

# MANLY 16 FT. SKIFF SAILING CLUB LTD.

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**6th ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
SEASON 1978-79**



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
MANLY ON MONDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1979, AT 8.00 p.m.**

MANLY 16FT. SKIFF SAILING CLUB LIMITED.OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - SEASON 1978/1979.

PRESIDENT:  
D.J.M. KIELY.

VICE-PRESIDENT:  
W. STANDING.

HON. SECRETARY:  
S. FLEMING.

TREASURER:  
M. McMAHON.

SOCIAL SECRETARY:  
D. GLANVILLE/  
H. HESS.

POKER MACHINES:  
R. NORMINTON.

BUILDING:  
V. ROBINSON.

PUBLICITY:  
A. MACINNES/  
I. GRAHAM.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:  
D. WILLIAMS to 22/1/79.  
J. FITZGERALD from 23/1/79.

ASST. SECRETARY/MANAGER:  
J. FITZGERALD to 22/1/79.  
C. WILLMOTT from 23/1/79.

AUDITORS: C.D. CAMERON, FREEMAN & BLAND.

Attendance Summary - BOARD MEETINGS - 17 Meetings.

D.J.M. KIELY	17	W. STANDING	15(2 leave)
M. McMAHON	17	R. NORMINTON	17
V. ROBINSON	16(1 leave)		
S. FLEMING	16(1 leave)		
H. HESS	10(2 leave)	- appointed 20/11/78.	
I. GRAHAM	5(1 leave)	- appointed 19/3/79.	
D. GLANVILLE	2	- Resigned 2/10/78.	
A. MACINNES	8	- Resigned 20/2/79.	

AGENDA.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 6th Annual General Meeting held on 28th August, 1978.
2. Apologies.
3. To receive and consider the reports of the Board.
4. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account and Report of the Auditors.
5. To elect the Board for the ensuing year.
6. Selection of Auditors.
7. To deal with any business of which due notice has been given.

By Order of the Board.

S. FLEMING

Hon. Secretary.

PROXY VOTING.

Under the Registered Clubs Act (1978) which came into being on 1st July, 1978, PROXY VOTING is no longer allowed.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Nominations for the Board of Directors must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

This is the 6th Annual Report of the Manly 16ft. Skiff Sailing Club Ltd. and the 57th Annual Meeting of the Club.

Thanks must go to Commodore George Johnston and his Sailing Committee for the smooth running of our Sailing Club. There were many arguments at meetings, but these did not interfere with the main object of the Club, that is, to foster sailing.

Our Flying 11's have also built up a reputation with their ability to supply crew members for the 16ft. class. To Vice President Wal Standing and recently retired Race Secretary, Ian Hutchinson, with their band of helpers, we must give our thanks.

The individual members of the Board have worked strongly in their various positions and none can be called a shirker. Although they are not always in the limelight, they are always ready to carry out their duties and often assisted our permanent staff in helping to keep the Club running smoothly.

In January we saw our Secretary/Manager, Don Williams, move on to greener pastures and John Fitzgerald took up the reins of keeping the Club running smoothly. He was joined by Chris Willnott as Assistant Manager and Paul Barrass as Permanent Steward.

To these three and all the casual staff, we say thanks and I know all members will join me in wishing them well for the future.

Financially, this year was as successful as previous years, but we show a Trading Profit of under \$1,000.00. Our very able Treasurer, Mick McMahon, will be able to show that we have renewed the foundations under the main hall area (27 new piles having been placed) and put a new roof over the same area.

I know you will agree that Mick must be one of the most dedicated members within the Club - he keeps a very tight rein on our expenditure, but ensures that we have adequate finances available when they are really needed.

This year we scored off the 18footers by getting one of their more favoured sons to join our Board. Vic Robinson for several seasons has sailed my boat "Wyreema" when he could and this year gave us his services as Building Officer. To Vic and his band of helpers we must say thanks for they have been responsible for repairs & replacements which have stopped our old building from collapsing around our ears.

Ray Norrington's enthusiasm and dedication to his Poker Machines has not waned and indeed it is through his efforts that you see our machines to be the very best available for use in a club of our size.

