

THE "RL24" OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

President :

Secretary



How lucky can a President be - here I am risen to the rank of National Pres but, alas, for only four months when, like Alice, I must revert to a pumpkin. (Missed something in the translation somewhere!)

Hello to you all: I've read with interest the past Newsletters and the problem I have is that there is just so much happening that in order to get to the publisher I must be rather short.

State Titles are on this weekend, September 15-16. We have three races, all to count, organized by the Palm Beach Sailing Club and we expect 15 starters - could go as high as twenty. We know of the remaining five boats but they're fairly new and will learn with time. Anyway, we have nine paid starters as of tonight (Monday).

The Nationals - Have written to Speers Point Sailing Club and asked could they assist us to put on the titles the second week of January, 12th to 18th 1980. At the meeting in Queensland at the National event, N.S.W. was granted the privilege of staging the 1980's on Lake Macquarie, so your race committee chose Speers Point after a nicely worded "No" from Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. Lake Macquarie is an immense lake 60-70 miles North of Sydney and 20 miles south of Newcastle (BHP's home - well sort of). I sailed Lake Macquarie from Tranto when Tranto Sailing Club staged the World 505 in '76 and can vouch that it is an excellent almost non-tidal venue and the Northern end affords clear air from all directions.

As I said, we have not heard officially from S.P.S.C. but the timing will remain constant, January 12th - 18th. We thought the timing gives us all time to get over the Christmas dinner, the first week to drive north, south, east, settle down, sniff around and then enjoy the sailing for a week. Wal Curry, whom many know, is an "old Speer Point" boy"; Wal hastens to point out this was 20 years ago, so I guess local knowledge doesn't count. S.P.S.C. has beautiful launching areas, a camp site 100 yards from the club house, a pool for the youngsters and a complete suburban shopping arcade with Woolies is within walking distance.

Your hosts, the N.S.W. Group (where it all happens) will organize activities on the off days such as a walk around BHP's Steelworks, a visit to a grape farm, or a spectater day watching the RAAF Mirage jets landing and taking off at Williamstown - enough!

I will write next month with more details but for the moment that's all about the Nationals.

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Chris and Lou Bray. A special place must go in this National Newsletter regarding Chris and Lou. As many of you may know, Lou is Secretary of the N.S.W. Association and his wife Chris is Treasurer. Due to circumstances, the operation of the NSW Division moved steadily north until we now have a Class of RL's racing with the Palm Beach Sailing Club and Lou and Chris and myself have found it increasingly difficult to get together, particularly as Lou and Chris have moved further south. Therefore, Lou and Chris will resign to the meeting to be held on Saturday 15th September. I think Jim Lees summed it up when he said "If Lou leaves the '24's, it will be some loss". Lou sailed with the NS14 and brought many ideas with him and along with Peter Yeomans is one of the more inventive sailors.

Chris leaves as Hon. Treasurer to continue her work with the Botany Bay Yacht Club where next February and March she is the Y.A. Secretary for the Olympic Trials for the FD's, Tornados, and 470's. A full time job indeed. Our State Association must thank Lou and Chris for the time and interest they've shown.

For the role of Hon Treasurer, a nomination is in from Don Mullen, RL 253 "GENESIS" and for Hon. Secretary, Bill Seale, RL 198. Don is relatively new to sailing but is willing. Bill has sailed "BAGGYWINKLE" for some time and this is his first effort at the Hon. Secretary position. I'm sure we'll all assist Bill.

Insurance. Please find a copy of a letter from Burt Wholohan of the City Mutual. The National RL 24 Association must take advantage of this offer. We insure our '24's through City Mutual and the National body gets the kick back commission, and this could amount to real folding money. Since being President of the NSW Association, I have contacted various insurance companies trying to get a better deal but to no avail but if these rates are the same as you are now paying we, the National body, get the commission. I have no association with the City Mutual at all but think this is a great idea. Burt sails a TS 16 so is well informed on the needs and demands of sailing people.

In summing up, I am pleased to write this first note, and introduce our racing committee.

