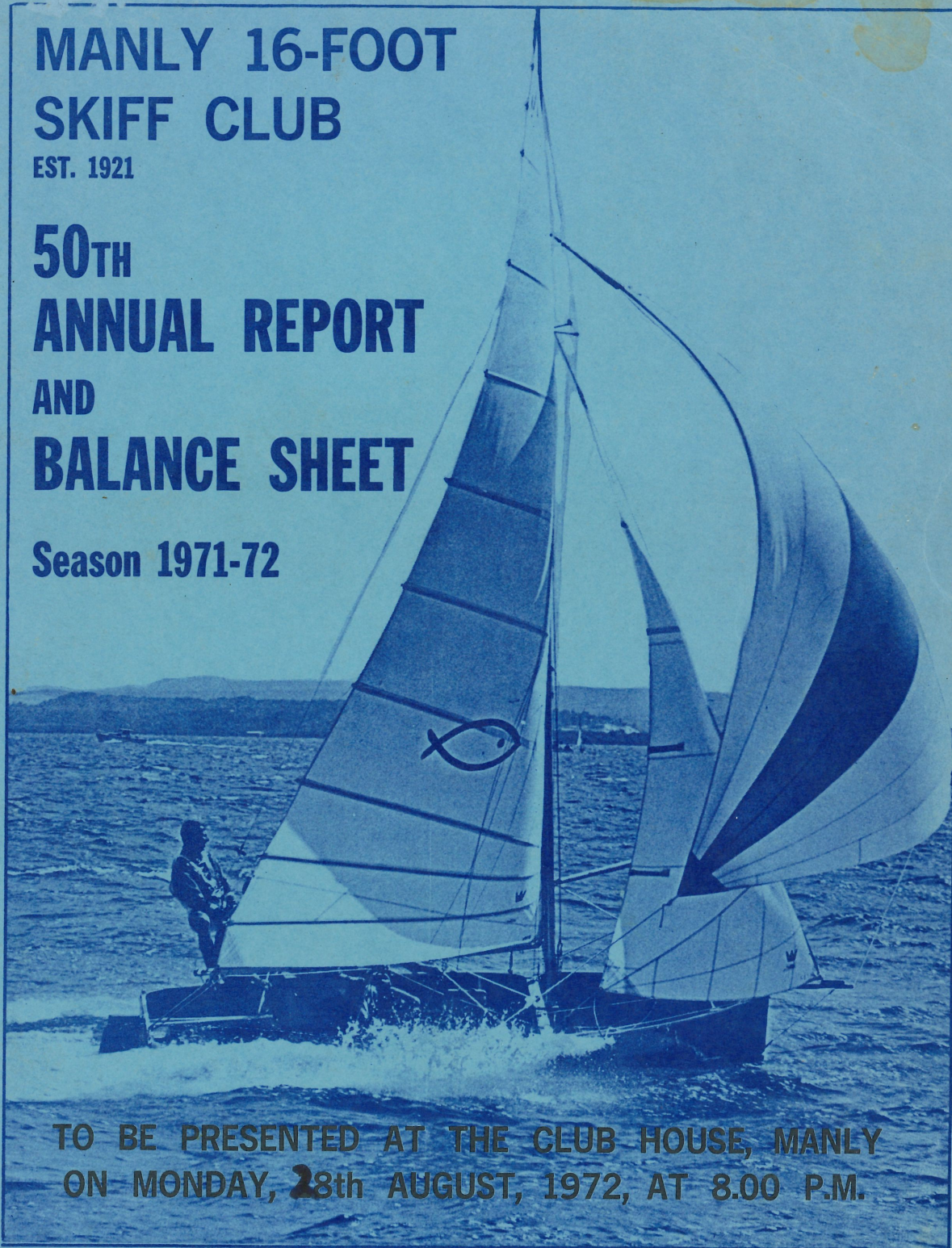


# MANLY 16-FOOT SKIFF CLUB

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

Season 1971-72



TO BE PRESENTED AT THE CLUB HOUSE, MANLY  
ON MONDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1972, AT 8.00 P.M.

### **BADGES MUST BE SHOWN**

One of the basic rules of all clubs is that the current Membership badge must be shown to obtain entry. Although not strictly enforced on all occasions, there are times when it is absolutely essential, and the Manager is only carrying out his duty when he asks to be shown your badge. There is nothing to be incensed about when you are requested to show it. The requirements of the law demand it, and common courtesy directs that any request in this direction should be complied with graciously.

