lead followed closely by Anne Rae (Victoria), Jenni Merrington (N.S.W.) and Rowena Wilmot. In the fluky conditions Jenni took the lead with Anne. These girls fought a very close race with Anne winning by a length and the rest of the fleet in close succession. Gaye Lee sailed well but was unlucky to break a boomerang which dropped her to 6th place.

1. Anne Rae (VIC)
2. Jenni Merrington (NSW)
3. Vanessa Dudley (NSW)
4. Nicki Bethwaite (NSW)

### HEAT 2 - WIND FRESHER - START 12.15 KNOTS S.E.

The fleet spread out. Vanessa fought out the first triangle. Vanessa having the edge upwind but I was faster downwind which kept us both on our toes. At the bottom of the triangle I led and put a super swinging effort in and alas! pulled the leaning strap out. Vanessa continued to sail brilliantly in this heat to win easily. I was lucky to finish 2nd with Nicki pushing me from 3rd place. Margaret Howes (NSW) finished 4th.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Bar-B-Q and disco. I believe it was a good night. Unfortunately I was repairing the leaning strap that night and missed out.

### SUNDAY MORNING

Still anybody's regatta. Speculation mounted on shore and all the team supporters and managers gave the girls hints and clues as to how to win the races (Easier said than done!)

### HEAT 3 - WIND STEADY NE 5 - 10 KNOTS

Tension was mounting amongst the favourite skippers - jostling each other for a position on the starting line. The gun. We're away. Second gun - phew! Only individual recalls "I'm O.K." I thought but alas Vanessa, Nicki and Anne were all over the starting line and had to restart. I led to the first mark hotly pursued by Tammy Miller and Jenni Merrington (who was running very well). Managed to maintain the lead for the race but I was being pegged back by Jenni downwind until I realised my boomvang was on too hard. (Handy hint for downwind sailing - Ease De Boomvange). At once I lost no more ground downwind.

1. Lyndall
2. Jenni
3. Gaye Lee
4. Tammy

Into the final heat and the series was wide open. Any one of the four girls could have won the series.

HEAT 4

Vanessa sailed well to lead around every mark. We had a close race but Vanessa was very strong upwind and she won to take out the title.

1. Vanessa
2. Lyndall
3. Nicki
4. Jenni

FINAL PLACINGS OF THE REGATTA

			<u>Heat</u> <u>Placings</u>	<u>Best</u> <u>Three</u> <u>Heats</u>
1.	Vanessa Dudley	Balmoral Sailing Club	3-1-6-1	5.7
2.	Lyndall Coxon	Lane Cove 12' Skiffs	5-2-1-2	6.0
3.	Jenni Merrington	Drummoyne	2-7-2-4	14.0
4.	Nicki Bethwaite	Northbridge	4-3-9-3	19.4
5.	Anne Rae	Victoria	1-6-7-5	21.7
6.	Gaye Lee	Balmoral Sailing Club	6-5-3-8	27.4
7.	Margaret Howes	Woollahra	9-4-5-6	29.7
8.	Tammy Miller	Georges River	10-8-4-11	37
9.	Karyn Davis	Lane Cove 12' Skiffs	17-9-8-7	42
10.	Sue Brown	South Australia	7-13-14-16	52
11.	Phillippa Roper	Queensland	30-10-15-9	52
12.	Bronwyn Gilliard	Drummoyne	19-15-10-10	53

Congratulations to Vanessa on a fine performance throughout the series. Many thanks to all the competitors who were straining every muscle to hang in there throughout the series. That means you too, Prue.

Thank you Laser men for lending your boats, your support and your time especially those of you who were barracking for all the girls. Thanks Phil, for lending me your go fast memosail, and supporters - Andrew, Nifty, Steve, Savo, Waddo, Big Jo, Billy, B.J. and Don and all those other unnamed hundreds who looked after all the competitors over the weekend.

On behalf of the whole fleet thanks to Tony James, Chris Lee and our friendly starter, Henry Arthur for a well run series.

