

APRIL, 1975

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- * It was with deep regret we learned of the passing on of one of our keenest Members, Barrie Willis, Sail No. 10, Cha Chi. Brisbane.
- * The Harlay Point to Heetung (Vic) race last Month was a very rugged affair and turned into a 45 mile beat with winds from 20 to 30 knots. Ken Backett, (Sail No. 102, Sasha) came a very creditable second in the big Fleet comprising a Dragon, Diamonds and all other types of fast Boats. It was a great effort, congratulations Ken and to all other RL24's who competed.
- * In Townsville Qld., Dennis Hardy, (Sail No. 19, Escapade) had a great win in the round Magnetic Island race (40 miles) when she finished fourteen minutes ahead of a fleet of all types, including a 36' racing tri', a Swanson 36' and other big Boats. Heartiest congrats to you too Dennis.
- ** Forget to mention in the last Newsletter of Doug Martin's (Tiki III, Sail No. 61, Port Pirie, S.A.) win in the Goolwa to Milang 25 mile Classic, sorry Doug. He was overall winner on handicap and first monohull home. He also reported that they planed continuously for most of the course. (Would be interested to hear the elapsed time for the race Doug).
- ** South Australian RL24ers are holding their inaugural Championships at Barrowa in May. All interested Shippers contact Gil Finlay, 10 Blessing Street, Phullia Flayford, S.A. 5600. Phone: 45 7143.
- On our recent trip to Pagnessville, (Gippsland Lakes, Vic.) we were pleased to see eleven RL24s' cruising the Lakes. It was most disappointing to see only four of them racing in the series though. As it was, we were beaten very convincingly on the light weather by one of the top Vic. Boats, Ken Backett and his son Geoff. We'll catch up with you later Ken.
- ** IMPORTANT!!!! Result of Trapeze Referendum... trapezes will be allowed. A trapeze may be used by one person at a time in RL24 Class events excepting in designated offshore events and also where A.Y.F. rules prohibit their use. If necessary, and if numbers warrant it, a second division may be called for Boats not wishing to use trapeze.
- ** Roy Martin, (Sail No. 126, Almitra, Vic.) is organising our Association Stand for "Sailboat '75" in the Melbourne Exhibition Building April 19th to 23rd.
- ** IMPORTANT!!!! Gold Coast Week 1975. Programme as follows:-
Monday, 25th August, Annual General Meeting, 7:30 P.M., SYCSS, Hollywell.
Tuesday, 26th A.M., Heading North into Southern Moreton Bay. We have extended this an extra day by popular request and will return to Southport on Friday, 29th.
Friday, P.M. Dinner at Surfers Paradise.
Saturday, 30th. A.M. First Heat of Championships.
P.M. Second Heat.
Saturday night free.
Sunday, 31st. A.M. Third Heat.
P.M. Final Heat.
Sunday night, Dinner and Trophy presentation at Southport Yacht Club.
This promises to be a tremendous week and we'd like ALL who possibly can to make it. It is very inexpensive, as you can live on board your Boat, and we have very good facilities at the SYCSS, hot showers too. For those contemplating the trip North for the Championships, the Nowell Highway North to Coonambandi is in excellent condition and a recommended route.
- ** Pat Mahon (Sail No. 44, Vic.) reports that a dry powder fire exting. must be shaken vigorously before use as the powder tends to settle over a period of time.
- ** Keep your eye open for "Seacraft" May and June issue.
- ** "We won't say who" found out it was expensive to drive through a gate (with a bar across the top) with the mast up.
- ** There are now five RL24's in Western Australia.
- Thought for the month, to all Crews. If the Skipper bites his nails, hide his false teeth.