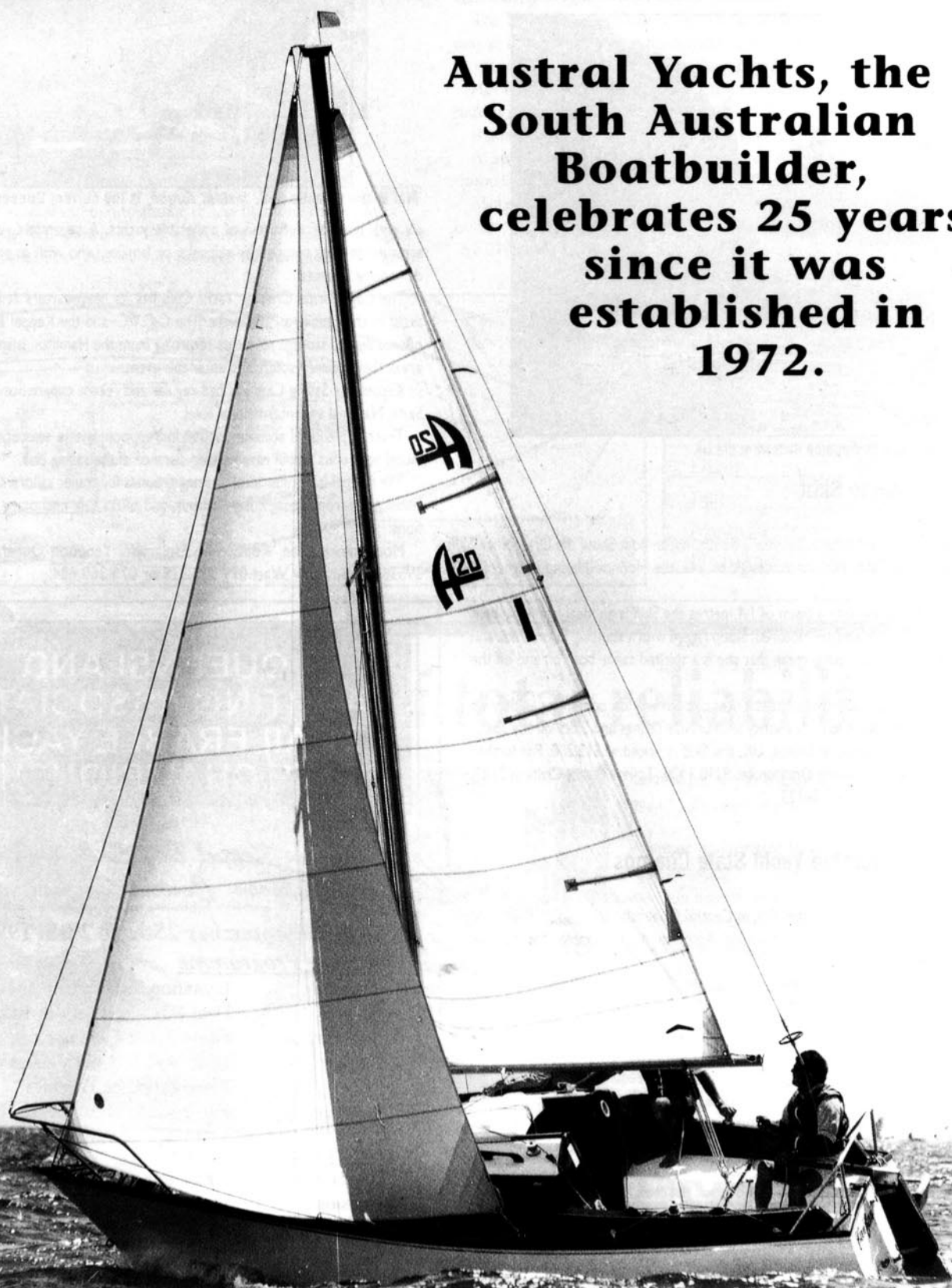




Austral's 25th

Austral Yachts Celebrates 25 years in the Boatbuilding Industry

**Austral Yachts, the
South Australian
Boatbuilder,
celebrates 25 years
since it was
established in
1972.**



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A family business, the company now employs 12 people. Austral have built over 350 yachts ranging in size from 20 feet to 40 feet, 300 of these being trailable. An association of owners has a membership of over 150 with sail training as a primary part of the association's function to encourage family involvement.

In 1979, Austral Yachts received an Australian Design Award for the design and construction of the Austral 20 and the Company received the South Australian Small Business Award in 1986.

More recently the company has focussed on the production of the Scott Jutson designed 8m Clubman 8, a trailable yacht, and in 1994 the boat won the coveted Australian Boating Industry's "Yacht of the Year Award".



ABOVE: In 1994 the Clubman 8 won the Australian Boating Industry's "Yacht of the Year" Award. **LEFT:** The modern Austral craft have built up an admirable performance record. **BELOW:** The Austral range has acquitted itself well in rough conditions.

Currently the company is engaged in meeting the demand for the Clubman 8 which has won numerous events all over Australia including the prestigious Matthew Flinders Trophy at the Port Lincoln Regatta. In almost all trailable yacht races in which it has competed the Clubman 8 has registered either first or second on Line Honours.

The Clubman 8 has won plaudits from all levels of the boating industry and owners and more recently was measured to gain a handicap rating for I.M.S. category three races. Part of the success of Austral Yachts and indeed the Clubman 8 is the company's close liaison with its owners. The association produces a regular newsletter and members are regarded as part of the family. We congratulate Austral's founders, Adrian Keough and his wife Sue, on a job well done. ■

