



MANLY 16ft. SKIFF SAILING CLUB

33RD ANNUAL REPORT
and Financial Statement

FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

To be Presented at the Club House, Manly,
on FRIDAY, 5th AUGUST, at 8 p.m.

MANLY 16ft SKIFF SAILING CLUB

(Affiliated with N.S.W. 16ft. Skiff Association)

ANNUAL REPORT

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BALANCE SHEET

for the year ending 30th June, 1955

To be presented to members at the 33rd Annual General Meeting to be held at the Club House, East Esplanade, Manly, on 5th August, 1955 at 8 p.m.

AGENDA:-

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 32nd Annual General Meeting
3. Chairman's Address
4. To receive the Annual Report from:
 - (a) Hon. Secretary
 - (b) Hon. Treasurer
5. Adoption of the Reports
6. Election of Office Bearers for the Season 1955/56
7. To fix:
 - (1) Subscription & entrance fees payable by active members / associate and junior members M. 12/21
F. 19/6
 - (2) Registration fee for boats
 - (3) Shed Rental 10/6
8. To consider recommendations of the Management Committee.
9. General Business.

MANLY 16ft SKIFF SAILING CLUB

Officers and Officials for the Season 1954/55

Patron ✓

W. Hermon Slade

Vice-Patron ✓

W. Russell Slade

President ✓

A.A. Marshall

Commdore ✓

J.G. Graham

Vice-Commdore ✓

R.O. Smee

Senior Vice-President

J.A. Forsyth ✓

Vice-Presidents

W.H. Adrian	W.B. Henderson	E. Mitchell	A.H. Smith
H. Clark	A.E. Houston	N. Mossop	B.L. Smith
A. Denoon	B.H. Johnston	Dr. L. McDonnell	D. Stewart
L.C. Emmanuel	L. Kaberry	R. Parsons	J. Stewart
T. Fawkner	N. Kaberry	F. Quillen	H.A. Tolhurst
J.G. Graham	R. Lundie	F.J. Richards	D. Treharne
J.G.E. Graham	J. Lyons	D.J.S. Robb	C. Watt
E.O.K. Green	C.J.O. Lyons	G. Hermon Slade	J. Whiddon
C. Grosvenor	J.R. Macdonald	R.O. Smee	
A.M. Hawkesford	C. Madden	A.L. Smith	
(now deceased)			

Life Members

E. Andrew	J. Graham	H. Lemon	C. Seller
R.M. Dubois	W.G. Hole	A.A. Marshall	W. Russell Slade
A.M. Dwyer	P. Johnston	R.J. May	L.H. Simms
J.A. Forsyth	(now deceased)	A.L. Schultz	
	K.D. Kershaw		

Hon. Secretary

A.A. Brown ✓

Hon. Treasurer

C. Betts ✓

Race Secretary

S. Richards ✓

Assist. Hon. Secretary

A.T. Norman ✓

Social Secretary

J.A. Forsyth

R. NORMAN

B Class Race Secretary

R. Beale

Club Captain

R. May *W. STANDING*

Vice-Captain

W. Standing *H. GRAHAM*

Starter & Judge

R. Mavromatis ✓

Umpire

D. Treharne ✓

Handicappers

J.G. Graham

D. TREHARNE

T. FAWKNER

Publicity Officer

W. Standing ✓

Delegates to N.S.W. 16ft Skiff Assn.

L. Monkhouse ✓

C. Betts

S.F. CURRY

Hon. Auditors

R. Dubois ✓

R. Parsons ✓

Boat & Sail Measurers

J.G. Graham ✓

L. Monkhouse

R. Champion

H. GRAHAM

H. CURRY

Management Committee

D. Browne

K. Clarke

R. CURRY

T. Fawcner

D. Treharne

R. MAY

J. SIMS

LET'S
R. Norman (resigned
23/8/54)

A. Wilson
(from 23/8/54)

Trustees

A. Seller

C.A. Seller

W.G. Hole

Comp. Sec

K. CLARKE

Starter & Judge

Gentlemen,

The following is a report of the activities of the Club for the year ending 30/6/55:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership figures have remained practically unaltered as compared with the previous season although an extra two skiffs were sailing.

Officers & Officials	37
Life Members	15
Active Members	63
Junior Members	19
	<u>134</u>

BOAT REGISTER

Skiff "Return" made a welcome return to the Club and was capably handled throughout the season by Junior Gregg Marshall. Mr. R.O. Smees "Tionee" was given a clearance and was replaced by "Viking". A lot of time and thought was put into the unusual design and construction of "Tionee" and much credit goes to Mr. Smees in endeavouring to build such an experimental skiff "Nor-Easter" after many years of faithful service to the Club was given a clearance.

