

NOVEMBER 1996



NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat

NATIONAL TITLES.

The national titles for the coming 96/97 season will be hosted b the Mannering Park Yacht Club. Starting on December 28th, until January 3rd, 1997.

VICTORIAN TITLES.

The Victorian titles for the coming 96/97 season are to be hosted by the Colac Yacht Club over the Australia Day weekend. South Australian boats are invited to attend these championships.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

RL 24 association invites all notices of motion to be put forward in writing to RICKY SLATER, RMB 9038, ELLIMINYT. 3249. by no later than November 30th, 1996.

PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE AUSTRALIAN AND VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION.

The proposal is purely for ease of administration and all Victorian events such as state titles would be self funded. Please fill in your vote on the ballot paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Any correspondence for the December Newsletter would be appreciated.

WHY I SAIL MY BOAT - OHAU-RUA by Simon Walsh.

Our family were introduced to the RL 24 over 20 years ago. Ohau-rua's construction was completed in the family garage by my father after purchasing the hull, deck and interior mouldings from Robert Legg. Since it was first launched the boat has provided our family with numerous holiday opportunities combined with very enjoyable and competitive open and class racing. With a very reasonable initial outlay and low running costs, Ohau-rua has stayed in the family for 20 years because it has never over stretched our resources.

One main, jib and spinnaker are the only sails required to race competitively. With no need for sail changes the boat can be rigged ver simply and costs are again kept to a minimum.

The boat is easily driven and only requires a five to six horse outboard. At less than 1000 kg including trailer and outboard, the boat can easily and legally be towed behind many four cylinder medium and family sized cars. It fits under my carport and although I keep it in a garage out the back, a standard carport would provide adequate protection.

Because approximately five hundred boats have been built, class racing has been strong for years at both a national and state level. We still go to the nationals every January which satisfies the need for competition but also provide a great excuse for a holiday.

Being a restricted development class owners of older boats can make modifications to keep their boats current and competitive. This can lead to a deal of work, but it provides owners with an opportunity to be innovative and try out new technologies. It is without a doubt the revitalization of older boats has helped keep the class together. So much so that four of the past five national champions have sailed boats over 18 years old.

Our RL 24 has always been competetive in open racing. Early on, the RL 24 was fleet leader in open events but as designs have changed the newer boats are certainly faster, but at a cost. There are not many classes in open trailer sailer racing at the moment that cost less than \$30,000 that can beat the RL 24 across the line. This is very satisfying considering the owner of a refurbished RL 24 would have less than \$16,000 invested, even with a new state of the art rig.

With the addition of an esky, bunk, cushions and other minor comforts Ohau-rua converts well for all cruising. Although not set up for extended periods afloat, excursions of up to a week are a breeze with two adults and two children. The most rewarding feature of Ohau-rua is how she sails, responsive and light on the helm. She stays in the groove effortlessly upwind and is very exhilarating down wind in a breeze where she easily tops 17 knots.

In summary Ohau-rua is easy to tow, launch and retrieve. She is fast, easily maintained and I don't have the equivalent of 'half a house' invested in a boat I only sail once a week. That's why I sail on a RL 24.

RL 24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

1996 - 1997

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

* Please complete all questions.

Skippers name:.....

Families / crews names:.....

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Address. Street:.....

Town:.....

Postcode:..... Phone No:.....

Name of Boat:.....

Sail No:..... Registration No:.....

Hull Colour:..... Deck Colour:.....

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Membership fee \$24.00

Associate Members (ie: crew, family etc.) \$12.00

Are you interested in Racing....., Cruising....., Social.....,
please tick as required.

Please fill in this form and send it with your subs to:

RICKY SLATER, RMB 9038, ELLIMINYT. 3249.

BALLOT TO AMALGAMATE AUSTRALIAN AND VICTORIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Yes No

DO YOU REQUIRE AN UPDATE OF OUR CURRENT RL 24 CLASS RULES AND
RESTRICTIONS.

Yes No

1996 - 1997 RL 24 VICTORIAN TITLES.

SPONSORED BY: COMMERCIAL HOTEL MOTEL, COLAC.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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BOAT NAME:..... SAIL NO:.....

COLAC JANUARY 25TH TO 26TH, 1997. (Australia day weekend).

ENTRY FEE \$35.00

CAMPING REQUESTEDYES.NO.

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE: COMMERCIAL HOTEL/MOTEL
PH: 052 315777.
*All sailors to receive discounted rates.

*** PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS, AS THEY SUPPORT US. ***

PLEASE FORWARD ENTRY TO RICKY SLATER
RMB 9038
ELLIMINYT. 3249.

1996 - 1997 RL 24 NATIONAL TITLES.

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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BOAT NAME:..... SAIL NO:.....

MANNERING PARK 28TH DECEMBER 1996 TO 3RD JANUARY 1997.

ENTRY FEE \$75.00

CAMPING REQUESTEDYES.NO.

PLEASE FORWARD ENTRY TO RICKY SLATER
RMB 9038
ELLIMINYT. 3249.

FOR SALE

Chicken & Chips RL24 Mk 1
Outboard - safety gear and registered trailer.
\$9000.00
Phone: Chris Oram (051) 471174

3/4 oz North Spinnaker, 7 races old. As new.
\$700.00
Phone: Dave Parmenter (079) 726179.

Spunspar Mast, inc. spreaders and mast base.
Set of sails, 1 Kevlar main, Dacron jib.
2 seasons old.
Very competitive rig.
\$2200.00 the lot.
Phone: Peter Mckay (052) 314073
Bh. (052) 313600

Drop Keels Available
Made to any weight
\$900.00
Phone: Peter McKay BH: (052) 313600

The publisher and printer of this newsletter humbly apologise for this publication being so late. Please blame the Skipper and crew of PIPE DREAM, due to pregnant cows, shitty weather etc. etc. etc.

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P.S. Pipe dream is in the process of restoration activities due to an altercation with jetty.
