

Annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owners Association

Held: January 7th 2020 at the Illawarra Yacht Club.

Meeting started at 6.16pm.

Attendees: Wayne Hill, Colin Boylan, Matt Harper, Rod Smith, Simon Vaughan, Michael Brindley, Doug Dyce, Matt Harper, Tim Jackman, Raymond Heslehurst, Simon Walsh.

Guest: Luke Ratcliff.

Apologies: Paul Corbin, James Shannon, Andrew Pike, Michael Shannon, Darren Dyer, Martin O'Shannessy.

Welcome & President's address by Wayne Hill.

Wayne welcomed all.

Conversations with Yachting Australia regarding the class based Class Based Handicap continued to be a focus of the year. The RL24 is also represented at the Trailable Division of Yachting Vic several times a year which enables us to watch national issues. At this point a review of a number of Advisory Committees including the Technical Committee, who advise on CBH, has not produced any results. The RL24OA submission to the review of the Technical Committee was well documented and clearly presented. The focus was on the ongoing effectiveness of the existing class rules. These rules continue to make our vessels safer, faster and more efficient.

Wayne recognised the work of the committee members. Colin has done a great job of organising the 47th Nationals including the Rob Legg Invitation Series on the Sunday and a spectacular trophy that captures so much history. The handbooks for this year's event are excellent. The Rob Legg Invitation Races are a way of encouraging people to try some competition sailing with their RL24s. The difficult circumstances with widespread bushfires have made it difficult for new competitors to attend this short series this year. Colin has also promoted our association very well and facilitated the 3 year membership. There has been a substantial increase in membership.

Matt as Vice President got the Victorian RL24 State Championships underway as did Martin O'Shannessy with the Qld State Titles in Queensland. These additional events are great for the class and the RL24 OA will continue to offer some financial support if these events need it in the future. Association membership is seen as highly recommended for State event participation.

Rod Smith has overseen the transition of our finances and the transition to more electronic banking has gone very smoothly.

Darren Dyer has been working hard to promote the association and its activities via social media. The RL24 page is a great mix of sailing opportunities, lifestyle, results and a bit of history.

Simon continues to provide sound measurement advice based on a strong understanding of the classes history and the dynamics of the boats performance.

We are very aware of the distress the current bushfires are causing in the eastern seaboard the committee & members send their supportive thoughts to the Corban and Shannon and Brindley families caught up in the bushfires around Victoria and NSW.

After discussion amongst members the exec and competitors decide to forgo prizes for the event and donate funds usually used for prizes, to the Bushfire Relief Fund. RL24 Owners Association of Australia will donate the \$500 prizes fund to the relief effort ... plus run an additional fundraiser with competitors and their families on the presentation night.

Minutes of the previous AGM (on the website) were read and accepted.

Passed: Colin Boylan & Simon Vaughan

A short discussion followed the reading of the minutes where it was suggested that in future rather than wait 1 year to pass the minutes of the previous AGM it would be practical to follow the a more modern convention. This approach involves publishing the minutes promptly on the website and after one month (and any corrections) the minutes can be certified as a good record by the President of the Association. This enables actions to be undertaken in the ensuing year.

Business arising from previous meeting

Short discussion:

- WH: New constitution operating effectively.
- WH: New association fee structure travelling well, thanks again to Colin for driving this.

Correspondence Out:

- CB: Submission to Australian Sailing regarding CBH and RL24 Class Rules.

Correspondence In:

- Membership renewals.
- No formal response to CBH submission.

Secretary's Report: Colin Boylan

- Need to recognise Phil Lowe, a local Illawarra sailor and master craftsman who constructed the wonderful wooden model for the Rob Legg Invitation Series and also the Oldest Skipper's Trophy. Both trophies demonstrate superb workmanship and create an enduring legacy that preserves the class history and enhances it.
(Phil subsequently was thanked at the Presentation Night)
- Association membership is increasing.
- This year's National Championships have gone very smoothly. Very professional preparation and delivery by Illawarra YC & their Race Officials.

Treasurers Report: Rod Smith

- Thanked the rest of the committee for their support.
- Paid members a mixture of 1 and 3 year subs.
- Current membership is 43.
- Minor differences in the following figures as expenses and income from the National Championships yet to be fully incorporated. As at the AGM
 - Total Funds: \$7832.56
 - Entry Fees 47th Nat Championships \$1980.00
 - Membership renewals Jan 2019 to 2020: \$2060

- Expenses: 2019 National Titles, to current. Trophy engraving, admin costs reimbursed to Secretary, Trophy additions.
\$2236.31
- Bushfire Relief and recovery donation \$500, minor catering costs, and Illawarra YC regatta management expenses to be included shortly
- Balance: \$8062.56

Election of Office Bearers:

Nominations were received For Secretary (CB) and Media (DD) all other positions were then open and all positions voted upon.

President: Wayne Hill.

Nom. Tim Jackman Sec. Matt Harper Carried by all.

Vice President: Matt Harper

Nom. Michael Brindley Sec. Tim Jackman Carried by all.

Secretary: Colin Boylan.

Nom. Matt Harper Sec. Simon Walsh Carried by all.

Treasurer: Rod Smith.

Nom. Wayne Hill Sec. Colin Boylan Carried by all.

Media: Darren Dyer.

Nom. Wayne Hill. Sec. Rod Smith. Carried by all

Delegated Position of Sail measurer: Simon Walsh,

The meeting expressed their thanks to Simon for his ongoing contribution high quality technical input.

General Business:

- Simon Walsh: Re: Class rules and sail measurement.
Last year has seen a big discussion about how sails were measured. Simon emphasised that we have a robust set of rules for RL24s including sail area that have coped well with a number of sail designs over many years. The Class Rules have consistently provided an effective path for improving boat performance, efficiency and safety. The current rules

enable owners to test innovative ideas and improve an excellent design keeping it contemporary, safe and rewarding to sail.

Unanimous support for the current Class Rules

- Matt Harper: 2021 RL Nationals

Matt has been liaising with Colac YC and working on having the 48th 2021 Nationals at Colac, in western Victoria. The lake is susceptible to lower summer levels in dry years. Levels will be reviewed into the mid-year if predicted to be too low, the alternative plan is Lake Wellington YC near Sale. Dates will be first full week of January. Sunday 3-1-21 to Thursday 7-1-21. Matt has undertaken the liaison roll with Colac YC and will work with Darryn in similar role if a shift to Lake Wellington is required.

Strongly supported by the meeting.

- Tim Jackman : 50th National Championships

Tim received a message from Jenny, Rob Legg's daughter.

The 50th RL24 Nationals are planned to be held Southport Yacht Club possibly supported by neighbouring clubs. Jenny would like to use this opportunity to scatter Rob Legg's ashes when many RL24 owners and families will be there.

Members really like this idea and there was strong in principle support for the appropriateness of the venue on Rob's home waterway and the incorporation of a ceremony. Tim Jackman volunteered to undertake local liaison and to work with Jenny in regard to the ceremony.

- Motion was formally put regarding publishing the minutes promptly on the website and after one month (and any corrections) the minutes can be certified as a good record by the President of the Association
Proposed by Ray Heslehurst, seconded by Doug Dyce and unanimously agreed.

- Luke Ratcliff: Currently competing in the Sports Boats Class, Luke pointed out that the current major events that host Sports Boats have the capacity to incorporate the RL24 Class given RL24's ability to attract substantial numbers. Luke suggested a separate course or mixed fleet

racing could be negotiated at some events to provide opportunities in addition to the National and State Championships, feature races and club racing. Luke offered to provide details via the Fb page.

Meeting closed: 7.10pm