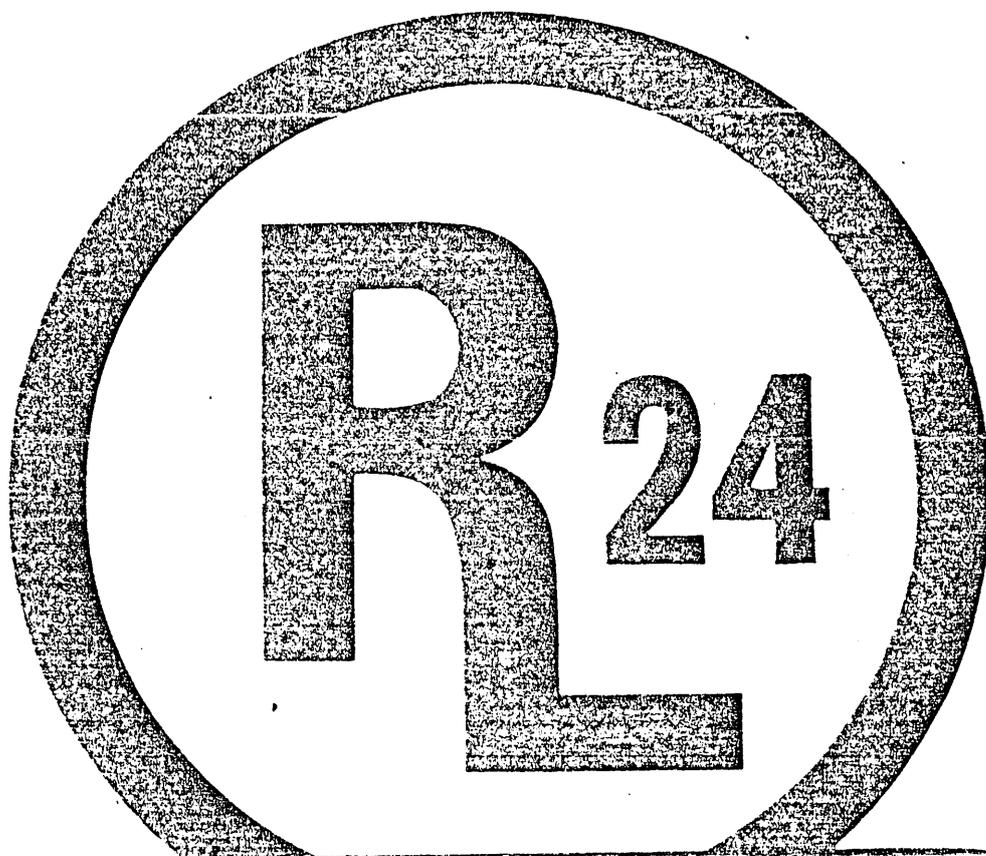


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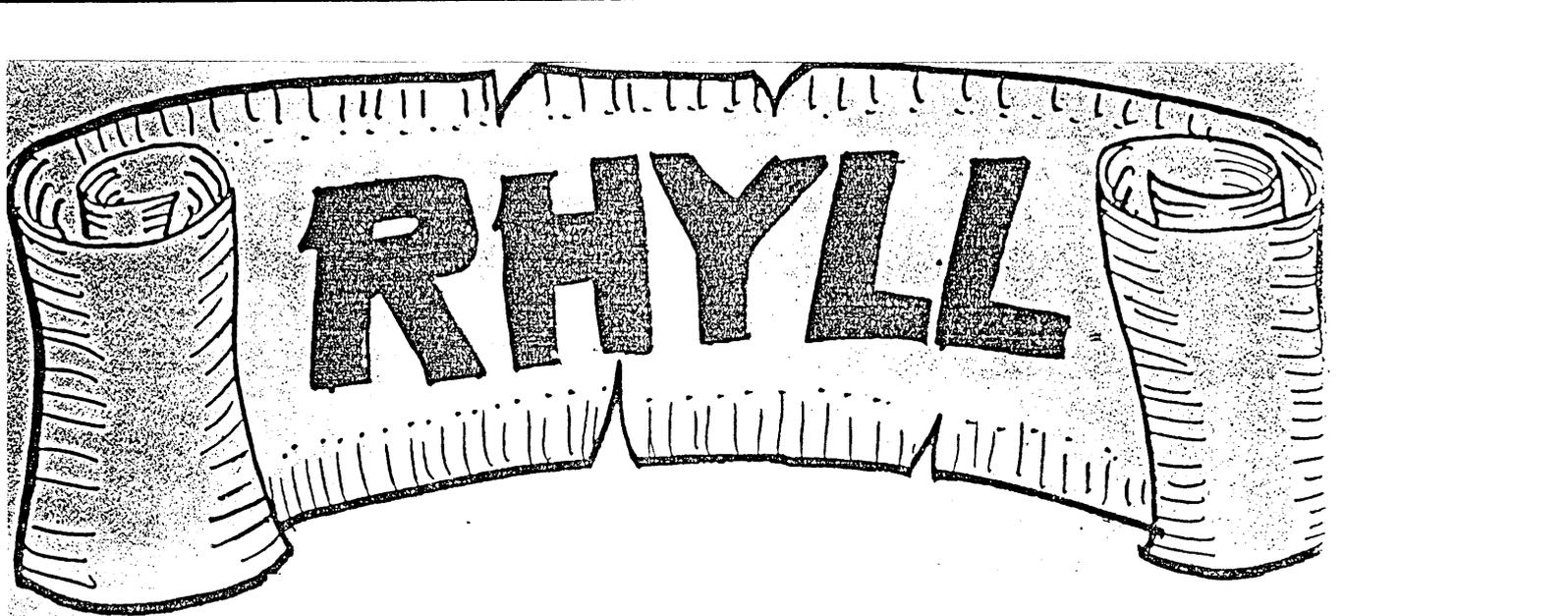
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CONGRATULATIONS BARRY AITKEN  
NATIONAL CHAMPION 1985/86

