



# NATIONAL NEWS



## DECEMBER

### 1984

#### RHYLL ORGANISATION.

Mick Shannon reports that everything is set for a memorable get-together of RL24 people at Rhyll. Traditionally National Regattas have been loads of fun - renewing friendships with like minded people you only see once a year, relaxing and enjoying a whole week of sailing. This year will be no exception. The hospitality of Rhyll Yacht Club is well known to all Victorian RL crews and we can look forward to plenty of off-the-water enjoyment. Apart from the giant welcome barbeque and the presentation dinner, you can go to a rock night (as in rock and roll!), picture night, penguin parade, beach picnic or just do your own thing around the club barbeque. About 25 to 30 entries are expected from Gladstone to Adelaide. If you are still wavering and might make a late decision to be in it, you can make a late entry right up until January 5th - costs just \$10 more than entries received at December 1. Ring Mick Shannon (03-8902122) if you want accommodation - he has contrived to keep a few beds available for last minute entries. Also Mick would like all visiting skippers to know that several crew persons will be available from Rhyll members, many with previous RL24 experience.

If you have not had an opportunity to get your measurement certificate up to date our measurers have kindly agreed to measure sails at Rhyll on Sunday 6th January. See Ken Rainey or Doug Lee for assistance. So....everything is set for a magnificent series. We have organised a unique trophy for the 84/85 champion, one which any RL24 owner would be thrilled to have, however although the ultimate result of a championship regatta is the crowning of a champion, our regatta is a much more rounded affair. The RL24 is a family racer/cruiser and although there is always a gun boat and a number of top racing boats that are always in the lead bunch, the average Joe has his own personal goals. He enjoys the challenge of improving his performance against boats of similar standard, and inevitably comes away from the series able to do better in his club racing, handle his yacht more safely, and with a host of new tuning and fitting out ideas gleaned from the diverse range of RL owners from around the country who only get together once a year to exchange views, ideas and outlooks.

January 5th 1400 hours - tune up race.  
January 7th 1000 hours - moment of truth.

#### PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS.

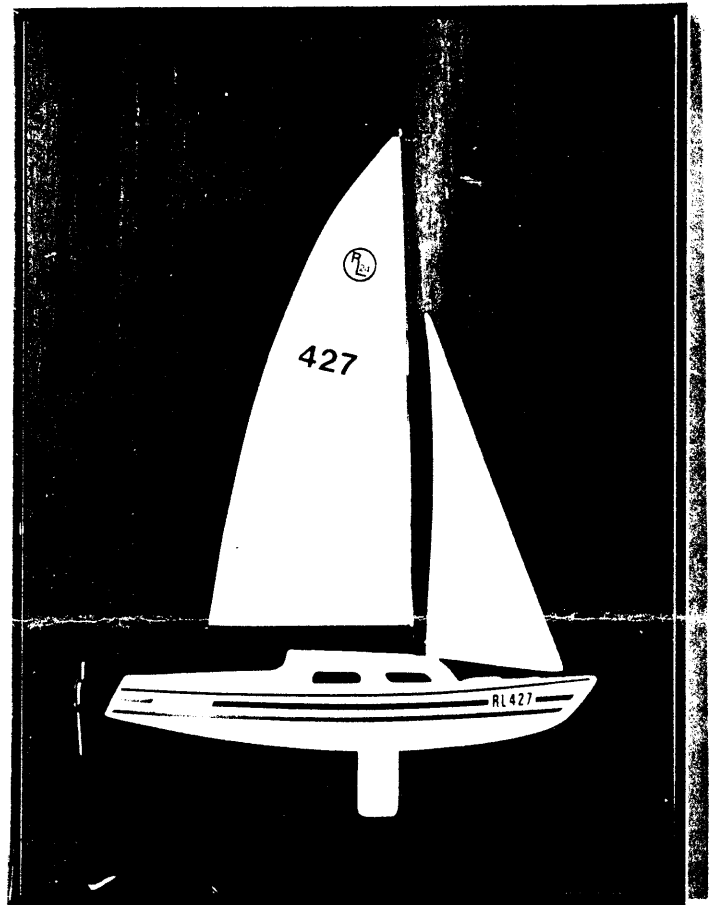
1983/84	Rod Young	Dump Truck
1982/83	Peter Yeomans	Dump Truck
1981/82	Bruce Castles	Pegasus
1980/81	Peter Yeomans	Streetcar
1979/80	Peter Yeomans	Lorna Dee
1978/79	Ken Hackett	Sasha
1977/78	Barry Arnold	Coolibah
1976/77	Barry Arnold	Coolibah
1975/76	Barry Arnold	Coolibah
1974/75	Barry Arnold	Coolibah
1973/74	Des Stanaway	Scarlet Lady

