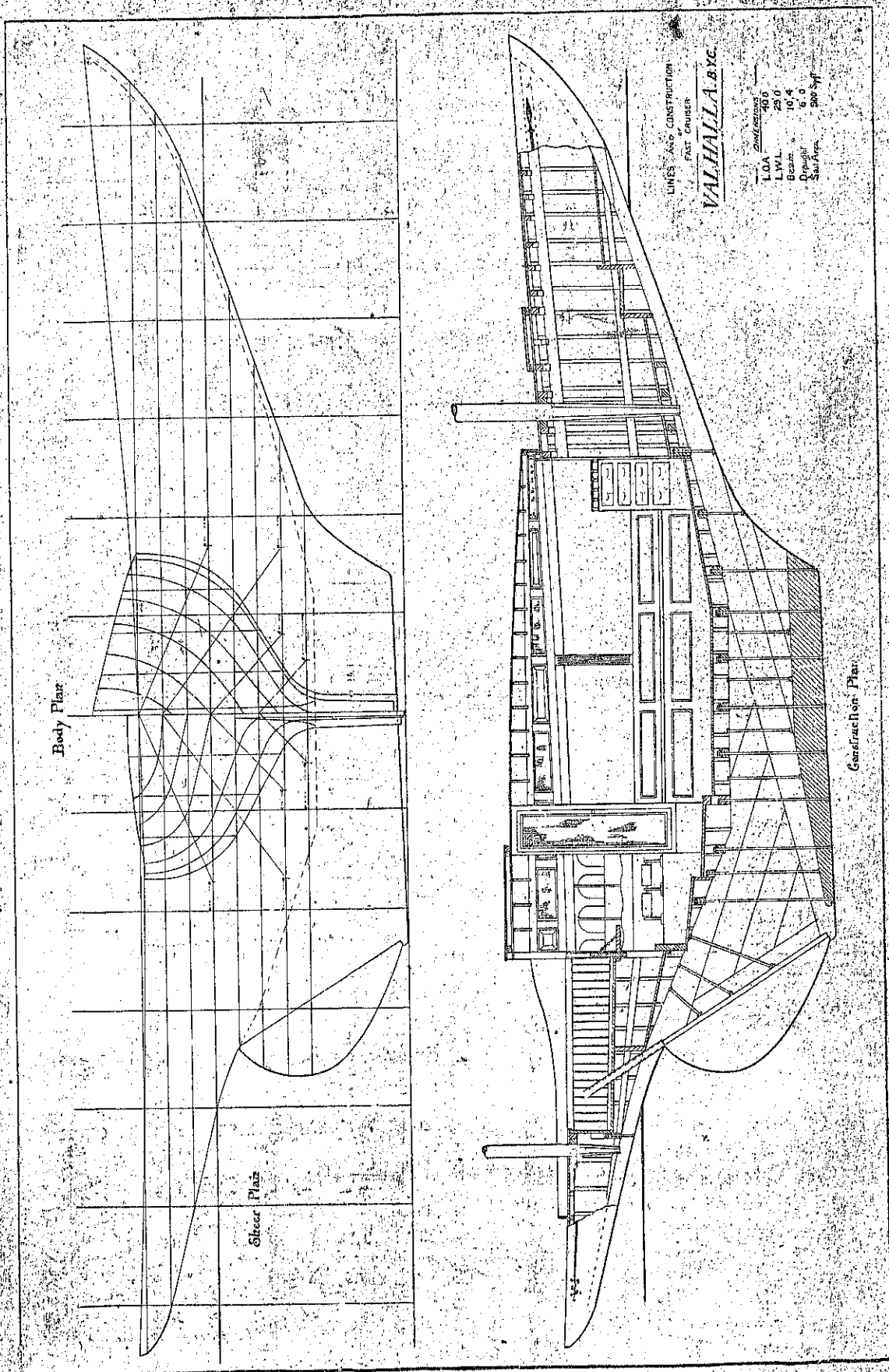
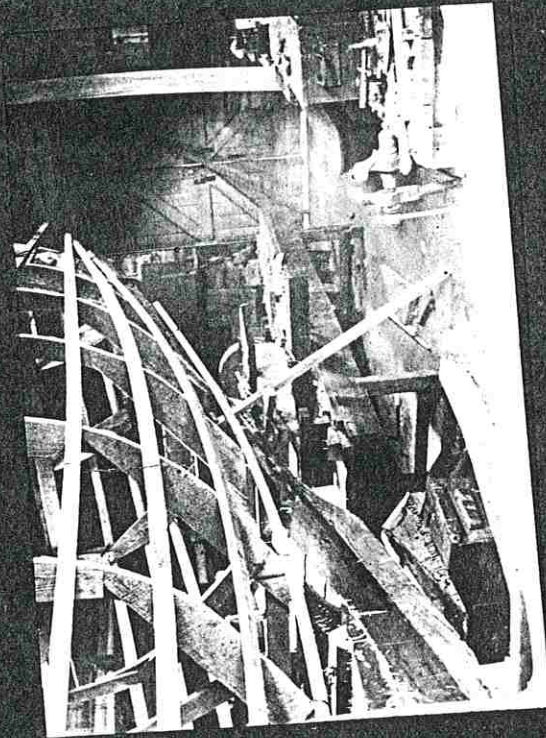