QANTAS are flying Vanessa and me to sail in the world Womens series to be held at Hayling Island in the South of England this July. This is a tremendous honour and experience for us both and we both are contriving to train for this series so will be looking forward to any winter regattas and heaps of blokes to sail against and give us moral support in May-June. Hoping you will all turn up at winter type regattas to help us out.

LYNDALL COXON

P.S. Congratulations Gibbo, Warwick, Geoff, Dave and John on the Aussies.

# 3rd AUST. LASER CHAMPS DEVENPORT, TASMANIA, 1977

The third Australian Laser Championships held at Devonpart, on Tasmania's North Coast joining Bass Straight, were distinguished by the remarkable hospitality, extremes of weather (although races actually completed covered a wide range of conditions) and very good competition.

Although neither Peter Burford (winner of last two Nationals) nor Ross Haldane of Port Lincoln, South Australia (third in 1976 U.S. Nationals !) were able to attend due to business commitments; it is still a fact this was the most competitive Laser series yet held in Australia.

Ian Gibson ("Gibbo"), 2nd last year, got up this year to take the crown from fellow Balmoral "sparring" partner, Warwick Phillips. Third was the new National President of the Laser Association, Tony Manning from Victoria, who sailed a consistent but maybe not outstanding series, showed he had benefitted from the many hours of training he can fit in between flying for T.A.A. (Completely wore through the tops of a pair of "Aigle" boots). The Junior title was won by the promising young Queenslander, Peter Conde, (organiser of next year's Nationals) and the over 40s crown to Brian Pitt of Tasmania (eat your heart out Graham Gilbert!).

Sixty five boats entered of which thirteen were N.S.W. boats and twenty-eight come from Tasmania.

Determined to make their first National Championship Series the obvious success it was, everyone who had anything to do with Mersey Yacht Club seemed to willingly give of their time and energy. Many took a week off work to help out. Indicative of this attitude was the cleaning of the ramps by the Fire Brigade the day before the series started, the waitressing by schoolgirls after school in the Club's dining room and the happy helpful smiles on the faces of the ladies personing the information caravan. Now to the racing.

## INVITATION RACE - W.20 KNOTS - 4 FEET WAVES

Unaware that it is supposedly bad luck to win a Laser Invitation Race, Tim Alexander lead home from Andrew Hunn (470 heavie) and David (Jamy) Jones, both of Tasmania, in a race that was indicative of what was to come later in the week.

## HEATS 1 & 2 - N. 0 - 2 KNOTS - LUMPY LEFT OVER SEA

Both races were postponed when no one finished within the three hour limit. A frustrating day was spent on the water for no result with some becoming seasick in the oily swell. Those who looked best in the conditions were Tony Barnes, the phantom Adelaide series sculler, (Sorry Sir Arthur), Brad "Eeps" Johnston and near the lead in the second race were Warwick Phillips and Jamy Jones.



HEAT 3 (RACE 1 OF RESULTS) SW. 8 - 12 KNOTS OSCILLATING GRADIENT BREEZE  
BREEZE, RELATIVELY SMALL CHOP

In spite of a strong ebbing (9ft. drop!) tide coming out of the river mouth, it favoured those who went left and in shore on the beats. Manning and John Dorling did best from this first time up, rounding in that order. However, it was still important to work the shifts as they came. Jamy Jones and Ken McColl (Victoria) pulled themselves into 4th and 7th spots by grabbing a huge southerly start on the final beat. Both passed about 30 boats! There was intense infighting among the top twelve boats with only seconds separating boats at the finish. One mistake could mean losing four boats.

HEAT 4 - 20 - 40 KNOTS - 5-10 FEET BREAKING WAVES

Sailed in the afternoon after Heat 3 (Race 1) with just enough time to duck ashore and grab a quick sandwich or hamburger and guzzle down a free Orchy, donated by a local company. Starting in about 20 knots it quickly freshened to around 30 and by the end of the second beat had reached around 40 knots (really whooping!). Trying to run square in these huge "roaring 40ies" type waves was, to say the least, tricky! However, Gibbo, showing his usual impeccable seamanship, was leading by about 300 yards near the bottom mark when his top mast section decided it wanted to go even faster. Taking his damage score up to that point; two top sections and three torn sails, his luck obviously changed. It was on this run that Catterns earned the V.C. by gybing, head down between his legs to check on a code flag being flown by the substitute mark boat and riding a huge wave he came up only to find the boom on the other side!

