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And many other small ditties of interest so put on your pipe, light up your slippers and read on.

SYDNEY HARBOUR CHAMPS

THIS SERIES WAS SAILED IN WINTRY COLD AND WINDY CONDITIONS FROM BALMORAL. THE RACING WAS HARD AND CLOSE WITH 5 GENERAL RECALLS NEEDED TO GET HEAT 4 AWAY.

IAN GIBSON MADE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE SERIES, WINNING EVERY HEAT, SOME BY EMBARRASSING MARGINS (I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HIM MORE CAREFULLY AT THE SEMINAR).

Heat 1

IT WAS BITTERLY COLD, RAINING AND BLOWING A STEADY 15-25 KNOTS, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY ONLY 50 OF THE 86 ENTRIES EVEN TURNED OUT.

NO NEED TO SAY WHO WON, BUT JOHN BACK, WHO PICKED SOME BIG SHIFTS EARLY TO LEAD AT THE WINDWARD MARK, CAME SECOND FROM LOCAL CHAMP WARWICK PHILLIPS. JOHN DORLING WAS NEXT BUT GOT BLOWN FOR BEING A PREMATURE STARTER.

Heat 2

UNFORTUNATELY THE MORNINGS TOUGH CONDITIONS SAW VERY MANY BROKEN BOOMS AND UPPERS, (MORE ON THIS LATER), PLUS BROKEN SPIRITS.

GIBBO WON AGAIN FROM BRAD JOHNSTON WHO DID VERY WELL CONSIDERING HIS LIGHT WEIGHT PLUS THE WINDY CONDITIONS, WITH DAVE CATTERNS 3RD.

Heat 3

GIBBO, SAILING BRILLIANTLY RECOVERED FROM A BAD START TO BE 2ND AT THE WINDWARD MARK, AND LEAD AT THE WING MARK AND GO ON FROM THERE TO WIN BY MILES. TONY MANNING, WHO CAME UP FROM MELBOURNE FOR THE REGATTA CAME SECOND WITH THE CONSISTENT WARWICK PHILLIPS THIRD.

Heat 4

THE BREEZE LIGHTENED TO 10-15 KNOTS BUT BECAME VERY SHIFTY AND GUSTY.

GIBBO AGAIN WON BUT NOT AFTER A HARD RACE, FIRSTLY WITH ANDREW YORK, WHO MUST HAVE READ GO FOR GOLD, AS HE WAS SAILING VERY FAST, THEN WITH DAVE CATTERNS WHO HAD JUST CROSSED GIBBO WITH ABOUT 20 YARDS TO GO, TACKED, MISSED THE STRAPS AND WENT STRAIGHT OVER THE SIDE, BUT STILL MANAGED SECOND FROM ANDREW YORK.

GIBBO, CATTERNS AND WARWICK WERE HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST WHEN THE POINTS WERE ADDED UPT. MARK PHILLIPS SHOWED THE BENEFITS OF CONSISTENCY BY FINISHING FOURTH OVERALL. MELBOURNE VISITOR AND WORLDS REP, GARY LINACRE FINISHED IN THE LAST 'CUBE' PLACE - 5TH.

			HT1	2	3	4	Pts
1	I. GIBSON	33895	1	1	1	1	3
2	D. CATTERNS	35678	4	3	5	2	14
3	W. PHILLIPS	24989	3	4	3	8	18
4	M. PHILLIPS	30703	8	7	10	6	31
5	G. LINACRE	32330	5	5	11	16	37
6	J. BACK	30752	2	6	12	18	38
7	I. McCROSSIN	23424	11	12	6	10	39
8	A. YORK	35681	19	11	7	3	40
9	J. COOPER	9022	10	8	15	15	48
10	D. MORGAN	30724	13	10	14	14	51
11	A. MASON						
12	G. DAVIDSON						
13	T. MANNING	34	A. KTRK				
14	A. SMALLMAN	35	J. HURST				
15	J. MUYSKEN	36	A. BARNES				
16	C. BEASHELL	37	D. QUARFORD				
17	W. BOVIS	38	J. HAMMOND				
18	R. HUDSON	39	R. LAWSON				
19	D. PAYNE	40	I. STEWART				
20	R. CRAVEN	41	M. HALL				
21	A. LYNAR	42	P. LOWE				
22	G. GILBERT	43	R. WILMOT				
23	J. TAYLOR	44	S. NEWMAN				
24	B. JOHNSTON	45	J. CHADWICK				
25	K. HASELGROVE	46	P. KENNY				
26	H. ROGERS	47	P. CRAIG				
27	P. OKKERSE	49	W. ARTHUR				
28	A. HOWARD	50	T. LONGHURST				
29	R. COTTRELL						
30	B. HAMILTON						
31	G. PEARSON						
32	C. ANDERSON						
33	D. FARNILL						