VALHALLA

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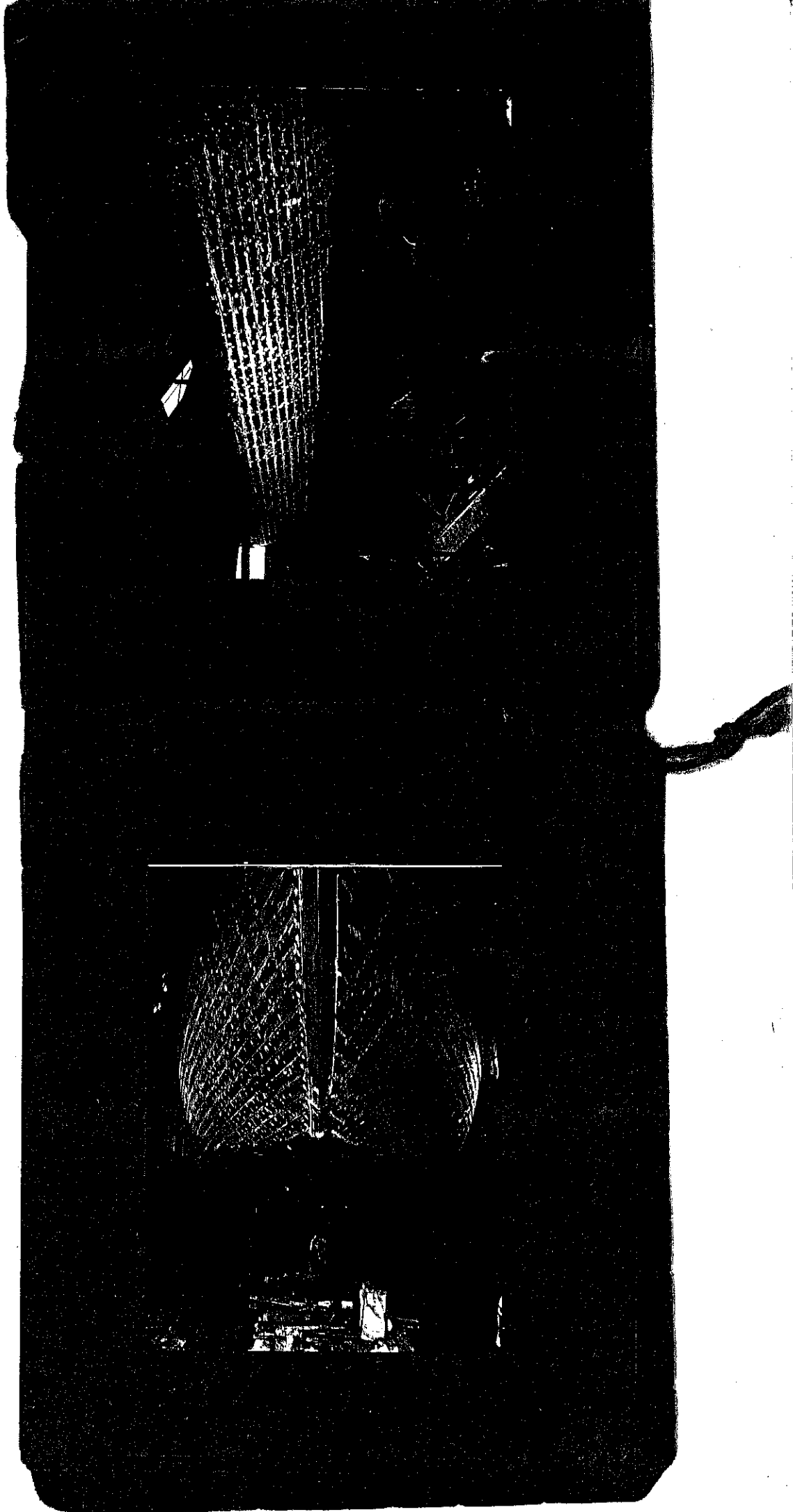