Some people seem to feel that the President of a club has an easy life. Unfortunately it is not the case within this club. Every time someone breaks a rule of the club, it is the President who cops the abuse both from the onlookers as well as the members involved.

This year we have had more members before the Board than in the previous 5 years and for the first time since we became a licensed club, we have had members endeavour to override the rules of the club. This has not helped the Directors in their endeavours to keep the club functioning smoothly.

Our Secretary, Seamus Flening, is young in years but old in knowledge now that he has had a year of hard work behind him. In his Report recorded elsewhere in this book, he has shown a quick grasp of the problems facing a Secretary - how to get a message over to as many as possible with little fuss. To Seamus I give thanks for a job well done under trying conditions.

To Trevor Barnabas and the crew of Buckle Toyota, we must give our congratulations in bringing more fame to the club. This crew not only won the Club Championship, but also every other championship possible in this one season. All members will wish the crew well for their forthcoming entrance into the arena of 18 footer sailing. They are worthy ambassadors from this club.

What would we do without Trophy Donors? For openers I say that sailing in general would be the loser. As I stated last year, without them sport would be very dull. To all our Donors and Sponsors, both boat and club, we offer our thanks.

Peter Green Shipchangers again sponsored our Point Score Trophies and Barry Johnson sponsored a series of races which spread his largess among quite a few boats. Pacific Ford has given us help with our Rescue Boat, much to the delight of the crew.

Thank you for having given me the opportunity of leading your Board of Directors for the last 4 years. I sincerely hope that the effort expended on your behalf has helped the club and the members.

Whomsoever you elect as President this year, I hope all

members will give him their full co-operation. Half-hearted efforts only tend to frustrate the efforts of your elected leaders.

May the Club continue to grow from strength to strength in the coming years and remain the friendliest Club in Sydney.

DOUG KIELY  
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Once again we have had a successful year financially and sailing-wise. On the sailing side, Buckle Toyota won the Club's fourth Australian title in succession and his own third title. My own and the Club's congratulations on his achievements. Financially, gross trading figures are up, even though beer prices have been held below the hotel prices. The bottom line figure is lower, mainly due to an extensive repair programme, being foundations and the northern roof. Without any major repairs being undertaken, our net profit should be \$20,000 for the next financial year.

Best wishes to our ex staff, Don Williams, Peter Harvey and Kevin Flannery.

Our new staff during the year is Paul Barrass, Permanent Steward and Chris Willmott, Assistant Secretary/Manager. Our previous Assistant Secretary/Manager, John Fitzgerald, is now our Secretary/Manager. I am confident that they will continue to do the great job that they have been doing. The cleaning is now being done by a contract cleaner.

Memberships are still \$15,00 and are due on the 1st September. To help our staff facilitate the payment of subscriptions, please pay promptly, preferably during weekdays. No subscriptions will be taken after 4 pm. on Sundays. Attached to the Report is your only Account for renewal, so please keep it on hand as a reminder.

All the best for the new sailing year, where I hope club spirit comes to the forefront.

SEAMUS FLEMING  
Hon. Secretary.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The net profit from trading in our financial year to 30th April, 1979 was \$215.

This figure is the lowest for many years, however, there is no cause for any concern as it was attributable to a number of reasons which will be explained in this report.

Bar sales showed an increase of \$25,836 on the previous year. This was mainly due to an increase in prices during the year and also to a 10 per cent increase in actual bar trade. Sundays continue to be our best trading day and accounted for the major part of the increased trade. As a result, gross profit on sales rose by \$7,648, however, the percentage of gross profit to sales (50%) has decreased by 3.57%. This followed the Board's decision to depart from the previous practice of tying bar prices to recommended saloon bar prices. As members who use the Club regularly will be aware, our liquor prices have, at times, been well below average saloon bar prices, particularly in regard to beer. The principal reason behind this move was to give members who use the Club regularly some tangible benefit as the Club has limited other facilities to offer its members. The effects of this concession are obviously to reduce the Club's profit margin and consequently the amount available for retention as cash reserves to carry out further major works which will be necessary on Club buildings in the next couple of years. For this reason it is considered inadvisable to maintain substantial reductions for long periods.