Encourage	Rona III
Farewell II	San Toy
Lorraine	Solo
Reject	Solong II
Return	Storm
	Viking

RACING

The racing was very keen and well contested; a high degree of sportsmanship was attained.

The honour of fastest time was more evenly distributed than in former years and was recorded as follows:

Reject	11 times
Solo	7 times
Storm	3 times
Encourage	1

The system of automatic handicapping prevailed for the season.

The scheme is recognised by the N.S.W. 16ft Skiff Association as approaching more to the perfect set up of handicapping. Rules governing it were drawn up before the season started and no real troubles were encountered.

To donors of trophies and others who remain anonymous we say thank you for your help in keeping the sport alive in this part of the Harbour.

The full Club racing list appeared as under:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Skiff</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
25/9/54	Official Opening and Invitation to Middle Harbour	Blue Jacket	J.Muston
2/10/54	N.P.	Solo	R.Hammond
9/10/54	Senior V.P. Trophy	Rona III	J.Jamieson
16/10/54	L.C. Emanuel "	Reject	L.Monkhouse
23/10/54	L.Kaberry "	Solo	P.Browne
30/10/54	R.Lundie "	Storm	R.May
13/11/54	A.L.Schultz "	Farewell II	D.Haslam
27/11/54	W.A.G. Trophy & Sheet Hands	Encourage	C.Betts (A.Brown)
4/12/54	1st Heat Club Championship	Solo & Handicap	P.Browne
11/12/54	Point Score	Solong II	W.Standing
18/12/54	Point Score	Lorraine	J.Millburn
8/1/55	Point Score	Solo	P.Browne
15/1/55	Point Score	Solo	P.Browne
22/1/55	Bailer Boys Trophy	Storm	R.May (G.Meyer)
29/1/55	Point Score	Encourage	B.McVicar
5/2/55	Swingers Trophy	Encourage	K.Fawkner
12/2/55	C.G. Brentnall Memorial Trophy & Forward Hands	Solong II	B.Jackson
19/2/55	Point Score	Encourage	P.Farmer
26/2/55	Club Championship Heat 2	Storm (& Handicap)	R.May
12/3/55	Ladies Day	Return (Mrs. T.Flower)	G.Marshall
19/3/55	Junior Skippers Race	Reject	V.Collins
26/3/55	R.Smith Memorial Trophy	Reject	L.Monkhouse
2/4/55	Club Championship Heat 3	Solo	P.Browne
	1st Minor Point Score	Handicap "So Long II"	W.Standing
		Reject	L.Monkhouse

2nd Minor Point Score	Reject	L.Monkhouse
Patron's Major Point Score		
and Delwood Tiller	Reject	L.Monkhouse

The Club Championship, conducted over 3 races was spectacular to say the least and the attention of all was held right up to the finishing line of the third heat. Skiffs, Solo, Storm and Reject were all possible winners and were dependent upon the final placings. "Solo" skippered by P.Browne and crewed by R.Champion, A.Brigden and R.Hammond deserved a well earned win and received congratulations from fellow club members. "Farewell II" (D.Haslam) recorded its first win in the Club. Doug is to be congratulated together with J.Millburn who ended a long run of outs with a win in "Lorraine". G.Marshall sailing his first season in 16s, skippered "Return" to a win in the Ladies Day. Mrs. Flower was the lucky lady to whom we offer our congratulations. Another Junior, Ken Fawkner skippered "Encourage" in a well merited win in the Swingers Race against seasoned skippers while the Junior Skippers race received its usual enthusiasm from early hours of the morning. Vic. Collins in "Reject" took out the honours while "Return" (K.Flower) and "Storm" (H. Treharne) filled the minor placings.

Inter Club Racing: Regattas within the harbour were well attended while "Reject" and "Solong" represented the Club at Botany Bay. "Reject" (L.Monkhouse) obtained 3rd place in the Middle Harbour Championship and Botany Bay Championship while "Solong" (W.Standing) and "Encourage" (C.Betts) filled places in the Sydney Anniversary Regatta. By far the most successful results were once again attained at Gosford where "Encourage" (C.Betts) won the Gosford Handicap on Easter Saturday and "Reject" (L.Monkhouse) on the following Monday won the Brisbane Water Championship (Lloyds 2nd win in this event in a row) and the Handicap event associated therewith. To the successful skippers congratulations and to all members who participated in the Regattas, the Club is richer in experience and comradeship.

SPECIAL RACES

The Vice Presidents and Officials day showed that our older members still retain the love of the sport to which they can no longer devote full time. Mr. E. Mitchell skippered the successful skiff "Reject". The get-together after the race was enjoyed by all and gave the atmosphere which the Committee has been trying to create.