Manning got the gun first from Geoff Gale by about 2 boat lengths. However, all was to no avail, after sailing for three hours and 7 minutes in these unbelievable conditions, the race was declared no race as a result of a protest by Ken McColl claiming that the leaders had not finished inside the time limit. The race committee had felt that anyone who finished in these conditions deserved to get a result even though they knew the leaders were over time. It seemed incredible that no one was able to make the time limit in 40 knots of breeze! Reasons were an extra long course, made even longer by the wing mark moving and the bottom mark sinking and being replaced by a mark boat another mile further downwind, together with very slow upwind speeds. Mark Philipps showed that "weeds", if they sail well can be reasonably competitive in a breeze, by finishing seventh.

RESAIL OF HEATS 1 & 2 AND HEAT 5

These were all postponed due to the persistence of strong westerly winds which blew for the next two days. On the second day a cricket match was organised in which N.S.W. was most unfortunate to lose in spite of the demon bowling by "Thommo" Phillips and wicket-keeping by Dave "Fumble Fingers" Catterns. Some disputed the partiality of the umpire, an unnamed local whose prowess on the pools table was also too great for the "World Champions" Gale and Catterns. There are rumours of a transfer to Sydney!

HEAT 5 & 6 AND RESAIL OF HEAT 1 (RACES 2 & 3 OF RESULTS)  
W.20-25 KNOTS - LUMPY SEA

With only one race counting after four day's of sailing, the race committee desperate to make it a series notified that three races may be sailed on each of the last two days! With that in mind competitors set out at the crack of dawn on the Friday to find conditions had moderated to around 20 knots with a lumpy sea. This was Gibbo weather and he fired in two convincing races. Manning sailing well, notched up a third and a second. Geoff Gale (the Ace) after a 2 in the morning race suffered from a leaky mast step to finish a disappointing 12 in the 2nd race and probably from there on lost any chance of winning the series. Andrew Foulkes (Vic) showing improvement in heavy air, notched up a 6 and 3. Warwick Phillips with two solid 4s was beginning to look good. Some very exciting rides were had especially on the reaches with continual wave riding possible. Everyone (except Gibbo) breathed a sight of relief when the third race that day was called off.

HEATS 6 & 7 AND THE RESAIL OF HEAT 2 (RACES 4, 5 & 6)

Three races were scheduled for Saturday the last race day, resulting in half the series being sailed in one day! So fortunes could easily change between the beginning and end.

A battle was shaping up between Gibbo, Phillips, Manning and the Ace.

RACE 4 - S.E. 2-5 KNOTS SWINGING N.E. - 5 - 12 KNOTS, CALM SEA

This time from a fixed line start, Catterns got away best, tacking right on the committee boat above the crowding mark. Most of the "heavies" immediately tacked onto port to head inshore. Warwick Phillips, benefitting from a week's training before the series started, predicted the forecast sea breeze would come in from the N.E. and so carried on out to sea. Half way up this work, the wind began to back and freshen giving those out to sea a reach to the first mark. Bucek (Vic) lead around closely followed by Phillips and Andrew Mason. Those inshore had to wait a long time to pick up the new breeze and rounded well back. The race developed into an "out and out" soldiers' course leaving little chance for those back in the pack to catch up. Bucek won in a freshening breeze from Maso with Phillips firing in a very handy third. Especially as Gibbo scored a 28th, Manning a 32nd and Gale a 46th. Yes, even the greats fall sometimes.