Net poker machine revenue for the year showed a decrease of \$1,742 over the previous year. The lower trend was evident for most of the financial year, however, there were healthy signs towards the end of a recovery and it is anticipated that there will be an increase in revenue for the current financial year.

The revenue from membership and nomination fees was actually comparable to the previous year. The lower amounts result from the fact that last year's figures were inflated owing to an adjustment in the method of accounting for subscriptions in advance.

Overall our net income increased by just under 1 per cent.

On the other hand expenditure increased by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent although the greater portion of this was attributable to major repairs undertaken on the building viz. repairs to pipes (

pile; (80% completed), boatshed ramp and main bar area roof totalling \$16,945. These were foreshadowed in the notes to the accounts submitted in last year's annual report.

The Board has managed to contain most other items of expenditure through continual review and rationalization of expenses and if it had not been for the major repair items, the net profit would have been in the vicinity of \$17,000. Most increased costs were able to be offset by cutbacks in other areas. The following comments should explain the reasons for most notable variations.

The decrease of \$1,163 in "Sailing Expenses, Towage and Launch Hire" is mainly due to the fact that prizemoney (\$1,000) for the Manly Regatta has this year been debited to "Trophies and Prizemoney" which shows a corresponding increase. The remaining increase in the latter account (\$536) was a result of an increase in the rate of prizemoney paid to our own boats.

The \$2,346 increase in "Catering Costs" was attributable to an increase in the subsidy paid to the Caterer and also the purchase of various items in an effort to improve the method of presentation of snacks and meals. The aim of increasing the subsidy was simply to assist the Caterer in meeting costs without raising prices to exorbitant levels. Unfortunately the dining room is not utilized by members to its fullest potential despite the improvements made to the area.

"Cleaning and Cartage" costs show an increase of \$2,825. When Kevin Flannery, our resident cleaner for the last 13 years, left the Club at the end of January, a review of cleaning arrangements was carried out and revealed that we could achieve a saving of just over \$4,000 a year by placing cleaning on a contract basis. As a result, since January, payments to the Cleaner have been debited to the cleaning and cartage account and not "Wages" as before.

The reduction in "Entertainment" expenses of \$4,412 was principally due to a rationalization of the types of entertainment used by the Club.

By obtaining more competitive quotes the Board succeeded in reducing insurance premiums by \$1,129.

Poker Machine Licence Tax increased by \$1,125 and was caused by the fact that net revenue for the previous year to 30/5/78 exceeded \$100,000. This resulted in the loss of a concession which we previously enjoyed.

The introduction of payroll tax concessions in Janu-



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ary of this year has considerably lowered our liability in this area. Hence the decrease of \$1,291 on that payable last year.

"Wages" increased by \$2,343 due mainly to wage rises during the year and continues to represent just over one-third of our total expenses. With the abolition of the position of permanent cleaner and with the tremendous co-operation of our current permanent staff, it is anticipated that our wages bill for the ensuing year should not exceed \$65,000.

The expenditure on Leasehold Improvements of \$6,491 consisted of the following items:- (i) re-positioning of the main bar \$1,570, (ii) upgrading of electrical switch-board to M.C.C. requirements \$1,400, (iii) renovation of kitchen and dining room \$1,220, (iv) construction of driveway from roadway to boatshed \$800, (v) installation of equipment for raising and lowering of rescue craft \$710, (vi) installation of storage cupboards \$580 and (vii) renovations to women's toilet \$210.

Finally, the loss in the "Travellers Fund" of \$2,374 represents the amount by which subsidies (\$5,229) exceeded the net amount raised (\$2,855). The subsidies comprise the following break-up - \$4,000 to the Club's two Representatives in the Australian Championships in Perth and \$1,229 split amongst all boats which travelled to regattas as per approved rates. The majority of the amount raised to offset the expenditure was due largely to the untiring efforts of Kay Coote and Christine McGurgan.

M.J. McMAHON  
Hon. Treasurer.

SAILING OFFICIALS - SEASON 1978/79.

COMMODORE: VICE COMMODORE:  
G. S. JOHNSTON. J. M. TALTY.

CLUB CAPTAIN: VICE CAPTAIN:  
G. E. FITZGERALD. D. ANDREWS.