## MANLY 16FT. SKIFF SAILING CLUB

*Ladies and Gentlemen, I have the honour of presenting the 50th Annual Report  
and Balance Sheet for your Club*

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### OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS FOR THE SEASON 1971-1972 —

<b>President:</b>	G.S. Johnston	<b>Vice President:</b>	D. Treharne
<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	D.J. Hooley	<b>Treasurer:</b>	A. Crothers
<b>Social Secretary:</b>	A. Curry Resigned 18 October 1971 and K. Thurkettle appointed.		
<b>Publicity Officer:</b>	A. Tier		
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	K. Thurkettle, transferred to Social Secretary 1 November 1971, and I. Barrett appointed.		
<b>Boat Representatives:</b>	P. Dunn, M. Polkinghorne, A. Denoon, R. May, C. Fawkner, C. Bracken Resigned 24 January 1972.		
<b>Sailing Committee:</b>	Commodore — K. Minehan; Vice Commodore — A. Barnabas		
<b>Club Captain:</b>	J.M. Tierney	<b>Vice Club Captain:</b>	G. Fitzgerald
<b>Race Secretary:</b>	M. McMahon	<b>Competition Secretary:</b>	G.S. Johnston
<b>Starter &amp; Judge:</b>	D. Treharne	<b>Asst. Starter &amp; Judge:</b>	T. Fawkner
<b>Handicappers:</b>	H. Graham, T. Fawkner, A. Barnabas, D. Treharne		
<b>50th Anniversary Regatta Committee:</b>	I. Barrett, J. Childs, C. Bracken, P. Dunn, R. Gibson		
<b>Boat &amp; Sailmeasurers:</b>	W. McMahon, H. Graham, W. Standing, B. Ballantine, J.M. Tierney		
<b>Umpires:</b>	M. Vial, A. Denoon, H. Graham		
<b>Delegates to N.S.W. 16ft. Skiff Association:</b>	J. Talty, S. Booth		
<b>Auditors:</b>	C.D. Cameron & Co.		
<b>Trustees:</b>	C.A. Seller, W.G. Hole, J.A. Triglone		
<b>Life Members:</b>	E. Andrew, R.M. Dubois, R.J. May, A.L. Schultz, K. Kershaw, T. Fawkner, W. Russell Slade, W.G. Hole, C.A. Seller, A.M. Dwyer, J.A. Forsyth, K. Clarke, G.S. Johnston, A. Denoon, *J. Graham, *P. Johnston, *G. Johnston, *L. Simms, *A. Marshall, *H. Lemon *G. Burton (*Deceased)		
<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Manager:</b>	C. Thompson	
	<b>Assistant Manager:</b>	W. Murphy	
	<b>Steward:</b>	C. Garrity, K. Flannery, G. Richardson	

### MEMBERSHIP —

Membership for the 1971-72 year was as follows:—

Life Members	14
Associate Members	499
Active Members	160
Junior Members	<u>20</u>
	<u>693</u>

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During the year twenty-three meetings were held.

#### ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:

G. Johnston (20, 2 apologies); D. Hooley (23); A. Crothers (23); A. Curry (5, 1 apology, resigned 18.10.71); K. Thurkettle (17, 4 apologies); R. May (19, 4 apologies); M. Polkinghorne (18, 3 apologies); A. Denoon (18, 1 apology); D. Treharne (14, 4 apologies); P. Dunn (18, 4 apologies); C. Bracken (10, 2 apologies, resigned 24.1.72); A. Tier (17, 5 apologies); I. Barrett (15, appointed 15.11.71); C. Fawkner (9, 2 apologies, appointed 21.2.72).

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been an honour and privilege to have served the club as President during our Fiftieth Anniversary Year.

An examination of the financial report shows that while nothing spectacular has been achieved in accumulating funds, we have nevertheless maintained a steady growth. This in itself is an achievement, and is in direct contrast to many clubs which have suffered severe financial setbacks during the past twelve months.

I would like to offer my thanks and praise to our Treasurer, Arthur Crothers, for the fine job he has done in handling our financial affairs with such expertise.

Our sailing achievements were not as noteworthy as in previous years. Club Champion Mike Polkinghorne had the misfortune of having his skiff break up during the N.S.W. State Championships after achieving considerable success in earlier representative races. His new skiff built to replace the former, did not perform to expectations.

However, the forthcoming season will see at least three brand new skiffs, plus a change in hulls, crews and gear of present boats and this should improve the standard of sailing immensely.

The most outstanding aspect of last season's sailing was the launching of the Flying Eleven Class. Seven of these dinghies faced the starters gun each Sunday, and next season we expect this fleet to be doubled. This class, selected primarily for its resemblance to the 16 foot skiff, ensures the future training of skippers and crews for our basic aim, the continuance of sixteen foot skiffs.

