

THE RL24 OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 1975.

- ** Membership now stands at 65.
- ** The RL24's certainly have shown the way home in the races of late and our congratulations must go to the Skippers and Crews who sailed in the South Australian "TRIPOLIS" in December...
- 1st TIKI 111, Doug Martin, Port Pirie.
2nd CAVALIER, Lyall Matton, Whyalla.
3rd ZOT, P. Frost, Whyalla.
5th YECATS, Ross Stacey, Whyalla.
6th LYNDELL, 11, R. Butson, Whyalla.
7th HIDE-AWAY, John English, Barmera.
8th TOAD of BARMERA, G. Rooney, Barmera.
- ** Out of 29 starters, these boys certainly earned our heartiest congrats. Also, to Doug Martin, who was named 'Sportsman of the Month'. You'll have to wear scarves now Doug, hats don't scratch!
- In our own Queensland State Championships more congratulations go to the following Skippers.
- 1st SOUTHERN CROSS, Harold Peacock, Southport.
2nd TIKI, Rob Legg, Southport.
3rd SATORIA, John Green, Southport.
4th SCARLET LADY, Des Stanaway, Brisbane.
- ** A good fleet of RL24's are expected at the Marlay Point to Meelung (Vic) race on March 8th. Those interested should contact, The Secretary, Lake Wellington Yacht Club, P.O. Box 201, Sale, Vic...3350.
- ** Rob and I travelled to Sydney with TIKI recently as 'Seacraft' had arranged a challenge race with the 'Timpenny22', but alas, after a series of incidents, the plans went astray and she was unable to sail. Pity! Anyway, 'Seacraft' did a Boat test on TIKI, including a self righting test with board up and down which passed very favourably. Watch for 'Seacraft' April or May.
- ** As from January of this year, all RL24's are being constructed to accommodate an optional centreboard some 50% heavier and of 15% larger area. This has come about by people wishing to extend their cruising with a higher degree of self righting ability.
- ** Results of the Trapeze referendum appear to be very close (a lot of Members have not returned theirs) and the final result will be known by the issue of the next Newsletter.
- ** Plans are well under way for Gold Coast week and our second National Championships which will be held during the overlapping week of the August school holidays for the convenience of the Interstate visitors.
- ** In the case of Boats changing hands, it would be appreciated if the Association could be informed of the new Owner's name and address.
- ** We still hear cases of some people rigging their Boats with Mast head rigs and oversized spinnakers etc... If any Member hears of a Boat being rigged outside of RL24 Class regulations would they please report to the Association.
- ** I would appreciate any items of interest from Members to make this Newsletter more interesting for all concerned, like Les Perrot's (Vic) phone call the other night at 10:05 PM advising us that he had been sailing in 20' seas off the Nobbys (Vic) and REBEL handled beautifully. THAT'S the kind of news we like to hear.
- ** 'til next time,

HAPPY SAILING.