RACE SECRETARY: COMPETITION SECRETARY:  
I. HUTCHINSON. Mrs. KAY COOTE.

STARTER & JUDGE: ASST. STARTER & JUDGE:  
D. TREHARNE. H. GRAHAM

HANDICAPPERS: R. NORMINTON, H. GRAHAM, K. FAWKNER.

BOAT & SAIL MEASURERS: W. STANDING, G. COOTE, D. HOGG,  
H. GRAHAM, R. ATKINS.

UMPIRES: A. DENOON, M. VIAL, R. MAY.

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION: G. HUMPHRIES, P. BEDFORD.

LIFE MEMBERS: E. ANDREW, K.A. CLARKE, A.M. DWYER,  
A. DENOON, T. FAWKNER (OBE), R. HANLON,  
W.G. HOLE, K. KERSHAW, G.S. JOHNSTON,  
R.J. MAY, W. RUSSELL SLADE, C.A. SELLER,  
W. STANDING, D. TREHARNE.

(Deceased) J. GRAHAM, G. BURTON, J. FORSYTH,  
G. JOHNSTON, P. JOHNSTON, H. LEMON,  
A. MARSHALL, A.L. SCHULTZ, L. SIMMS,  
R. IUBOIS.

16FT. DIVISION RACE RESULTS SEASON 1978/79.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SKIFF</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>
1978			
9.9.	M.H. Invitation	Nobby Furniture	P.Schultz
16.9.	President's Trophy	Letona Foods	M. Graham
23.9.	J.G. Graham Trophy	Letona Foods	M. Graham
30.9.	G. Fitzgerald Trophy	Letona Foods	M. Graham
7.10.	A.L.Schultz Mem. Trophy	Osprey	D. Lewis
21.10.	Mrs. Peg Norminton Trophy	Apache	I.Hutchinson
28.10.	John Webb Trophy	Apache	I.Hutchinson
4.11.	Club Trophy	Hustler	J. Talty
11.11.	Col Crawford Trophy	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
18.11.	Commodore's Trophy	Ruth	G. Johnston
25.11.	Angus & Coote Trophy	Hustler	J. Talty
9.12.	E. Gamble Memorial Trophy	PGS	M.Polkinghorne
16.12.	Ken Minehan Trophy	Endrust	B. Gibson
23.12.	Club Trophy	Tactless	R. Johnston
30.12.	Club Trophy	Courtesy Corner	C. Doyle
1979			
6.1.	Tom Fawkner Trophy	Osprey	D. Lewis
13.1.	A.A.Marshall Trophy } Matana Trophy }	Apache	I.Hutchinson
20.1.	R. Lundie Trophy	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz
21.1.	Ladies Day	Wyreema	Miss L.Tier
27.1.	Club Trophy	Joy	R. Standing
3.2.	Ron Hendry Memorial Trophy	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz
10.2.	George Johnston Shoe Repairs Trophy	Hi- Jinx	P. Bennett
17.2.	R. Slade Trophy } R. Mitchell & J.A.Forsyth } Memorial }	Courtesy Corner	C. Doyle

24.2.	Artex Trophy	Ruth	G. Johnston
3.3.	Nancy Kirkwood Trophy	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
10.3.	Robin Schroter Mem. Trophy	Tactless	R. Johnston
17.3.	Koomooloo Trophy & Tighe Cup	Barbarian	R. Tranter
24.3.	Manly Boatshed Trophy	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
25.3.	Old Buffers Day	PGS	R. Hammond
31.3.	H.E. Barrett & Sons Trophy	Apache	I. Hutchinson
7.4.	J. Rando Trophy	Barbarian	R. Tranter
21.4.	Endrust Trophy	Wyreema	V. Robinson
Alec Hyde Clark Memorial )		J.E. Automotive	W. Standing
		Old Salts Too	G. Morgan

Tru Flo Sails Trophy	Apache	I. Hutchinson
Charles A. Gibson	Letona Foods	M. Graham
Crews Trophy	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz

BARRY JOHNSON MONTHLY POINTSCORES  
 Prizewinners:- Buckle Toyota, Nobby Furniture,  
 Apache, Osprey, Hustler, PGS, Ruth, Endrust.

