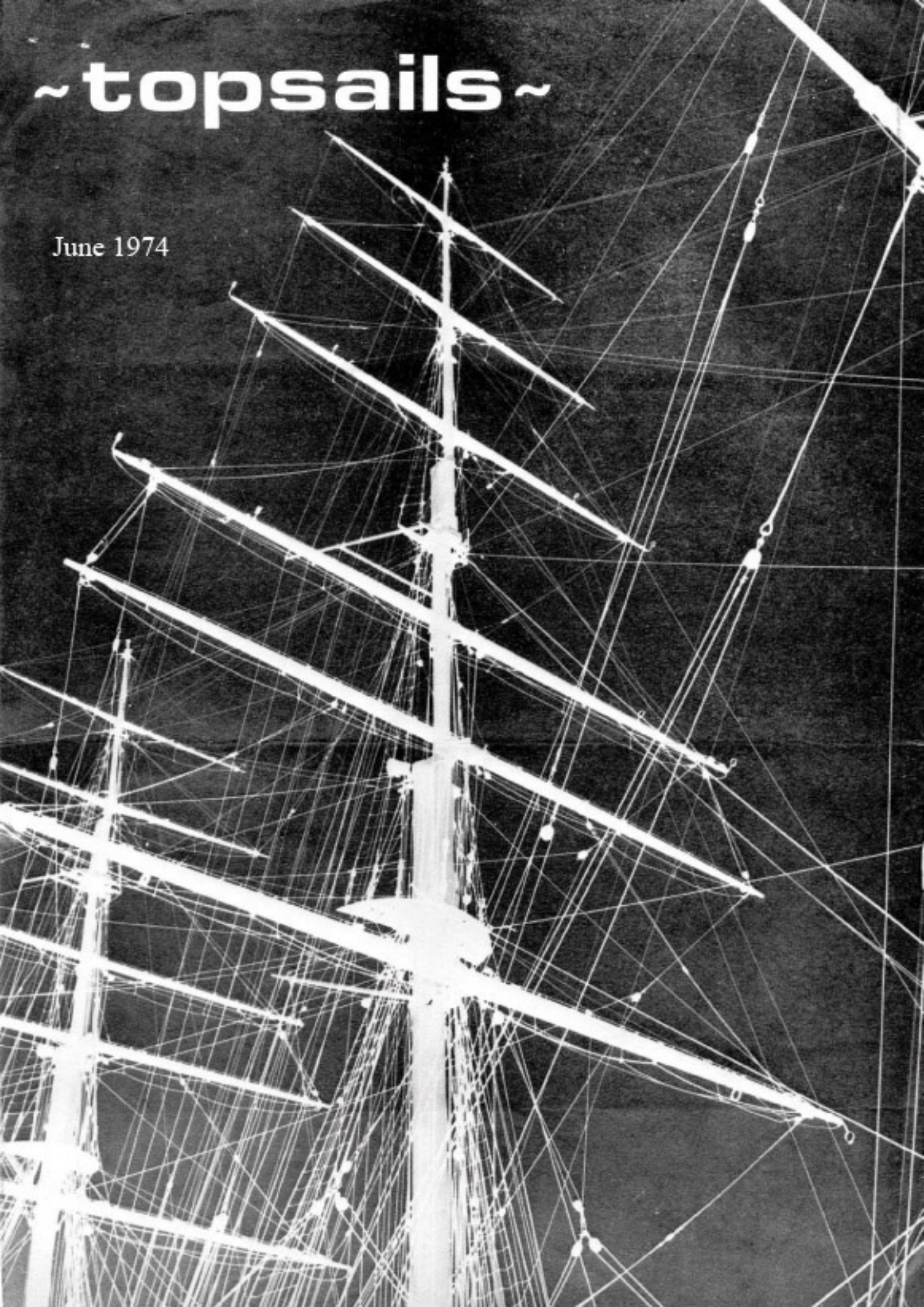


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June 1974



HARTLEY T.S. 18 and 21 ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

General Meeting to be held at Sandringham Yacht Club, Lower Deck, at 8 p,m. on 26th Dune, 1974. Ladies Welcome.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies
  2. Minutes of Last Meeting
  3. Treasurer's Report
  4. Measurer's Report
  5. Publicity Officer's Report
  6. Purchasing Officer's Repo'rt
  7. Sailing Co-ordinator's Report
  8. Social Organiser's Report
  9. Annual Election of Committee
- President - Vacancy  
Secretary - "  
Treasurer - "  
Publicity Officer - "  
Measurer - Bob Brownlee offers himself for election.  
Technical Officer - Des Webb offers himself fo election  
Sailing Co-ordinator - Vacancy  
Social Organiser Vacancy
- Stephen Thom, Ron Lewis, Bob Gormley, Norman Selsmark, Peter & Hazel Zimmerman, and Stan Phillips are retiring and not available for re-election,