RACE 5 - N.E. 8-15 KNOTS - SMALL CHOP

Those going right about half way up did best in what was a starboard biased work. John Dorling lead from Bucek (11½ stone) showing himself to be a force in light-medium conditions, with the ever consistent percentage man, Warwick Phillips, third. Behind these, the whole fleet seemed to arrive at once most having overstood slightly on starboard tack for a starboard rounding, only to find Catterns "parked" on port near the bouy. Dave with his gunwale looking like a colour card for Laser gel coats, complained of steering problems for the rest of the day, only to come ashore and find a 6 inch semi-circular piece missing from the trailing edge of his rudder blade! Gibbo showing his intense determination moved up to third while Bucek fell back as the

breeze freshened. Dorling led around the last mark very hotly pursued by Phillips and Gibbo. Dorling tried pinching to hold Gibbo back while Phillips just drove through this lee using his superior speed in these conditions (i.e. over 15 knots) to go on and win from Gibbo with Dorling third (how's your fitness John?)

#### RACE 6 - N.E. 15-18 KNOTS - RISING SEA ABOUT 4 FEET

So the stage was set for a great battle between Gibbo (narrowly leading on points), Manning and Phillips. No doubt thoughts of the Title and Brazil were going to make anyone with a chance try extremely hard. The result was probably one of the best Laser races sailed in this country.

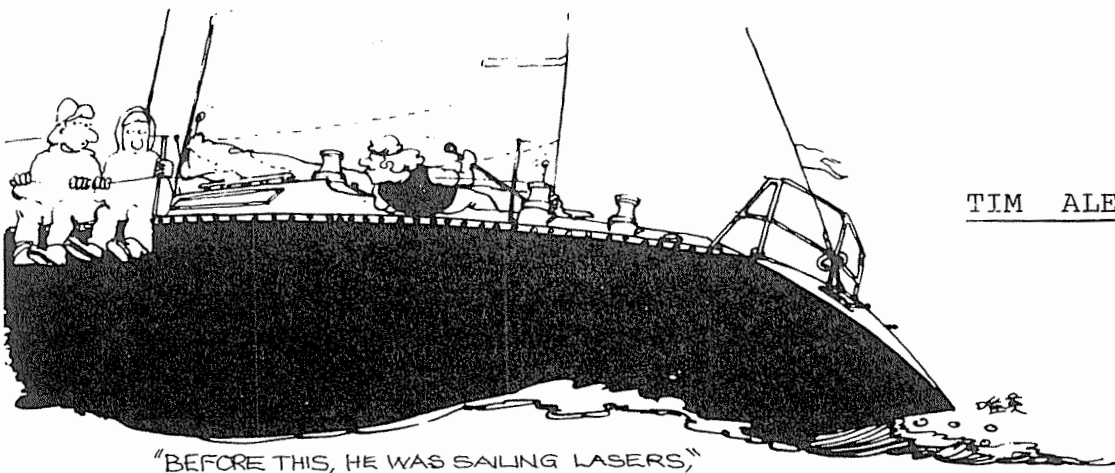
Phillips, sailing the race of his life, lead from start to finish to win by about two minutes. Gale getting back into form was 2nd around the first mark closely followed by Alexander, coming from being gate boat. Gibbo was 4th. Desperate for a third place and the title, Gibbo reached over Alexander on the second reach. He held this to the finish although at one stage looked in danger while failing to cover on the last beat. A very tight finish developed between Alexander, Foulkes and Manning, places changing all the way up the last beat. Alexander got to 4th about half a boat ahead of Foulkes with Manning another length back in 6th place.

So despite a fast finishing burst by Warwick Phillips, of 3,1,1, on the last day, Ian Gibson clinched the crown by a mere 1.3 points with the consistent Manning leading going into the last day, taking third place.

#### S U M M A R Y

The Mersey Yacht Club's efforts in running this year's regatta were much better than anything experienced so far and if next year's series is half as good then Brisbane should be an enjoyable regatta. Maybe "Huey" will be kinder with the weather, allowing a full seven race series to be sailed for the first time.

The team chosen for Brazil, even stronger than last year's has in the opinion of those present in Kiel a good chance of at least gaining a cube. The team chosen is the first six placegetters, and includes four from New South Wales. We wish them all the best and hope that the maximum number of members will participate in any fund raising activities to ease the financial burden each may have to face as fares to Brazil are very expensive.