PETER GREEN SHIPCHANDLERS TROPHIES

Spring Pointscore	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
Summer Pointscore	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz
Autumn Pointscore	PGS	M. Polkinghorne
Annual Pointscore	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
Runner-up	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz
Club Champion	Buckle Toyota	T. Barnabas
Runner-up	Nobby Furniture	P. Schultz

RACE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The 1978-79 season must surely be recorded as one of the most successful in the Club's sailing history.

Much has been written about the performance of Buckle Toyota during the season, and there is no doubt that the winning of the Australian, State, Zone and every 16ft. Skiff Association event is an achievement that may never be equalled. Buckle's success, of course, was reflected in the Club retaining the Association Pointscore and winning the Charles Wood Memorial Trophy. The Buckle Toyota crew won't be with us next season and we wish Trev, Rob and Greg every success with their move to the 18ft. skiff class.

A performance that was somewhat overshadowed last season was that of our other Australian representative, Nobby Furniture, skippered by Phil Schultz. Nobby's finished the season with an Association Handicap of -4 - a worthy recommendation for carrying the Buckle Toyota colours next year.

As can be seen from the accompanying trophy winner's list, our Club races were well contested and the trophies fairly well spread around the fleet. All skiffs that raced regularly managed to win a trophy and this is a credit to our handicappers.

Whilst the size of our fleet for next season is not settled, several new hulls have been ordered and some of our skippers have "updated", which augurs well for the coming season.

On the Association scene, our skiff sailors will have plenty to occupy their minds for the next season. Changes have been proposed to the Association Handicapping system; the Georges River Club has been given permission to experiment with 320 sq. ft. parachute spinnakers; the perennial debate over publicity and promotion (or lack of it) for the 16ft. skiff class will continue, and metric (ugh) measurements will come into effect from September.

Although I enjoyed the co-operation and support of the Sailing Committee last season, I was at times disappointed by the attendances at sailing meetings. I cannot stress too strongly the necessity for owners, skippers and officials in particular to attend sailing meetings regularly.

In conclusion I would like to thank all trophy donors, officials, staff and club members in general, for their support last season and to wish my successor, Mark Schultz, every success in his new position.

IAN HUTCHINSON  
Race Secretary.

## COMMODORE'S REPORT.

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Reading through the annual reports for the past few years, it is interesting to observe that each year produced sailing results that exceeded those of the previous year, and each year added something to what has been, since the 1975-76 season when Matana won the Australian Championships at Perth, a memorable period in the history of this Club. Over this period we have been successful in Zone, State and Australian Championships and many Association Regatta events.

During the season just ended, the crowning success to all these achievements was the unique display of sailing ability by Trevor Barnabas and his crew of Robert Atkins, Greg Humphries and Jeff Hanlon in Buckle Toyota, who completed the season unbeaten in any championship race in the Central Zone, N.S.W. and Australian Titles, all Association regatta Championship races as well as this Club's championship and season's point score. This is the type of sporting effort that requires maximum dedication from the crew and sustained boat performance in all types of conditions. It is a record that can never be bettered - only equalled. We look forward to Trevor and his crew's entry in the 18 footers next season and wish him continued success in this very competitive class.

Along with Buckle Toyota's success, this Club was very ably represented in the Australian Championships at Perth by Nobby Furniture, with Phil, Chris and Mark Schultz, Mick McMahon and Grant Thurkettle.

Performances by our boats at the Association Regattas this year have earned the Club the Association Point Score and the Charles Wood Memorial Point trophies and has also given this Club the honour of being the scratch club in the Association. This is extremely satisfying and I would like to thank those boats and crew who entered and competed in these regattas for the Club, for their wonderful team effort in accomplishing this result.

Our own weekly Club races were again highlighted by enthusiastic and competitive sailing, with Nobby Furniture, PGS, Osprey and Hi-Jinx showing good form throughout the season. With Buckle Toyota missing from our ranks next year, a very keen and intensive racing season is anticipated.

Special thanks must be given to our sponsors throughout the season who supplied the trophies for each of our races. Their support greatly benefits Club racing and we

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look forward to their continuing and active interest.

