



NATIONAL NEWS

RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat

RL²⁴ ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENTS REPORT: The following Presidents Report was put before the meeting, which agreed to reproduce the report in full for the National Newsletter, to stimulate members comment via the Newsletter towards more stable and more active State and National Associations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I took this position nine months ago when Dick Clampett moved from his RL 24 to an RL 28. At that time, planning for the 1985 - 6 national championships was well advanced and a good series was confidently anticipated.

At the time of writing this report, two weeks after close of nominations, a very disappointing eleven yachts have nominated for the championships.

Information on the 1985 - 6 championships has been before members since the 1982 - 3 titles at Runaway Bay (Qld), via State and national newsletters and at each title venue. Further information has appeared in the Nautical News, Australian Sailing, Australian Boating magazines over the past eight months, but despite this the nominations to hand are quite disappointing and disheartening. With over 450 RL 24's throughout Australia and more than 100 registered with the National Association, it was reasonable to expect considerably greater support for the time and effort put in by the 1985 - 6 planning committee.

This prompts me to raise several questions for all members to consider; views would be most welcome to share in the next National Newsletter

1. Should the RL 24 Association persist with annual titles?
2. If so, should they be held only at venues more central to all members?
3. Is the variation in titles dates from year to year a problem and if so, should they be held during the same week each year?
4. Is travelling long distances with trailers which receive weekly submersion in salt water (and hence questionable brakes, bearings etc) a contributing problem?
5. Would a "breathing space" of one or two years enable State Associations to strengthen before mounting a national championship series?

Thinking further along these lines it might be useful for members to consider the following and make their views known via the newsletter or AGM:

1. Would the Association be strengthened and stabilised if the positions of President (linked with newsletter editor) and Secretary/Treasurer were for two or preferably three year terms? This could give an identifiable "headquarters" for Association affairs, enable accurate and ongoing membership/address/boat ownership files to be developed, and offer experienced advice to organisers of State and National titles throughout that period. YES
2. Could a trial run be given to this idea for the 1986 - 8 period, separating the roles championship planning and Association officers (above)? YES
3. If you have a strong and active State association, please consider the advantages of siting the National Association headquarters in your State for
 - 3.1 Three years consecutively
 - 3.2 Advice to, but not responsibility for, national championship series.
 - 3.3 An adjunct to your State office bearers, not necessarily simply more work for the few.

On a brighter note, the 1985 - 6 championships are wide-open, with second to sixth placegetters from last year all present to add their names to the Rob and June Legg Perpetual trophy, if the "breaks" go their way. I am quite confident that all will enjoy themselves, with keen contests on the water and pleasant socialising ashore.

Bill Young
Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club
December 1985

TREASURERS REPORT:

The following Report was tabled, and after due examination was formally received and endorsed. As arrangements for auditing could not be finalised before the A.G.M., it was agreed that an audited statement would appear in the next National Newsletter.

MOVED: Shannon/B.Hall
CARRIED.

RL-24 NATIONAL STATEMENT

Income:

National Subs	\$485.00
National Title Subscriptions	\$440.00
S.A. Subs	\$ 35.00
S.A. Titles	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
	<u>\$1020.00</u>

Expenditure:

National Trophies	\$251.00
F.I.D. & F.D.T. Tax	\$ 1.41
Transferred to S.A. Account	\$ 95.00
Dep. for Presentation Dinner	\$100.00
Postage for National Newsletter	\$181.92
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
	\$649.33
T. Shirts for Nationals	<u>\$268.50</u>
	<u>\$917.83</u>

Income	\$1,020.00
c/f from Vic.	<u>\$1,238.84</u>
	\$2,258.84
Expenditure	<u>\$ 917.83</u>
<u>BALANCE:</u>	<u>\$1,341.01</u>