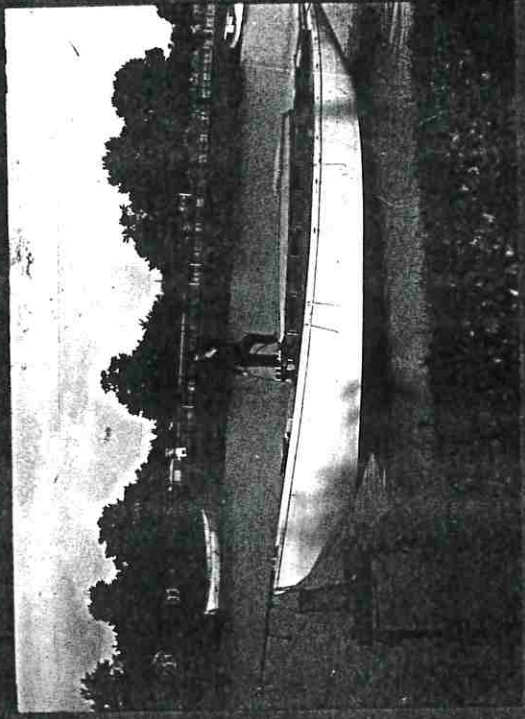
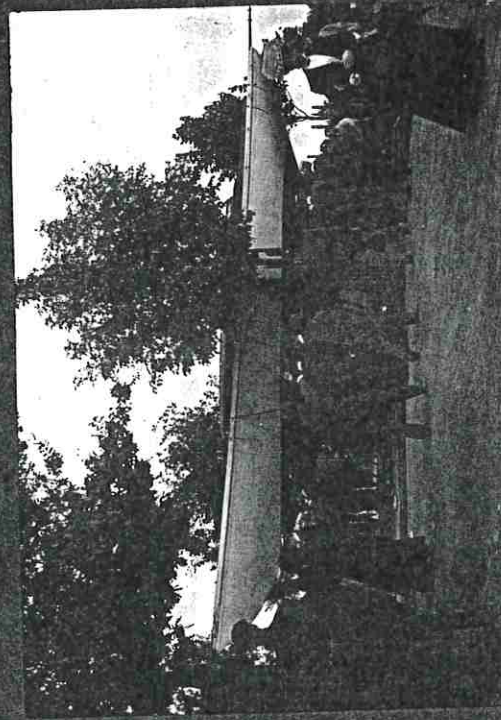
Original Design by E. B. Shook, 29 Broadway, New York



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The Landing on the Yana (Kuib) 1910

A 40ft. Fast Cruiser

VALHALLA, of which the plans are published on the opposite page, is a type of craft which will appeal to all who take their pleasures afloat in the rougher waters of our coastline. This type of craft already has a large following in Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand, where heavy blows and choppy seas are the rule rather than the exception.