S. R. THOM.  
Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I sit here to write my last few lines for our newsletter in the capacity of President, and I cannot think of a single profound thing to say. I guess parting words of wisdom are not in my line except to say that I wish the Association well. Next week we have our elections and that means it is up to you, will you stay home or attend and just sit and watch. I would like to see each position keenly contested and won by someone ready, willing and able to pull his weight and contribute something to the future. If you cannot offer yourself put some serious thought into who you can support, but don't dip out.

I thank all our present Committee very sincerely for their work during our term in office. They have not let up and we all have a lot to thank them for. It has been a real pleasure to work with you all, I also thank everyone for their patience at the meetings. I enjoyed it all, I hope you did.

STAN PHILLIPS,

SAFETY TIPS

Don't forget to look to your powder fire extinguishers once in a while. At least once a month you should shake it up to stop the powder settling to the bottom. It has been known for a technically full extinguisher to not operate because the powder had almost solidified.

TECHNICAL NOTES

I am pleased to report, that at long last there is a reasonable supply of Rinnai gas cookers. What's more, the're still the same price! However, with the further possibilities of shortages and even price increases, I advise anyone to order early and not wait until the're actually ready to install the unit. contd..... /2

Technical Notes contd...

I am holding a cooker that was ordered 2 or 3 months earlier. As I do not remember who it was for, would the person concerned please get in touch with me.

"Porta Pottis" may be purchased through Colin Beaumont at a good discount, phone: 818420.

Stainless Steel sinks 13" x 9" x 4.5" complete with outlet and plug are now \$8.50 and again are in limited supply.

Most of us are, or should be, concerned about our environment. In particular, our waterways and coastline. The Warneet Motor Yacht Club is currently looking to the future of Westernport Bay. Many of us regularly sail on Westernport Bay and a large number are intending to join us soon. As an Association we can give the Warneet Motor Yacht Club considerable support in their efforts.

They have produced a questionnaire of the kind of facilities and use required of Westernport Bay,

Anyone wishing to further these efforts, and I trust that will be most of you, can obtain these questionnaires from me and return them when completed.

Yaringa Boat Harbour has already been filled in and lost forever, swallowed up by some land hungry developer. This sort of action is unforgivable and we should do everything in our power to prevent future losses. Fortunately there are a number of groups actively concerned about Westernport's future and their success is largely dependent on the weight of public supports

DES WEBB

Technical Officer.

#### SOCIAL NEWS

At this time of the year we are all writing our wind up articles for the end of the sailing year and we usually get a bit philosophical. I am not going to break the system because all we can do is look back over the last year and try to see where we went wrong and the way things should have been done.

It's not easy holding any position on the committee, mainly because it's an extra we have to fit into our busy lives. The sad part of all the effort that goes into making the association work is the lack of support by the majority of members. We have about a third of you involving yourselves with the various aspects of the Association.

I will not be standing again, and I wish my successor more luck than I had. I hate to be a pessimist, but I feel that unless there is a drastic upsurge of active interest in the Association, it will fold and all the hard work will go down the drain.

There will most likely be a complete change of committee with the exception of two and this will give you the opportunity to do your bit. You don't need qualifications for most of the vacancies and there is no doubt that the outgoing committee will give you all the support and help you may need.

Remember the Association is promoting and protecting your investment and without it there would be no standards set for building our boats and poor resale value so give it plenty of thought.

Our last social venue for this committee year will be the film night on FRIDAY 5TH, JULY. It will be held at the AMP Theatre, 535 Bourke Street, Cnr. Bourke & Williams Sts. Cost will be 30c per head and tickets will be sold at the next meeting only, so please arrange for someone to collect yours if you are unable to attend. At this stage we still have plenty available,, Parking near AMP off Church St, off Bourke St. Cost 50c.