THE DRAWN OUT OF THE HAT TRIP TO NEW GUINEA WENT TO 10TH PLACED DAVE MORGAN. CONGRATS TO GIBBO, DAVE AND WARWICK FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE NATIONALS.

THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS EXTEND THANKS TO THE BALMORAL STARTERS AND COMMITTEE, COLIN JACKA, BURNIE HAY, ROSS REID, PAT LAWSON, PETER REID SNR AND JNR AND WARWICK PHILLIPS FOR ORGANISING THE WHOLE SHOW.

A 30 MINUTE FILM OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR CHAMPS WAS TAKEN BY DAVE CATTERNS' SISTER AND WILL BE SHOWN AT THE NEXT SOCIAL FUNCTION. THANK YOU TO GEORGES CAMERA STORE FOR GIVING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLYING FILM AT COST.



ALSO, VICTORIAN VISITOR TONY MANNING MISPLACED HIS WETSUIT AT BALMORAL SO IF ANYONE FOUND IT PLS CONTACT US OR PERFORMANCE SAILCRAFT.

Our President, who was at the Worlds reports that the world body has decided to hold the next Worlds in Brazil thus BY-PASSING OUR APPLICATION FOR PORT STEPHENS.

2 MONTHLY CLUB REPORTS

Club laser fleet captains must send us these.

FLEET CHARTERS

Unless your club has a fleet charter, it is not recognised by the I.L.C.A. TO BE ELIGIBLE, CLUBS MUST HAVE 6 MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE LASER ASSN AND own and race lasers at that club.

If you have sold your laser and do not wish to remain a member of the Association please forward this newsletter to the new boat owner, to give him the opportunity of joining in the fun or let us know who bought your boat.

SAFETY

IT WAS noted by the measurer that several lasers at the Sydney Harbour Champs did not carry towing rings and paddles. THIS IS COMPULSORY. THE PADDLE must be 60 sq.ins. AND THE TOWING RING 3" DIAM. IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO TIE IN YOUR CENTREBOARD.

1977 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPS

THIS SERIES IS TO BE HELD IN BASS STRAIGHT OFF DEVONPORT, TASMANIA, BETWEEN MARCH 13-19.

THE TASMANIANS HAVE DONE MUCH WORK ALREADY TO PREPARE THE SERIES AND HAVE MADE BULK BOOKINGS ON THE SEA FERRIE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ORGANISING SECRETARY  
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BOAT SHOW

THE ASSOCIATION STAND WAS ABLY SET UP AND MANNED BY ANDREW MASON, MARK PHILLIPS, TONY BARNES AND JOHN DORLING.

THE COSTS OF THE SHOW WERE RE-COUPED BY THE SALE OF 'T' SHIRTS AND NEW ASSN MEMBERS.

I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE N.S.W. LASER ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND THE BOAT SHOW TO SHOW THAT RACING IS WHAT LASERING IS ALL ABOUT AND TO SHOW WE DO HAVE A STRONG AND WELL RUN ASSOCIATION.

THE MOOLOOLABA WINTER-SUN REGATTA

PHIL YEOMANS who now lives in Brisbane won this regatta.

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO BE SENT TO NON-ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SO IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE SECRETARY, NSW & ACT DISTRICT LASER ASSN, 13-15 CROSS STREET, BROOKVALE NSW 2100.

FOR THOSE NEW MEMBERS, YOUR COMMITTEE THIS YEAR IS:

- PRESIDENT - DAVE CATTERNS
- CHAIRMAN - JOE CHADWICK
- SECRETARY - MARK PHILLIPS
- MEASURER - WARWICK PHILLIPS
- TREASURER - GEOFF HODDER
- CLUB DELEGATES - WARREN BOVIS, IAN SAWYER

BREAKING BOOMS AND UPPERS

WE WROTE A LETTER TO THE WORLD BODY ASKING WHETHER WE COULD RE-ENFORCE THE BOOMS AND UPPERS OF OUR BOATS BECAUSE OF THE RIDICULOUS NUMBER OF BREAKAGES WHICH ARE QUITE OBVIOUSLY NOT THE SAILOR'S FAULT BUT A DESIGN OR MANUFACTURING FAULT.