In concluding this addendum, I would like to thank all those members who patronise the Club regularly. Without their support we would not be able to maintain the trading facilities and amenities on this splendid site.

To our hard-working sailing officials, both skiff and flying elevens, thank you! To mention any individual would be an injustice to this wonderful band of dedicated men who so unselfishly provide us with our sport.

To our staff, my thanks for a job well done, and may the harmonious relations experienced over the past twelve months continue.

Finally, to my Committee, who as a body, endeavoured to serve with diligence and determination, who gave many hours of their time to further the interests of the club, my sincere thanks. All members should be grateful to the work done by this group.

This year we consolidated — next year we progress.

*GEORGE JOHNSTON*  
*President*

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

1971-72 was not a year for expensive extravaganzas as the Balance Sheet will show. While there are at least a thousand things the house committee would like to get their teeth into they were thwarted by that little thing called "money".

Consequently improvements to the club's amenities were kept to the basic necessities. The long awaited installation of an understandable public address system became a reality. One can now hear what the "brass" have to say. A new soft drink dispenser graces our illustrious bar, and for those who wonder where the money goes, a new coin counting machine was purchased.

To inform our members of coming social events, a new notice board was obtained. This enabled us to give advance publicity of the various bands and entertainers that we had throughout the year. And what great entertainment it's been!

Currently the house committee is investigating ways and means to modernise the Dining Room with new furniture and furnishings for the comfort of members.

It is hoped that with better trading, and greater support from the members, that the club will be able to keep adding to member's comfort.

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

The biggest event on the social side this year was the Hawaiian Night when all the professional entertainers were completely up-staged by our own Norm Dendy who will undoubtedly go down in the Club's history for his performance.

The Night of Entertainment with Geoff Mac and Keith Silver was full of laughs and proved the outstanding ability of these two fine performers.

The recent Roarin' 20's Night with the Ian Barnes Jazz Quartet proved very popular with every generation represented in our membership. They will be back to entertain us again throughout the year.

Other popular events during the past twelve months were Melbourne Cup Day, Christmas Smorgasbord, Presentation Night, Golf Day

*KEVIN THURKETTLE*  
*Social Secretary*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

Members will appreciate the difficulties involved in maintaining premises some fifty years old with very limited finance.

During the financial year no major rebuilding was undertaken. In view of the current economic situation and the limited funds available, this was an impossibility.

It was necessary during this period to replace existing foundations under the clubhouse. The interior of the club was repainted and the boatshed door leading to the rigging deck was modified to allow easier access of skiffs to and from the shed, and to reduce the number of split skulls from members hitting their heads on the top of the opening. General maintenance to the rigging deck and various fixtures and fittings throughout the club were carried out.

Plans are in hand to increase the rigging facilities as mentioned in the Secretary's Report, and these should be completed by the commencement of the next season.

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#### **PRESENTATION DINNER**

The annual Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday 13 May when the Mayor and Mayoress of Manly, Alderman David and Jean Hay, and Charles Wood, President of the N.S.W. 16FT. Skiff Association, accompanied by Miss Doris Hines, were the guests of the club. Both Alderman Hay and Mr. Wood assisted with the presentation of trophies.

One hundred and fifty members were present, an absolute capacity house. The decoration and display of trophies, thanks to the help of Ken Clarke, was first class and judging by the smiling faces the night was considered to be the best Presentation ever held.

#### **CATERER**

Stan and Stella Adams and their daughters Angela and Julie have provided a wonderful service to members over the past year. Their meals have been of the highest calibre and have drawn forth praise from all members. To those members who have not experienced the culinary delights available at such reasonable cost from our Dining Room, I suggest you do so soon. To Stan and Stella congratulations on a job well done.

#### **STAFF**

I wish to thank Mr. Charles Thompson and his staff for the co-operation and service given during the past year.

#### **OBITUARY**

To our members and friends who have suffered bereavement during the past year, the committee and staff wish to convey their expressions of sympathy.

#### **HOW WE WON DAVE!**

The Manly Skiff Club would be very much poorer without the services of N.S.W. Skiff Association Life Member and Club Starter, Judge and Skipper of "Simmo" and "Simmo 11", Dave Treharne senior.

How did we win him?

Simple. He had a family of three boys, Ian, David jr., and Hugh, who, living on the waters' edge in North Harbour, gravitated to sailing like mice to cheese.

The three boys joined the club and an anxious father, who spent a lot of his time pulling them and other young sailors out of the drink, followed them to the skiff scene.

Dave Snr., currently our Vice-President, is also Association Starter.

Our new flagship, "Simmo 11", Dave Treharne's pride and joy, is a fraction under 60ft. long and a fraction over 60 tons heavy.

