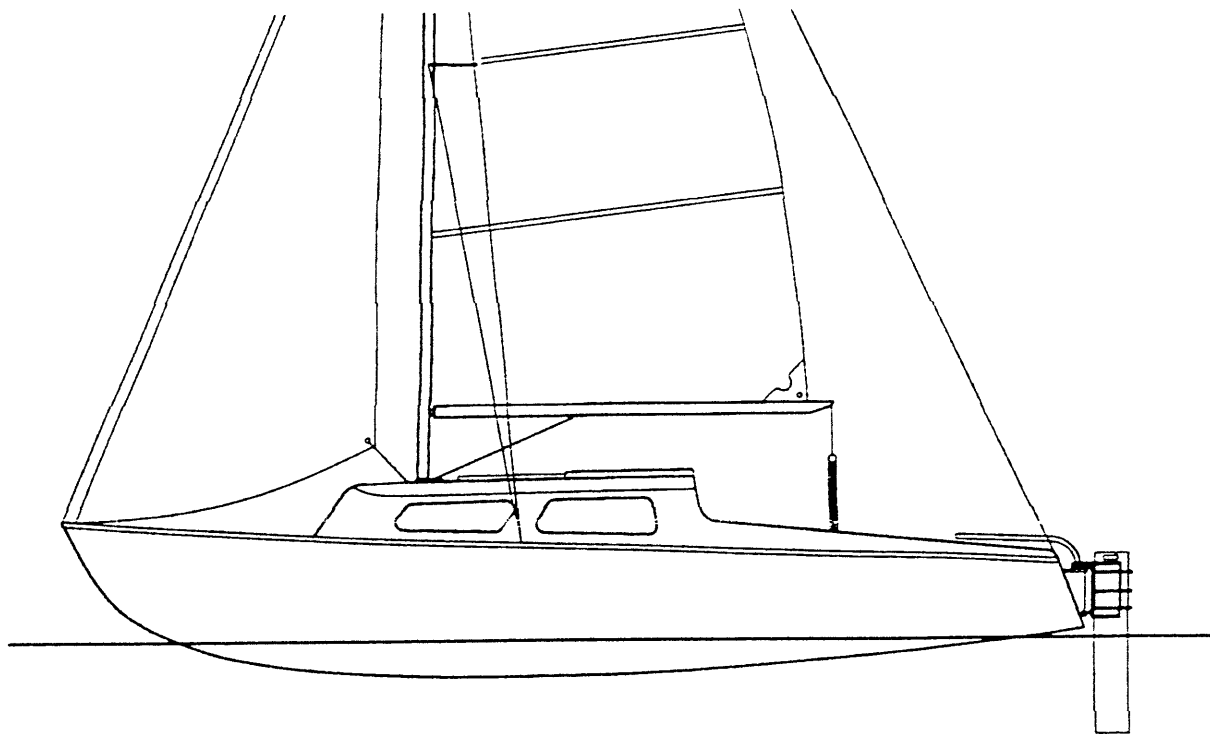