TIM ALEXANDER

"BEFORE THIS, HE WAS SAILING LASERS,"

# RESULTS

AUSTRALIAN LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS 1977

MERSEY YACHT CLUB

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Placings	Helmsman	State	Boat	Heat Placings	Worst Points Deducted	Final Points
1.	Ian Gibson	N.S.W.	DeLaser DeLuxe	6, 1, 1, 28, 2, 3,	34	20.4
2.	Warwick Phillips	N.S.W.	Trade Winds	9, 4, 4, 3, 1, 1,	15	21.7
3.	Tony Manning	Vic.	Yeoman III	1, 3, 2, 32, 4, 6,	38	28.4
4.	Geoff Gale	N.S.W.	No Name	4, 2, 12, 46, 12, 2,	52	50.0
5.	John Dorling	N.S.W.	Jolly Green Giant	2, 8, 9, 29, 3, 8,	35	51.7
6.	Andrew Foulkes	Vic	Impulse	12, 6, 3, 30, 5, 5,	36	55.4
7.	David Jones	Tas	Noten Dotp	3, 5, 10, 4, 20, 10	26	55.7
8.	Tim Alexander	N.S.W.	Pelican Itch	10, 9, 5, 10, 10, 4,	16	65.0
9.	Frank Bucek	Vic	U & C	18, 16, 26, 1, 8, 15	32	81.0
10.	Brad Johnson	N.S.W.	Eeps	17, 12, DNF, 8, 6, 11	58	83.7
11.	Mark Phillips	N.S.W.	Freddy Fudpucker	5, DNF, 13, 17, 13, 9,	64	86.0
12.	Andrew Mason	N.S.W.	Tequilla Sunrise	14, 21, 20, 2, 7, 24,	30	89.0
13.	Peter Conde	Qld	Defiance II	8, 7, 15, 35, 17, 12,	41	89.0
14.	Clyde Eastaugh	Tas	Kajabbi	15, 13, 7, 25, 9, 16	31	90
15.	Graham Lillingston	W.A.	Kate	23, 17, DNF, 7, 11, 7	58	95
16.	Andrew Hunn	Tas	Upwind Helmsman Charlie Brown	25, 11, 6, 11, 14, Disq.	60	96.7
17.	David Catterns	N.S.W.	Prudence of Pittwater	16, 10, 14, 12, 21, 18,	27	100
18.	K. McColl	Vic.	Hildegard	7, 15, 8, 43, 16, 29,	49	105
19.	Ross Healey	Qld.	Shalom IV	26, 14, 11, 20, 23, 13,	32	111
20.	Ian Dixon	S.A.	Alvin	29, 23, 30, 5, 15, 17,	36	118
21.	Jamie Mitchell	S.A.	Mite-e-Nine	20, 35, 31, 9, 19, 22,	37	131
22.	Norm Young	Vic	Indigo	24, 44, 17, 14, 29, 21	50	135
23.	Frank Tilburgs	S.A.	Oorunga	41, 19, 28, 16, 27, 23,	47	143
24.	Peter Wilkinson	Vic.	Cherry picker	32, 29, DNF, 15, 28, 14,	58	148
25.	Scott Hodgetts	Tas	Midnight Express	39, 18, 16, 27, 31, 26,	45	148
26.	David Payne	N.S.W.	Bear With a Sore Head	38, 28, 29, 21, 22, 19,	44	149
27.	Richard Norris	Tas	Tawe	21, 26, 24, 18, 35, 31	41	150
28.	John Adam	Vic.	Blue Investor	19, 36, DNS, 6, 36, 27,	71	153.7
29.	Ian Martin	Tas	Seandra	22, 24, 19, 33, 40, 28,	46	156
30.	Ray Glendenning	S.A.	Preussen	DNS, 31, 25, 23, 32, 30,	71	171
31.	Clive Poolman	Qld.	Solar	27, 34, DNS, 31, 30, 20,	71	172
32.	Bill McCreadie	W.A.	Solow	11, 41, 33, 19, 42, DNS,	71	176