"Simmo 11", apart from being our starter's boat on important occasions, such as the 50th Anniversary Regatta, is equipped to do just about any job the harbour can require.

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have just completed a very successful season, the highlight of which was our 50th Anniversary. On this occasion we were hosts to all Sixteen Foot Skiff Clubs in N.S.W., Representatives of Maryborough Sailing Club, Queensland, as well as The North Harbour Sailing Club, the Manly Yacht Club and the N.S.W. Flying Eleven Association. We were plagued by adverse winds during the early part of the season, particularly for the Anniversary Regatta, but perhaps these were sent to make better sailors of us all.

There was very keen competition in the races during the season, and it was very pleasing to see several boats making a strong bid for the club championship.

I believe there are a few new boats under way, and a few changes of ownership, and this augers well for the coming season.

One of the most onerous tasks in a sailing club is that of race secretary. This job entails keeping accurate records of boats, crews, colour patches, entry fees, point scores, entries for inter-club regattas, just to mention a few.

We were extremely fortunate to have the services of Michael McMahon for this job. Mick's tidiness, thoroughness, and enthusiasm were outstanding and he will be sorely missed for the next few seasons during his stint in the army.

On behalf of all the members I would like to wish Mick best of luck during his "holiday".

It would be a miserable season indeed if there were no trophies to compete for and in this regard I would like to personally thank all the people who so generously donated. The array of trophies on presentation night was wonderful to behold!

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow race officials -- Dave Treharne, Tom Fawkner, Alan Denoon, Henry Graham, Aub Barnabas, Basil Ballantine, George Fitzgerald, Martin Vial, and Jim Rando for their assistance and co-operation in making it such an enjoyable season.

*KEN MINEHAN  
Commodore*

## SKIFF REGISTER

At the conclusion of the last season there were twenty-five boats on the register. An average of twenty-one starters faced the starter each Saturday. This was a record for the club and there is every indication that next season will be even more successful.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Michael Polkinghorne and his crew of George Coote, Brian Atkins, Trevor Barnabas and David Richards won four out of the five heats to win his sixth successive Club Championship. "Bluefin" was unable to start in the second heat after his boat was damaged beyond repair at Belmont during the State Championships. The Championship produced some of the finest sailing seen at the club in recent years with Matana pressing Bluefin all the way.

Congratulations to Mike and his crew for a fine performance.

**MANLY 16FT. SKIFF SAILING CLUB**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1972**

1971	<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
\$48,233	Club Buildings at Cost as at 1st May 1971		\$48,529
<u>296</u>	<i>Add:</i> Additions at Cost		<u>—</u>
48,529			48,529
15,476	Furniture, Plant and Fittings at Cost <i>less</i> Depreciation		14,530
7,325	Poker Machines at Cost <i>less</i> Depreciation		6,593
<u>449</u>	Carpet at Cost <i>less</i> Depreciation		<u>359</u>
\$71,779	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		\$70,011
1,868	Stock on Hand		2,251
—	Sundry Debtors	1,750	
—	<i>Less:</i> Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>1,493</u>	257
1,080	Change and Deposits		1,580
30	Investments — Mounts Bay Sailing Club Debentures		30
2,315	Prepayments — Licence Fees, Insurance, Rent and Rates in Advance		2,914
—	Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. — General Account		
<u>3,320</u>	<i>Add:</i> Advance Account	10,504	
\$80,392		<u>2,640</u>	<u>13,144</u>
	<b>Total Assets</b>		\$90,187
	<i>Less:</i> <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
211	Ainsworth Distributors Pty. Ltd.	—	
9,783	Sundry Trade Creditors and Accruals	12,242	12,242
<u>\$70,398</u>	<b>Accumulated Funds —</b>		<u>\$77,945</u>
	<i>Represented by:—</i>		
\$62,869	Balance of Accumulated Funds as at 1 May 1971		\$70,398
7,009	<i>Add:</i> Net Surplus for year to 30 April 1972		6,957
<u>520</u>	Decrease in Provision for Doubtful Debts		<u>590</u>
\$70,398			<u>\$77,945</u>

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

We have examined the books of account, Minute Book and vouchers of The Manly 16Ft. Skiff Sailing Club for the year to 30th April, 1972. We have obtained all the information we have required, and in our opinion, the Trading and Profit and Loss Account and the Balance Sheet as at the 30th April, 1972, are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the Club's affairs according to the best of our information and as shown by the records. We have accepted the Certificate of Hamlyn Browne & Co. Pty. Ltd. as to the value of bar stock on hand at the 30th April, 1972.

