

RL24 Owner Association Annual General Meeting 2018

Illawarra Yacht Club

1 Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong, NSW 2502

1 vote per member per boat

Welcome – Meeting open at 6.30pm

Attendance: Tim Jackman, Simon Vaughuan, Simon Walsh, Darren Dyer, Wayne, Gretta & Monica Hill, Martin O’Shannessy, Andrew Pike, Jon Knight Colin Boylan, Matt Harper, Adam Chambers, Daryl Langdon, Ian Lane, Micheal Brindley, David Morrow, Phil Wales, Mark and Yvonne Francis, Scott Voller, Paul Corbin Apologies: Mick Shannon. (Note from WH and PC): We miss Mick Shannon’s incisive commentary. Mick has attended every Championship since Sandgate, Ross Corbin, Barb Cassells, Hugh Hetherington		
Item	Notes	VOTE
Minutes of 2017	Read and accepted with no corrections	N/A
Pres report. Wayne Hill	Focus of the association remains <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Running the National Championships• Supporting the delivery of the website by Webmaster, Keith Merkley. Great work by Keith M - we are admired by other trailerable associations really appreciated!• Maintaining a class profile on Social media- Well done Darren in the PR Role!!! and thanks to Jenny B who continually find interesting snaps to post.• Assisting interested clubs to deliver State Titles New information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Col has got NSW titles up and running – Thanks Colin for all the work this took. We recognise	

	<p>Colin has built numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victorian Titles did not proceed with State Trailerable titles due to windward and return courses being less appealing. But there is an option to incorporate the standard RL course in future state trailerable titles provided we do get the numbers. RL24s continue to turn up in all sorts of passage races such as Tin Can Bay Race and Marley Point race mixing with a large numbers of trailable boats. We are still one of the most popular classes. <p>On behalf of all here; Cheerio and warm wishes to Rob Legg.</p>	
<p>Secretaries report. Paul Corbin</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informal –AUS Sail has been making inquiries re batten length and possibility of changing our class rules. Our position is that no change is required. Motion by Colin Boylan: Motion that a committee of up to 4 review const to modernise and consolidate – present updated at 2019 AGM. <p>Background by Colin re constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of things have changed since 1970 Eg. Paul’s office, Keith Merkel’s web role Trying to bring us to the 21st century (identify what we are doing, how people can become more involved) 2nd by Martin, who may have a lawyer who can assist WH – Evolution not revolution, making what we do transparent and accessible. <p>QLD Titles 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with Royal QLD yacht squadron for 2019: RQYS Will confirm by Feb, very keen to host, proposed dates as same week as 2018. Invitation Races Sunday 6 Jan , concluding with last race(s) and presentation on Friday 11 Jan. Andrew Pike gives description of QLD – protected waters, lots of depth, good camping, new motel, last time was a flying success, shops and restaurants in walking distance, weather can 	<p>Carried (with many)</p> <p>Review council: Colin, Martin, James Shannon, Wayne Hill, Darren,</p>

	<p>be between 15km</p> <p>Note 1: Wet Regatta Boats stay in the water in Marina</p> <p>Note 2: RQLD do charge a small fee to join all the crews to Aus Sailing for that week-pub liability etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 3. Darren: Rob Legg turns 90 the year we are in QLD – if he was well enough, we could have a 90th event in his honour. Pikey: Suggest sail past: Suggest PR/communications calendar. Creating a PR calendar could assist to publicize Nationals and the run into this event (Darren to note: Monica Hill may be able to assist with Calendar over winter). 	
<p>Treasurer's Report. Paul Corbit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 paid members (+\$) • Expenses: • In bank: 6500+ (prior to regatta) • Regatta fees paid Deduction of \$1700 for events – • Acknowledge the kind donation from donation from Oak Flats Bowling Club – fantastic of them \$500 – Handicap Trophy • Balance is around \$5K mark • Apologies to Adam who made suggestion for merchandise, have not yet done, intend to make the next item a freebie on paying membership. • Keith has been doing out of respect for RL, will offer financial • MOTION –Colin B 2nded Wayne H RL24 Owners Assn to make offer to Keith to cover website expenses 	<p>Carried</p>
<p>Election of office bearers</p>	<p>Pres covers election of office bearers, + suggests additional office bearers, WH opens nominations up - Martin O'S manages election of office bearers 2018:</p> <p>Pres, - Wayne, unopposed, John seconds</p> <p>VP – (position activated) Colin, unopposed</p> <p>Treasurer, Paul Corben – unopposed</p> <p>PR officer, (position more formally activated) Darren, unopposed</p> <p>New Executive positions/structure will be formalised into association by constitution review team.</p>	