The boat in question is owned by Mr. Percy Hedges, late Commodore of the Brighton Yacht Club, who, assisted by Messrs. Stubbs and Armstrong, was responsible for her construction. The way the work was carried out reflects nothing but credit on these three amateur boat builders.

The original design was from the board of Mr. Edson B. Schock, of 29 Broadway, New York, but the parties responsible for the construction of Valhalla made several slight alterations to the original design, though these in no way impaired the speed and sea-going qualities of the boat. As will be seen from the construction plan the boat is somewhat on the heavy side, but this is a feature which there is no need to cavil at. Sailing and lying moored in one of the most unsheltered portions of Port Phillip necessitates somewhat heavy construction and sound workmanship. In the heavy blow which was experienced at Brighton at Easter, 1910, a number of yachts broke loose from their moorings and were washed ashore, among them being the Valhalla. Although the boat suffered a good deal of damage from the weight of the waves and contact with the bottom, still, taking all things into consideration, there is little doubt but that her solid construction saved her from becoming a total loss.

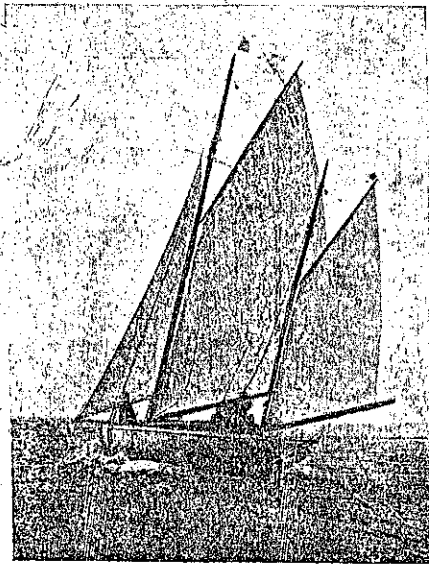


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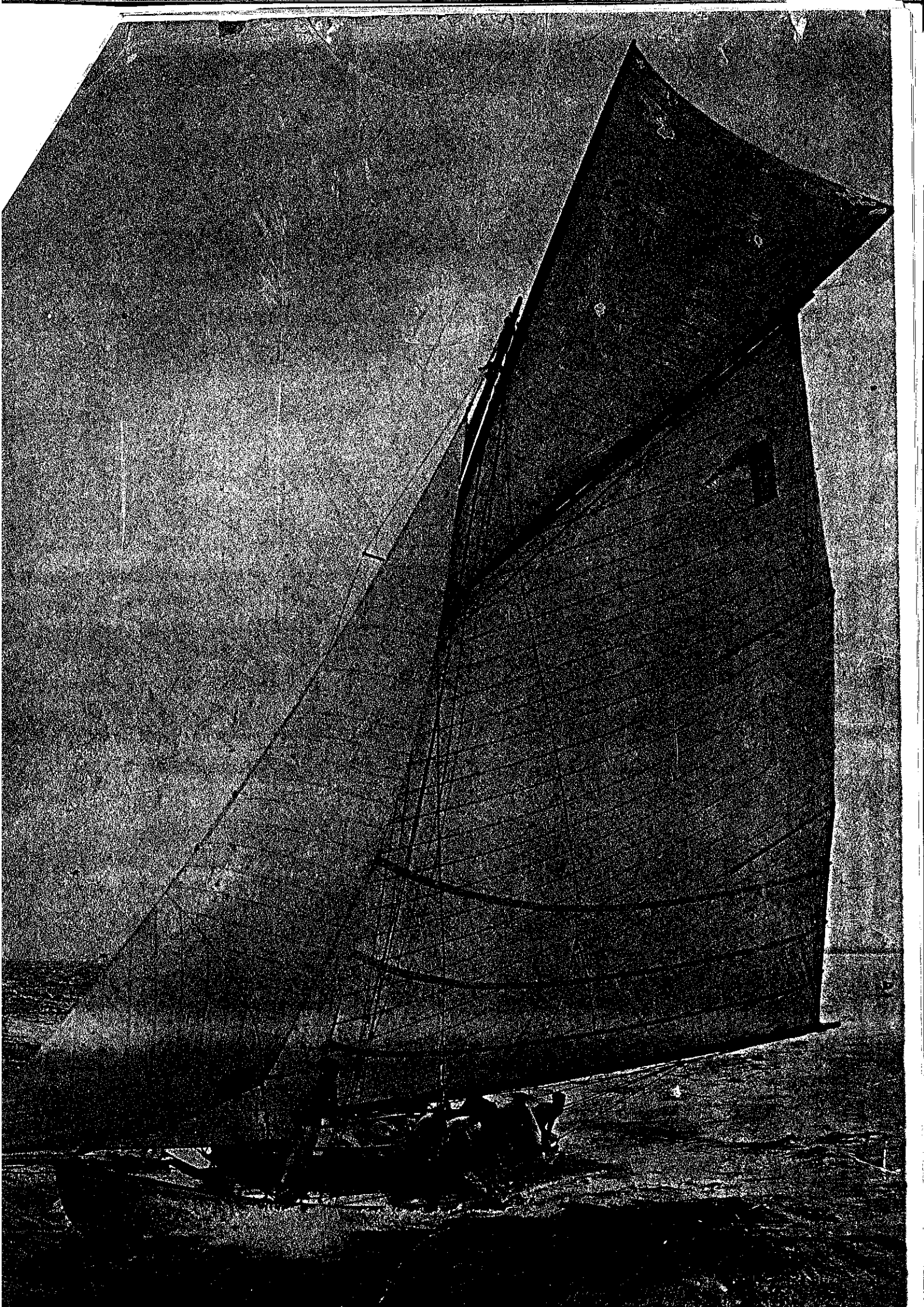
[Ascot Vale

Valhalla, Brighton Yacht Club