33.	John Gleeson	N.S.W.	Pat	30, 20, 18, 56, 44, 35,	62	177
34.	Ashleigh Knight	S.A.	Heads or Tails	46, 39, 22, 34, 24, 32,	52	181
35.	Norm Marsh	Tas.	Tarooki	33, 33, 21, 48, 34, 33,	54	184
36.	Greg Adams	Qld.	Cayenne	34, 25, 35, 38, 38, 25,	44	187
37.	Colin Grace	Qld.	Tangerine	42, 27, 27, 39, 26, DNS,	71	191
38.	David Bice	S.A.	Would If I Could	DNS, 32, 23, 24, 18, DNS,	71	192
39.	Alan Clapham	N.S.W.	Blind Faith	28, 42, DNF, 13, 41, DNS,	71	206
40.	Ian Hurst	Tas.	Rhapsody	37, 22, DNF, 49, 25, DNS,	71	215
41.	Luke Tooner	Tas.	Screamin'Demon	40, 38, 37, 37, 45, 36	51	218
42.	Paul Millson	Vic.	Orinoca	48, 40, 34, 40, 33, DNS,	71	225
43.	Brian Pitt	Tas.	Jonathan Seagull	DNF, 30, 38, 41, 53, 37	66	229
44.	Arthur Burkit	W.A.	Revival	47, 47, DNS, 22, 43, 41,	71	230
45.	Roger Glendhill	Tas.	Maniac	35, 43, 36, 55, 48, 42,	61	234
46.	Bill Rostron	Tas.	Golden Ratio	44, 48, 32, 53, 47, 34,	59	235
47.	Steve Sheild	Tas.	Impatient	36, 49, DNF, 36, 46, 38	58	235
48.	Andrew Baker	Tas.	Red Herring	43, 45, DNF, 51, 39, 39,	58	247
49.	Tim Gale	Tas.	Skybird	56, 51, DNS, 26, 56, 43,	71	262
50.	Clive Sherry	Tas.	Troika	45, 46, DNS, 45, 51, DNF,	71	265
51.	Scott Price	Tas.	Jansun	51, 54, DNF, 50, 49, 40,	60	272
52.	Steve Sloan	Tas.	S.A.S.	50, 52, DNF, 58, 50, DNF	64	282
53.	Mike Scott	Tas.	Koorong	54, 55, DNF, 42, 52, DNS,	71	285
54.	David Grant	Tas.	Tainui	DNS, 56, DNF, 44, 55, DNF,	71	285
55.	Ian Dilliway	S.A.	Slippery When Wet	DNS, 37, DNS, 54, 37, DNS,	71	288
56.	Roger Wallace	Tas	Serenade	57, 58, DNF, 47, 57 DNF,	64	291
57.	Stewart Darby	Tas.	Nessie	55, 50, DNF, 52, 54, DNS,	71	293
58.	Tony Barnes	N.S.W.	Sir Arthur's Raft	13, DNF, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	296
59.	Ross Muir	Tas.	Vernon	31, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	321
60.	Jerome Tooner	Tas.	Sting	52, 53, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	330
61.	Keith Popowski	Tas.	Frolic	DNS, 57, DNF, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	334
62.	Dale Freeman	Tas.	Tantalaser	DNF, DNS, DNS, 57, DNF, DNS,	71	335
63.	Phillip Good	Tas.	Superstition	49, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	339
64.	Bruce Darcy	Tas.	Tiara	53, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	343
65.	Doug O'Brien	Vic.	Tangi	DNF, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS, DNS,	71	350