The programme will be excellent, including The Stratesman, One Man Along (Chay Blyth) British Steel and others. A light supper will be available if the ladies bring a plate, (sandwiches please), served with tea or coffee. There will be a raffle held on behalf of AMP Sailing Club. Prizes \$30.00, \$10.00 & \$5.00 or gifts to the value. Tickets. 20c.

HAZEL ZIMMERMAN.

Social Organiser,,

P.S. Question and answer segment after elections.

FOR SALE:

T.S.18. PLANS - FRAMES AND BUILDING STOCK.

16 SHEETS 3' x 4' x 5/16" PLYWOOD. SOME COACHWOOD,

CONTACT : THEO VANTOL, 288 6255.

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T.S.18. 1ST CLASS CONDITION

EXTRAS INCLUDE: PULPIT, 2 ANCHORS, FULL SET OF SAILS, CUSHIONS, CURTAINS, 4  
LIFE JACKETS, GAS COOKER, TOILET, NAVIGATION LIGHTS,

OUTBOARD MOTOR, BROOKER TRAILER GALVANISED, DINGHY & OARS.

\$4,500.00 THE LOT

CONTACT: DES WEBB, 762 4253,

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COMPANION 2 BURNER GAS STOVE - VERY GOOD CONDITION - NO GAS BOTTLE, \$12.00

SET OF T.S.18. PLANS ALMOST UNUSED

STAN PHILLIPS. 232 1009.

#### HAWKESBURY RIVER

AFTER a long trip up the Hume Highway, Joy and Daryl Nash, Jaqui, and Peter (Skip) arrived at Bobbin Heed in the Ku-ring-gar Chase, National Park, IM.S.W., at 1,1000 hrs. on Monday 22nd April.

AFTER a quick lunch and look around and a yarn to one of the locals, we decided to launch "SCORPIO" at Apple Tree Bay on Cowan Creek. Fantastic ramp with a floating jetty beside it. Okay at all tides. Stocked up with provisions and fuel and settled down for the night.

Tuesday 23rd.

CAST off the line after breakfast, and motored to Akuna Bay in the Coal and Candle Creek to inspect the facilities, ie. Ramps, shops, etc. Ramp okay at high to medium tide, toilets good, fuel and water and bait available only. Returned to Apple Tree Bay to eat and sleep.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>.

SHIFTED car and trailer and motor boat all down to Akuna Bay. Had a real lazy afternoon tied up next to PAMPERO, a 36' cutter rig yacht being re modelled by Frank and Pat Jamieson, mast was not stepped. Wonderful hospitality from everyone we met.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>.

ANZAC DAY. Watched all the boats being launched early in the morning, then slipped our berth and went up the Coal and Candle to catch some fish (no luck). But it wasn't bad lying back in the dinghy in the sun, reading a copy of Playboy. Lunch on board and a drive around to West Head. Breath taking views of the Brisbane Water, Heads, Hawkesbury River and the Pittwater.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>.

TOOK Pat and Sara (baby) and sailed up Smith's Creek. Paddled around in the dinghy to the shore, but the oysters on the rocks stopped us from exploring. Had lunch and had a look at a beaut place "The Cottage". It was built in 1883

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by a syndicate. Most mod. cons, including swimming pool and jetty. A possum was the only resident in this old home which was in V.G. condition and built on the side of a very steep hill,

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

WENT sight seeing.

Sunday 28th.

IN the morning we went fishing. No luck. Anzac Day, flew Club flag at half mast.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>.

MID-morning we motored down to Little Jerusalem Bay. Soft bottom so we dragged "SCORPIO" over the soft sand. Had a look at small sandy beaches around, then decided to find a large beach. No sand - Refuge Bay so back to Halletts beach. There is bar-b-que facilities and a good sandy beach. We had a swim in the shallows, keeping an eye open for sharks and a picnic lunch on the beach. A hot shower was enjoyed by all at Illawong Bay.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

RELAXED in the morning moored beside PAMPERD and went shopping in the afternoon.

Wednesday 1stMay.

WENT shopping via the Manly Ferry. Rough trip.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

REPAIRED ujslch plugs in car,,

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

WENT driving Newport - Palm Beach R.P.A.Y.C. very nice. Very good facilities.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>.

