



ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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— NEWSLETTER —

— OCTOBER 1977 —

This Newsletter is, I fear, somewhat abbreviated compared with normal issues and is also long overdue. The reasons for this lamentable situation have much to do with the Corbens' absence on holidays (with *Tintarri* of course) and the post-vacational shock we suffered returning to Melbourne from Queensland. It has taken some time to adjust to the impact of shoes, socks, ties and suits, to say nothing of the tortures endured on the 7.35 from Syndal station each morning, but I have recovered sufficiently to pen just a few lines about the more important issues facing our Association at present. Later, when I can concentrate for 30 seconds or so before my mind wanders back to the Whitsunday Passage, I'll attempt something a little more substantial. In the meantime, my apologies for the brevity of this offering.

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Trapeze Referendum — The Result

Bruce Lewis, the Association's Secretary, has informed me that the result of the trapeze referendum is as follows:—

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| Supporting the case FOR | 46 |
| Supporting the case AGAINST | 48 |
| Total | 94 |

In view of this result, trapezes or other hiking devices are not permitted on RL24's competing in class races. Action is in hand to modify the Class Rules and Regulations and copies will be forwarded to all owners with the next Newsletter. As a matter of interest, the voting pattern was as follows, the State of origin of the vote being identified from the postmark on the envelope delivering it.

| STATE | FOR | AGAINST | TOTAL |
|----------------|-----|---------|-------|
| NSW | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| VIC | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| QLD | 21 | 9 | 30 |
| SA | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| WA | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Unidentifiable | 1 | — | 1 |
| TOTAL | 46 | 48 | 94 |

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owners Association will be held on Monday 9th January 1978 at the Lake Bonney Yacht Club commencing at 8 p.m.

Agenda

- * Apologies
- * Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held at Sale on 10/1/77
- * Correspondence
- * Treasurer's Report
- * President's Report
- * Determination of Venue for 1979 National Championships
- * Election of National Committee/Office Bearers 1978
- * General Business
- * Close

The Association's Constitution requires that thirty (30) days notice be given of any motion which seeks to amend the Constitution or Class Rules. Members wishing to move such a motion should forward appropriate details to Bruce Lewis, 33 McGhee Street, Sale, 3859 to reach him by Friday 18/11/77. This will ensure that the details will be circulated in the next Newsletter which is scheduled for distribution on 25/11/77.

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Measurement

National Measurer, Bruce Castles, has reminded us that all competing boats at the Barmera Nationals will require a valid Measurement Certificate. Boats previously measured and which have not had alterations or replacements made to their measurable gear will, of course, still be eligible, but new boats and those with altered or replaced sails, etc., will need to be re-measured. Contact your State Secretary or Measurer for details.

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Queensland State Committee

At the recent AGM of the RL24 Association of Queensland, Peter Jackman was elected President, while Rob Legg took on the Vice Presidential job.

Col Feuerriegel kindly accepted the duties of Secretary and June Legg was elected Treasurer. Bill MacIntosh is Measurer (still!) You can contact Col at 88 Church Road, Zillmere, 4034 (phone [07] 263 1984) and Bill at 66 Imperial Parade, Labrador, 4215 (phone [075] 31 4278).

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W.A. State Committee

The W.A. Association held its AGM at the South of Perth Yacht Club on 21.6.77 and the following were elected to the Committee:

President: Jim Elliott
Secretary/Treasurer: Norm Griffiths
(Phone 30 4414)

Measurer: Bill Waldby
Committee: Sandy Penny
Ron Vincent

YAWA Representative: Heleri Waldby

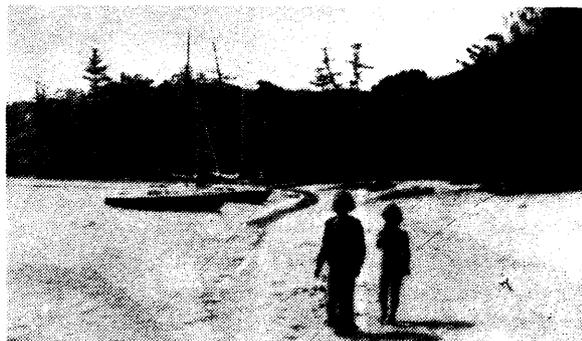
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Beg, Borrow or ?

Peter Cochrane, for'ard hand and resident aerodynamic consultant aboard Bruce Castles' *Pegasus* is wondering if there is anyone, preferably from Victoria, who would be willing to allow him, and his wife Isobel, the use of an RL for a couple of weeks in order that they (the Cochranes) might join the Castles and Corbens on a cruise on the Coorong and Lake Alexandrina after the National Titles. Peter, when he's not rushing around the foredeck on *Pegasus*, spends his time quietly teaching pilots to fly F111's, Mirages etc. and is in Australia on loan from the Royal New Zealand Air Force. Sadly (for us) Peter is returning to NZ early next year and it would be nice if he could see the fascinating Coorong area from the vantage point of an RL24. If you wish to discuss the matter further with Peter he can be contacted quickest through Bruce on (051) 44 2639. Incidentally, Peter has a car suitable for towing an RL.

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Cruising Corner



Story without words. *Scud*, *Tintarri* and two Corben kids (Timothy & Tarya) on a falling tide at Hazelwood Island.

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Epilogue

As you will have gathered from the introductory paragraph of this Newsletter, the Corbens, in company with Geoff and Arch Olney, have been on holiday – 2 months cruising the Whitsunday Passage and Moreton Bay. Understandably, the impact of this experience has been considerable, but the most outstanding feature was the warmth and abundance of the friendship and hospitality extended to us by other FL24 folk. People we had never met before took us into their homes, accommodated us, cruised with us and stopped us on the side of the road for a yarn. If the hallmark of the RL24's is good design, then the distinguishing feature of their owners is friendliness and companionship and I hope members will not accuse me of abusing journalistic licence if I seek to use this paragraph to convey our warmest thanks to those who added such an impressive further dimension to our holiday.

**RL 24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
LAKE BONNEY YACHT CLUB
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