C.D. CAMERON, FREEMAN & BLAND  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

(Registered under the Public Accountants  
Registration Act, 1945, as amended)



**MANLY 16FT. SKIFF SAILING CLUB**  
**TRADING AND PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1972**

1971			
\$72,338	Gross Sales		\$76,781
<u>1,800</u>	Stock on Hand – 30 April 1972		<u>1,761</u>
74,138			78,542
1,828	Less: Stock on Hand – 30 April 1971	1,800	
<u>44,380</u>	Purchases	<u>43,816</u>	<u>45,616</u>
27,930			32,926
54,735	Poker Machine Revenue	55,721	
<u>933</u>	Sundry Income	<u>1,217</u>	<u>56,938</u>
83,598			89,864
1,426	Less: Sailing Expenses, Towage and Launch Hire and Sundries	2,976	
948	Audit and Accountancy Fees	1,217	
855	Bank Interest and Charges	352	
* 2,688	Catering Costs less Receipts	2,103	
2,418	Cleaning and Cartage	3,110	
2,566	Depreciation	2,401	
–	Donations	19	
10,254	Entertainment	10,660	
1,948	Gas and Electricity	2,021	
398	General Administrative	560	
1,733	Insurances	2,137	
4,000	Licences – Poker Machine	4,000	
1,966	– Liquor	<u>2,271</u>	6,271
255	Payroll Tax	333	
1,049	Printing and Stationery	1,226	
476	Postages	564	
379	Rent and Rates	834	
	Repairs and Replacements –		
1,203	Building	2,267	
2,964	Plant, Furniture etc.	<u>2,204</u>	4,471
–	Staff Meals	1,104	
912	Sundry Expenses	1,083	
7,610	Taxation on Poker Machines	7,540	
420	Telephone	349	
<u>31,006</u>	Wages	<u>32,522</u>	<u>83,853</u>
6,124			6,011
4,924	Membership – Subscriptions	4,527	
<u>1,180</u>	Application Fees	<u>1,383</u>	<u>5,910</u>
12,228			11,921
<u>5,219</u>	Less: Trophies and Prize Money		<u>4,964</u>
<u>\$ 7,009</u>	<b>NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>		<u>\$ 6,957</u>

\* This amount includes Staff Meals for 1971.

## POINT SCORE

"Matana", skippered by Bill McMahon and crewed by Mick McMahon, Laurie Haydon and Brian Smith, won the annual point score after being runner-up for the past three seasons.

Congratulations Matana for a well-deserved victory.

## CREWS TROPHY

After striking more than their share of bad luck at the beginning of the season, Stan Booth and his crew of Ken Booth, Brian Booth and John Childs won this five-heat event in "Keenshape". Not a bad effort for the "old man" and his two sons.

## PERCE JOHNSTON MEMORIAL TEAMS RACE

The Middle Harbour team once again proved too good for the Manly team and won this event by 21 points to 14. This race was conducted on the Middle Harbour course. With the race to be held on the Manly Club's courses next year, we are hoping for better luck.

## DRUMMOYNE CHALLENGE CUP

This team race competed for annually by Manly, Middle Harbour and Drummoyne, resulted in a victory for Middle Harbour. Each club is required to field a team of four skiffs and as expected, the race produced some great sailing.

Congratulations to Middle Harbour.

## SOCIAL RACING

### Old Buffers Day

This race sailed by past skippers from the Manly Club was held on Sunday March 26 in a very light south-east to north-east breeze. The race turned out to be one of the most frustrating days ever experienced by the Old Buffers. The fickle breeze played havoc with the fleet and really tested the knowledge and experience of the skippers. The scratch race was won by "Bluefin" skippered by Richard Hammond, the well-known ocean racing navigator, from "Matana", sailed by past club champion and State champion, Russell Slade. There was a great battle of tactics and experience with some rather doubtful international "theories" being applied. The handicap was won by "Orion", skippered by Harry Hooley, second was "Bluefin", third was "Ruth", D. Tristram, and fourth was "Trekka", sailed by Jim "Tangles" Trigone.

### Ladies Day

Twelve skiffs with their 'fair lady' representatives on board faced the starter for this notable event which was sailed in a light nor-easter. After some close watching "Nautilus" with Miss R. Meek as the women's lib. representative, crossed the finishing line ahead of "Bare-kat", Miss Sandra Balfour, with "Orion" and Miss Julie Adams third.

