About the Author Jack Champ

Born in Geelong on August 6, 1913, Jack Champ has been a member of the Royal Geelong Yacht Club since 1930.

Over the years he crewed on a number of yachts including Windara, Yeulba and Eu-na-mara before acquiring the famous S.J.S. in the mid-fifties. He raced it successfully for a number of years before moving to Melbourne.

Returning to Geelong in 1978 he became a member of the Race Committee and still acts as a race official today.

In addition to having been the Editor of the R G. Y.C. quarterly journal, Seachest, for the past eight years he was Yachting Correspondent for the Geelong Advertiser for a number of years.

He has had several short stories published and is co-author of the successful war story, "The Diggers of Colditz", which tells of his own and eleven other Australian officers' experiences as P.O.W.'s in Germany during World War Two.

A retired executive of the Ford Motor Company, Jack Champ now lives in Highton, Geelong, with his wife, Pat, where he continues to pursue his writing activities.