All this sailing activity could not be enjoyed without the interest and hard working dedication of our race officials. On behalf of the Club and all its members, I thank all those responsible for the organising, starting, judging and manning of safety craft each week, thus enabling us to enjoy this great sport.

G. JOHNSTON/J. TALTY

FLYING ELEVEN DIVISION REPORT.

Last season was the ninth since the introduction of the Flying Eleven as a training boat and as such has proved highly successful in that at the present time, there are fifteen former or present active F11 members sailing regularly in our skiff crews.

The Club's three State representative skiffs each had ex F11 crew members, Jamie Pontifex (Hi-Jinx), Phillip and Mark Schultz, Grant Thurkettle, (Nobby Furniture), Jeff Hanlon, (Buckle Toyota). At 15 years, Phillip Schultz as the skipper of Nobby Furniture had the rare distinction of sailing in the Australian Championship and performing well in his first year in skiffs.

Jeff Hanlon, 12 years, also having his first season in skiffs, would probably be the first at his age to have been a crew member of an Australian champion, in this case Buckle Toyota.

For the first time the Club Championship was won by a junior skipper and crew when 14 year old Stephen Norbis and Marty Hutchinson in Viking gained that honour.

Two others to show promise as coming skippers are Gavin Cooke and Sean Hammond.

Finally, sincere thanks for the full co-operation of parents, racing officials, skiff club members and trophy donors, as they contributed greatly to a very enjoyable season both ashore and afloat.

W. STANDING.

### RESCUE BOAT.

During the last sailing season the small Rescue Boat operated without any major problems. However during the season we have seen some improvements such as our new method of towing ropes, navigation lights, fitting of a P.A. system and external speaker to the radio, a canopy and a winch on the rigging deck.

All these items have made the work of the crew much more comfortable and easy.

I would like to thank the Sailing Committee and Board Members for their support and confidence in the Rescue Boat and Crew. I would also like to express my thanks to all the Sailing Members and their Crews for their support and co-operation.

Last but not least I wish to thank my crew, Warren Wilks and Alan Middleton, for the time and effort they have given the Club and myself. They did not miss a race day and gave many extra hours of time to help in the maintenance of the Boat. It should be noted that on a number of occasions these crew members have had to dive into the water to assist the crews of boats and I would therefore like to record a vote of thanks for their outstanding effort and enthusiasm during the season.

Our sponsorship for the Rescue Boat has been completed by "Pacific Ford", Brookvale. To Mr. Shepherd we must say thank you for your assistance.

Below are the season's statistics:

Motor Running Hrs. 331 $\frac{1}{2}$  Hrs. Boats taken into tow. 41.

Stand by Boats in difficulty. 59.

Boats other than Manly Skiffs taken into tow are as follows:

Power Boats. 3. Yachts 1. Skiffs from other Clubs 5.

Assisted the Water Police on two occasions and the V.C.P. on three.

ERIC S. GRAY, J.P.  
Skipper.



ANNUAL GOLF REPORT.

It's two years since the Sailors' Golf Club began and it continues to grow from strength to strength.

Membership now stands at 38 financial players. With a record twelve visitors playing last match, we now get a full field playing each month, so entries are strictly on a "first in, first served" basis for members, with visitors limited.

Next year all games will be for thirty-six players - an increase of four over this year's games.

Over the past twelve months we have been helped in many ways by many people - all of whom have added their bit to ensure the Club's continuing success.

The Committee consists of:- Captain, Dave Hooley; Secretary, Ross Gibson; Treasurer, Bob Stokes; Handicapper, Ross Hooley and Caterers, Ronnie Rush, Pat Smith, Peter St. John, and their assistants.

Our trophy donors, Bob Stokes, John Ballantyne, Dick Norman, Bob Blackburn, Wal Hess, Dave Hooley, Bob Green, Arch Graham and George Johnston, have given us an extra incentive to improve our golf. Our sincere appreciation is extended to these people.

The half-yearly Presentation Nights have been roaring successes and we thank the President and Board of Directors of the Sailing Club and Club Manager, John Fitzgerald and his staff for assisting with these and similar functions.

