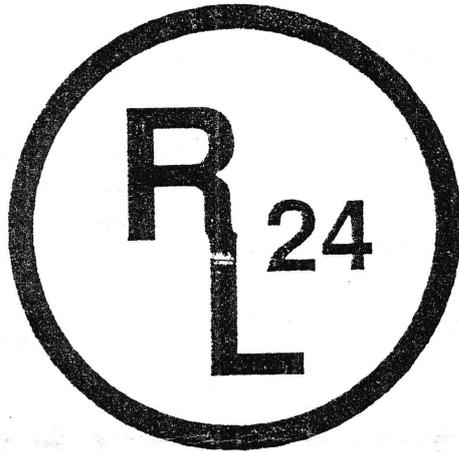




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RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat



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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

As advised in the last Newsletter, the National RL24 Championships for 2002 will be held at Loch Sport on the southern shores of Lake Victoria which is one of the 3 major lakes making up the famed Gippsland Lakes system. The regatta will commence with an Invitation Race on Saturday 29th. December 2001 and conclude with the sailing of the last Heat (Heat 7) or a resail of a previously unsailable Heat on Friday 4th. January 2002. Planning of the series, to be hosted by the Loch Sport Boat Club, is well advanced and full details will be circulated to all members shortly via the Notice of Race. A comprehensive social calendar is being planned, the highlight of which will be the Presentation Night on Friday 4th. Jan. to be held in the Club's new premises. Lay Day, for the benefit of those who party hard on New Years Eve, will be Tuesday, 1st. Jan 2002. Lake Victoria is a wonderful place to sail and the people at Loch Sport Boat Club would be hard to toss in the hospitality or race administration stakes so an outstanding regatta is assured. However, a timely tip. Because of the summertime popularity of the town, accommodation might become problematic if bookings are left till the last moment so check the accommodation guide attached to this Newsletter and make your reservation now.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Our Treasurer and general financial guru Les Browne put a convincing case to your committee earlier this year that the subscriptions situation is clearer to everyone if the subscription period is based on a Financial Year rather than a calendar year which inconveniently commences mid way through a sailing season. This explains why you haven't had a subs. invoice so far this year but time's up and subs are now due. The fee is the same as last year (and the 2 years before that!) ie \$24. Cheques made payable to the RL24 Owners Association of Australia should be sent to Les at 8 Middleborough Rd. BURWOOD 3151 as soon as possible.

GET A LIFE – GET AN RL24

On a recent holiday in NSW, our Association President, Bruce Castles spotted a Mk.1 RL in a boat yard located in Belmont (on Lake Macquarie.) Of course, Bruce could do no more than check it out and in doing so discovered that the boat was in fair nick given its age, was on a single axle galvanised trailer and came with a 6hp Evinrude O/B. The boat was a swing keeler with the original diamond rigged mast and the asking price was \$7500. At that price, it would be an attractive proposition for anyone wanting to do an update such as Ian Lane did on *This Way Up* or go further with a drop keel conversion. The yard offering the boat trades as Sailaway and is located at 692 Pacific Highway Belmont, 2280. The proprietor is Gavin Ayre who can be contacted on (02) 49459499 or Mob. 0427 459 499.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Recently we had a note from Rob. Legg expressing his regret that ill-health had prevented him from attending the Association's last Presentation Night at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and thanking the Association for appointing him a Life Member of the Association. Rob mentioned that his health is very much improved

and I'm sure all members would hope that this situation continues for many, many years to come.

Bob Mayne from Point Lonsdale at the entrance to Port Phillip wrote to advise that he has sold *Rum Line* to Gippsland owners who generally moor her in Duck Arm. Bob cites advancing years (his) as the main reason for parting with *Rum Line* but it wasn't before he'd stitched up last years Point Lonsdale Club aggregate championship that he let her go.

The Geelong Trailable Yacht Club advises that this year's *QUEENSCLIFF TO GEELONG Yacht Race* will be conducted on Saturday, December 1st.next. More info. can be had from Jim Bland on 5277 0207 or Peter Jones on 5243 8185. Alternatively, check it out on www.gtyc.com.au

The South Western Regional Sub Committee of the VYC tells us that open regattas will be held at Portland on the 3rd & 4th. November next and at Ballarat on the 8th & 9th. of December 2001. Ring the Secretary, Fiona Noone on 5597 6703 for details.

AND FINALLYThe *SAIL MELBOURNE TRAILABLE REGATTA* will be held at Mornington Yacht Club over the weekend of the 12th. & 13th. January 2002. For more information visit the website at www.sailmelbourne.com.au or email the organisers at sailmelbourne@vyc.com.au or take the easy way and just ring 'em on 9597 0066!

ARE YOU FREE?

Staging the *SAIL MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL REGATTA* is a colossal undertaking. Hundreds of competitors from around Australia and overseas will descend on Melbourne to participate in events for boats ranging from Minnow dinghies to Keelboats. If you're not sailing yourself, you can still be part of the action as a volunteer in any one of a number of different areas from assisting the Race Management Team on the water to helping out in the canteen and everything in between. If you are interested in assisting in any way with any event within the Regatta, please contact Jane at the Regatta Office on (03) 9597 0066 or by email sailmelbourne@vvy.com.au

HOW KWIK WAS THAT?

RL24's are quick, no argument or nuthin'. On the next page we were going to print for the first time a fabulous Cris Shannon photo of *Ohau Rua*, *Sasha*, *Lowana 6 Solitaire*, *F Troop* and *This Way Up* all having a ding dong go on a broad kite reach. Through the spray, if you looked closely, you could make out the profiles of *Pegasus*, *Cosmic Sedso*, *Lowana 5*, *The Sting*, *Liaison*, *Splice*, *Casper*, *Alicia 2*, *Street Car*, *Toucan* and I think *Bunyip*, *Jacqui*, *Tip Toes*, *Phantom*, *Miss Tress*, *Cold Duck*, *Jo Jo*, *Cracker Jack* and *Almitra*. Unfortunately, I was too slow getting the frame onto the photocopier and by the time I jabbed the "print" button they'd all passed so sadly you've missed them. Still, if you come to the next Nationals at Loch Sport you can do better than just see them - you can sail with them and get yourself in the picture too. Can't sail fairer than that! Remember the dates - 29th December next through to the 4th. January 2001.

ACCOMMODATION IN LOCH SPORT

GENERAL ENQUIRES

Gary Powers Real Estate (03) 51 460 411

CAMPING

Caravan Park - (lakeside in township adjacent to Deep Water Jetty) (03) 51 460 264

National Park - (lakeside in park out of town) (03) 51 443 048

MARINA

Stay on own boat - toilets and showers - picnic facilities (03) 51 460 243

CABINS

Marina Cabins - modern - accomm. up to 4- 6 people - adjacent to marina. (03) 51 460 243

MOTEL

Reeve Street. Basic motel accommodation and meals available. (03) 51 460 488

APARTMENT - SELF CONTAINED

Barry & June Phillips 1802 The Boulevarde - 4-5 people (03) 51 460 938

FLATS

Lakeside Lodge (03) 51 460 353 - adjacent to Deep Water Jetty

Mc Ewans Flats (03) 51 460 514

Whitecliffs Holiday Flats (03) 51 460 514

Victoria Street Flats (03) 51 460 411

HOUSES

Contact Gary Powers Real Estate as above

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