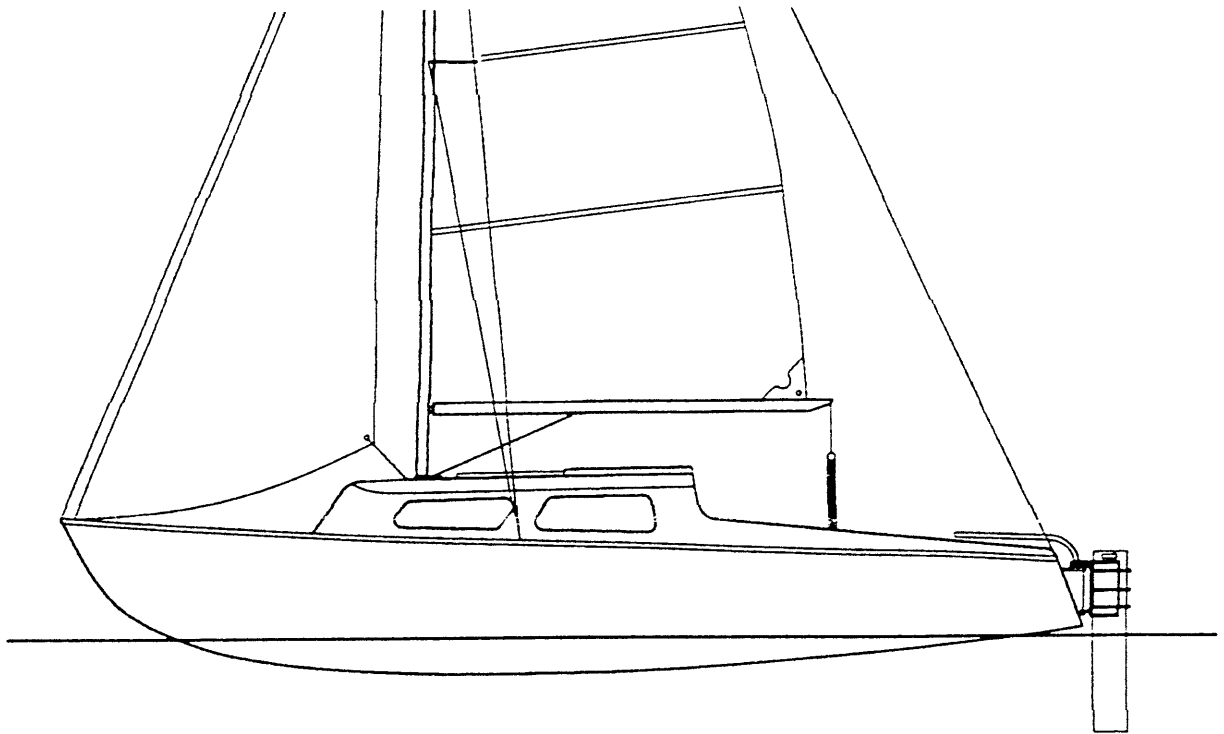




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NEW SOUTH WALES NEWSLETTER



RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat

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Bruce.

regards Michael

NEWSLETTER

April 21, 1980

THE NATIONALS AT SPEERS POINT

The Australian Championships were sailed in what was considered ideal conditions. Speers Point Amateur Sailing Club must be congratulated in "turning to" and providing excellent conditions. Hot breakfast and an evening meal were available in the club rooms, the hot showers did not falter and the club rooms were open until 10.30 p.m. making socialising easy. The pub 200 yards away made socialising even easier.

We camped 20 yards from the waters edge and when the southerlies came in it was waist deep to secure our RL's. The weather was mostly favourable and our interstate visitors soon found how to sail in \pm 4 knots - a character building exercise, I always think. We had two good southerlies (one whilst having a Wal Curry/Viv Davenport organised wine and cheese lantern sing song - and a good westerly with some gusts up around 35-40 kts.

