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Greetings all RL24 members, November already, where does the time go!

The National Titles are fast approaching, so don't wait too long to get your entry in. Remember that this year there will be a penalty for late entries. Please have your entries to the Secretary by November 30th. A great time at Mannering Park will be assured for all. The NOR is available on the website, or I can e-mail you a copy if you'd prefer.

A last minute message from Jeff Germaine – he has two camping sites available at Mannering park (right on the water) for anyone who has been unable to secure accommodation. Please phone him on 03 51460707 for more information.

The Annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owner's Association of Australia will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 30th December at the Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club, Mannering Park.

The following proposal was submitted to the Secretary for inclusion in last year's AGM, but was not received in time for it to be disseminated to all members. It has been re-submitted for this year's AGM.

Proposed amendment to RL24 Class Rules and Regulations moved by Mike Reid (Sasha) –

"That the clause in part 10 of the class rules be changed in reference to the number of sails so that the last sentence reads as follows: "The suit of sails is to consist of no more than one mainsail, two headsails and two spinnakers"

(Current Class Rules & Regulations contains the word 'ONE' spinnaker)

Explanation :

The class rules currently only allow one spinnaker but 2 head sails. I assume this was written to allow for the use of a storm jib with a reefed main in strong winds when racing. No-one seems to do that anymore. Flexible masts, fully battened mains now mean RL's can be sailed in almost all conditions by a competent crew when racing. What is needed however is the ability to carry more than one spinnaker during a regatta – or even during the one race – especially if the wind changes dramatically during the series or the race. This will allow for a greater degree of flexibility when confronted by winds too strong for a normal kite or too close hauled on a reach. I would like to see the development of reaching kites, or code zero's, on lighter days to make the RL more competitive with over rigged boats like the Castles. I have found it possible to fly a small code zero to windward in winds below 5 – 6 kts and use the same kite as a "chicken kite" around 15 – 20 kts. The RL is a development class – this would be a good way for it to develop.

Mike Reid

Remember that if you wish to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member. Annual fees were due and payable as at 1st July this year.

For any further information regarding any of the above, please contact either myself (Jane) or the President (Darryn).