# LAKE LIDDELL

UPPER HUNTER SAILING CLUB REGATTA - LAKE LIDDELL

Like the Wallis Lake regatta, this regatta is a good holiday away from the normal humdrum; like Wallis Lake, sailors camp by the shore and mix after the races rather than shoot off home. Unlike Wallis Lake there are no mosquitoes, flies, or the need to organise your own Bar-B-Q on Saturday night.

So why don't all those sailors who enthuse about Wallis Lake go to Lake Liddell next year and take advantage of the good sailing and incomparable hospitality.

Twenty-two sailors registered for the three race regatta, with seventeen completing two of the three. Sailors came from Port Stephens, Teralba, Lane Cove and Balmoral. Robin Staples from Balmoral at last found a regatta where he didn't need his weight-jacket but, except for the last race, didn't find the competition to prove his light weather skill beyond doubt.

Race 1 on Saturday afternoon was sailed in 10-12 knots strengthening with great planning reaches on the short wind waves.

Race 2 on Sunday morning was sailed in no wind with the course shortened to one triangle which took 2½ hours to sail. Robin Staples and local, Angus Campbell, getting a break after the first bouy, while the rest of the fleet turned itself inside out several times.

Race 3 Sunday afternoon started again in very light breeze, but with promise of more to come. Robin Staples, Angus Campbell and Frank Walsh broke away as in the first race to lead at the first mark. The wind shifted to the N.W. and the fleet again turned inside out with Robin Staples going from 1st to 20th. With the wind settling from the N.W. at 5-7 knots, Robin sailed back through the fleet to take this third win narrowly from Geoff Rowan of Teralba.

Ha, you all say the reason for not going to Lake Liddell is no wind!.....if you're thinking that way ask the sailors who flew in the 20 knots plus that blew at this regatta in '75 & '76 .... and get your tent ready for next year.

Thanks to Barry Duncan and everyone who organised this great social weekend.

FRANK WALSH

## RESULTS

Place	Sail No.	Skipper	1	2	3	Points
1	37431	R. Staples	1	1	1	1½
2	39711	G. Rowan	3	10	2	5
3	14146	A. Campbell	DNS	2	4	6
4	24959	C. Dobson	2	6	8 (DNF)	8
5	33856	F. Walsh	7	3	5	8
6	30707	G. Gilbert	6	9	3	9
7	12869	H. Rogers	5	11	6	11
8	15037	A. Cavanagh	4	8	-	12
9	16019	B. Duncan	10	4	14	14
10	30726	W. Parker	8	-	7	15
11	12800	T. Chambers	9	7	2	16
12	30704	J. Hammond	12	5	13	17
13	42550	A. Henderson	16	12	11	23
14	15028	T. Longhurst	12	-	10	27
15	8994	T. Darvill	13	-	15	28
16	32371	R. Blaney	14	-	16	30
17	42558	M. Officer	15	-	17	32

# CONNELLS POINT

## SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS T.T. FINAL HEAT

If you like hospitality, good food and no wind, you should have gone to Connells Point for the last of the Traveller's Trophy Series. The weather was fairly fluky on the river course for the series, with the top place being keenly fought out between Doug Peckover from Balmoral, and the local boy, Neville Wittey.

Race 2, on Sunday Morning, was the highlight of the series .... a race to watch rather than sail. With ten minutes to the start, the fresh 5 knot breeze dropped to 1 knot to reveal a 2' - 3 knot ebb tide. The gun went and the local knowledge hanging in shore broke away leaving the unwary wondering how to get over the line.

The strategy was to beat to windward in the slack water in the bays and then try to sail through the tide as it swept round the points. The leading 8 boats broke away; held a taking duel around the first point; sailed across the second bay and remained there huddled behind the point, trapped by the tide unable to reach the bony in midstream. Meanwhile other lucky sailors inched their way out of the tide and up the shore to join the leading group.

Some hour and a half after the start sufficient wind strength and a shift to the N.E. allowed the now 25 odd boats to venture out from the lee of the point and the race recommenced, and the fleet followed Neville Wittey home in this one triangle 2½ hour procession.

The afternoon race saw sufficient increase in the wind from the N.E. to allow a slow but forward progress, with the final placings putting Connells Point sailor, Neville Wittey in the lead.

Thanks once again to Connells Point for holding the Southern Metropolitan Championships .... until next year! and a new breeze.

