

THE RL24 OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

W S L E T T E R

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Gosh! Another month gone already, no wonder I'm grey!!!  
Membership now stands at 70.  
Just a few subs overdue!

South Australia held their Inaugural State Titles on Lake Bonney (Barmera) over the Anzac week end; our heartiest congratulations to ...  
1st Barry Arnold, Sail No. 79, 'COOLIBAH' (Barmera)  
2nd Jim Claridge, Sail No. 49, ' ' (Adelaide)  
3rd Craig Rooney, Sail No. 79, 'TOAD OF BARMERA' (Barmera)

Many thanks to Roy Martin and his helpers for arranging the "RL24" Association stand at 'Sailboat '75'. Thanks also to Geoff Olney for the loan of "LUCY" (Sail No. 35 Vic.), I believe she really looked the goods Geoff.

In the "VYC. ONE OF A KIND" Regatta held early in April on Port Phillip Bay, the first day was blowing so hard they couldn't launch the Boats off the beach. The following week end, the conditions were just the opposite and the race that WAS held, the wind changed half way through, not giving a particularly accurate result. There were 15 types of Trailer Sailer represented and on handicap the results were ...

- 1st TS16
- 2nd RED JACKET
- 3rd RL24.

Ross Corbin's Boat was our representative, "TIDALWAVE", (Sail No. 105 Vic.) and was sailed by Ken Hackett, Geoff Hackett, Bruce Castles and Don Castles. Many thanks fellas. Indications are that our official VYC rating will be 92. I'll confirm that at a later date.

I have on hand white 'T' shirts with the "RL24" insignia on the front (or back) in red felt, these are superior to the silk screening process and they wash well too. (Make sure you put in about one tablespoon of salt in the first wash.) They are available in all sizes. They sell at \$5.47 plus postage, the small profit going toward the running of the National Titles.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! could I have some indications as to Members wanting to come in August for our Gold Coast Week, I'm looking forward to your co-operation. Nomination fee for the Championships is \$10.00. The dinner at the Jolly Frog Restaurant on the Friday Night (29th) will be \$6.50 a head for a 4 course meal.

ROB'S TURN NOW: Now that Winter is here, it's worth checking the connection between the centreplate and lifting wire. After 12 months of hard work, some 5/16th stainless pins are showing signs of wear, the lifting wire, particularly at the bottom end also should be checked. On the whole RL24's have very little centreplate trouble; some other type trailer sailers are forever in strife.

For those interested in the stresses and strains on their Boat, the following are the estimated strains on various parts of the rigging on a Boat being sailed four up in 30 MPH winds...

Jib luff and halliard, 400 lbs. (to windward)

Shrouds, (set 26" behind mast) 300 lbs. to windward and with wind on quarter and Spinnaker set, 1300 lbs. (not using runners or back stay). With runners taking the main load, mast compression is considerably reduced and strain on the runner would be about one third that of a shroud for the same loading.

Main halliard, 250 lbs.

NOTE: It is necessary to use wire that has at least double the strength of the above figures, as stainless wire has considerable stretch when loaded above half its maximum loading.

Rod Nyman, 'INTRIGUE' Sail No. 39 (Canberra) is using bamboo splinters for rudder blade shear pins. (The lake has been polluted again Rod?)

STOP PRESS: TIKI 11, the original "RL24" was dismasted whilst laying second and almost a certain winner on handicap in the Yeppoon to Mackay (Old) race. In 25 to 35 knot South Easterly winds and very steep 4 metre seas, no one in the race was very worried about their navigation as the turning mark was a lighthouse. The problem was that the automatic light failed in the storm and TIKI 11 ran into very shallow water with the big seas and broke a shroud; fortunately the mast dropped clear over the side and no other damage was done. Less than one third of the entries completed the course.

Starting next Month, Question and Answering section. Any problems?

Thought for the Month: If you decide to take racing seriously, turn to SPARE