



Skippers Meeting

Greg Lane will address a meeting of Skippers and interested crew members on the subject of our present Handicap System at a meeting at the Clubhouse at 6pm (1800 hrs) on Tuesday the 24th of February. He will be there to thoroughly explain the system and to answer any questions that may be asked. I am sure that you will all agree that the more that we familiarise ourselves with the system, the better we will understand it. Please make the effort to attend. Non attenders may incur a penalty!!!!

The Board Meeting

Held on Monday last (9th Feb)

Our Club Board, at our meeting the other night, reluctantly accepted the resignation of one of our stalwart members, Keith Albury, from his position of Club Captain. Keith has held this position for over seven years and we compliment and thank him for the enthusiasm and dedication that he has applied to it. He will now have more time to spend sailing his new yacht!

Peter Collins volunteered to take over the position and has been endorsed by myself and the board to take over as our new Club Captain.

Peter asked me to say that any assistance or suggestions that members can give him will be very much appreciated.

Moorings:

As you may have noticed, the Club Mooring has been occupied by a large trimaran named "The Patio" This will apparently be moved off within a fortnight.

This will be the last non Boat Owner Member to occupy this or any of our moorings. From now on they will be for the exclusive use of Club Boat Owner Members. This mooring, to be known as the "social mooring" may be used for a period of up to 23 hours. There will be no charge for this. Any further stay will only be permitted after consultation with Peter Collins or myself and will entail a substantial charge.

The intent of this mooring is to provide a facility for our members to moor to or to raft up to so that they can come ashore and use our Club facilities. If they wish to come to the Friday Night Social, row ashore, party, then stay the night and

race on Saturday, this is for them. If they come from Lemon Tree or Fame Cove or their mooring is outside the Soldiers Point area, they will be able to leave their dinghy on the mooring, race, come ashore for a pre race fellowship and then, if they wish, stay the night and cruise home on Sunday.

Other Club Members yachts will be entitled to raft up to any yacht using the mooring.

We would hope that as the situation develops, skippers will be able to share dinghies and so forth.

As this mooring will not be revenue earning, the fees we charge for the other moorings will have to be increased to pay for upkeep. Present occupiers will be advised accordingly.

The policy of limiting the use of our moorings to current Boat Owner Members is to prevent transient skippers from abusing our facilities. We have had a number of instances where people have occupied moorings for months and eventually moved away without paying us a cent. Not any more!!

Just to clarify another issue. Any dealings with regard to the moorings are to be handled by Peter Collins, or, in his absence myself. Just to reiterate, our moorings are exclusively for the use of Boat Owner Club Members, other people have the use of the public moorings in Fame Cove, Corlette, Salamander Bay and, of course, the Soldiers Point Marina. We are not a convenience for transient yachts. We certainly welcome them to our Club facilities but they have to make their own arrangements for moorings. Most of them carry anchors anyway!

On a lighter vein, we have our Sprint series on again this coming Saturday. We will try and set a shorter windward leg this time to enable four races to be sailed. Good reason to have a scan of the Blue Book or some of our drink coasters before the start flag drops!

The Starters Pole.

As previously advised we are having a new box made to replace the present one which is somewhat rust affected and we now have two 240v generators available, thanks to Stuart Manley and Jim Roberts, this will allow us to use two tools at once and halve the setting up time! Hopefully we will see it in action in a couple of weeks time.

See you at the Bar!! *John Way* 0412493586