THE RL24 OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1975

- * HI HO TO ALL 104 MEMBERS.
- * OUR LUCKY 100th MEMBER was GREG THEAKER, (Sail No. 60, Brisbane). He received a beautiful carved teak tray.
- * OWING TO THE EXORBITANT COST OF POSTAGE AND DUPLICATING, THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS NOW \$6.00.
- * Well our Second National Championships are over and the Title is now held by "COOLIBAH" (Sail No. 79, Barmera, S.A.). Skipper Barry Arnold and his expert Crew sailed most consistantly in all 4 Heats and were certainly the Masters in the light conditions prevailing. Their Boat is very efficiently rigged, using an unusual forward runner system on each side to control the Mast, also Barber Haulers on the Spinnaker Sheets.

Four different Boats won each of the four heats, with "SCARLET LADY" (Des Stanaway, Sail No. 29, Brisbane) last years Champ' not being able to get amongst the leaders. She is normally a very good heavy weather performer.

HAROLD PEACOCK, "SOUTHERN CROSS" (Sail No. 3, Southport) showed his usual off the wind skills by winning the second heat which was a long run from Tipplers Passage to The third heat was won by BILL MACINTOSH, "AQUILA" (Sail No. 31, Southport) whose Boat was going very well in light conditions, and lost the Final Heat only through

JOHN GREEN, "SANGRIA" (Sail No. 34, Southport) sailed an excellent race in the Final However, "COOLIBAH'S" high placings and consistent sailing Heat to win by seconds. won them the series.

OVERALL RESULTS WERE... 1st "COOLIBAH" Barry Arnold, Barmera S.A.

2nd "SOUTHERN CROSS" Harold Peacock, Southport Old.

"SANGRIA" John Green, Southport, Qld. 3rd

"TIKI" (Sail No. 91) Geoff Cue, Rockhampton, Qld.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO SKIPPERS AND CREW.

The 'Wooden Spoon' Trophy went to Eric Richardson, "HARRIER" (Sail No. 57, Southport) who normally sails her single handed.

Bruce Castles, "SUNDANCE" (Sail No. 100, Sale, Vic.) won a special Trophy presented by 'SEACRAFT' for the Boat which travelled the greatest distance, approx. 2400 miles in

- * Incidentally, the series was covered by 'Seacraft' and will be in OCTOBER issue.
- * There were 26 entrants in all and the standard of sailing and sportsmanship was extremely high and it was a most pleasant Series.
- * The cruise prior to the Cahmpionships was a great success in spite of the windy conditions. Bruce Castles made it to Peel Island whilst the other Boats cruised in the vicinity of the Main Passage.
- * AN IMPORTANT MATTER ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS...
 - A motion was carried to the effect that the existing Office Bearers stay in Office until the next A.G.M. to be held during the next National Title series at Lake Burrendong, N.S.W. in JANUARY, 1976.
- * Further matters from the General Business will be brought up in our next Newsletter in November.
- * Both Victoria and South Australia have applied for the 1977 National Titles.
- * PLEASE: If you sell your Boat, would you kindly advise me of the new Owner's name and address.
- Your **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH** If you are keeping cool while the rest of the Crew are losing theirs, it's quite likely you just don't understand the situation.

HAPPY SAILING,

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