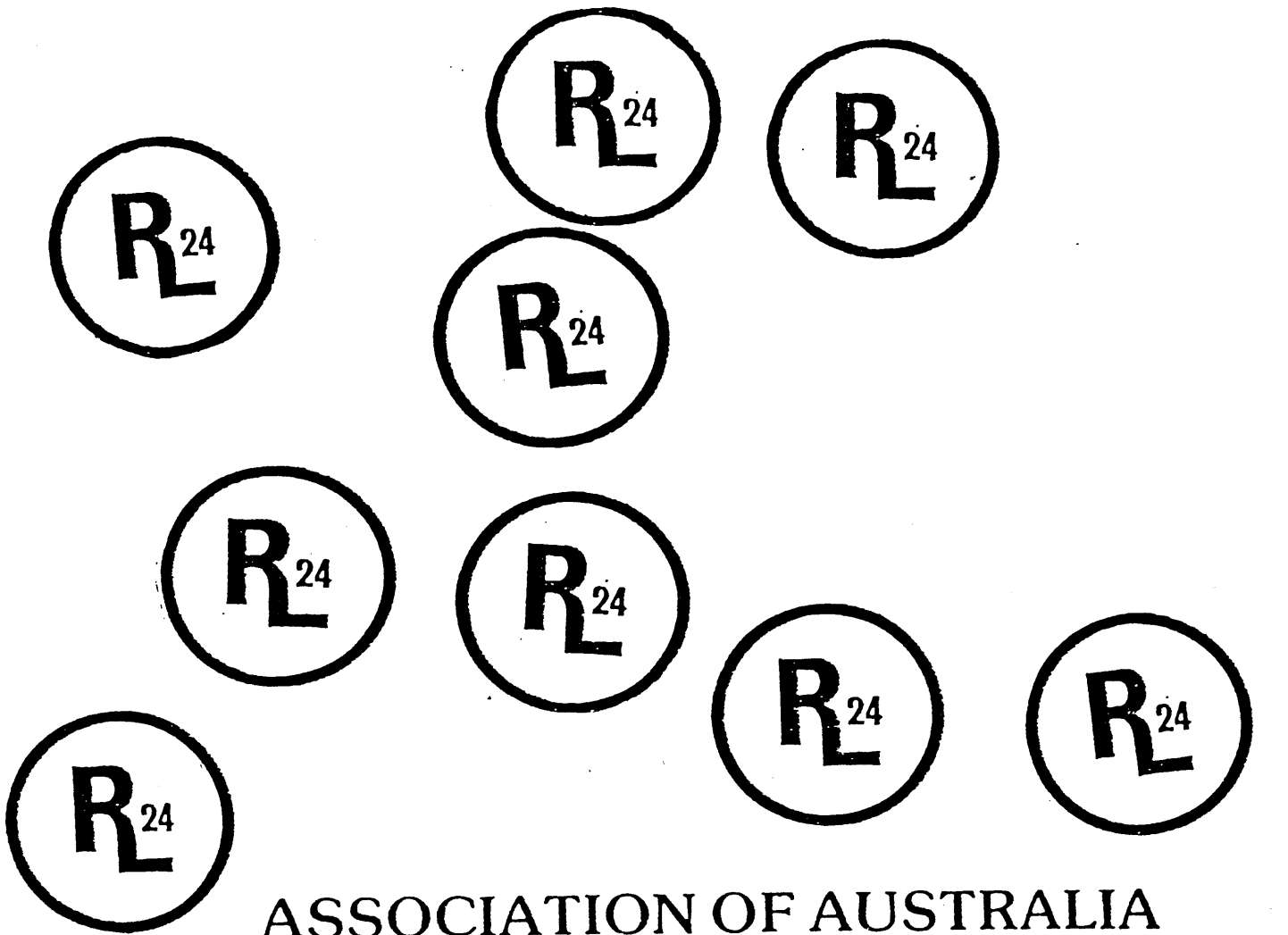