Our game against the Hotel Steyne in June was again a very close affair. Spencer Hemi's Steyne team won by the narrowest of margins, 1688 strokes to 1698. Our thanks go to Harry Ryan for some great trophies (Black Label) he brought out that day for individual awards.

For comedy value alone, our Club is unbeatable. A round of golf with John Ballantyne and Peter St. John has more laughs to it than a dozen Bob Hope and Bing Crosby films. But Hope and Crosby used script writers - Ballo and Saint ad lib every line!

Our list of unusual golf shots would double the length of this report. One of the best to date was that of Rex Gibson on the ninth hole at Avalon. His tee-shot hit a car on the far side of Barrenjoey Road, bounced back between two parked cars and finished up six feet from the pin. Play on!

Performances of merit include Ross Hooley's round of three-over-par at Blackheath; John Fitzgerald's win in the Coca Cola Bottlers' Golf Day for Club and Hotel Managers;

and the shot of the year was from our newest and youngest member, 14-year-old Stephen Norbis, a hole-in-one on the par 3, 187 metres ninth hole at Avalon.

The most improved player was Ray Watson who won two games and reduced his handicap from 36 to 21.

The 1978 annual pointscore was won by Bob Stokes and this year at the half-way mark, Merle Free leads with 41 points followed by Ray Watson 40, Ross Gibson 34, Ross Hooley 33 and Bob Stokes 31.

Next year a Triangular Team Match is planned, involving Drummoyne, Middle Harbour and Manly Skiff Clubs. It is hoped this will become an annual event.

If the enthusiasm of the members continues in the next twelve months as it has in the past, then a secure future for the Golf Club is assured.

DAVE HOOLEY/ROSS GIBSON.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT.

Firstly I would like to thank the Committee for showing their faith in promoting me to this position and also for the help and co-operation I have received from them over the period.

As you are well aware, we had a complete change of staff last February, including our cleaner Kevin Flannery, of some 13 years standing. I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming aboard Chris, Paul and the other new members of staff and to also thank them for the great job they are doing.

J. FITZGERALD.

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48 Bangaroo Street,  
North Balgowlah. 2093.  
24th July, 1979.

The Secretary,  
Manly 16ft. Skiff Sailing Club Ltd.,  
East Esplanade,  
Manly. 2095.

Dear Sir,

I wish to advise that I intend moving the following motions at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 27th August, 1979.

1. Amend Article 6 by deleting the word "twenty-one (21)" in the first and fourth lines and substitute with the word "eighteen (18)".
2. Amend Article 7 (b) by deleting the word "twenty-one (21)" in the third line and substitute with the word "eighteen (18)".
3. Amend Article 63 (a) by deleting the word "twenty-one (21)" in the second/third line and substitute with the word "eighteen (18)".
4. Delete all reference to Article 63 (b).

M.J. McMAHON  
Membership No. 87.

### BUILDING OFFICER'S REPORT.

I joined the Board part way through the financial year and found that my predecessor, Mick Deacon, had quite a few small items of repair well underway.

During the year we completed many projects which, although not major in nature, have made life a little easier for members.

1. Cupboards on northern wall of main room.
2. New roof over main room.
3. New pipework to toilet outlets.
4. Outer launching ramp renewed.
5. Finished off plumbing in men's change room.
6. New Bar built.
7. New rampway from path to boatshed.
8. New electricity mains introduced and upgraded.
9. Areas returfed to cover dangerous slopes.
10. Plumbing on outside deck upgraded.
11. New Railings on outside decking.
12. New concrete steps to roadway.
13. Installation of winch and other works associated with Rescue Boat.
14. Replacing rotting timbers in various parts of buildings.

As reported elsewhere, the piles under the main room have all been upgraded and many replaced. This was not completed until the end of June, 1979.

To all those members both of the Club and of the Board who helped in the tedious work of keeping the Club in a reasonable condition, I offer my thanks.

VIC ROBINSON  
Building Officer.

ATTACHMENTS.

1. Manly 16ft. Skiff Sailing Club Ltd.  
Directors' Report.
2. Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1979.
3. Trading & Profit & Loss Account for  
the year to 30/4/79.
4. Statement of the Directors pursuant  
to Section 162 (10) of the Companies  
Act 1961.



FINANCIAL ATTACHMENTS  
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