GENERAL BUSINESS		
Trophy consolidation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop • Swing • Handicap (new Trophy) 	<p>General discussion</p> <p>Can we focus on the trophies that were that were handcrafted by Rob Legg for the Divisions as the key trophies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can we put key ones on large plaque? • Large silverware for SK and DK has become a little redundant and space is getting scare. Many people have won and the trophies are worse for wear. They are diifcult to transport • The handcrafted Plaques made by Rob are far more attractive and relevant. <p>General approach discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option to pass on the (refurbished) DK, SK silverware to the Legg Family • Duplicate past winners in list form on the back of the Plaques • Handicap is new trophy focused on participation and improvement through the Championships 	
46 th National Championships	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Starting on Sunday 6 – Friday, 11 January (assuming QLD provide coverage on Sunday- they will advise)</p> <p>Option to keep racing timetable as was for 2018 – 5 days racing no rest day, Alternative is a mid week rest day for family to explore and relax</p> <p>Paul to discuss what works with RBYC vols and staff.</p>	
Membership fees	<p>\$30 membership fees –</p> <p>Motioned to stay the same by Pres, seconded by Martin, and many</p>	Carried
Strategy for CBH. Speaking with Austn Sailing	<p>WH gives background</p> <p>ON THE GROUND:</p> <p>WH has spent informal 5 hours on phone, highlighting family involvement and accessible racing, but Austn Sailing Tech Committee is flagging that CBH rule requires a batten length and that one has been nominally applied.</p>	

	<p>Martin: Why does our batten length matter? All: Exactly WH: Rule defaults to class rules, we have no specifications so they shouldn't be dictating to us Martin: Correct WH: I have picked up scepticism on 'development' class but our rule changes in recent years have been around safety and efficiency ... eg Storm Boards and 20 Kg motor /fuel combo. Darren: Note that our handicap was performance adjusted in the 90s on top of CBH. Lainey: Strength in numbers-we are one of the largest sailing trailable classes and our long standing our rules are our strength WH: At this point we don't need to nominate batten length; rather we need to highlight a problem with the CBH formula not assisting development classes. Darren: The class rules define the measurements of the boat for the CBH formula WH: We can be silent for the time being it get back to the RL24 Owners Assn supporting families getting into sailing and sailing safer, faster and better. Our Class rules have worked well for 45 years or so. We are respected and welcome in mixed fleet racing. Martin: We have a good connection with people in Austn Sailing NSW. We need to discuss this in a practical way forward</p> <p>WH: MOTION: Keep our rules intact, do not respond with an arbitrary batten length Response from meeting is YES on above – maintain CBH and current RL24 Class Rules</p>	Carried
Discussion of inclusion of Genoa in RL 24 sail plan	<p>Scott raised the possibility of including a Genoa for light weather. Discussion of how potential changes to Class Rules are proposed a via AGM process. Noted that this option has been explored several times before but did not make it to /past a vote. Discussion on design and balance of boat. Wayne offer to assist Scott if he'd like to pursue it in prep for next AGM. Some further general discussion inclusive of approach to lateral foil (no development thus far) and no clear support for further progression.</p>	Discussion Only
National weigh in	<p>Discussion of the need for pre-titles weigh in initiated by Scott: Darren: Yes boats should be weighed should do, but not at champs</p>	Discussion Only

	<p>Simon: Yes, all boats should have measurement certificates, but not at champs</p> <p>WH: We encourage people to submit measurement cert when they can, when it works for them... for example when a boat is disassembled for refurbishment.</p> <p>Generally it's not practical to strip a boat, separate keel and go thru process regularly.</p> <p>From the rules: Min weight is 454 without interior This is hard to achieve given construction in 70s, 80s an even 90s.</p>	
CLOSURE	<p>Tim: thanks committee – special mention to Colin, thank you for liaison with Illawarra and a great venue.</p>	