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# RHYLL

THE ANNUAL R L 24 ASSOCIATION

VISIT TO RHYLL.

22nd & 23rd February, 1986

Our major social event of the year is on again. Old members wouldn't miss it. New members shouldn't. Bring your family and/or crew and enjoy the following events -

PROGRAMME.

Saturday 22nd February.

2PM. Social handicap race in conjunction with Rhyll, Newhaven and Cowes Yacht Clubs.

EVENING.

Barbecue at Shannons. Presentation of "Olneys Gong" - meet the great man himself. Presentation of Victorian Title trophies and also the famous "Piddling Trophy".

Sunday 23rd February.

10AM. A.G.M. RL 24 Association of Victoria.

11.30AM. Short cruise to Silverleaves Beach where you can bask in the sun (sun has been guaranteed) and eat a picnic lunch.

Barbecue.

All food provided. BYO drinks. Any help with the salads gratefully accepted.

Accommodation.

Camp in your boats on the nextdoor block or book a van or tent site at Swan Bay Caravan Park (059) 569220. Book NOW.

There are no entry forms or entry fees, just good sailing and good company.

Ring Mick Shannon

(03) 890.2122 for further details.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1985-86.

A disappointing fleet of only ten boats braved the rather cool conditions at Portland between Christmas and New Year. However those who came enjoyed fantastic sailing conditions with fresh winds and flat water.

The hospitality and facilities at Portland were superb and the racing was close, the final result being in doubt until the last races.

Special mention should be made of the three Portland boats sailed by Clyde Aley, Ian Crisp and Terry Thomas, who despite lifelines (a local rule), old rigs and swing keels moved progressively closer to the leaders as the series went on and will be a force to reckon with in future series. John Govan sailing Doug Lee's old boat La Mancha with a new rig showed flashes of real brilliance but unfortunately had to miss the last two races. Jack Lucas new boat "Radical Lady II" is certainly radical and also showed enormous potential but gear and other problems limited her performance.

The real improver was Geoff Vaughan in his new boat "Liason". Geoff won the third heat and was always close.

RESULTS.

PLACE	SKIPPER	PLACINGS					POINTS
1	Mick Shannon	2	1	3	1	2	5½
2	Barry Aitken	1	3	Dsq.	2	1	6½
3	Geoff Vaughan	3	4	1	4	3	10¼
4	Bruce Castles	4	5	2	3	4	13
= 5	Jack Lucas	5	2	4	DNF	DNS	22
= 5	Clyde Aley	6	7	5	6	5	22
7	Ian Crisp	9	9	7	5	6	28
= 8	Ross Corben	8	8	7	7	DNS	30
= 8	John Govan	7	6	6	DNS	DNS	30
10	Terry Thomas	10	10	9	8	7	34

NATIONAL TITLES.

Barry Aitken after a close second in the Victorian Titles dominated the National Titles to win six straight heats. Victorians dominated the series gaining the first four placings with Bruce Castles 1 point ahead of Mick Shannon and Geoff Vaughan ¼ point away in fourth place.

In desperation the South Australians challenged your team to a drinking competition and we also won that by a "leg of the course".

The next Nationals are in Joh's country - Gladstone in January 1987 - further details of this and the Adelaide results in the National Newsletter.