

SURF BOAT MARATHON.

On Friday 8th February 1963, 5 members of this Surf Life Saving Club completed a marathon row of 34½ miles in the Club's surf boat "Mark Ashton 1".

The journey being from Constitution Dock (Hobart) to Park Beach via Iron Pot and Betsy Island.

The Club members were :-

E.S *McDonald.	(Sweep)
S .Burrows.	(Stroke)
J.McLae.	(2nd Bow)
D.Cole.	(2nd Stroke)
D.Patterson.	(Bow)

The crew left Constitution Dock at 6.15 p.m. on Friday 8th February and arrived at Park Beach at 6.15. a.m. on Saturday 9th February.

The journey was incident free and took exactly 12 hours including 3. hour stopover at Opossum Bay to eat, empty water from the boat and inform supporters that we were fit and well and would last out the distance by day break. Valuable publicity was gain for the Club and Park Beach was put in the minds of hundreds of people who before this event never knew Park Beach existed.

Cliff Wright, another Club member, attempted the same journey on a surf ski in accompaniment with the surf boat. However, he was unfortunate encounter a school of porpoises which repeatedly knocked him off his surf ski. Rough water and exhaustion finally forced him to abandon his attempt at 11 a.m. on Saturday 9th February, within 9 miles of Park Beach.

On behalf of the Park Beach Surf` Life Saving Club, congratulations to these boat crew members and Cliff for a very fine effort.

E. S McDonald.
(Boat Captain 1962/63 Season)