The principal measurements are l.o.a. 40ft., l.w.l. 29ft., beam 10ft., draught 6ft., while she carried $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons of lead on her keel.

Both in the plan and in the photograph we publish, Valhalla is shown under her yawl cruising rig, when she swings 900 square feet of canvas. During the 1910-11 season she was rigged as a cutter for racing, and this sail plan totals 970 square feet for the working sails.

Valhalla has proved fairly successful in handicap races, while as a cruiser she is hard to beat for the kind of water in which she has her habitat. This design is one which we especially commend to the careful study of South Australian and Wellington yachtsmen; and it is in waters such as these that the designer has achieved a great portion of his success.



Hobson's Bay Yacht Club.

ANNUAL OPEN RACE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1914.

Trophies (presented by the Club) 1st, £5/5/-; 2nd, £2/2/-; 3rd, £1/1/-

Starting Signals and Time of Start. First gun at 3.25 p.m. when a Red Flag will be hoisted, starting gun at 3.30 p.m. when flag will be lowered. In the event of gun misfiring the lowering of the flag will be the signal to start.

Starting Line. Moored dinghy and buoy placed north of Gem Pier.

Course. From starting line to most easterly swinging buoy thence to St. Kilda Bank Pile Light and back to starting line. Three times round, approximate distance 12 miles. All buoys to be rounded on starboard hand.

Finishing Line. Between red buoy off Gem Pier and moored buoy with flag attached.

