

THE "RL24" OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1975.

Hi I, to all 79 Members.

\*\* NOTE: We are soon to apply for National Status as we have sufficient Boats sailing in Five States to achieve this once State Associations have been formed in all five States. One of the requirements of the A.Y.F. is that no two Boats in the same Country shall have the same name, so we will in future require that Boat names be submitted for approval before Registration.

\*\* Bruce Bell (Mistress, Sail No. 23) Gladstone, Queensland, gained fastest time in the Yeppoon to Emu Park race on Labour Day with an incredible official time of 67 minutes for the 17 nautical mile course, conditions were extreme with winds of 25 to 35 knots. It was reported that Catamarans were unable to square away and Mistress sailed away from everything. On crossing the finishing line, Mistress put about and sailed home taking five hours for the return trip. We suspect it will be some time before that record will be broken. Congratulations Bruce, keep it up.

- In Gladstone, cruising Boats are handicapped on the I.O.R. rating and are properly measured, (quite a business). It was very interesting to note that Syd Williams (Lazy Bones, Sail No. 22) which is a standard rigged RL24, rates 18 feet, (¼ ton?). Syd also won the Easter Cup. Congratulations to you too Syd.

\*\* Preparations are well under way for the National Titles as you can see, and we hope to see quite a turn up. The weather in August is usually superb. Seven Interstate entries have already been received.

\*\* By the time you receive this, Victoria will have held their Inaugural State Championships and formed their State Association. Full report of Champ's please.

\*\* South Australia have already formed their Association and will be sending a strong team to the National Titles in August.

I've enclosed the Entry Forms for August (to save postage). There will be excellent trophies for the four place getters and a booby prize. All Crews on the place winning Boats will also receive a trophy and all starters will receive mementos.

\*\* Since writing the 'Tripolis' and the 'Goolwa to Milang' Classic, Doug Martin, (Tiki III, Sail No. 61) Port Pirie, South Australia, has covered One Hundred plus miles in two long weekend cruises, boy, he sure uses his Boat. How about some news from other Members ???

\*\* I'll be on the Stand for the week at the Melbourne Boat Show in July (booking to be confirmed) and hope to see a few of you. From what I hear I'll need all my Winter Woollies.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH : It takes two muscles to smile and thirteen to frown, so why strain yourself.

HAPPY SAILING,

JUNE LEGG,

HON. SECRETARY,

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