

THE "RL24" OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1975

- ** HI! Membership now stands at 97, the latest Member hailing from far off Weipa, Queensland. Someone will soon be the LUCKY 100th Member.
- ** To the date of writing, there have been 24 nominations from four States for 'Gold Coast Week'. The deadline has been put back to the 13th August owing to the Mail Strike.
- ** As a result of thorough investigation by the V.Y.C., we now have an official yardstick of 92, which seems about right.
- ** No doubt about those North Queensland Boys! Jim Glover, (AMANDA JANE, Sail No. 24) from Rockhampton sailed in a race with the Capricornian Cruising Yacht Club last month in quite a large Fleet from Yeppoon to Keppel Island. It was a beat all the way with Jim taking out fastest time by fifteen minutes. Congratulations Jim, see you down here for the Championships.
- ** Paul Hopkins, Editor of Seacraft, and our Association Patron, will be up from Sydney for the Dinner and racing. Also, John Anderson from North Sails and Olympic Gold Medallist will try and make it if he's back from the Admiral's Cup series in time.
- Owing to the exorbitant proposed rise in postage rates, I have decided to Publish the Newsletter bi-monthly, this should also eliminate the need to increase subs.
- ** Sorry to hear Doug Laity (STREAKER, Sail No. 104, Vic.) had a bad fall from a tree. You'll just have to give up bird watching Doug. Hope you are soon on the water again.
- ** IMPORTANT: Owing to some confusion over Spinnaker pole lengths, a motion was carried at the last Meeting changing the rule to read as follows:-
"The official length of Spinnaker poles including fairings shall not exceed 8'9" (2.667 metres) to take effect immediately."
- ** Last years National Championship winner, Des Stanaway, (SCARLET LADY, Sail No. 29, Brisbane) is going to modify his Boat to rate I.O.R. He has been racing very successfully in a strong fleet of mixed keelers including 4th place getter in the 1/2 ton section at the last National Level Ratings Regatta. The result could be quite interesting if he can keep his rating down to 18'.
- Well we'll be launching our "APACHE" next week end. I can hardly wait to get back into hard racing again, it DOES keep you fit you know, both in mind and body. Take note Ladies.
- ** We feel a bit silly about this, but we cancelled out of the Sydney Boat Show, as we found out when we rang last week that we did not have our Stand under cover and Rob & I didn't fancy standing around all day and night for a week outside. We WILL make Brisbane I'm sure. The Boat we had ready for Melbourne, Sydney and now Brisbane is really beautiful and her name is "RUNAWAY BAY".
- ** THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH... The best bilge pump in the world is a frightened Woman with a bucket.

Happy Sailing,

JUNE LEGG,

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