

MEMBER,

Recent events regarding the manufacture of "Maricat" have given rise to rumours and we believe it important to let you know the actual situation.

The existing sole Australian manufacturer, J & S Fibreglass (Mfrs) Pty. Ltd. have closed down operations and have ceased all manufacturing.

There are several parties interested in taking up the rights to manufacture the Maricat and the future of the class therefore is quite secure.

There does however, remain a few short term problems over this interim period. The manufacture/supply of spares for your boat will no longer be undertaken by J & S, and the Association can obviously no longer depend on them for any financial support.

Regarding spares, if you have difficulties locating a part, write to the Association at P.O. 74 Five Dock and we will either obtain the part on your behalf or put you in touch with someone who can help.

We have also negotiated for the supply of sails as the sailmaker had stocks when manufacture ceased. The Association intends to sell these on a first-in first-out basis and this will assist us to some extent financially. (We intend to make a few dollars on each sale!).

Most colours (including some white and other plain colours) are available. Prices are - Main \$200; Jib \$105; Trampoline \$90 - cheque with order please.

These are of course, class legal sails.

To further assist financially, we intend to sell advertising space in our newsletters at say \$30.00 a block and we would appreciate you mentioning this to potential advertisers.

It is during troubled times such as these that a strong and active class Association becomes so important, and you are urged to assist by rejoining for this coming season and putting a bit of pressure on that mate of yours who isn't yet a member.

P.S. Please don't ring the office bearers regarding sails & spares, the P.O. Box is cleared every day and your letters will receive prompt attention.

Sincerely, MARICAT ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

Terry McLafferty, PRESIDENT.