Shortening Race. Should the Committee decide to shorten course two guns shall signify that the race will finish with the round about to be completed. Should the leading yacht not complete the course by 6 p.m. the race shall be decided by the round then being completed; in the event of the race not being completed by 7.30 p.m. it shall be decided by the last completed round and the time allowance deducted pro rata.

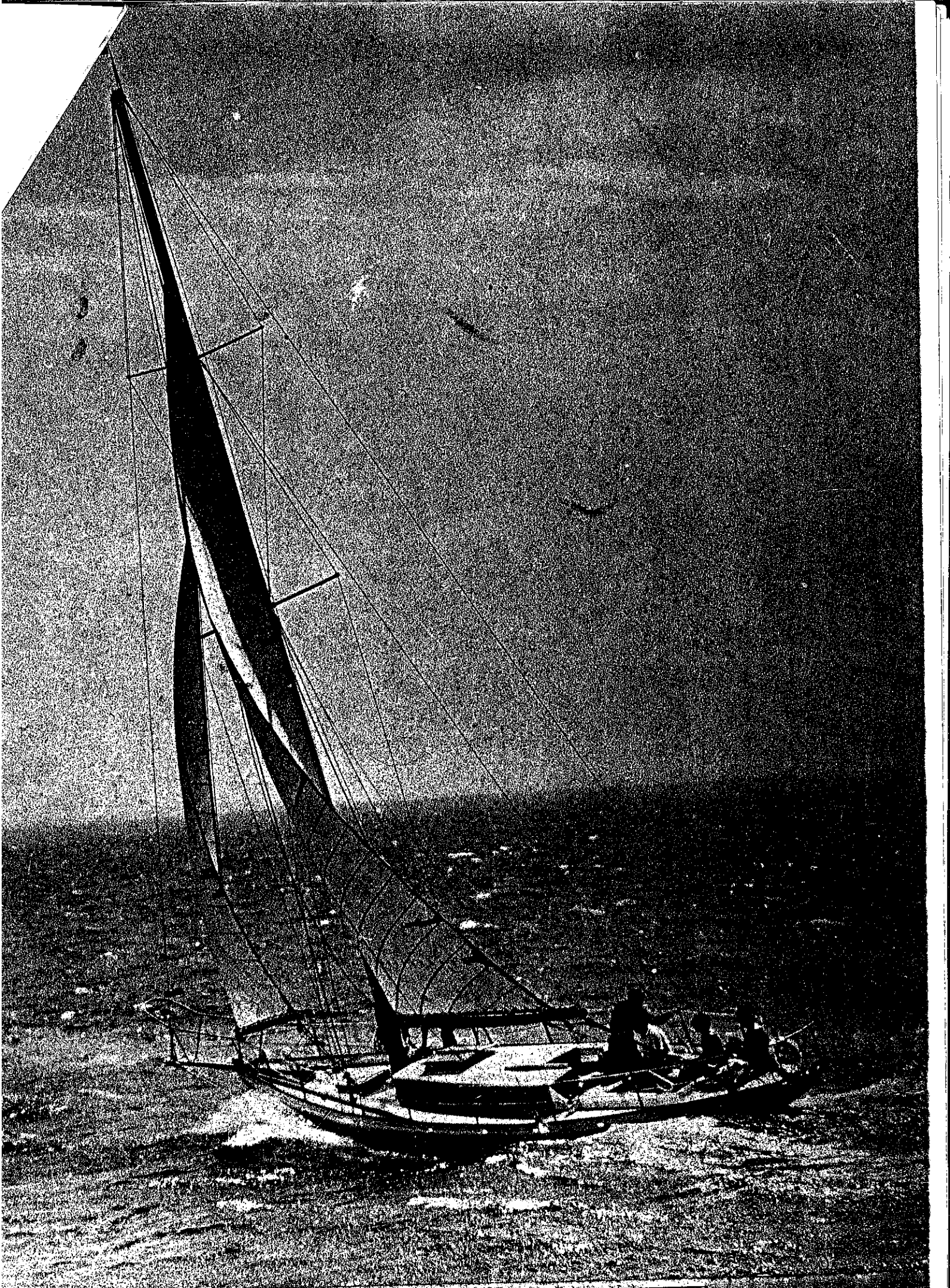
Protests. All protests and appeals to be lodged with the Club Secretary, Club House, Nelson Place, within two hours of finish of race.