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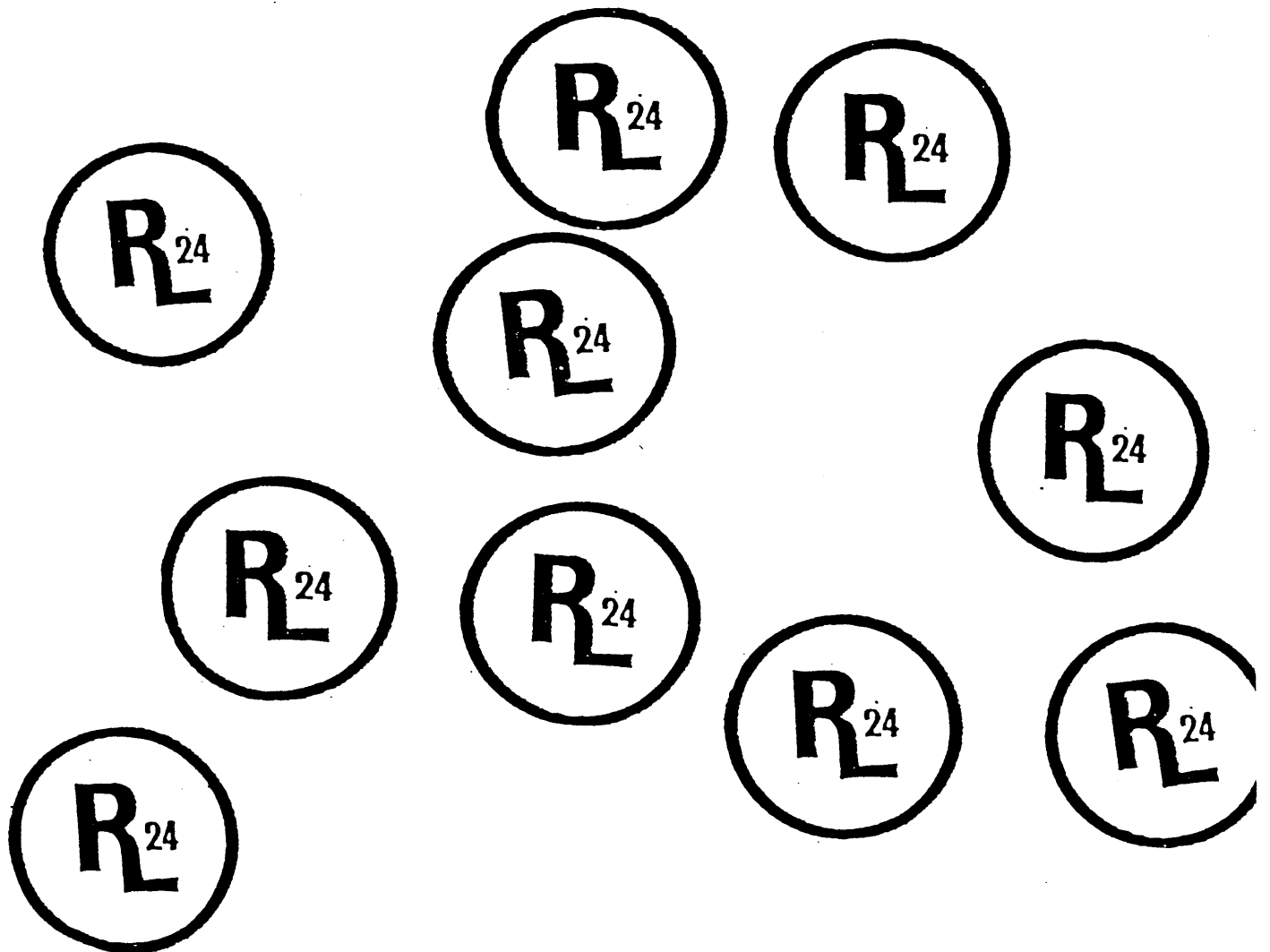
**NEW SOUTH WALES NEWSLETTER**



**RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat**



ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



NATIONAL TITLES

To be held 10th-15th May 1983 at the Southport Yacht Squadron, Sailing Division, Main Beach, Southport. Rob Legg asked if they could be held in Queensland to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the RL24.

ern States, including NSW, to travel north, say  
and June, and bask in the Queensland sun. Just  
vious your friends will be when you arrive home  
n the middle of winter.

ROD has promised a "slap-up" dinner (haven't you Rob) for those that attend so keep the dates free - apply for holidays now and let's see you there.

On the serious side we will be writing to the Southport squad next month with race times, dates, lay-day, etc. etc. and they will send out the notice of race and instructions.

NSW STATE TITLES

1st Heat: either TYA Port Stevens Race 3/10/82  
or TYA Lake Illawarra Race 13/2/82  
(Best result to count)

2nd and 3rd Heat: **12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March 1983**  
Pittwater

Details of the Pittwater Heats and notice of race will be mailed to you at a later date.

TYA/RL24 TRAVELLERS SERIES

Once again the RL24 Association is holding its own travellers series in conjunction with the TYA series. All you have to do to be in it is to enter the TYA races.

MYSTERY SOCIAL DAY

Now get this - If you don't attend then don't blame the Social Committee because it will be an excellent day.

11th December 1982, Saturday. Launch at 9.30 a.m. at Bayview Ramp. Plans will be given out then but bring your own picnic lunches, refreshments, etc. On completion of the sailing-cum picnic day we will return to the R.M.Y.C. Newport for a B-B-Q and "bat on".

The RMYC can provide B-B-Q packs and hootch at bar prices and it's a stay-as-you-are dress rules. Those who wish may adjourn to their '24 for a quiet night in the protected waters.

RSVP is a must by 3rd. December. Irene Hill, 882 471, or Heather Stevens, 480 519.

P.S. RMYC has a pool.

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED

If you didn't go to the "Rules Night" organised by Mike Stevens in July, you only have yourself to blame. Jim Orrell from Y.A. (he has an article in September Australian Sailing) came and gave us an excellent lecture on rules.

There was spirited participation by the audience and everyone learned a lot more about racing, protesting, huffing, bluffing, etc. etc. The food was great, the wine was great, Jim Orrell was magnificent. Next time why don't you come along?

Thanks to Mike Stevens for organising the event. Thanks to Heather Stevens for being such a gracious hostess.

Next time when Mike Stevens organises something .... come along.

AND JUST FOR THE RECORD YOUR COMMITTEE THIS YEAR IS:

President	- Bill Seale	Publicity Officer	- Mike Stevens
V-President	- John Curry	Race Secretary	- Col Robinson
Secretary	- Simon Stanford	Handicapper	- Peter Yeomans
Treasurer	- Don Mullen	Safety Officer	- Bob Hill
		Social Committee	- Heather Stevens, Irene Hill

Correspondence to: Hon. Secretary,  
45 Westbrook Avenue,  
WAHROONGA NSW 2076

As you know the RL 24 Association is a member of TYA (NSW). The TYA has just drawn up and promulgated some new safety rules. Basically the rules conform with the YA Blue Book. A copy of the rules is reproduced in this newsletter and if you want to compete in TYA events you will have to comply.

No great problems, however, your committee lodged a protest on two counts:

1. A keel lockdown device is only required by Y.A. for night sailing - it seems somewhat over-zealous to require it for all conditions.
2. The Y.A. does not require a motor to be kept in an operable position - this means that we will have to sail with extra weight in the stern which will penalise RL24's more than many other classes of boat.

Since our protests fell on deaf ears we followed up with a request for RL 24 handicaps to be reduced to compensate for the motor rule! Here's hoping.

#### RL 24 SAFETY DISPLAY

Two things the TYA, in their well intentioned search for safety, totally overlooked, are "self-righting" and buoyancy". We pointed this out to the TYA in our letter but you can hardly expect a speedy response on such a sensitive issue.

Many designs of trailer yachts do not self-right; and many others sink if they get swamped. Very cold, very wet, very embarrassing, and very dangerous.

Just to prove that RL 24's lead the field in these important issues we have persuaded Rob Legg to put his money where our mouth is!

Rob has agreed to send down a new RL 24 to participate in the YA sponsored Water Safety Week. This means that on October 12th and 13th (from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m) right beside the Opera House, an RL24 will be capsized and swamped (consecutively); to the amazement of the crowd it will self-right and float (cheers from the crowd!) Come and see it; Watch it on TV; tell all your friends; most of all, congratulate yourself on choosing the safest boat on the market.

If anyone would like to help in this daring feat (and get his picture taken; a possible TV appearance; a hollywood contract; would you believe a VC?) please ring Mike Stevens - 480 519 - he needs help.

The T.Y.A. of N.S.W. has decided to put together a Safety Check List which for the main part summarises the Australian Yachting Federation Blue Book - Trailer Yacht Regulations. This list also incorporates a few extras applicable to trailer yachts.