Zone Test Races were competed for by 14 Middle Harbour Club boats and 4 from Manly. "Reject" (L.Monkhouse) was included in the final 8 with the right to contest the N.S.W. Championship which was won by "Joan IV" (K.Minter) to whom the Club sent its congratulations. "Reject" (L.Monkhouse) was included in the first 4 skiffs selected for the Australian Championships in Perth on 7/14 January 1955. Although not successful they were worthy representatives of our Club.

PERCE JOHNSTON TROPHY

Middle Harbour reversed the scores this year 18 to 17 to take away the coveted trophy. We will be back after it next year. Crew members were pleased to entertain their opposite from Middle Harbour and an enjoyable day was had by all.

The Manly Regatta and Stamina Trophy were held in conjunction. The poor response of entries could be partly due to the clash of time when the skiffs were preparing to pack for the Australian Carnival in Perth. The light N.E. breeze completely faded away for long periods and at the end of sailing time the race was declared with a little over half of the course completed.

"Thunder II" (R.Bowry) was in the lead at the time and declared the winner. The "Manly Cup" for the leading Manly Club boat was won by "Return" (G.Marshall) who also had the fastest time. We congratulated both these successful skippers.

DISCUSSIONS

During the winter months we have received most interesting and informative lectures from Messrs. R.O.Smee, W.R.Slade and D.Browne on N.S.W. Skiff Rules, Sailing Tactics and Forward Hands work respectively and a further two lectures have been arranged on rigging, trimming sails and sheet hands work. These gentlemen have spoken well to a very appreciative audience and it is a fine gesture on their part to put back into sailing for the younger generation something of the pleasure and experience gained in their years of top flight sailing.

We welcomed the visit of members of other Clubs to these discussions.

TOW LAUNCH

Messrs. T. Fawcner and the late A.M. Hawkesford provided an excellent service in the "Mollyhawk" that could not be bettered. Engaged only for tow service they did any job requested and were always available for the difficult work in getting our Skiffs to

the Harbour Regattas. Their services were also appreciated by the N.S.W. 16ft Skiff Association.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

It is my very pleasant duty to include the report of the election of the President, Mr. A.A. Marshall, to the honoured band of Life Members of the Club. It is needless for me to point out the time he devotes to the Club as perhaps only Mrs. Marshall may know.

CLUB HOUSE

A lot has been achieved at a small cost to the Club under the general supervision of Club Captain R. May. The skids extension was completed and with the growth of the Club we must look forward to further extensions. The painting of the external walls was arranged by Mr. J.G. Graham while the internal painting programme will be evident at the time of presentation of this report. Mr. D. Treharne donated the Hot Water System and Mr. Henry Graham connected same to showers and kitchen while Keith & Verner Alston did the necessary electrical work for this and other jobs. Mr. Standing with a band of enthusiastic juniors built movable partition walls so necessary to extend or restrict the social area. A sink and hand basin were installed and plastering done by Mr. D. Simms. The high standard of painting by the large body of members who undertook the extensive programme, is evident of the interest taken in this work. Perhaps the most difficult of the jobs was undertaken by Mr. Treharne who was the force behind the design and construction of the jetty. While not yet complete, the jetty was in use during the season.

DONATIONS

The donors of the plate glass policy Mr. A.L. Smith, the sink Mr. Gosbell, hand basin Mr. J.G. Graham, paint for internal walls, Mr. C. Seller, a tape for sail measuring Mr. R.O. Snee and others who I may not have mentioned are sincerely thanked by the Club for their gifts. The Club is also grateful for the time given by the members of the various sub-committees including the following:

Rules Revision Sub-Committee	Manly Regatta Sub-Committee
Handicapping Sub-Committee	Zone Test Committee
	Membership Sub-Committee

and to members who represented the Club such as Mr. L. Monkhouse and others who accompanied him as delegates to the N.S.W. Skiff Association and Mr. Betts on the Skiff Association Handicapping Committee.

COMPETITION SECRETARY

Mr. K. Clarke again demonstrated his remarkable salesmanship qualities and his singular record effort of £109 profit to Club funds deserves the highest praise.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

A marked improvement was noticed in the interest taken by the members of the social activities. The monthly dances, beside being well attended, were enjoyed by those present. The New Years Revel was the first highlight of the programme and the Club House was limited to its full capacity. Perhaps the "Can Can" was never danced the same in Paris but those who participated in the evenings fun await the next Revel. We thank Mr. Ben Johnston for his untiring efforts as Master of Ceremonies at these functions.