FRANK WALSH

### FINAL PLACINGS

BOAT	SKIPPER	HEATS			PTS	PLACE
		1	2	3		
Little Demon	Neville Wittey	2	1	2	4-3/4	1
D.P. Systems	Doug Peckover	1	2	4	6-3/4	2
Gollum	Anton Lynar	6	5	3/4	11-3/4	3
Robba	Robin Staples	7	8	5	20	4
Solo	George Maven	15	4	7	26	5
Bohemian Bathyscape	Andrew York	5	20	3	28	6
24909	Ken Hambridge	13	12	8	33	7
Sluck	Ray Bracher	9	15	11	35	8
Elf	Barry Quigley	10	11	15	36	9
Charisma	Mark Orrock	18	9	9	36	9

# Championships. by C.W.S. of the Mersey Yacht Club

JONATHAN SEAGULL accompanied by NESSIE took the MIDNIGHT EXPRESS from KOORONG to PUMA where on IMPULSE they joined JANSEN and HILDEGARD on SIR ARTHUR'S RAFT a FRIGGA class to follow the TRADE WINDS in a GOLDEN RATIO to Tasmania. It was DELASER DELUXE skippered by UPWIND HELMSMAN C.B., CHERRY PICKER by trade and a mate of FREDDIE FUD PUCKER, THE BLUE INVESTOR, who with BLIND FAITH asked ORINICO, the SCREAMING DEMON, who turned out to be a RED HERRING, to join the cruise.

As they sailed into the TEQUILA SUNRISE, PRUDENCE of PITTWATER IMPATIENT for a FROLIC took her FORMULA I and IN DEFIANCE'II of ALVIN, asked KATE to slap up a SUPER PIE for chow with EEPS of CAYENNE to give it a TANGI STING. The ship's band, TANIN, KAJABBI and MANO played a RHAPSODY as a SKYBIRD was PRINSSIN overhead. After MITI-E-NINE runs, YEOMEN III entices MAGNOLIA THUNDERPUSSY, the TANTALASER to his cabin, with SUPERSTITION she followed only to find that his principle was SOLOW that he tossed HEADS OR TAILS for the bunk. I WOULD IF I COULD she cried giving her TIARA a PAT but the MANIAC with THE JOLLY GREEN GIANT which was SLIPPERY WHEN WET acted like a BEAR WITH A SORE HEAD. Outside the PORTHOLE, TAWE and OORUNGA started to SERENADE but INDIGO THE LADY, developed PELICAN ITCH in the SOLAR regions. SCANDRA hearing her cries burst into the cabin and NOTEN DOTP VENOM on her TIARA, said "TROIKA" relax my dear while I undress U and C what can be done for your REVIVAL . SAS all, SHALOM IV ever.

## WINTER SAILING.

### Balmoral-

SUNDAY MORNING 10.50 GUN

Keep in trim with tight competitive sailing each Sunday morning, up to July 3rd. Get that light weather experience that most of us lack.

### Connell's Point-

Saturday afternoon 2.00 p.m. start. Winter sailing at Connell's Point Sailing Club on the following dates -

June 18th, July 9th, & August 13th.

## LASER OWNERS!

Greenwich Flying Squadron at Bay Street, Greenwich, has rack space for six more Lasers. But you will have to be quick ! Rack space is very scarce, and once the word gets out, the space will go very quickly.

We sail with Lane Cove Club on Saturdays (30 - 40 Lasers) and have our own Club race on the Sundays. So if you want to race - but don't want the hassles of cartopping your boat, come and join us.

Enquiries to either -  
any time

BARRY MORGAN: 43 4632  
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P.S. Midweek 'Summertime' Races starting soon.

# STOP PRESS.....

## WINTER IN NOUMEA

Regatta in Noumea, New Caledonia - last week in August 1977.

Six race series (5 to count) to be held by the French Yachting Federation. Races for Lasers, 470's, 420's, Hobie Cats and Optimists.

Concession fares being organised by F.Y.F. Plans are afoot to send a container load of boats (about 11) to Noumea at reduced rates. Some new for sale; and some belonging to competitors.

Billets and boarding house accommodation is being arranged.

### Tentative Programme

Friday - Training/Orientation.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Two races each day.

Tuesday available for re-sails.

Tuesday night - price giving.

Return flight leaves on Wednesdays.

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