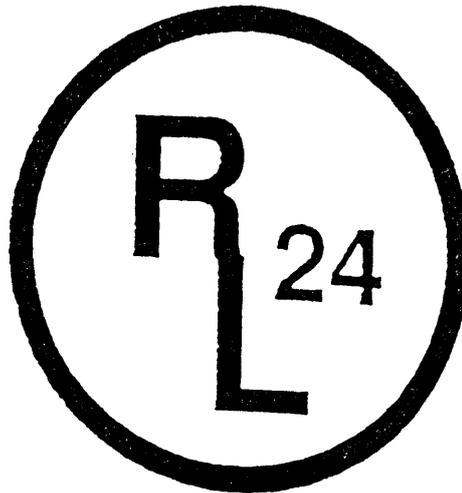


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PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE
2000 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 5th – 11th

Association President, Ken Hackett has recently spent a good deal of time in discussion with the people at Rye Yacht Club who have kindly agreed to host our 2000 National Championships. It is expected that we will share the courses with the Hartley TS16 Association but each class will have its own start with the RLs most probably starting 10 minutes ahead of the TS16s. Currently, it is planned to hold a 7 heat series with an Invitation Race being held on the afternoon of 5th Jan. and the RL Presentation Night after the last heat on 11th Jan.

Rye Yacht Club is located towards the southern end of Port Phillip Bay in a very popular resort precinct. The waters off Rye offer abundant scope for the setting of excellent Olympic courses which explains why so many Little America's Cup Challenges were held in this vicinity. There is good, shaded camping adjacent to the yacht club in a well organized municipal foreshore camping reserve but demand for sites is high in January. Applications for sites open on 15th September 1999 but the camp Ranger, Mr. Gordon Sheppard, recommends that RL people ring him between 1/9/99 and 15/9/99 to discuss their camping requirements. Be sure to tell him you will be involved with the championships at the RYC. Gordon's phone numbers are (03) 59 852405 or (Mob.) 015 304048.

Motels, caravan parks and cabins are also available but subject to the same high demand. Information regarding availability and bookings can be obtained from the Mornington Peninsula Tourist Office on (Freecall) 1800 804009.

SO..... start giving some earnest thought **now** to a seaside holiday in Rye..... **Make the Commitment!**

1999 VICTORIAN TRAILABLE YACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As announced in the last RL24 Newsletter, the Association was represented in this championship regatta by Simon Walsh (*Ohau Rua*), Mick Shannon (*Lowana VI*) and Ian Lane (*This Way Up*). We were the only T/Y association to enter a complete team of 3 boats. The RLs of John Pruden (*Liaison*) and Don Lewis (*Lowana V*) also participated as part of the Western Trailable Yacht Club team. Well-known waterfront identity, James Shannon was engaged to cover the event for *The RL24 Newsletter* and he filed this report complete with a free ad. for his employer.

“ On Friday, 19th.March 1999, my brother Fred and I departed my work at Mc.Donald Marine, 558 City Rd. South Melbourne (10% discount for RL24 Association members) and headed for Geelong nervous at the prospect of representing our Association in these Open Championships. Fred distracted himself from this great pressure by attempting the time-honoured challenge of a six-pack between the Westgate and the first set of traffic lights (in Geelong!) He didn't come close, which was to become the story of our weekend. We understand that better results were achieved by the *Ohau Rua* crew.

We arrived in Geelong and headed down to the Barwon Club Hotel to discuss tactics. We were pleased to see that a number of the Girls Head Of The River crews were doing the same thing and we all discussed tactics till about 3am.

Our heads a little sore from the heavy discussion the previous night, we met [younger brother] Charlie and Duncan [the boy's father, aka Mick] down at Royal Geelong. [sister] Jenny had to work, unfortunately, so an all male crew headed out to the start line. A couple of hours later we arrived at the start line. It seems to be something that goes with the Royal name that these clubs think that you are not truly racing if you are in sight of the shore.

The first race was held in shifting conditions and our team mates *Ohau Rua* and *This Way Up* were caught on the wrong side of a big right-hander. They finished 8th and 11th respectively.