The Presentation Night on 28th May, 1955 was a further success. Our Patron, W. Hermon Slade, Esq., favoured the gathering with a short address and rewarded the more lucky participants of the years sailing with some fine prizes.

In addition to the prizes won at Sailing, the Club showed its appreciation of services rendered by Mrs. W. Standing and Mr. & Mrs. A. Forsyth by suitable tokens. The Club welcomed visitors from Yarra Bay and Port Jackson Clubs at this function.

Members and their friends spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening on Sunday 17th July, 1955, when Mr. Richard Norman arranged a tasty tea and showed excellent colour films of England and the Continent as well as local sailing scenes. The applause left no doubt of the appreciation of those present. It is a pleasure to see members and friends at informal gatherings at the Club House.

An outstanding feature of the social side has been the untiring efforts of a few women helpers and a small band of members who regularly see that everything is in order for the particular social event. More enquiries for offers of assistance for the social occasions would be welcomed by Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Marshall and Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Forsyth or any other Committeeman.

PUBLICITY

Mr. W. Standing kept the local and Sydney Press advised of the result of the races and supplied further information to the local papers. To the newspapers we sincerely appreciate the space given to recording the activities of skiff sailing.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

During the past season the committee decided to admit a new class of members - associate members - to the Club. At the same time it was thought that the rules governing membership in general and the constitution of the management committee needed revision in the light of the growing membership of the Club. A sub-committee comprising Messrs. R.O.Smee, A.Forsyth, J.G.Graham and A.Norman was elected to frame new rules and their report was adopted at a General Meeting held 22nd November, 1954.

The classes of membership of the club are now:

- (a) Active Members
- (b) Junior
- (c) Associate members - male and female
- (d) Honorary members

Active members comprise Life Members, Officers or Racing Officials, Boat Owners and Registered Crew Members. Persons who have had at least 5 years of Active Membership may if they so desire retain such membership. Only Active Members have the right to vote at General Meetings.

The position of Vice-President has been restricted to the Senior Vice-President. The Committee feels that those who at present hold this office would prefer to become either Active Members (if eligible) or Honorary Members.

The Management Committee has been strengthened by the addition of Legal Adviser, Competition Secretary, Starter and Judge (1), Assistant Starter and Judge (1) and Umpire.

FINANCE

This year has been one of achievement from a financial point of view and in evidence of this we see additions to Club assets of £120 as well as a reduction of our debt to Debenture Holders of £260.

The attached revenue account readily shows the income and expenditure for the year and with greater support of social functions conducted by the club there is good reason to look forward to greater surpluses in future years.

OBITUARY

- A. J. HAWKESFORD

Alan James (Mick) Hawkesford, who passed away on the 5th April 1955 will be missed by his many friends. His cheery disposition, friendly tolerance and keen wit endeared him to all.

Mick was a foundation member of the Club in fact, a member of the Delwood Canoe Club from which this Club had its origin. In his youth he regularly sailed in both yachts and open boats with "Homa" and "Brand V" in the R.S.Y.S. and with skiffs in both Middle Harbour and this Club. His most successful sixteen was "Gloaming" with which he won the Club Championship in 1931/1932. His ashes were scattered from the Jetty of this Club over the waters he loved so much.

Mick and his humorous sayings will always be with us.

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P. JOHNSTON

Thirty years ago the late Perce Johnston joined this Club and of the work he performed on our behalf it is sufficient to record that members saw fit to bestow on him their highest honour - that of Life Membership.

Though not one of the originals it can be said that he laid the foundations of efficiency for starting and umpiring and also for the standards of behaviour and decorum for members both on the water and within the Club.

Later he gave to the Club, for competition between Middle Harbour and Manly, that well known and cherished trophy - the Perce Johnston Trophy. The reasons for this gift and I quote his last words spoken officially in these Clubrooms are:

"This trophy is not only to provide good clean healthy competition between rival Clubs but more importantly to promote goodwill and good fellowship amid sportsmen".

And with such words as these we will remember him, being proud of having known him, and allow our memories and our future thoughts to dwell on those words of the late Perce Johnston.

To those of our members and supporters who suffered bereavement we extend our sincere sympathy.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee,

A.A. BROWN, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

Gentlemen:

We all owe thanks to the many committees of this Club and in culmination to the 1954-1955 committee..

For now we have completed a garden, which, for many a year to come will only need careful weeding and the cultivation of Sportsmanship and Comradeship.

Behaviour of members within the precincts of the Club has been placed on a very high pedestal and it is pleasing to record that not once has a member been cited to appear before your committee.