The Sunday invitation race was dampened somewhat by rain which fell from start to finish. The courses seemed to be excellently laid - at least no one complained. Some barging occurred at the start of race 2 with many calls of "up up". Seemed the top boats were trying to see how far they could push each other. Anyway, nothing came of the only protest and the starter's boat remained unscathed. The starter's boat was a 40' motor cruiser and it was an impressive sight to see full size pennants being used for the 10, 5 and start guns. The morning and afternoon races certainly gave variety to the racing with more than sufficient time to rebuild spinnaker poles and make adjustments.

PRIZE GIVING

The local pub seemed to outdo itself. We asked for a standup buffet tea but the pub in an effort to impress made it a sit-down for the same price. We endeavoured to make the prizes go as far as possible and included the crews of the winning boats. The general comment was that the prize giving wound up a most successful series.

Our committee's thanks go to the untiring efforts of Peter Yeomans and his parents, Bill, Don, Bob Hill who made several trips to ensure the camp site was smooth and organised and Viv who acted as a delegate from up north.

The Association thanked S.P.A.S.C. by donating a ten gallon stainless steel tank to the Speers Point Club suitably inscribed with an RL 24 sticker. Thanks once again to Bill Seale.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday and on the suggestion of Bruce Castles and Wal Curry and the unanimous vote of all present on the Sunday, the A.G.M. was brought forward to 9.00 a.m. on Friday. The minutes of the meeting are attached. Our thanks go to Keith Perry for his correct interpretation of the constitution and the meeting generally for the quick manner with which the items were despatched.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Our executive look like coming up with the following dates for the '81 Nationals - 10th to 17th January 1981. Venue is in the hands of the Victorian Association and may be on the Hume Weir at Albury (If we launch on the southern side, then we'll be in Victoria!!!). Anyway, keep it free. The State titles are to be held at Port Kembla's hot showers as well as on Lake Illawarra during September ~~20-21~~, 1980. (Now that Gwandalon Aquatic Club is affiliated with Y.A. maybe 81 could be there - only a suggestion. Ed.)

Oct
11-12

Barbecue at El President's. 1A Davidson Avenue, Warrawee (480 519) Saturday 10th May. All RLers and friends are invited. BYO at this stage - if we time for 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, we should not get too cold - anyway we have a games room. RSVP - May 10th 8

Tune-up Race- Sunday June 1. We need at least six RL's for tune-up races and I can get the expert services of three sailors to assist. If you are interested, let me know. This exercise is aimed at helping the second group- you know 'us not them' - Peter Yeomans, who sold Lorna Dee to John Curry, may assist but I rather think he'll be flat out on his new RL for the big race June 15th. Thanks anyway, Peter. It is also aimed at a tune-up for the Pittwater Islands race June 15th.

The rules are quite simple fortune-up racing. Promptness is essent 1 so is discipline. One boat sails four boat lengths to leeward and one boat length ahead and then both RL commence to beat for say 15 minutes or until one has an obvious advantage. The the race is called off and free comments must flow and adjustments made. The process is then reversed and repeated and so on and so on. Three hours should see it all over.

Sponsorship/Prizes. I guess you cannot start too soon to get moneys in for both the State and National titles. Our committee has decided to approach many and varied concerns for either promotional grants or donated prizes. We want to spend around \$400 to advertise the Association and so one aim is to get this figure donated in money or in kind. Anyway, all stops out, if you have any suggestions contact Michael Stevens, Bill Seale, Don Mullen, Peter Yeomans or Wal Curry. We'll follow up with discretion, of course.

Membership Fees - are now due at least by June. \$11.00 to Don Mullen \$5 to National and \$6 to State Association.

RL Seminar at Elstrom. The night was disappointing since we had only seven RLers from a mailed list of 30. It was excellent in that Mike Fletcher and Carl Grande gave 3½ hours of sail talk, how to start on a crowded line, and many other small tricks. We had many visitors with a good cross section of Trailer/Sailers. Sonata 8, SC 23, Careel 18, Hood 23, etc. Thirty people attended in spite of the petrol shortage. A follow-up will now be the tuning races. Our thanks go to Mike, Carl and Elstrom.