### **N.S.W. 18FT. SAILING LEAGUE INVITATION TO MANLY**

Seven of the Manly skiffs made the trip to Double Bay to compete against their "big brothers" the league eighteen footers. A violent storm which blew in from the south-west shortly after the start scattered the fleet and reduced visibility to only a few yards. After the rain cleared a light nor'easter came in giving the eighteens a big advantage. "Bare-kat" sailed by Frank Aarts was the only 16 footer able to keep anywhere near the bigger boats and finished amongst their middle markers while the rest of the Manly fleet finished about ten minutes behind. As usual the League long-famous for their hospitality, plied the thirsty competitors with liquid and solid refreshment.

Results of the race were: 18's Century Battery (Brian Zemanek); Tee See (Jack Hayward); Comet Overnight Transport (Don Barnett); 16's Bare-kat (Frank Aarts); Ellie-D (Peter Dunn); Matana (W. McMahon).

### **SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON INVITATION TO MANLY**

The Flying Squadron, adopting the enlightened attitude for which they have become famous, issued an invitation to the Manly skiffs on a "no holds barred" basis. The Manly skiffs were permitted to bend their rules and sail with three instead of four in the crew, and to carry larger spinnakers if desired. However, despite the vast amount of talk beforehand, the only skiffs to sail three handed were "Orion" and "Matana", both of whom came to a watery end. The race was won by "Bluefin", who proved that by carrying oversized spinnakers, and three hands on trapeze, instead of two, that it is possible to pace the eighteens on courses which were ideally suited to the sixteens. Bluefin just failed in gaining fastest time by two seconds from Len Heffernan's "Hy-Mix".

### **CENTRAL ZONE TEST RACES**

For the first time in the club's history, a Manly skiff won the coveted central zone test races held on Sydney Harbour during the last weekend of October and the first weekend in November. This honour went to Bluefin who had previously held the title for a week, only to be disqualified on a technicality. This series is conducted to select representatives from the central zone for the State Championships and it is to the club's credit that they gained three representatives, "Bluefin", "Matana" and "Pamela". The series was sailed in trying conditions with winds blowing 45 miles an hour. Congratulations to these boats.

### **N.S.W. STATE TEST RACES**

The State Championships were sailed at Belmont, Lake Macquarie during the middle of November and resulted in a great win for Doug Reid's "Gazaway". Although completing only two of the four races. "Bluefin" finished second in this series with a first and third in the first two heats. Towards the conclusion of the third heat, "Bluefin", while in second place and running fast before a strong nor'easter literally came apart at the seams. Virtually the complete port topside caved in rendering the boat useless for further competitive racing. However, the placings in the earlier heats were sufficient to gain second place overall in the championships and number two representative in the N.S.W. Team for the Australian Championships. Again our congratulations to Doug Reid and his crew for a fine performance.

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

"Gazaway" sailed by Doug Reid with his crew of Peter Harrison, Ron Davies and Renwick Timmins notched their third Australian Championship at Belmont early in the New Year. The Championships were sailed in predominantly hard north-north easterly winds, conditions in which "Gazaway" revels. Second was Jack Cassidy's "Evylyn" from Western Australia. Jack has held the Australian title six times, a record which has not been broken. Third was "Shondell" sailed by former V.J. Champion Gary Bruniges from Belmont. This was a remarkable effort considering that it is Gary's first year in sixteen footers. Manly's sole representative "Bluefin" failed to show any form except for the final heat in which it finished second. This was a new boat built in a record ten days and launched only two weeks before the championships. Again our congratulations to Doug Reid and his crew.