Every item on the list has a rule number beside it. Please read the A.Y.F. Safety Regulations, Addendum B, Trailable Yachts. pages 132-144 for further explanations of this list.

### NEW TYA SAFETY RULES

#### SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Addendum B. Trailable Yachts ---- pp 132-144 Blue Book.

#### Rule No.

- 4.3 All items over 5kg. to be securely fastened.
- 4.4 Keels --- Positive feature to prevent them escaping from case in a capsize.
- 4.5 Keel / ballast lockdown.
- 5.3 Hatches and pop-tops are to have positive locking facilities.
- 6.1 Gas cylinders are to be located outside of cabin.
- 6.1 Conditions of petrol tanks to be checked.
- 7.1 An approved fire extinguisher of .9kb minimum size and not out of date. (Refer to Blue Book and M.S.B. Regulations)
- 7.2 Bailing bucket with lanyard or bilge pump. (Refer Blue Book and M.S.B. Regulations).
- 7.3. Two of each anchor, chain and rope of reasonable size. (Refer Blue Book)
- 7.5 First aid kit and book. (Refer Blue Book).
- 8.1 Map of area.
- 9.1 Rudder lock-on device, so it cannot fall off.
- 9.2 Wire rigging cutters.
- 9.4 Radio receiver.
- 9.5 One buoyancy vest for each crew member.
- 9.7 Current flares -- 2x red and 2x orange smoke. (Refer Blue Book)
- 9.7 Heaving line of 10 metres floating line (approx.6mm).
- 10 Motor of reasonable size and fuel. (Refer Blue Book).  
Outboard motor to be in operable position when sailing.
- 11 Name of yacht, sail number and club or association to be on stern or sides of boat. (Refer Blue Book).

#### Night-time Racing

- 7.4 One waterproof torch and spare batteries.
- 8.1 Compass.
- 8.2 Port, starboard and stern lights plus a spare back-up set with batteries.
- 9.5 One whistle to be attached to each buoyancy vest.

#### \*\*\* Wind Speed

If the wind, within the hour before the start of a race, is consistently 25 knots or more, then the race may be postponed or abandoned at the discretion of the race committee.

A check of the basic safety gear on trailable yachts has been long overdue. Every yacht club has a pre-season safety check on it's boats before entry is accepted for racing, as required by the A.Y.F.

This safety check list will ensure that we have made the effort to have safe, responsible people sailing in our races, especially as we are one of the few groups promoting family participation on the water.

TYA - 1982/83 RACE PROGRAMME

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(T) Sunday, October 3rd. - PORT STEPHENS RACE  
Distance race around Port Stephens. Early morning start. Suggested raft up at Fame Cove Saturday Night - Hosted by Port Stephens Yacht Squadron.

(K & T) Sunday, November 7th . . . . . PITTWATER RACE  
Passage race, Mid-day start, approximately 3-4 hours. Hosted by the Careel Association, suggest a raft up Saturday night in the Basin. Race presentation at R.P.A. Newport.

(K & T) Sunday, November 21st BOTANY BAY RACE  
Olympic course - mid day start - approx. 3 hours. Hosted by Botany Bay Sailing Club with presentation to be held after the event at St. George Sailing Club.

(K) Sunday, December 5th GWANDALAN  
Slalom legs in a variation of the usual olympic course. Mid day start. Hosted by Gwandalan Sailing Club with presentation after the event.

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(K & T) Sunday, February 13th LAKE ILLAWARRA RACE  
Olympic course - mid day start - approx. 3 hours - Presentation afterwards. Hosted by Port Kembla Sailing Club.

(T) Sunday, March 6th PARRAMATTA RIVER RACE  
Challenging river style - tidal course approx 3-4 hours. Presentation night in the Club after the race. Hosted by the Drummoyne Sailing Club.

Saturday, March 19th/20th TYA BROKEN BAY - FUN RACE  
Our variation of the famous 3 peaks race with accent on childrens participation.