THE RULES STATE

"THE SPARS MAY BE USED ONLY AS SUPPLIED BY THE BUILDER AND MAY NOT BE ALTERED, RE-ENFORCED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED"

OUR REPLY FROM THE WORLD BODY WAS:

"THE QUESTION SEEMS TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF THE DELIVERY OF SOME SPARS BY AN ALUMINIUM SUPPLIER WHO DID NOT MEET TOLERANCE. ANY BREAKAGE WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS A WARRANTY PROBLEM IF IT AROSE WITHIN THE WARRANTY PERIOD - CONSULT YOUR DEALER."

AT THE SEMINAR, MANY OF THE HEAVIES ADVOCATED THE USE OF 2 BOOMS AND UPPERS. 1 SET FOR CLUB RACES AND PRACTICE AND 1 SET TO BE USED ONLY FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INSURANCE

Who needs it - every person who cannot afford or doesn't wish to pay for a new boat in the event of damage, complete or partial loss by fire, collision or theft. Also every person who wishes to be covered against liability for personal injury and third party damage.

Where do ya git it?

From P.S.A. and it costs \$25.00. Their policy is the cheapest and best and is with the Marine Hull Company.



## JOTTINGS FROM LANE COVE LASERS

There should be at least 30 members of the Tupperware team sailing on sunny Saturday afternoons from the 18th September, 1976 to 3rd April, 1977 on the Lane Cove Club courses.

P.S. - Rain, hail or shine I'm shore there will be more than that back at the Club house for the post mortems.

- Races normally start 2-15 pm.
- Post Mortems about 5-30 pm.

### 1976/77 RACING PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 16 TT RACE - LANE COVE 12' SKIFF  
NOVEMBER 14 T.T. RACE - NARRABEEN LAKES S.C.  
NOVEMBER 27-28 A.C.T. LASER CHAMPS - Y.M.C.A. CANBERRA  
DECEMBER 4-5 WALLIS CAKE REGATTA - GREAT LAKES SAILING CLUB.  
DECEMBER 4 VAUCLUSE YACHT CLUB - REGATTA  
DECEMBER 27 T.T. RACE - PITTWATER REGATTA - R.P.A.Y.C.  
JANUARY 29-31 N.S.W. STATE CHAMPS - BOTANY BAY  
FEBRUARY 13 T.T. RACE - WOOLLAHRA REGATTA  
FEBRUARY 20 T.T. RACE - PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB  
MARCH 13-19 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPS - DEVONPORT - TAS.  
APRIL 2-3 T.T. RACE - SOUTHERN METROP. CHAMPS - CONNELLS POINT  
MAY/JUNE SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPS - PORT MORESBY  
JUNE 11,12,13 COFFS HARBOUR REGATTA  
JUNE 5 SPUNKY BUM REGATTA - R.P.A.Y.C.

### TRAVELLERS TROPHY, HEAT 1

MIDDLE HARBOUR 16' SKIFF CLUB.

THERE WERE ABOUT 20 STARTERS IN A GUSTY 15-25 KNOT SOU-WESTER.

THE BEST START WAS MADE BY PAUL MILLEWSKI AND ROBIN STAPLES. AT THE WINDWARD MARK IT WAS PAUL MILLEWSKI FIRST, BOB LOWNDES SECOND AND MARK PHILLIPS THIRD. LOWNDES AND PHILLIPS MOVED AWAY ON THE SECOND LAP OF THE NEXT BOAT. AT THE WINDWARD MARK FORT LAST TIME, MARK LEAD BOB BY ABOUT 5 BOAT LENGTHS. WITH THE BREEZE NOW A STEADY 30 KNOTS IT PROMISED TO BE A HAIRY RUN FROM BALMORAL TO THE FINISH AT THE SPIT.

IN ONE OF THE FASTEST LEGS I HAVE EVER BEEN ON IN MY LASER, BOB YELLED OUT 'A BEER ON THE RESULT'. JUST AS I SAID o.k. A HEAVY SQUALL HIT AND I ROLLED IN TO WINDWARD (PHOOEY). THE MORAL IS - DON'T THINK OF COLD BEER WHILST JYBING IN 30 KNOTS.