## RESULTS OF CLUB RACING

Date	Race	Boat	Skipper
4. 9.71	Invitation to Middle Harbour	Elva	D. McMahon
18. 9.71	Associates' Trophy, N.P.S.	Bluefin	M. Polkinghorne
25. 9.71	J.G. Graham Memorial Trophy P.S.	Matana	W. McMahon
4.10.71	Port Jackson Championship	Robara	R. Stuart
9.10.71	A.A. Marshall Memorial Race P.S. — 1st Heat Crew's Trophy.	Orion	D. Hooley
16.10.71	A.L. Schultz Trophy P.S. — 1st Heat Club Championship	Privateer Bluefin	R. Brown M. Polkinghorne
23.10.71	E. Mitchell Memorial Race — A. Forsyth Trophy	Sou'Easter	R. May
30.10.71	Bare-kat Trophy N.P.S.	Sou'Easter	R. May
6.11.71	E. Jones Trophy N.P.S.	Sou'Easter	R. May
10.11.71	1st Wednesday Race	Nautilus	I. Barrett
13.11.71	Angus and Coote Trophy P.S. — 2nd Heat Crew's Trophy	Bluefin	M. Polkinghorne
17.11.71	2nd Wednesday Race	Ruth	G. Johnston
20.11.71	Club Trophy N.P.S.	—	—
24.11.71	3rd Wednesday Race	Bare-kat	F. Aarts
27.11.71	Club Trophy N.P.S.	Sou'Easter	R. May
1.12.71	4th Wednesday Race	Red-Rascal	J. Arcus
11.12.71	Manly Boatshed Trophy P.S. — 2nd Heat Club Championship	Ruth Matana	G. Johnston W. McMahon
18.12.71	Autex Trophy P.S. & 3rd Heat Crew's Trophy	Privateer	R. Brown
22.12.71	6th Wednesday Race	Red-Rascal	J. Tierney
5. 1.72	7th Wednesday Race	Dakeda	D. Elphick
8. 1.72	T. Fawcner Trophy P.S.	Matana	W. McMahon
12. 1.72	8th Wednesday Race	Alfred T.R.	M. Polkinghorne
15. 1.72	Sierra Trophy P.S. — 3rd Heat Club Championship	Sou'Easter Bluefin	R. May M. Polkinghorne
19. 1.72	9th Wednesday Race	Bluefin	M. Polkinghorne
22. 1.72	President's Trophy P.S. 4th Heat Crew's Trophy	Nautilus	I. Barrett
29. 1.72	H.E. Barrett & Son Pty. Ltd. Trophy N.P.S.	Orion	D. Hooley
2. 2.72	10th Wednesday Race	Pamela	E. Jones
5. 2.72	R. Lundie Trophy P.S.	Skua	G. Pearson
9. 2.72	11th Wednesday Race	Hastler	J. Talty
12. 2.72	J. Dwyer Trophy P.S.	Orion	D. Hooley
16. 2.72	12th Wednesday Race	Ruth	S. Lockitt
19. 2.72	G. Johnston Shoe Repairs Trophy P.S.	Sou'Easter	R. May
23. 2.72	13th Wednesday Race	Warringah	R. Moore
26. 2.72	C. Wood Trophy P.S.	Keen-Shape	S. Booth
4. 3.72	N. Kirkwood Trophy P.S. — 4th Heat Club Championship	Bluefin Bluefin	M. Polkinghorne M. Polkinghorne

Date	Race	Boat	Skipper
11. 3.72	Vice-Club Captain's Trophy - 5th Heat Crew's Trophy	Red-Rascal	J. Tierney
12. 3.72	Ladies Day	Nautilus	Miss R. Meek
18. 3.72	R. Smith Memorial Trophy P.S.	Bare-kat	F. Aarts
25. 3.72	J. Webb Trophy P.S. - 5th Heat Club Championship	Wyreema	F. de Vries
26. 3.72	Old Buffers Day	Bluefin	M. Polkinghorne
8. 4.72	Commodore K. Minchan Trophy P.S.	Orion	H. Hooley
15. 4.72	J. Rando Trophy P.S.	Red-Rascal	J. Tierney
		Red-Rascal	T. Tierney

### FLYING ELEVEN DIVISION

The addition of the Flying Eleven Division to the club proved successful and promises to fulfil its purpose in introducing people to sailing and as a training craft. The craft are practically "mini skiffs" which may be crewed comfortably by a senior and a junior or father-son or -daughter combination.

Although the fleet wasn't large, keen close racing was enjoyed by the crews of the six boats which participated with each one having a share of success.

"Eye", the scratch boat, skippered by Ian Barrett with young David Gorman as forward hand was most successful in winning both the club championship and the season point score. A most pleasing feature was the great improvement and skill shown in the spinnaker work by the junior forward hands and the improved sailing of the two junior brother crews, the Grahams in Tee Jay and the Bianca boys in Tornado.

The coming season should see an increased number of boats possibly ten or twelve. An invitation Race with Narrabeen Lakes and the end season "get together" were thoroughly enjoyed by the competitors and their friends and families. Thanks must go to the Club Committee and the Ladies who helped make the days so enjoyable.

Special thanks must go to the Club Committee who gave every assistance and donated trophies for each race. To Aub Barnabas and Bob May on his yacht as race officials, Tom Graham, Don Bianco, Basil Ballantine and watch dogs over the fleet, the crews express this appreciation and to all others who ably assisted.