Insurance - Insurance is available through an arrangement between the RL 24 Owners Association of Australia and City Mutual Insurance Company. This arrangement ensures that the Association is the commission agent and receives moneys each time a policy is taken out. The policies are very competitive at 2% of insured value and include racing cover, etc. etc. AND THE ASSOCIATION GETS THE COMMISSION. This cover is Australia wide so please avail yourselves of it. We just received a cheque for \$165, not bad, but that's for some 10 boats out of 90 Association members. Now come on - your committee wants at least 30 boats by this time next year. All claims are settled by Burt at City Mutual and he sails a TS16 so you're even dealing with a sailor. We can't do anymore!!

COMMENT

The National Titles provided some good direction and showed the development of the Class over the next few years. At the A.G.M. it was voted to keep the present sail plan restricted to 20 sq.m. This was a sensible decision since it now means that the Class will develop in other ways. It is now evident with the big move of top boats to bendy rigs, fully battened mains and flexible forestays and the advice of Michael Coxon from North Sails. There is no doubt that firm cloth and matched masts will make the class gallop in open competition while still keeping the one design concept.

GENERAL

Bob Hill leaves shortly for some weeks in the Whitsunday. Happy hols, bob, Irene and Gordon and dog. Just be back for the Pittwater Island race June 15th.

Michael Stevens
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Note: St Georges Basin Sailing Club
Race, Saturday 3rd May and 4th May
11.00 a.m. Beach entries.

MINUTES CONTINUED FROM NATIONAL MEETING

1980 Committee

It was proposed that the existing National Committee stand for another twelve months term of office.

Moved by Bruce Castle
Seconded by Keith Percy - carried.

National News Letter

It was agreed that a National News Letter should be published every three months commencing March '80.

Mike Stevens made mention of the increasing numbers of trailable yachts being stolen and recommended that we print sail numbers of missing boats in the News Letters as boats are almost certainly transported interstate for sale.

New Committee Aim for 1980

To have the RL 24 Owners Association of Australia registered as a National body with the Australian Yachting Federation.

As there was no further general business the Meeting was declared closed at 10.26 am.



Bill Seale,
Hon. Secretary

RACE RESULTS

	<u>Heat Results</u>							<u>Final Points</u>	<u>Place</u>
GERONIMO Viv Davenport	10	7	11	8	6	8		• 47	8
ZEST Alan Chambers	11	8	11	3	13	10	7	50	9
TROIKA George Backhouse	3	1	6	8	4	5	3	21-3/4	4
NIMBUS Ian Hollins	13	14	14	4	10	8	13	62	12
WHITE POINTER Ben Scalippa	10	12	15	9	12	-	14	72	13
PEGASUS Bruce Castles	2	2	2	1	3	4	5	13-3/4	2
AMAZING GRACE Wal Curry	6	4	4	12	6	7	9	36	6
NO OPTION Firtz Mueller	19	18	17	15	17	15	20	101	18
SANS SOUCI Frank Inmon	9	7	10	13	15	12	6	57	10
SUNDANCE II Warren Walters	5	6	1	7	1	2	2	16½	3
B'WINKLE Bill Seale	15	16	16	14	19	18	16	95	17
OHAU-RUA Jack Walsh	4	5	8	6	9	11	12	43	7
ARTFUL DODGER Bob Hill	16	13	-	17	18	14	15	93	15
LORNA DEE Peter Yeomans	1	9	3	5	2	1	1	12½	1
JO JO Nick Maher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLIND FREDDY Geoff Oldfield	14	11	9	dis	7	9	10	60	11
LOTHLORIEN Keith Perry	17	17	-	-	20	19	17	111	20
BLAZE Colin Goyne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIREN K. Jorgensen	Did not start								
BLUE WANDERER Peter Mullen	21	21	13	dnf	14	17	19	105	19
RUTHLESS Mike Stevens	18	19	dnf	10	16	13	18	94	16
FLAMINGO R. Branks	Did not start								

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<i>CAPTAIN HOOK</i> Ray Hooker	7 3 5 2 5 3 4	• 22	5
<i>GENISIS</i> Don Mullen	20 20 dnf dnf dnf dns 26	129	21
<i>12 O'CLOCK HIGH</i> Peter Croft	12 15 12 16 11 16 11	77	14