#### RL24 WALL PLAQUE.

A beautiful plaque of an RL24 in silhouette, faithfully to scale, can be supplied to order from Fathom Design Enterprises, 77 Beach Road, Sandringham 3191.

This model may be ordered with your sail markings, colours and yacht name. Prices range from about \$70 to \$100 depending on finish and detail required. Data for the model has been supplied by our Association but orders must be made direct with the model maker.

Photo shows typical plaque, manufactured from polystyrene; the hull and sails assembled separately on either acrylic, laminate or timber. Actual size is 457 mm x 343 mm.



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#### SEASONS GREETING.

We wish all our readers throughout Australia a joyous Christmas and a successful New Year.  
Go sailing and come alive in Nineteen Eighty Five.

## CORRECTION.

Notice of Motion No.5 re Mast Height, to be put to our AGM at Rhyll, printed in our October National News with a slight blur so that 8.3 meters could be read as 9.3!!  
The correct figure of course is 8.3.

## MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES.

In the process of up-dating our measurement register we have come to realise that the Association records are in a pretty sorry state. Ken Rainey has taken on the important job of sorting out our measurement register, issuing certificates on a re-designed form, and keeping the records current.

## MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE.

This annual classic which attracts trailable yachts from all over Australia (and even New Zealand) is on again this season on the Victorian Labor Day Weekend, March 9th. Entry forms will be posted late December to previous entrants, or by request from the Lake Wellington Yacht Club PO Box 825, 3850. The last few years have seen between 25 and 30 RL24's entered - fourth largest class entry behind Hartley, Boomerang and Sunmaid. Can we crack over 30 this time? It's a spectacular happening and the RL has a great record in its class. See you there?

## YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATION.

Did you know that evidence of an active and viable national class association has a significant effect on the status of your class among yachtsmen? It follows of course that the value of your investment is enhanced.  
Apart from ensuring that annual championship regattas are staged, a class association endeavours to continually improve its yacht in other ways. For example most associations affiliate with state yachting authorities and so keep abreast of safety measures, handicapping procedures, and many detailed yachting developments. Associations act as a communications vehicle allowing members from diverse locations, sailing on very varied waterways, to exchange ideas, problems, information, aimed at making yachting more enjoyable.  
Associations are usually run by a small committee of about three enthusiasts. But no matter how enthusiastic is this small band, the result will be dismal unless there is a good, sustained response from members. "You reap what you sow" is a most apt adage. There is plenty of indication at present that the RL 24 Owners Association is becoming complacent. With a new committee due to be elected next month there will undoubtedly be a fresh approach to running things. New enthusiasm generated by the comradeship existing at the National Regatta is often shortlived unless a measure of response is forthcoming from members - YOU. So this is an impassioned plea from your current committee to get behind next years administration. Please think about communicating - a paragraph of RL gossip, an account of a cruise, race reports, accidents on the water, criticisms, jokes, photos, go fast ideas, fittings and gadgets, gear for sale, things that went wrong, rules, handicapping, what you would like to see changed. Don't just grizzle about it to your family - write about it.

## FOR SALE.

RL24 MK1 5 Sails.  
S/S Stove. 8 H.P. Mariner Aux.  
On heavy duty Gal. Trailer.  
Mast and Rigging just 12 months old.  
Excellent record for racing, or cruising.  
All in Al condition. Asking \$9500 O.N.O.  
Phone (051) 471530.

## FOR SALE.

Swing Keel, 180 Kg ex Mark III  
Price negotiable with Trevor Jones.  
Phone. (031) 44-4936

## VICTORIAN NEWS.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Victorian Association AGM will be held at the Rhyll Yacht Club at 7 pm on Friday, January 11, 1985.