Our race was without drama and we finished a solid 4th. It was interesting that to correctly complete this course, you needed only to head somewhere in the general direction of the intended position of the finish line without regard for the rules. Solid races by all members in the second race [*This Way Up* 1st, *Ohau Rua* 3rd, and *Lowana VI* 4th] highlighted our growing need for races to be held in heavy conditions to remain competitive with the handicaps as they stand.

We went out to discuss some more tactics that night, some for longer than others and arrived back at the Club on a freezing morning not one bit impressed with our task ahead. I don't remember a lot about the day other than we didn't do terribly well and it was seriously cold.

An interesting episode occurred that day. We placed a lee bow on the eventual series winner in a Castles 650 and are wondering if this manoeuvre is now illegal as the string of abuse and obscenities that resulted was enough to shock even the most hardy of sailors [which we are not]. He then chased us all over the course like Tony Liberatore (*an Italian tenor maybe? – Ed*) and when he eventually caused a collision, threw up a protest flag like he had just won the lottery. The protest story is one for another time but I think this story serves to note that there were five RL24s at this championship. The best any other class could muster was two and the behaviour and attitude of association members may form part of the reason why we are able to continue to attract strong fleets whilst other classes come and go”.

For the record, our boats were placed in the Championship as follows.

<u>4th</u>	<i>This Way Up</i>	(11, 1, 6, 3.)
<u>6th</u>	<i>Ohau Rua</i>	(8, 3, 5, 7.)
<u>7th</u>	<i>Lowana VI</i>	(4, 4, 8, 10)
<u>12th</u>	<i>Liaison</i>	(7, 15, 11, 11,)
<u>13th</u>	<i>Lowana V</i>	(13, 10, 12,13.)

Congratulations to all skippers and crew for representing the Class with such distinction.

RL24 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999

A total of 15 RLs turned up at the St.Kilda Marina over the weekend of the 27th & 28th of February to contest the 1999 State RL24 Championships. The four-heat series was very ably conducted by the Western Trailable Yacht Club which demonstrated that it is not always necessary to have the facilities of a club house and the (expensive) paraphernalia that goes with it to organize and run a sailing regatta well. Thanks are due to the WTYC, to Ken Hackett and to Les Browne who was OOD for all heats. The sailing conditions on both days were light to very light but, as far as is known, only your editor spat the dummy for which he unreservedly apologizes! Some men never learn. The results, as provided by Lloyd Graham, are as follows.

RESULTS OUTRIGHT BY DIVISION

Yacht Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Final Score	Final Place
	Elapsed Time	Place								
Drop Keels										
Sasha	119.75	1	172.85	2	142.22	2	143.62	2	5	2
Ohau Rua	120.50	3	172.35	1	142.13	1	142.45	1	3	1
Pegasus	121.83	5	182.15	5	150.73	10	155.32	5	15	5
Lowana VI	121.50	4	175.91	3	144.4	3	153.73	4	10	3
Lowana V	127.50	10	183.58	6	150.07	7	155.53	6	19	7
Pipe Dream	125.25	6	195.38	10	151.63	11	164.47	12	27	10
The Sting	128.07	11	183.59	7	146.00	5	156.08	7	19	7
Cold Duck	125.5	7	191.03	8	150.53	9	159.32	9	24	9
Encounter	126.58	8	191.50	9	146.72	6	158.55	10	23	8
Cosmic Sedso	129.40	12	196.117	12	151.73	12	158.82	11	35	11
Liaison	119.78	2	195.40	11	150.25	8	150.05	3	13	4
Bunyip	126.98	9	181.567	4	145.63	4	159.13	8	16	6
Swing Keels										
This Wayup	128.017	1	195.317	1	149.33	1	154.33	1	3	1
Toucan	132.03	3	220.867	3	200.37	3	DNF	-	9	2
Linde Lou	131.08	2	188.85	2	152.62	2	DNF	-	6	3