(K & T) Saturday, April 2nd. LAKE MACQUARIE OVERNIGHT RACE  
The principal event of our Easter Rally. Overnight race around 50 kilometres. Run simultaneously with the shorter Moonlight Passage Race (Moonlight Race 12.00 p.m. time Limit). (The Moonlight race does not count in either the Kinnears Classic or the Travellers Series).

(T) Sunday, May 15th ST. GEORGES BASIN  
Round the lake course, approx. 3-4 hours. Traditionally a cruise week or weekend in school holidays. Presentation on the Beach. Hosted by St. Georges Basin Sailing Club.

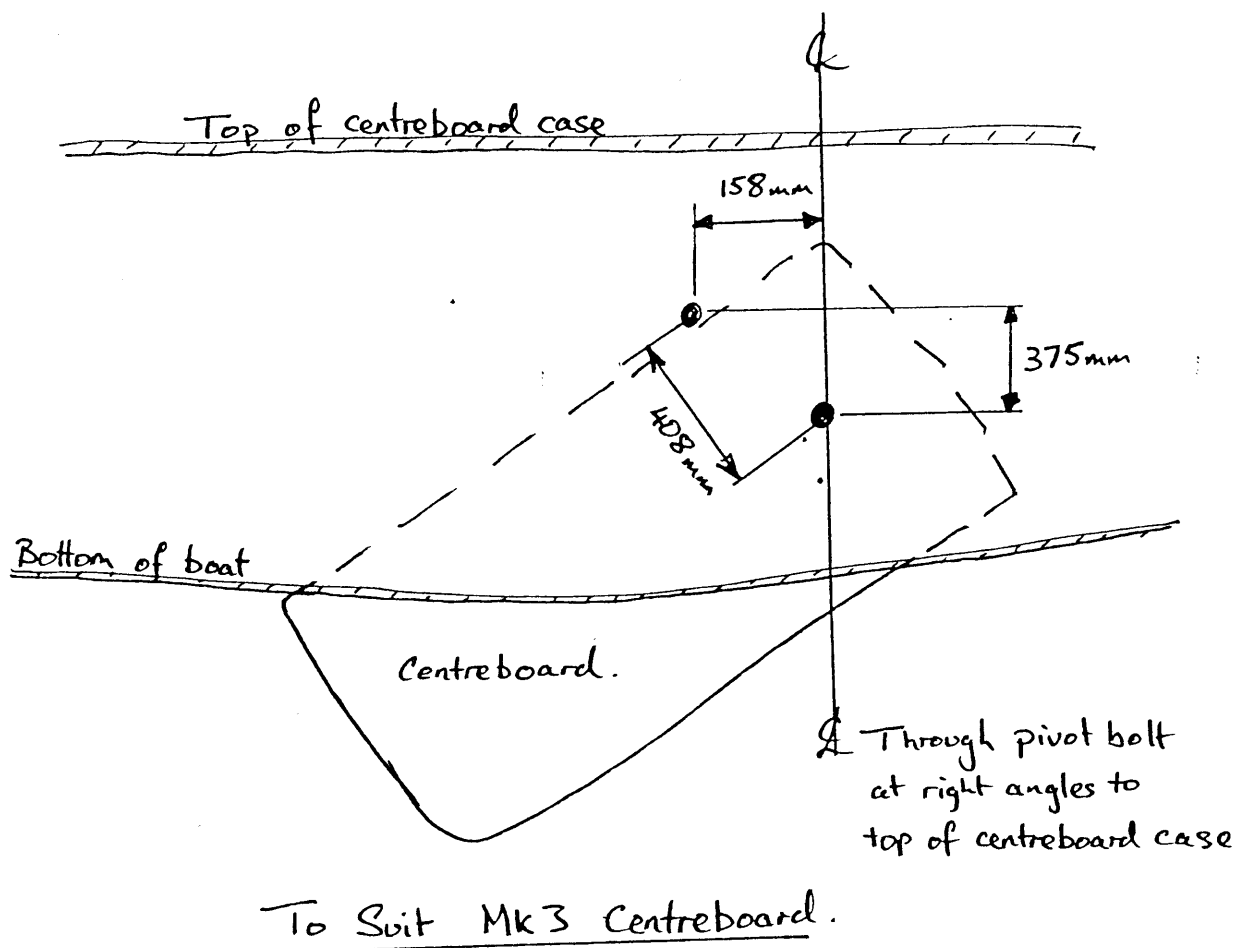
(K) - Denotes a heat of the Kinnears Classic.