ENTRIES:

Racing No.	YACHT.	Handicap.	Recall No.
S 14	SIREN	Scratch.	1
B 25 ✓	THERA	5 min.	2
B 11	VALHALLA	7 "	3
S 23	PARINGA	11 "	4
S 3	UIRA	12 "	5
P 3	S.J.S.	12 "	6
R 20	HELEN	12 "	7
B 4	JOKER	14 "	8
H 17	NATIVE	14 "	9
B 30	ERIC	17 "	10
R 28	THE RIP	19 "	11
B 22	FANCY	20 "	12
H 5	MYSTERY	20 "	13
P 10	NAMOI	22 "	14
B 52	IDLER	22 "	15
B 39	WHAKARUA	23 "	16
R 24	GENISTA	27 "	17
H 7	RIPPLE	27 "	18
B 40	VARUNA	27 "	19
H 15	JUNITA	29 "	20
P 4	LATONA	33 "	21
R 7	MAYSIE	34 "	22
PP 9	WHITE WINGS	34 "	23
H 24	SPRAY	34 "	24
H 25	ELSIE BELLE	36 "	25
H 16	ADMIRAL	36 "	26
H 22	IDA	38 "	27

Visitors are cordially invited to view the race from the Club House, Nelson Place.

J. WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.



1962

Portsmouth

YACHTING IN THE MOUNTAIN . . .

The 41ft. cutter, Valhalla, the Grand Old Lady of Royal Brighton fleet, has been chosen as the yacht of the month to celebrate the first edition of "Starboard".

The Valhalla was built in 1909 by the Armstrongs and Horace Petley for Percy Hedges, then Commodore of the Brighton Yacht Club.

Her first timbers were laid in a shed on the banks of the Yarra (approximately where the Batman Avenue Barracks stand today), and she got her first taste of water when she was launched in the Yarra and towed to Brighton.

Originally a Yawl Rig, she competed successfully for many years on Port Phillip Bay for several (unknown) owners. She was later wrecked at Brighton during a fierce storm.

Rebuilt, she sailed to Sydney before the First World War and was renamed "Eunamara II".

Valhalla bit off more than she could chew when she challenged a Sydney Ferry for right of way. Repaired once more, she was taken to Pittwater where her then owner — Dr. Stevens, Orthopaedic Surgeon, sailed her to victory on numerous occasions. She won the coveted 'Basin Cup' several times.

1950 found her a little jaded around the edge's. However, David Petley and Bruce Macgregor, who were on the look-out for a cheap yacht, found her, transported her by road to Melbourne, refitted her as a cutter, gave her back her original name, and like the true lady that she is she repaid them three-fold by winning many races and making a handsome profit for them when they sold her to her present owners.

Now 63 years of age she can perform with the best on her day, despite her present crew of Geriatrics!