### SUNDAY ISLAND RACE.

The annual race at Port Albert, circumnavigating Sunday Island, again attracted a large fleet of trailable yachts this year. Five RL's were entered and revelled in the moderate breeze with Pegasus (Bruce Castles) sailing his usual consistent race to finish 2nd over the line, 15 seconds behind a well sailed Noelx and third overall on corrected time, only seconds ahead of Russell Wallace's Karingal. Understand Russell is delighted with his new sails! Lowana VI is reported to have an excellent underwater shape for picking up the Port Albert kelp??

### GEELONG TO QUEENSLIFFE.

About 12 RL's took part in this Annual Trailable Yacht classic. The very light conditions resulted in a shortened course even though it was downhill most of the way. The finish at St. Leonards saw Lowana VI the 8th yacht across the line closely followed by the 9th yacht - Pegasus. We do not have corrected time results but the Shannons must be well in it on Lowana's performance.

## N.S.W. NEWS.

Norm Rodgers writes from Lismore, news of sailing on the Richmond River :

"Our club is now racing eight 24's and one 28 with another 28 being fitted out. A Norge 23 with RL24 topside modified with standard mast and sails is expected to take to the water this month. Robb Legg has offered a trophy for the RL class to be awarded on a handicap basis. Currently Rob's previous boat Sequoia is off scratch at .713 with slowest boat off .622.  
Our collective data would seem to support the view previously expressed in 'National News' that the drop keel racers are under-rated at half percent faster than the swing keeler. It may well be that .713 is a realistic rating for comparison with other race designed trailer classes which raises the question of re-rating the swing keelers around .703 or so.  
We usually race over a 5 nautical mile course near the mouth of the Richmond River at Ballina. Three laps in average breezes is completed in about three hours. We have the option of expanding the lap distance up to about eighteen nautical miles by sailing up river as far as Wordell where the Pacific Highway spans the river. Unfortunately the river is not sufficiently wide to set a large triangular course but we can set small triangles for variation and currently have ten variations of the standard course in addition to the long lap options. In good weather it is quite safe to venture to sea.  
Ballina has good holiday facilities and is popular with cruising yachtmen. It may be possible for us to recommend it as a site for a championship in the future "

## S.A. NEWS

South Australian RL24 Association President Dick Clampet reports his Association alive and well with 20 owners on the membership list including boats sailing at such far flung places as Coffin Bay Whyalla and Barmera.  
Don't see these 20 on our National Membership register but hope to correct this situation soon. Good to see a representation of South Australians entered at Rhyll - no less than 5 boats making the trip across. Of course interest should be quickening in South Aussie RL circles with the 1985/86 Nationals scheduled in January '86 at Brighton/Seacliff club on St. Vincents Gulf.

## QUEENSLAND NEWS.

Where are you June?

RL24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.LIST OF MEMBERS AS AT DECEMBER 1984.