(T) - Denotes a heat of the Travellers Series.

NOTE: November 28, 12 noon, BYRA - Lion Island Challenge Cup for Auxiliary yachts BRO back at BYRA.

## KEEL LOCKDOWN BOLT

The new TYA rules require a keel lockdown device. Of course you can fit any device you like (so long as it works) but here is a suggestion. The position of the bolt hole is such that the keel will be restrained at approximately  $45^\circ$ . (Note: the position of the bolt hole is quite critical and the authors of this newsletter claim "all care and no responsibility". If you have any doubts, check your own boat by pulling it over in shallow water).



### SOME TIPS

- Use bolt with minimum diameter 20mm. (to stop bolt bending if struck by C.B.)
- If threaded stainless steel bolt used, secure with brass or mild steel nut. A s.s. nut can seize to a s.s. bolt making removal impossible.
- Glue and screw (araldite) reinforcing pads say 120 x 120 to both sides of C.B. case to stop bolt elongating hole if struck by rising C.B.
- In choppy conditions, without bolt, a little water will slop through hole. Use corks.
- Above dimensions could apply to all RL's using similar C.B. (Heavy) to MK 3 type.



GOSSIP COLUMN

Remember Gary and Sue Hopkins; well, they won a North U manuel on sail trimming for winning the RL24/TYA travellers' Trophy. Congratulations to a model sailing couple who never have a cross word. Rumour has it that they have built a 'pop-top' on thier beloved "Kinky," When you are as tall as Gary you need that extra headroom. We're looking forward to seeing their handiwork, it could start a trend.

Welcome to Arch McQueen; A family sailor of considerable presence who is fitting out a brand new MARK IV. See you on the water soon Arch, provided you manage to extricate the boat from your unbelievable driveway!

Ron Wallace, proud owner of "Yum Kahn" was once heard to remark that he never hears from the RL Association. If you'd slow down a little, Ron, we could all catch you, and have a chat once in a while.

It's only partial farewell to Toni and Colin Robinson who are moving up to Lake Macquarie to live. All the best to you both. We look forward to seeing you stir up more than just the waters off Wangi! Any Lake Macquarians wishing to do battle with the Robinsons' "Lime Splice" should track them down.

Also hello to Don and Jan Hoyland in "Red Handed" and Ross Rowe with "Quarter past". Both Don and Ross sail with Summerland and Don is this year Commodore of the club across the bay. Sorry Don, I forgot the name.

Anyway, there are now eight 24's on the Lake so why not form a L.McQ Division.

Peter Yeomans, famed hero of the Marlay Point Race and many other triumphs (including beating your columnist on every single occasion we put to sea)... has bought a new boat. Don't know the name yet. Peter please paint it on your stern or I'll never get to see it!

P.S. This newsletter would not be complete without a special cheerio to the Vollers way down there in Oak Flats .... keep those cards and letters coming in folks.

THIS IS THE 10TH YEAR OF RL24

We would like as many people as possible to join the Association and COME TO THE NATIONAL TITLES IN MAY 1983. So please! if you know anyone with an RL24 encourage them to join up: if you have sold your boat pass this onto the new owner: if thats all too hard simply nominate another RL24 owner on the form and we will write to them.

Thanks for your help.

Please detach and forward with your remittance.  
(Cheques payable to RL24 Owners Association of Australia)

MEMBER

NOMINEE

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Mail to:  
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C/- 13 McEwan Avenue,  
WINSTON HILLS NSW 2153

\* To those who have already paid for a burgee: we apologise for the delay: it will be despatched within 4 weeks.

To those who have not already bought a burgee: shame on you: now is your chance.