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Regards,



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Dear Mike,

Re: RL.24 OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Following your visit last week we are happy to confirm our earlier offer of an insurance scheme for your Association. We would suggest that it operate on an annual basis, say from 1st October, as does the TS.16 cover. The rates charged are basically the same as before but include Stamp Duty and Third Party Liability for \$100,000.

The attachment is a suggestion for an inclusion in your Newsletter to inform the Members. I have sent copies to my Branches interstate so that they are aware of our thoughts. Can you let us know what your Members think at the earliest opportunity. I shall be back from leave on Monday, 24th September.

Yours faithfully,

BURTON J. WHOLOHAN,
MARINE UNDERWRITER.

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Your Committee has negotiated with THE CITY MUTUAL GENERAL INSURANCE LIMITED an insurance policy to cover members' yachts which we believe is an excellent proposition and recommend that you consider the following.

The City Mutual General Insurance Limited has already such a cover in force for the Hartley TS.16 Association of Australia. In fact the TS.16's have been with City Mutual since 1968.

Cover is provided whilst the craft is ashore or afloat on inland and coastal waters of Australia against the risks of Accidental Loss or Damage from Fire, Stress of Weather, Stranding, Sinking, Collision, Road Accidents, Theft and many other contingencies. Also at no extra cost the policy includes Racing, Land Transit cover, Loss Overboard of the Outboard Motor, Loss and/or Damage to Non-Standard Equipment (provided same is listed on the proposal) and Third Party cover up to an amount of \$100,000.

The rate for this cover is 2% including Government Stamp Duty, for example, for a sum assured of \$8,000 on Hull, Equipment and Trailer, the premium inclusive of Stamp Duty would be \$160:00.

The policy is free of Excess the only deduction being for Mast, Spars and Sails blown out whilst racing. These claims will be met subject to the following deductions:-

Mast, spars & sails less than 1 year old	Full amount claimed
over 1 year but less than 2	deduction 15% on repairs or replacement cost.
over 2 years	deduction 30%.

The advantages for Members entering an insurance cover such as this are:

1. You get the advantage of a collective policy which means cheaper rates.
2. You deal with a Company which is experienced in this area and whose personnel understand boats and sailing.
3. You do not lose your individuality and dealings are direct between you and the Underwriter both for insuring your yacht and settling claims. There is no middle man involved.
4. An Agency has been arranged in the name of the Association resulting in the Association receiving commission on all Members' policies. This will provide a regular source of income which will be for the benefit of all Members.

It is suggested that the Master Policy be issued from 1st October and will be renewed each year on that date. Members wishing to join the scheme can do so by paying a pro rata premium from expiry of their present policy to 1st October. A scale of premium will be prepared for Members joining during the policy year.

Members wishing to take advantage of this should contact the Association or City Mutual (Ask for Burt Wholohan, their Head Office Marine Underwriter in Sydney) or any of the Company's Branches. City Mutual is well known as an all Australian Company servicing the needs of the people for over 100 years.

SUBJECT : PROPOSED NEW RIG INCORPORATING INCREASED ALLOWABLE SAIL AREA
AS DISCUSSED AT THE SANDGATE NATIONALS A.G.M. 1979.

It is proposed to allow in the forthcoming season (and State/National Titles in the 1980/81 season) that all RL24's sailing in open competition to increase their sail area in the following manner:-

1. Limit the mainsail to its approx. present plan with a maximum measured area of 13.1 sq.m.
2. Increase the measured total sail area to 23.0sq.m. primarily by the addition of a larger headsail to the rig for better light air performance. Overlap not to exceed 150%.
3. Headsail halyard height to be limited to 5,600mm above the cabin top and three headsails to be allowed while racing.
4. Increase the spinnaker size to 25sq.m. measured area and halyard height to be limited to 6,000mm above the cabin top and two spinnakers to be allowed while racing.

Note : RL24's with standard rigs could bring their boats up to date by the addition of a headsail of the following approx. dimensions:-
Luff 6,200mm Foot 2,400mm Leach 5,600mm

Outline of proposed new headsail