PERSONAL HANDICAP RESULTS

Yacht Name	PHCP After 1st Race	Race 2 Cal Time	Place	PHCP After Races 1&2	Race 3 Cal Time	Place	PHCP After Races 1,2&3	Race 4 Cal Time	Place	Total Races 2,3,4	Overall HCP Place
Sasha	0.765	132.23	5	0.762	108.30	13	0.763	109.53	3	21	6
Ohau Rua	0.760	131.03	1	0.760	108.06	11	0.762	108.52	2	14	2
Pegasus	0.752	136.96	7	0.736	110.88	14	0.741	115.12	11	32	10
Lowana VI	0.754	132.64	6	0.749	108.21	12	0.751	115.42	12	30	9
Lowana V	0.719	131.09	3	0.716	107.47	9	0.717	111.50	6	18	4
Pipe Dream	0.731	142.91	13	0.701	106.30	7	0.711	116.96	13	33	11
The Sting	0.715	131.33	2	0.715	104.32	3	0.715	111.59	7	12	1
Cold Duck	0.730	139.45	11	0.708	106.57	8	0.715	113.96	9	28	8
Encounter	0.724	138.59	9	0.704	103.28	1	0.711	112.66	8	18	4
Cosmic Sedso	0.708	138.84	10	0.688	104.40	4	0.695	110.32	5	19	5
Liaison	0.765	149.44	14	0.718	107.83	10	0.733	110.06	4	28	8
Bunyip	0.721	130.99	8	0.722	105.08	5	0.722	114.84	10	23	7
This Wayup	0.716	139.77	12	0.693	103.52	2	0.701	108.13	1	15	3
Toucan	0.694	153.26	15	0.644	128.94	15	0.660	DNF	-	-	-
Linde Lou	0.699	131.98	4	0.696	106.27	6	0.697	DNF	-	-	-

RESULTS OUTRIGHT on CBH

Yacht Name	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Final Score	Final Place
	Cal Time	Place								
Sasha	91.61	1	132.23	2	108.80	3	109.87	2	5	2
Ohau Rua	92.18	3	131.85	1	108.73	2	108.97	1	4	1
Pegasus	93.20	6	139.34	6	115.31	12	118.82	6	18	7
Lowana VI	92.95	5	134.58	3	110.47	4	117.61	5	13	4
Lowana V	97.54	13	140.44	7	114.80	7	118.98	7	21	8
Pipe Dream	95.82	9	149.47	12	115.99	13	125.82	13	34	13
The Sting	97.97	14	140.45	8	111.69	9	119.40	8	25	10
Cold Duck	96.00	10	146.14	10	115.16	11	121.88	12	31	12
Encounter	96.84	11	146.50	11	112.24	10	121.29	9	30	11
Cosmic Sedso	98.99	15	150.03	14	116.08	14	121.49	10	38	14
Liaison	91.63	2	149.48	13	114.94	8	114.79	4	14	5
Bunyip	97.14	12	138.90	5	111.41	6	121.73	11	22	9
This Wayup	92.81	4	141.60	9	108.26	1	111.89	3	8	3
Toucan	95.72	8	160.13	15	145.27	15	DNF	-	38	14
Linde Lou	95.03	7	136.92	4	110.65	5	DNF	-	16	6

LAST CALL FOR SUBS – 1999 CALENDAR YEAR

Our honorary (and honorable!) Treasurer, Les Browne, reports that he is somewhat underwhelmed by our plea for early payment of Association subscriptions for the current calendar year. If you haven't already paid and wish to remain an RL24 Association member, please, pretty please complete the enclosed invoice, attach your cheque and mail it ASAP to Les at the address shown.

RLs STILL IN DEMAND

We continue to get a phone call or two periodically inquiring about the availability of second hand RL24s. One recent call was from a former RL owner who went up-market in the T/Y scene for a while but now acknowledges the error of his ways and is looking for a suitable means of coming back to the fold. Should you know of RLs on the market please give us the details and we'll pass them on.

DON'T FORGET THE NATIONALS — 5TH TO 11TH JANUARY 2000