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VICTORIAN NEWSLETTER

RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat

PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE.

This is just a quick newsletter to remind you of coming events, and (hopefully) encourage your participation. There has been quite a few interesting events held this year, some of which are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you or the club in which you are involved has a race, cruise or outing which may be of interest to fellow RL24 owners we would love to hear from you. I would like to see this newsletter used as a forum to exchange ideas, inform members, advertise events, fill crew vacancies, buy, sell and generally benefit members.

I hope to put the next newsletter out in mid July, (don't hold me to it, you haven't seen my diary!!!) So put pen to paper and send your articles to me to make life easier. The next newsletter will be a National one, and will have more information about National RL24 Week. (Won't it Bruce?)

Unfortunately I have to work over Queen's Birthday Week-end so *The Sting* will be at the Lakes without me. Hope you can make it. A good time is guaranteed.

Sue Graham.

NEWS FROM LAKE WELLINGTON.

A very successful regatta was held over the week-end of 27/28th. April with a strong fleet of 24s. The regatta was the annual **K.R.Rainey Trophy** for personal handicap boats. *Ohau-Rua, Wings, Lowana VI, Sasha, Streetcar, Encounter and Anitra*, as well as a dozen Tasars and a dozen mixed T.S. competed.

Not often you get 4 Australian National Champions in one race! (It was very unusual for *Pegasus* not to be sailing or it would have been 5.)

So you can imagine how hot the racing was, with a different winner for each of the 3 races. However the RL fleet had to lower their colours to a very well sailed *Castle 650, Time Bandit*, sailed by past Commodore Barry Phillips.

On Saturday there were many brilliant "acts" put on by each boat crew.

The RL owners should consider this week-end next year as LWYC has free camping facilities and excellent racing. (The wind did not exceed 8-10Kn for the entire W/E.) The Rainey Family have been long supporters of the RL24 class and this regatta has been named in (the late) Ken's honour.

On the club championship front Bruce Castles in *Pegasus* narrowly won from a *Sonata 26*, with the result going down to the last race of the year! (A good result seeing a lot of the club championship races were held in light winds.)

We have yet another RL, *Anitra*, with new owners Peter & Corin Howman. The boat is no stranger to LWYC, but the Howman family are from Western Aust.

While still on the East Gippsland results, *Sasha* won the GLYC Easter Classic. The competition was very hot. Ken is still the master but he is being very hotly pursued by a number of good RL sailors.

The RLs are still a very popular class at LWYC and anybody wanting to come up next year would be assured of plenty of good racing, and lots of help and advice.

Don't forget National RL24 Week from the 4th-11th. Jan. 1992, incorporating the Aust. National Titles. We plan to have a host of other activities for the non racing members, with tips on improvement, cruises, social events, gear swaps etc. More news on that to come.....

Denis Shelton. (Encounter.)

GEELONG TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB.

The GTYC is proving very innovative with many quite different events on it's calendar. The 11th. May will see the Steam Boat Cup sailed. This is a single or two handed race sailed at Corio Bay. Last year saw a modified version sailed due to 35kn. winds. All entrants who sailed coped very well, including RL24 reps. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this year.

A few weeks ago the Annual Huff & Puff Race was held. This race is along the lines of the Three Peaks race. Three sailing and three running legs form the race. This year a Castle 650 took first place. Your right, we cannot allow the Castles to keep on winning. So... Next year we hope to get a few RL24s in the race.

Although he doesn't know it yet, *The Sting* has first option on Paul McNichol (*Sublime*) for one of our runners!!! Paul has been training for long distance races, after a bet between Police Stations.

Start getting fit now!

WESTERN TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB.

Despite the sale of *Lowana IV*, the RL24s still have strong representation at WTYC. The recent pilgrimage to Yarrawonga saw several RLs battle it out for placings in the Easter Classic and Sternchaser.

STERNCHASER.

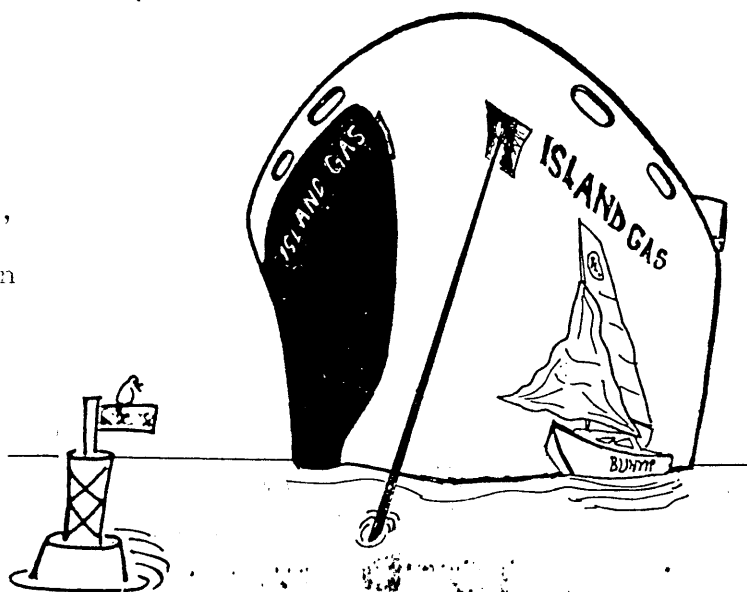
1. *Manana* (W Stephan)
2. *The Sting* (L Graham)
3. *Lowana V* (D Lewis)
4. *Bunyip* (R McCrindle)
5. *Reflections* (S Holligan)
6. Farr 750
7. *Fisher of Men* (P Borg)
8. *Jacqui* (R Mellor)

EASTER CLASSIC

- Comet 20
Manana (W Stephan)
Reflections (S Holligan)
Fisher of Men (P Borg)
Farr 750
Boomaroo 20
Jacqui (R Mellor)
The Sting/ Bunyip

These are personal handicap results, and as you can see the RLs are prominent in the club.