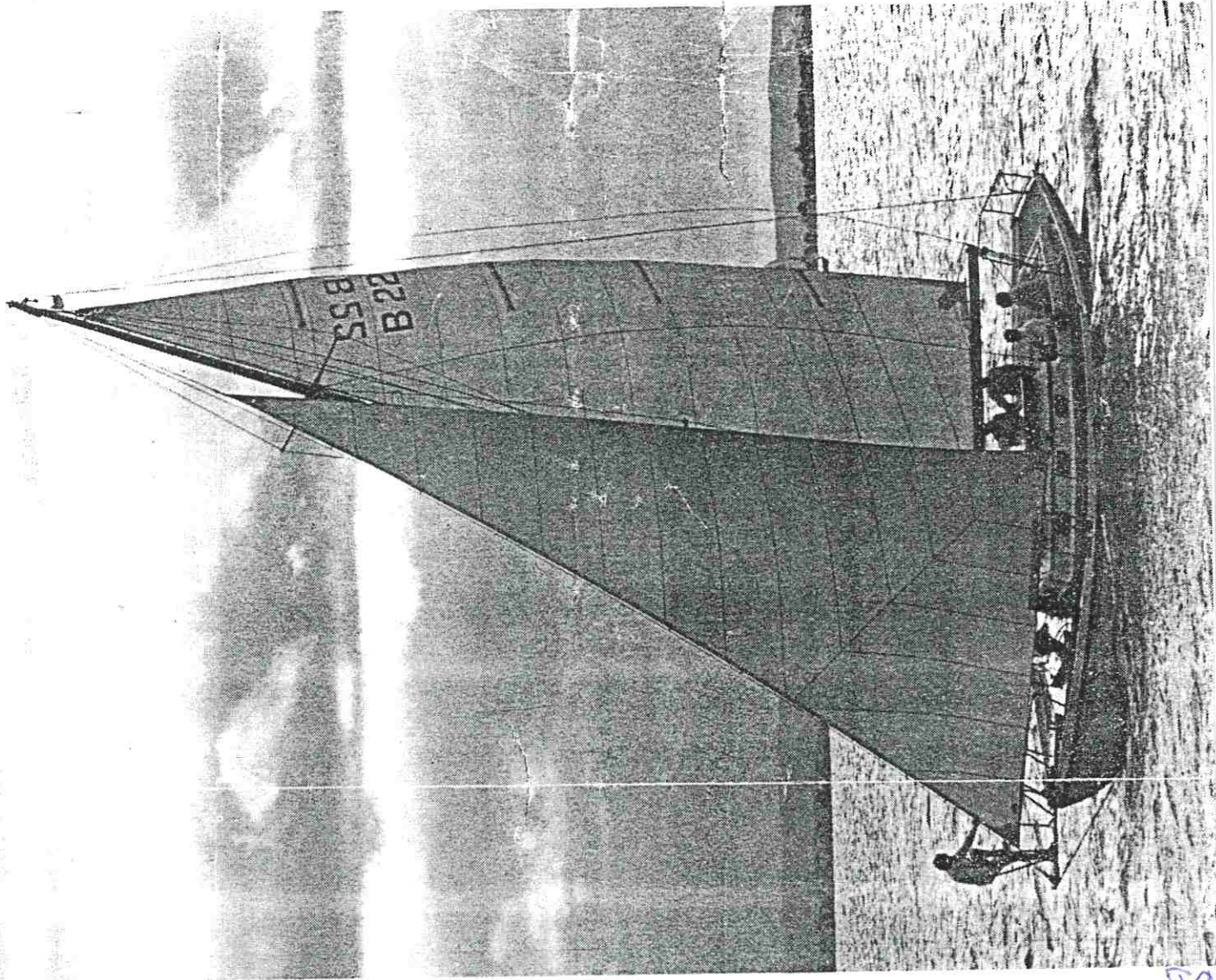
In 1969 she raced in the Blairgowrie to Geelong event, starting at 8 a.m., and regardless of a late start (crew trouble) completed the course in less than five hours.

She was the first keel boat into Geelong ahead of all entrants, and secured to the wharf at 1 p.m. Her crew — F. Moylan, E. Macgregor, K. McBriar, R. Marks, M. McEacharn, the late Ted Gyngell, J. Oliver, B. Harding and G. Taylor.

Apart from her current and notorious reputation as a Goer, Floating Restaurant and Gin Palace, she has so far produced three R.B.Y.C. Commodores; Percy Hedges, original owner, Fred Moylan, Evan Macgregor, and the present Vice Commodore, K. McBriar.

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