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>SAIL NO.</u>	<u>BOAT NAME</u>
R.S. HIGGINS, 60 Arkaring St. Black Rock. 3193	20	VALENTINE
GERRY THEUNISSEN, 43 Wheelock Way, Carnarvon.6701	24	BUSHRANGER
GRAHAM McDONALD, 6 Parwan Court, Frankston. 3200	25	SOLITAIRE
STUART FARROW, 603 Nepean Highway, Frankston.3199	40	BLUE BAYOU
RODNEY SMITH, 60 Arinya Rd, Ashgrove Qld. 4060	62	WINDJAMMER
M. & E. KENNETT, Kamarooka Stud, M/s 224 TOOWOOMBA 4350	64	ANOTHER RUM GO
BRIAN HALLETT, 97 Tiwi Gardens Rd. Tiwi, N.T.5792	70	TEQUILA SUNRISE
REG ROBERTS, 24 Myrtle Gve., Altona. 3018	76	DRUMBEAT
RUSSELL WALLACE, 13 Bridges Ave., Trafalgon.3844	98	KARINGAL
KEN HACKETT, 155 Poster St., Sale. 3850	102	SASHA
GEORGE KRUPINSKI, 35 Nangiloc Cres., Werribee	103	TOUCAN
C. & J. BLACKNEY, Bass Highway, The Gurdies. 3984	105	TIMTARRI
PETER TRIGGER, 17 Dubarry St., Sunnybank Hills. 4109	107	YOGI BEAR
BO. WHARTON, 10 Little St., Fannie Bay. 5790	108	E17
JOHN GOVAN, North Road, Pearcedale. 3912	109	LA MANCHA
PHILLIP SPENCE, 83 Park St., MONA VALE	110	ALICIA
CRAIG EINAM, C/- 17 Damper Dve, Andergrove Qld	111	SAFARI
CHRIS LAIRD, 40 East St, Yallourn North 3838	112	LADY JANE
BRUCE BOWMAN, P.O. Box 567 WARRAGUL. 3820	113	FINISTERRE
G.N. VAUGHAN, 43 Ringwood St. Ringwood. 3134	115	LOWANA IV
BRIAN WAGER, "Ingleden" Rowbotham St, Toowoomba 4350	124	WINDSONG
RON McINTYRE, 25 Faussett St. Albert Park. 3206	126	ALMITRA
WARREN J. STUBBS, 7 Henry Bull Dve, Bull Creek. 6155.	134	SWAGMAN
JAMES CLARK, 65 The Promenade, Isle of Capri.4217	135	TRUE BLUE
BRUCE CASTLES, 12 Willow Crt., Sale. 3850	152	PEGASUS
WIM STEENLAND, 19 Markham Ave., Runaway Bay.4216	153	SUMMERDREAM
GEOFFREY GRONOW, 21 Huntingfield Rd.Brighton.3186	158	HAPPY DAYS
J. & C. MAW, 120 Cole St., Gardenvale. 3185	162	LENARO
WAL CURRY, 7 Iris Ave., Coniston Heights. 2500	163	AMAZING GRACE
DEREK HALE, 5 Antares Ave., Sale. 3850	169	JEWELTIME
D.R. TAYLOR, 4/467 Canning Hwy, Melville. 6156	176	BAGHEERA
RAY SCOTT, 170 Johnson St., Maffra.	181	KINA
BILL YOUNG, 3 Downer Ave., Stirling. 5152	182	GALATEA
CHARLIE WEBB-WAGG, 27 Mumford St., Wagga. 2650	187	SEA WEBB
WARREN WALTERS, 7 White St., Gladstone. 4680	188	SUNDANCE
GRAEME REIFFEL, 231 Flynn Cres., Dampier. 6713	189	PHOENIX
ROBERT MOLLAH, 69 Sunset Rd., Kenmore. 4069.	192	WORIPPA
JACK WALSH, 35 Powercourt St., Maffra. 3860	199	OHOU RUA
T. & S. POTTER, 22 Elcon Hill, Willetton. 6155	206	SUSIE
KEN DUGGAN, 5 Hyde Crt., Mulgrave. 3170	207	SHAMROCK
DAVID CAMERON 76 SOLWAY ST ASHBURTON 3147	201	TAPUI
TERRY CREST 5 CUTBERT ST SHEPTON PARK	FLIB	LATONA