### FINISHING ORDER

1.	WIGGLE	R. LOWNDES
2	FREDDIE FUDPUCKER	M. PHILLIPS
3	GUGGLES	M. STOVIN-BRADFORD
4	IF	N. BARKER
5	ONICAR	A. SMALLMAN
6	WILBUR WATERFORCE	P. MILLEWSKI
7	GOLLUM	A. LYNAR
8	KNICKERBOCKER GLORY	B. ANDERSON
9	ROBBA	R. STAPLES
10	BOHEMIAN BATHYSCAPHE	A. YORK

- 11 BITTER BLUE
- 12 MACKRUSH
- 13 WE DO IT
- 14 ALLEGRO
- 15 LITTLE DEMON

- D. ADAMS
- M. McCURRICH
- A. DUNSTAN
- M. HARRIS
- N. WITTEY

TRAVELERS TROPHY HEAT 2

BALMORAL SAILING CLUB.

ABOUT 30 BOATS TURNED UP ON AN OVERCAST DAY WITH A 15-25 KNOT NOR-EASTER BLOWING. THE FIRST START WAS A GENERAL RECALL, WITH THE 1 MINUTE RULE NOW APPLYING, WARWICK PHILLIPS AND BOB LOWNDES WERE CAUGHT NAPPING AND WITH 1 MINUTE TO GO WERE OVER THE LINES EXTENSIONS. WARWICK WENT ON TO WIN THE START ON A HEAVILY BIASED LINE AND LEAD ALL THE WAY AROUND, HOTLY PURSUED BY A CLOSE GROUP OF 5 BOATS.

ANDY SMALLMAN PULLED THROUGH THE GROUP ON THE LAST LEG TO WIN (AFTER WARWICK'S D.S.Q.) FROM BOB LOWNDES (ALSO D.S.Q.) SO ANDREW YORK WAS SECOND WITH YOURS TRULY THIRD.

1	36205	A. SMALLMAN	10	52304	N. BARKER
2	35681	A. YORK	11	37451	R. COTTERIL
3	30703	M. PHILLIPS	12	14261	A. HOWARD
4	39705	D. PAYNE	13	16023	A. KIRK
5	14159	M. STOVIN-BRADFORD	14	37488	
6	14231	L. COXON	15	29458	
7	37491	R. STAPLES	16	32313	C. BOYLE
8	23402	C. ANDERSON	17	24981	
9	30707	G. GILBERT			

QUOTABLE QUOTES

MANY COURTESY STUART WALKER AND GARY HOYT - HACKED ABOUT - ALL QUOTES OUT OF CONTEXT INTENTIONAL.

THE REASON WHY

There is nothing ... nothing ... half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats. (THE WATER RAT)

STATING THE OBVIOUS

The best way to win a race is to get out in front at the start and steadily improve your position - TED WELLS.

Get the Boat planing - this is the best way of getting to the head of the fleet - PAUL ELVSTROM.

ON TAKING FLYERS

Fifty million frenchmen can't be wrong.

UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR

There is always so much more to learn - IAN PROCTOR.

ON RACE COMMITTEES

You would hardly believe they were dealing with the same sport.

WINNING AT ALL COSTS

Disaster in life is no longer feeling that winning is worth wile - CHARLIE BROWN.

FAIR GO TO WOMEN'S LIB DEPT

Yachting is a sport for gentlemen - not distinguished from ladies, but as distinguished from un-sportsman-like.

ON HOLES

If you are religious you may pray for your wind to come back - JACK KNIGHTS.

ON GYBING IN 30 KNOTS

The speed of your boat increases with your confidence - MANFRED CURRY.

RATIONALISATION OF LOSING

We came across for fresh air, to enjoy deep blue sea, and to have a hell of a good time, not to strive for international honours.

THE FINAL CRUNCH



DOWNWIND SPEED

The reach is the straightaway - floor it and go.

ON COVERING

"I'll give that guy so much bad gas that he'll go into oxygen debt".

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Is the laser as popular as ABBA.

NOTICE OF RACE

NORTHERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Place: wallis Lake, near Forster  
Times: Sat 4 December, 1pm; 4pm.  
Sun 5 December, 10am; 1pm.