We have felt this to be of paramount importance because of the influx of Juniors who at an impressionable age need example together with a helping hand and encouragement.

The response by members to appeals by our Club Captain for labour squads has improved though I consider it could be bettered.

Words here could not possibly express my gratitude for the support I have received from the members of this Committee and in particular to Messrs. A. Brown, C. Betts, R. May and A. Forsyth who as well as doing an excellent job of Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Captain and Social Secretary respectively, have delved wholeheartedly into the many manual duties that have been necessary during the year.

The committee was stronger for the presence of older and now inactive members whose knowledge gained over years proved of great value.

I hope and trust for the benefit of the Club in the future that these gentlemen will all stand again for Office and thereby keep the Club on the high plane it is now and for which it was intended at the Club's inception.

A.A. MARSHALL,
PRESIDENT.

MANLY 16ft SKIFF SAILING CLUB

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1955.

<u>1954</u>			<u>1954</u>		
16	<u>BOAT REGISTRATION</u>	22. 0. 0	139	<u>BAR PROCEEDS</u>	150.13.10
52	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>	78.19. 1	6	<u>BOAT REGISTRATION</u>	9. 5. 0
-	<u>DONATION W.A. CARNIVAL EXPENSES</u>	23. 0. 0	21	<u>CLUB RACE ENTRIES</u>	30.11. 6
19	<u>ELECTRICITY</u>	35.14. 7	87	<u>COMPETITIONS</u>	109. 0. 0
4	<u>INSURANCE</u> -- Boats	5. 0. 9	123	<u>DONATIONS</u>	107.18. 0
21	<u>INSURANCE</u> -- Building & Furnishings	34. 9. 8	5	<u>INTEREST</u> -- Bank	2.12. 9
9	<u>PETTY CASH</u>	6.16. 5	130	<u>MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	140.15. 6
46	<u>PRINTING & STATIONERY</u>	49. 4.11	43	<u>SHED RENT</u>	54.12. 0
220	<u>PRIZEMONEY & TROPHIES</u>	219. 5.11	178	<u>SOCIALS</u>	275.13. 5
15	<u>RATES AND TAXES</u>	23. 1. 7			
5	<u>REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING</u>	52. 2.11			
15	<u>SUNDRY EXPENSES</u>	16. 4. 1			
63	<u>TOWAGE</u>	58. 0. 0			
	<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>				
<u>247</u>	<u>FOR YEAR</u>	<u>257. 2. 1</u>	<u>---</u>		
<u>£732</u>		<u>£881. 2. 0</u>	<u>£732</u>		<u>£881. 2. 0</u>

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BALANCE SHEET 30th JUNE 1955.

<u>1954</u>			<u>1954</u>		
	<u>SUNDRY CREDITORS</u>			<u>COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK OF</u>	
1650	Debenture Holders	1390. 0. 0		<u>AUSTRALIA - Manly</u>	
				Account S131	36.10. 3
	<u>ACCUMULATED INCOME ACCOUNT</u>		91	Account S1558	<u>4.19. 1</u>
	Balance 1st July 1955	1300.14. 3	34	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>	41. 9. 4
	Less Radio Scrapped	<u>14. 0. 0</u>	12	<u>SUNDRY DEBTORS</u>	38. 1. 3
		1286.14. 3		<u>CLUB BUILDINGS</u>	18. 7. 0
1301	Plus Increase for Year	<u>257. 2. 1</u>	2493	Less Depreciation	2587.17. 1
		1543.16. 4		<u>PIANO</u>	<u>59.17. 1</u>
			86	Less Depreciation	86. 2. 0
				<u>TABLES & TRESTLES</u>	2528. 0. 0
			101	Less Depreciation	101. 0. 0
				<u>COIR MATTING</u>	<u>10. 0. 0</u>
			41	Less Depreciation	40.10. 0
				<u>RADIO</u>	<u>4. 0. 0</u>
			14	Scrapped During Year	36.10. 0
				<u>TYPEWRITER</u>	14. 0. 0
			8	Less Depreciation	- - -
				<u>KITCHENWARE</u>	7. 0. 0
			34		59. 8. 3
			29	<u>CHAIRS</u>	24. 9. 0
			8	<u>BADGES AND RULE BOOKS</u>	<u>7.11. 6</u>
<u>£2951</u>		<u>£2,933.16. 4</u>	<u>£2951</u>		<u>£2,933.16. 4</u>

C.G. BETTS .. Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned have examined the books of account of the MANLY 16ft SKIFF SAILING CLUB for the year ended 30th June, 1955 and having obtained the explanations required hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the club's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the club.

A.R. PARSONS)
A.A. MARSHALL) Hon. Auditors.