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>SAIL NO.</u>	<u>BOAT NAME</u>
R. HILL, 386 Pittwater Rd., North Ryde. 2113	213	ARTFUL DODGER
JOHN CURRY, 16 Dallas St., Keiraville. 2500	214	LORNA DEE
D. & J. McARTHUR, "Greenvale" R.S.D. 1/285 Derrinallum.	3325	217 BANANA BOAT
GARRY HOPKINS, 9 Ryan Ave., Maroubra. 2035.	218	KINKY
COLIN GOYNE, 23 Jagara St., Aranda. 2614	225	BLAZE
PERCY LONG, 18 Meynell St., Salisbury. 4107	227	SEA CHICKEN
C.J. EDWARDS, P.O. Box 49, Underwood. 4119	228	12 O'CLOCK HIGH
KEN RAINEY, 14 Allambie Rd., Sale. 3850	231	SPLICE
R.R. ARMSTRONG, 6 Paul Ave., East Keilor. 3033	244	SOLACE
D.P. MULLEN, 13 McEwan Ave., Winston Hills N.S.W.	2153.	253 GENESIS
D. & J. EDWARDS, Waratah Rd., Fish Creek. 3959	263	RAMENA
R.G. COLLINS, 241 Alderly St., Toowoomba. 4350	300	TECUMSEH
TERRY WILLSHIRE, 16 Armidale St., Stuart Park. N.T.	301	ONE WAY STREET
DON LEWIS, 333 Springvale Rd., Donvale. 3111	305	JACQUI
TREVOR JONES, 17 Dugan Street., Sale. 3850	307	CASPER
S.A. STANFORD, 45 Westbrook Ave., Wahroonga. 2076	308	HAREM SCAREM
GARY LEETE, 9 The Outlook, Heathmont. 3135	309	PINNOCHIO
T. & W. JUDD, Park St., West Wyalong N.S.W. 2671	311	OREB
C. DISMORR, 1 Brett Street, Gladesville. 2111	315	HYPERTENSION
ROSS CORBEN, 161 O'Connor Rd., Knoxfield. 3180	332	ANITRA
WILLIAM HAYES, 8 Derinya Dve. Frankston. 3199	336	SUBLIME
G.P. GRAHAM, 7 Oak St., Lugarno. 2210	337	RIESLING
ROWAN SMITH, 25 Doynton Pde., Syndal. 3149	338	ALICIA II
ALLEN WHITE, 2271 Moggill Rd., Kenmore. Brisbane. 4069	339	MARILYN M.
M.T. O'KEEFE, 19 Halls Road, Myrtleford. 3737	342	BERNAMAREE
DONALD B. HOYLAND, 16 Ashmore Ave., Pymble.	343	REDHANDED
R.L. SEDGWICK, 35 Howard St., Hollywell Qld. 4216	344	VALHALLA
R.B. CLAMPETT, 16 Wilpena Street, Eden Hills. 5050	361	FINESSE
DAVID PARMENTER, P.O. Box 316., Gladstone. 4680	400	F. TROOP
ROB & JUNE LEGG. P.O. Box 50. Runaway Bay. Qld. 4216	401	SEQUOIA ?
BARRY AITKEN, 22 French St., Croydon. 3136	402	LOWANA V
ROD YOUNG, 3 Moore Lane, Gladstone. Qld.	404	DUMP TRUCK
C. GATT, 6 Civic Pde., Altona. 3018	405	BUNYIP
PAT MAHON, 24 Wattle Ave., Beaumaris. 3193	409	BUMBLE BEE
NORMAN ROGERS, P.O. Box 730, LISMORE. N.S.W. 2480	412	TIGRESS
DOUG LEE, 68 Hinkler Rd., Glen Waverley, 3150	414	ARCHENA
F.J. LUCAS, 235 Imlay St., Eden. 2551	415	RADICAL LADY
ROGER GLASSON, Teven Rd., Alstonville. N.S.W. 2477	422	MACUSHLA
A. & J. KIER, 9 Arkana St., The Gap, 4061.	423	PHANTOM II
MICK SHANNON, 30 Watt St., Box Hill. 3128	427	LOWANA VI
MICHAEL STEVENS, 1a Davidson Ave., WARRAWEE. 2074	505	TREASURE ISLAND
D. ANTHONY, 30 Emu Ave., Altona. 3018	999	JO JO II
K. & L. WESTACOTT, 200 Namatjira Dv., Chapman. 2611		
D.B. McLEAN, Bowan 4805. P.O. Box 697		
VIV DAVENPORT, RMB 557 Jilliby Rd., Wyong. 2259		
ALISTER RUSSELL, 58 Morgan Ave., Mt. Warrigal. 2528		PARA HANDY
JEFF OLNEY, P.O. Box 202, Silvan Rd. Mt. Evelyn. 3796		
GEORGE MILLER, 76 Fortescue Cres., Dampier 6713	HH33	VANSONG
B.J. HALL, 28 Ewell Ave., Warradale. 5046	240	BENTLEY
IAN MAHONY, 13 Kallaroo St., Corlette, N.S.W. 2301		SERENDIPITY
JOHN ROUTLEY, 16 Statesman Ave., E. Burwood. 3151		
K.J. BLUME, 57 Wyomee Ave., WEST PYMBLE. 2073	253	HUGO
BILL MUNRO RIVERBANK RD PIMLICO 2478	401	SEQUOIA
MARK STEINMULLER 52 TIVOLI HILL RD N. IPSWICH	408	
FRED & MARGARET WRIGHT, 26 Karina St., Frankston. 3199	SM8	MOONBIRD
TERRY WAITES, 5 Wadham Pde., Mt. Waverley. 3149	107	DON QUIXOTE