### RACE RESULTS

3.10.71	Joy	W. Standing	
10.10.71	Joy	W. Standing	
17.10.71	Eye	W. Porter	
24.10.71	Joy	W. Standing	
14.11.71	Eye	W. Porter	
21.11.71	Tee Jay	I. Graham	
28.11.71	Joy	W. Standing	
5.12.71	Carmen	A. Strauss	(Narrabeen Lakes)
12.12.71	Tornado	J. Bianco	
19.12.71	Eye	I. Barrett	
9. 1.72	Joy	W. Standing	
16. 1.72	Frantic	J. Birch	J. Gorman Trophy
23. 1.72	Eye	T. Barnabas	
30. 1.72	Rock 'n Roll	J. Talty	
6. 2.72	Frantic	J. Birch	
13. 2.72	Eye	T. Barnabas	
20. 2.72	Tornado	J. Bianco	Ron Heaton Trophy
27. 2.72	Joy	W. Standing	
5. 3.72	Tornado	J. Bianco	
19. 3.72	Rock'n Roll	J. Talty	H.E. Barrett Trophy
26. 3.72	Eye	W. McMahon	
9. 4.72	Tee Jay	I. Graham	
16. 4.72	Joy	M. Triglone	E. Porter Trophy Forward Hand

**Trophies were generously donated by the following:**

R. May	(Perpetual)	Club Championship — "Eye"	I. Barrett
Henry Graham	"	Season Point Score — "Eye"	I. Barrett
H.E. Barrett Trophy		"Rock 'n Roll"	J. Talty
John Gorman Trophy		"Frantic"	J. Birch
Ron Heaton Trophy		"Tornado"	J. Bianco
W. Porter Trophy		"Joy"	M. Triglone

**... 1927, Still Going Strong**

Why does a man who devotes his week to running a giant brewery spend Saturdays - and Sundays, if necessary - dropping flags to start 16FT. skiff races ? That's the question we put to Mr. Tom Fawkner, Managing Director of Tooths Ltd. and once again this season assistant starter, judge and handicapper of the club.

We knew the answer before it came — "I love sailing — it's in my blood", said Tom.

And searching through old records of the club we discovered that Tom has had "skiff disease" for more years than a lot of our younger members have lived.

Tom joined the club in 1927-28 season as a crew member of "Valencia" and switched to "Glenelg" the following year. In 1929-30 he bought "Glenelg" and sailed it until 1931-32. "Glenelg" repped in Hobart in 1930-31 and Sydney in 1931-32. In Hobart — and this will interest Middle Harbour Club members — "Glenelg" was sailed by the late Clarice Lyons, wife of our good friend and wonderful sailor Jack.

Tom switched to "Venture" in 1933-34 then had a spell for two years in favour of a thing called marriage. He came back in 1936-37 and between then and 1949-50 sailed in 13 club championship crews. The boats he crewed in were: — "Lightening" (1936-38), "Revolt" (1938-39), "Escapade" (1939-44), "Pathfinder" (1944-45), "Endeavour" (1945-48), "Encounter" (1949-50).

Tom fittingly is a life member of Manly Club and has had the same high honour awarded him by the NSW Skiff Association. There are few offices he had not filled, including President, in the 44 years he has been with Manly.

**Bless 'Em All !**

The life of our club depends on sailing. Without boats we have no justification in the eyes of the authorities to exist. Our license to sell liquor and to operate poker machines is only valid while we are a sporting club.

Our location on one of the most beautiful sites on Sydney Harbour's foreshore dictates that the sport shall be sailing. Hence the rules which ensures that the administration of the club remains in the hands of active sailors. This does not mean social or associate members are regarded as second class. They too, are an integral part of our set up, and we know, are as interested in the 16 footer class as those who man them.

Without the backing of social members it is extremely doubtful if we could muster the big fleet of skiffs in this club. There are amenities we would not have without their staunch support.

The size of our racing programme, the quality of our trophies, the monetary encouragement we are given, depend on their generous use of club facilities.

We hope the day is not far distant when our appreciation of our social members is expressed in new and better facilities for their enjoyment.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Club membership during the year remained static compared with last year. Although attendance was good during the weekend there was a marked fall during the weekdays.

Members are reminded that on Wednesdays we have the best Prawn Night in the Warringah-Manly area, and on Thursdays, thanks to the help of Robbie Roberts there is a weekly Pool competition. Both of these nights are open to members and their friends.

Again it is my pleasure to thank Basil Ballantine, on behalf of all members, for his magnificent work in keeping our lawns and garden in such a good shape. All this effort is done on a completely voluntary basis, so to Basil our sincere thanks.

The Committee is now in the process of finalising the sub-base and ramp on the northern side of the Club. This will increase the Club's rigging capacity by nearly 100%.

The new Articles of Association and Memorandum have been drawn up. This has already been presented to the members, and is now ready for final ratification.

The Committee would like to thank all members for their co-operation and support throughout the past twelve months. It is gratifying to see such a regular group patronising the Club. However, to prosper we need the support of everyone.

Finally, my thanks to the Committee for a job well done, and particularly to Mrs. Gwen Richardson, the Club's stenographer, for her constant help and knowledge.

*DAVID HOOLEY*  
*Hon. Secretary*