

14th January 1993

Commodore Barrie G. Ravell
R.B.Y.C.

*To be attached to
Dear Sir*

Dear Sir,

I am writing the following in such a way that you can read it at your presentation night tonight, if you choose to do so.

For a number of years there has been controversy about the pronunciation of the event in which you have all taken place over the last several days. One of our Members, John Willett, took an interest in this and it is to be believed that we now have a definitive answer. The two pronunciations are Stonehaven or Stonevin. Early enquiries with Government House in Victoria lead us to the protocol office. One of the people in that office happened to represent Tasmania some years back in this event and in fact, was billeted with Jack Linacre, so he took an interest and went on further to make enquiries with Government House in Canberra. Both offices are of the opinion that the correct pronunciation is STONIVAN however, the late Jack Linacre once said that at a similar presentation to the one we are having now, many years ago, Lord or Viscount Stonehaven made a statement along these lines, quote -

" I would like to clear up a difference of opinion regarding the pronunciation of my name, it is Stonehaven and it is pronounced as it is spelled, S T O N E H A V E N. "

John's view was that Jack Linacre's accuracy in these matters was probably unassailable and decided to take these matters further. He rang his brother in London who contacted the following authorities -

Burkes Peerage
The House of Lords
Garter - King of Arms

All three of these offices favoured the pronunciation as Stonehaven.

Stonehaven is a seaside town of medium size on the east Scottish coast about midway between Edinburgh and Aberdeen. It is located in the Grampian district. Because Lord Stonehaven died in Scotland in 1941 it seems that we were correct in going to this area and so two authorities were consulted. One, Lord Lyon - King of Arms - who is the Scottish King of Arms, that is, the equivalent to the English Garter - King of Arms. That office knew of a Viscount Stonehaven and assured us that the pronunciation of his name is the same as the pronunciation of the town, that is, Stonehaven.

Finally, the Grampian District Council advised that some years ago a Council Member was a Lord Stonehaven and that he pronounced his name as Stonehaven.

Barrie, hope this puts to rest the controversy and if any of the Clubs would like a copy of these details, we would be happy to supply them to you.

JOHN WILLETT

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME The Right Honorable John

Lawrence Baron Stonehaven P.C. G.C.M.G. Governor General of the

Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter called "the Donor") SENDS

GREETING

WHEREAS the Donor being desirous of encouraging the sport of Yachting in Australian waters, has donated a Cup being the Cup now in the possession of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club to be sailed for annually in friendly competition between the States of the Commonwealth AND WHEREAS the Donor is desirous of declaring

the conditions on which such Cup shall hereafter be held NOW THESE

PRESENTS WITNESS that the Donor does hereby grant and assign the said Cup unto the Trustees hereinafter nominated to be held on the following conditions :-

1. THE Cup shall be called "The Stonehaven Cup"

2. IT shall be preserved as a perpetual Trophy for the Interstate Championship of the twelve feet Cadet Dinghies or for such other class of Dinghies as may from time to time be determined in the manner hereinafter provided with respect to the alteration of any of the conditions of this Deed.

3. THE Trustees of the Cup shall be the Flag Officers for the time being of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club of the State of New South Wales or of such other Yacht Club in the State of New South Wales as may be appointed by such Club to act for the time being and the property in the Cup shall be vested in such Trustees but the possession of the Cup shall from time to time be held in the case of New South Wales by The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and in the case of all other States by the Yacht Club in the respective State which shall be represented by the Dinghy winning the Cup in the annual contest last held until it shall be held subject to such conditions for its safe custody as may from time to time be deemed proper by the Flag Officers for the time being of the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club or such other Yacht Club as may be appointed by such Club to act for the time being.

4. CONTESTS shall be held annually in each of the States of the Commonwealth in succession in the following order namely :-

Tasmania, New South Wales and South Australia and other States in