A recent cruise from Stony Pt. to Sandy Pt. saw 3 RLs and a Boomaroo enjoy a peaceful sail/motor in very light conditions. We later checked out down town Tankerton on French Is., but won't be booking for a holiday! The accompanying cartoon represents an incident which occurred that day. You will have to ask Ron about it!!!!



BOAT SHOW REPORT

Our association decided at the AGM to support the Boat Show again this year. It will be held from July 4th-10th. 1991.

Lloyd Graham will be organising our exhibit and will be in touch with members nearer the time to arrange assistance. As has been the custom in previous years members will be required to man the stand (free entry!!).

CONGRATULATIONS.

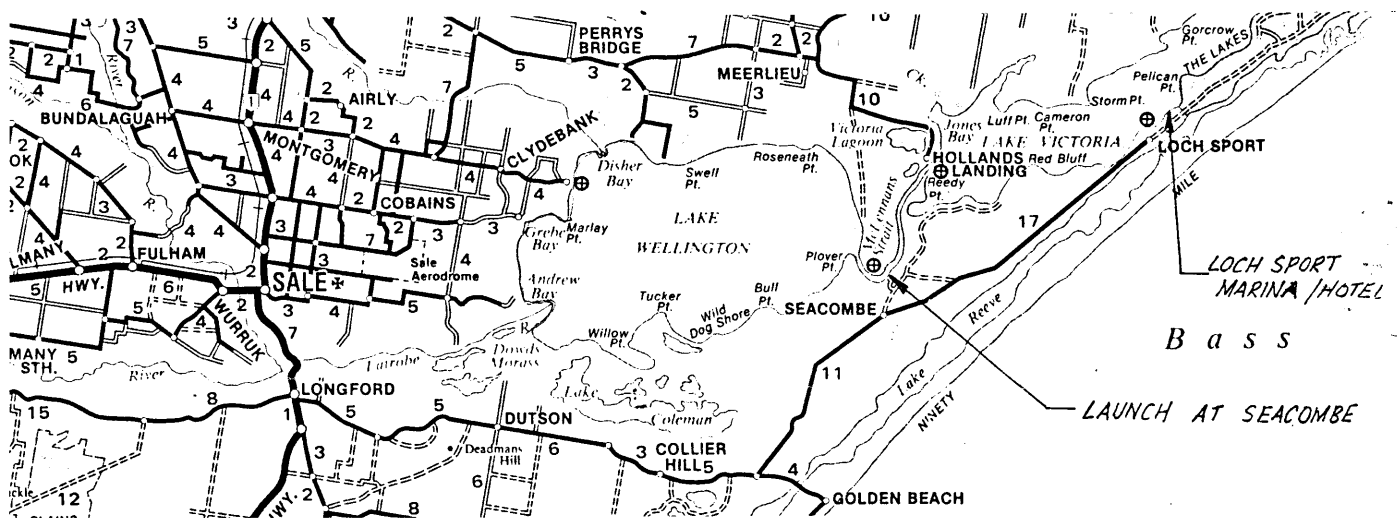
To the Corbens on the new addition to the family. Ross had to go to Queensland for the delivery, but says it was worth it. No doubt the new arrival will keep the family very busy (and poor) for the next while. Yes, it is a new RL24 which should be ready for the water later in the year. It is still in it's "generic" state as the list of names on the fridge grows ever longer!

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK-END.

By popular demand the cruise of the Straights and Lake Wellington is on again. On Sat. the clan will gather at Secombe, (on the McLellan Straights) with the aim of launching about mid-day to sail to Loch Sport. If you can't make it to Secombe in time, try launching at Loch Sport and catching up with the mob for dinner at the marina hotel. The bistro gets very crowded on a Sat. night so be there by about 6.00 p.m..

The night will be spent in the marina or environs, and in the morning there will be a leisurely departure to the west end of the Straights to Bruce & Barb Castles' property, Roseneath. Weather permitting, the night will be spent there, enjoying a camp fire. Don't forget the marshmallows and port.

For more information contact Lloyd Graham 03 870 5439.



FOR SALE.

Bumble Bee. Top quality mark 1V. Loads of extras. A great boat for racing or cruising. \$17,500. Phone reluctant vendor, Kevin O'Neill 03 720 3741.

WANTED.

Newsletter articles. Must be in good taste, honest (well almost!) and legible. Send to Sue Graham, 12 Cleland St. RINGWOOD EAST 3135. or phone 03 870 5439.

Names and addresses of any RL24 owners who may not be members of our association. (I will send them a complimentary copy of the newsletter.) Hopefully we can increase membership and interest in the class. So, if you see an RL at a ramp, in a driveway or any where at all....nab them!