

# From the Archives



In a previous copy of "In The Wind", we asked for information re a trophy named the B-B Invisible Trophy. We now know that this Trophy was for Annual Competition between the Naval, Military and Air Force Clubs and Royal Perth Yacht Club. The competition was in the form of teams at snooker, billiards, darts, quoits and carpet bowls and held at the Naval and Military Club in St Georges Terrace. We could probably assume that the word "Invisible" means that there is no Trophy, only a wooden plinth with a small engraved plaque made by a company Percival William Southworth in 1917 with a small secret chamber underneath. We have no idea what the initials of B-B mean do you?

## 53rd "Naturaliste" 2016

At 1655 on Friday the 8th April 2016, the 53rd Cape Naturaliste and Return Ocean Race will commence off the South Mole. I thought I might provide some trivia from the 1964 Race.

It was a logistical nightmare for the Race Control Officers Bill Hopkinson and Bill McGillivray. It started with the Tug "Orpyc" being used for towing through the bridges, developing clutch troubles and unable to assist some yachts, closely followed by the Army Escort vessel "Lerida" developing shaft trouble leaving no escort for the race to Naturalist or its return. During the early stages of the Race, the weather turned a bit nasty which severely hampered the radio coverage from the R.A.A.F. Dakota aircraft

seconded to the race. Nearing Bunbury, "Manitoba", the stand in Escort Vessel developed engine trouble and had to return to Fremantle. At the same time the Tender to the mark boat at Bunbury developed engine problems and left the Bunbury Mark Observers on their own without any means of reporting mark rounding's.

Despite the troubles, the Race Control Officials were in full charge notwithstanding that HMAS "Diamantina" and the Navy GVP 958 assisted the one casualty, "Kirribilli" who lost her mast. The race concluded without further incident with "Eun-na-mara" taking line honours.

## Anzac Day Celebrations

Anzac Day Celebrations are not far away and if possible I would like to obtain some written history or photographs of any Members relatives that served in WWI. We would like to recognise the bravery, loyalty and service to our country with a displayed in the Wardroom during the Diggers Cup.

## Birth of the Pelican Trainer

### 60th Anniversary

In the early 50's, yachts travelling to Rottneest usually had a rigid tender generally pram bowed. While anchored the yachties and particularly the kids would have a bit of fun, fit a makeshift rig and race around the bays.

At a General Committee Meeting of RPYC on the 8th November 1955, it was agreed that the concept to build a small training yacht (to be known as the Pelican Trainer), be approved and that the project be managed by John Fitzhardinge, Len Randall and others.