SLIPPED mooring at 1000 hrs. Called into Illawong Bay for showers and fill water tank. After getting into clear water, we set the main, but as always, the winds were very flukey. Moored just off a sandy beach opposite Halletts Beach for lunch and later on set genoa and main and headed for the Hawkesbury River, until at Flint and Steel Pt., we "went" about, gull winged for a while until the wind shifted to a broad reach. Instead of going back to the Coal and Candle, we changed course to Jerusalem Bay. Had a good look around, dropped anchor in a small inlet off the bay. It is a very quiet and protected spot with good anchoring in 25-30' of water near the bank. We did a bit of exploring in the dinghy and managed to catch a fish with a paddle "very primitive method". After tea, we settled down for the night with the boon tent up.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>.

FISHED and paddled about in the inlet and rested until at 1500 hrs, we pulled in The anchor and headed back to Akuna Bay, stopped at Illawong Bay for gas and showers.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>.

WITH stores, fuel and water topped up, we slipped our mooring at 1100 hrs. bound for the Hawkesbury River. We entered the river just before the tide change so found a sandy beach and had luncho After lunch wa travelled quietly up the river past the oyster farms and under the bridges at Spencer "Cold Beer" we pulled into the edge of the baths and later that night we moved around to the Public Wharf. There is a good store and fuel at Spencer Cold Beer, but muddy around the banks. (Nav. marks, entering and leaving).

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>.

BECAUSE of the tides, we left at 0800 hrs. in fog. It was quite spooky in the fog, but later in the morning as it lifted and the sun shone through, the surrounding country side was beautiful. At Wisemans Firing, we pulled in to the Public Wharf and visited the town. An attractive lunch was enjoyed in sunshine at the local pub over looking the Hawkesbury River and valley. The afternoon was spent around the corner adjacent the Aqua-park. At night we moved up another half mile and dropped anchor out of the main stream.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>.

AGAIN because of the tides, we left at 0800 hrs. and travelled through the beautiful valleys pulling in for a picnic lunch at Dargle. We were made welcome and had hot showers. Fuel, stores etc., available. Tied up alongside the fuel wharf. With the change of tide we cast off and headed back down river until at 1730 hrs. when the light faded we dropped anchor for the night in Haycock Reach, up from Spencer.

Thursday 9th.

SLACK-water at 0800 hrs. so off we went and breakfast on the way in the fog. Called into Spencer for supplies and P.O. Good motoring all the way down

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with the tide and so decided at 1200 hrs. to continue around to Pittwater to a beach opposite Palm Beach. Lunch and a walk in the sand dunes, then at 1500 hrs. pulled in anchor and set spinnaker (5-10 knots) for quartering run and reaches around West Head back to Cowan Creek. Motored around to Akuna Bay and tied up.

Friday 10th.

ANOTHER foggy morning so at 1100 hrs. motored to Yeomans Bay for lunch and more exploring. The dinghy comes in use in these little bays. Whilst rowing over the shallows, saw a moving black carpet 1 metre deep. Turned out to be a school of black cat-fish, Jaqui rowed dinghy very well.

Saturday 11th.

JOHN and George arrived at Akuna Bay at 1810 hrs. in Capri. Much transferring of gear to and from boat and Capri. After introducing us to the locals and telling us all the good spots to visit, Pete, Jacki, Daryl and Joy leave in Capri at 2000 hrs. Merv. and Frank out tonight so Akuna Bay was shut down. This did not stop large number of motor boats being retrieved on the ramp. To bed early accompanied by the howls of Pampero's poodles.

Sunday 12th.

JOHN up at 0730 thick mist and absolutely still. 0830 sun shone through and by 0900, Georgie was up and set about stowing all our gear and food, a mammoth task. Cast off at 1100 and motored slowly to Illawong where we picked up a mooring and I rowed ashore to fill 3 gallon container with petrol. Gent in very smart 35' yacht commented on Scorpio's smart appearance and asked if she sailed well.

After leaving Illawong, set main and jib and sailed very slowly to far end of Smith's creek, arriving about 1500, picked up mooring under sail. Very sunny 25 C in shade. Relaxed,

All the way without much wind. Backed the trailer down to the water and retrieved SCORPIO, cleaned her up, had bar-be-que tea, played cards and headed back to Geelong at 2000 hours,

PETER SMITH.  
Scorpio. T.S.21.