This is a "designated event" - the first three placegetters not already selected make the N.S.W. quota to the 1977 Aust Champs.

It is also a great fun event - camp 3\* from the edge of the lake.

Entries \$3.00, closing date 29 November.  
Beach Entries accepted at \$9.00.

Trophies for first 3. Short series point score with 1 drop.

Current Association members only are eligible.



## A BRIEF REPORT ON THE 1976 WORLDS

The winner was John Bertrand (USA) with 1, 1, 2, 1, 5 with South Pacific Champ Barry Thom (NZ) second, with 2, 8, 16, 13, 2. Australian places were Catterns 15; Gale 21; Gibson 25; Burford 33; Dorning 36; Johnston 49; Dorling 52; Linacre 69. All the boys learnt a hell of a lot and will be reporting in full at seminars etc and in the next newsletter.

## THE 1977 WORLDS

These will probably be in November or December 1977 in either the Bahamas or Brazil - should be hard to take! We are not sure yet whether the Australian quota will be 7 again.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Our selection series is very likely to be the 1977 Australian Championships in Devonport (Tas) 13-19 March. There will probably be state quotas. As you know, the N.S.W. selection basis is

- . 3 from Syd Harbour Champs (Gibson, Catterns, Warwick Phillips),
- . 3 from A.C.T. Champs - 27 & 28 November (see elsewhere in this newsletter for Notice of Race),
- . 3 from Northern Zoen Champs - 4 & 5 December, Wallis Lake (Notice of Race in this newsletter).
- . The rest will be from the State Championships, Botany Bay, 29-31 January 1977 (Notice of Race in next newsletter).

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our quota for the Australian Championships depends on the number of financial members as at 1 November - please pay your subs now and tell your friends to do so too. A membership form is in this newsletter. This is the last newsletter to go to unfinancial members (they cost us about \$1 each!).

## SOUTH PACIFICS 1977

The South Pacific regattas are no doubt the best Laser regatta of the year. The first two - Mooloolaba and Lake Taupo were brilliant and the next, to be in P-NG about May 1977 will be better still. There'll be more details about fares etc in the next newsletter but start thinking about it now. You don't have to be a heavy sailor to go there; think of it as a holiday, good racing and a chance to meet those drunken New Zealand, New Guinea and other Pacific bums. You'll probably learn a bit, too. And there'll be world's places for the first two (we think).

## SAFETY - AN ODE TO THE JURY RIG

Ladies and Gentlemen! You are not sailing a 60' sloop; when you break gear you do not need to sit around helplessly and wait for a tow - you'd be surprised what a Laser can do with only a lower mast or without a boom. Try to sail home or at least to a safe beach or at least AWAY FROM A LEE SHORE.

- . DO NOT TAKE THE MAST OUT
- . DO NOT UNTIE YOUR MAINSHEET
- . DO NOT UNTIE ANYTHING.

### (a) IF UPPER MAST SECTION BREAKS

The sail is torn at the luff - it'll only cost a few bucks to fix and it won't get any worse so all you have to do is PULL ON YOUR MAINSHEET AND KEEP ON TRUCKIN'. So what if the broken upper flaps around a bit - it's better than washing helplessly up on the rocks.

### (b) IF BOOM BREAKS

Don't untie anything. PULL ON YOUR MAINSHEET AND KEEP ON TRUCKIN'. Just wedge the broken end of the boom somewhere around the centreboard and step daintily over it when tacking.

### (c) YOU MUST HAVE A BIGGER RING ON YOUR BOW EYE

If accepting a tow, put the tower's line through the bow eye (i.e. the ring), twice round your mast, and back to your mainsheet cleat. Loosen the boom vang so you can move about comfortably and relax and enjoy the petrol fumes. Only use your mainsheet as a towline as a last resort.

### (d) IF LOWER MAST SECTION BREAKS

Buy a ticket in the lottery after you've swum to shore. Sue PSA.

### (e) IF RUDDER BREAKS

- (i) Stop wiggling your tiller
- (ii) In future check the bolt
- (iii) You can still at least sail away from danger.

### (f) IF THE SMALL BLOCK ON THE TRAVELLER BREAKS

Rig the traveller through the eye of the "G" slip on the bigger block.

### (g) IF STRAP BREAKS

Hook your foot under the mainsheet and go on to win the race.