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SPEAKING GENERALLY

What, you may ask, happened to the February edition?

Well, it suffered from hiccups of a most violent and virulent kind and instead you have the April edition just after the day on which you would have disregarded it.

(I did think of posting the February issue so you would get it on 1 April, but it seemed a bit too smarmy).

The Nationals are gone for this year and the big Q has gone and pinched the title again - hope the lights are working now so they can look at it at night.

1986 NATIONALS

Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club, January 5 to 10 (Sunday to Friday).

Invitation races on both Saturdays (4 and 11) with the Club fleet of mixed trailer yachts.

Measuring day, Friday 4 January.

Accommodation will be booked out well in advance. Advise your requirements EARLY please.

More details in next Newsletter, but your early contact is:

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CRUISING

Cruises in company will be arranged for the week after the championships. If you want to go the week before let Margaret Hall know and she will arrange something for you.

RL24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1985

<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Inv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Final Points</u>	<u>Place</u>
115	Lowana IV	G. Vaughan	11	12	17	12		11	12	10	57	12
405	Bunyip	C. Gatt	17	16	22	15		18	18	13	80	16
181	Valentine	R. Higgins	DNS	22	21	20		20	17	16	94	18=
102	Sasha	K. Hackett	3	6	5	9		16	13	12	60	7
88	Sea Biscuit	T. Nicholas	10	13	11	11		16	13	12	60	13
424	Strange Lady	B. Troy	12	18	DSQ	DSQ		13	19	DNS	108	21
402	Lowana V	B. Aitken	8	11	6	13		4	4	11	36	8
403	Cold Duck	K. Westacott	23	17	18	18		DNF	DNS	DNS	111	23=
361	Finesse	D. Clampett	14	10	10	14		15	15	14	63	14
244	Solace	R. Armstrong	24	25	24	25		24	24	17	114	25=
456	September Song	V. Davenport	9	9	8	6		8	11	7	38	9
231	Splice	K. Rainey	15	8	14	10		9	9	8	44	10
505	Treasure Island	M. Stevens	21	14	13	8		12	10	9	52	11
103	Toucan	G. Krupinski	16	24	16	23		21	25	DNS	109	22
158	Happy Days	G. Gronow	19	23	20	24		23	21	DNS	111	23=
332	Anitra	R. Corben	18	19	15	16		17	20	13	82	17
305	Jacqui	D. Lewis	22	20	23	27		22	23	18	100	20
404	Dump Truck	R. Young	2	4	2	2		2	2	3	11	2
220	Talitha	J. Rowtley	20	21	19	21		19	16	19	94	18=
414	Archena	D. Lee	13	15	12	19		14	14	DNS	74	15
427	Lowana VI	M. Shanon	6	3	3	5		7	6	2	19	4
152	Pegasus	B. Castles	7	7	4	7		10	7	4	29	6
424	Xtremist	M. Larsen- Smith	4	5	7	4		6	5	5	25	5
415	Radical Lady	J. Lucas	5	2	9	3		3	3	1	11 3/4	3
188	Sundance	W. Walters	1	1	1	1		1	1	DNS	3 3/4	1
240	Bentley	B. Hall	25	26	25	22		25	22	20	114	25=

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MONDAY 7 JANUARY: A.M. HEAT 1

Heat 1 of the RL24 Nationals had to be delayed at the start due to initially very light conditions. The first windward leg was one of joys and sorrows as flukey conditions enabled just about every starter a taste of being in front. It also became obvious that strange tidal influences would take much getting used to. Sundance (Warren Walker) led around the course, while Radical Lady and Lowana VI jockeyed for 2nd position. The leading RL's were closely followed by Xtremist, Pegasus, Sasha (having trouble with her new spinnaker) and Dump truck. The course was shortened just before the wind dropped out and the race ended on the completion of the 2nd triangle.

P.M. Heat 2

In this heat the start had to be delayed due to the late finish of heat 1. A general recall at the start as a result of tide forcing many keen starters over the line early. Once again the tide was to influence initial positioning around windward mark. However the wind was more consistent at about 15 knots, and fast shy reaches made for exciting sailing and interesting jibes. Sundance again showed the way with Dump truck close behind. The 3 Victorians Lowana VI, Pegasus and Sasha leading the rest of the fleet.

Tuesday 8 January P.M. Heat 3

Again winds were variable in strength and direction, particularly on final windward where a very large windshift accompanying a very late seabreeze played havoc with expected final placings. Lowana V (Barry Aitken) lying 8th was suddenly 13th, Pegasus miles ahead of September Song was beaten by the same just to name the hard luck stories. Again Sundance won, followed by Dump truck. Radical Lady gained third by virtue of a tussle between rivals Lowana VI and Xtremist. We are told there was little happening at the other end of the fleet on broad reach and run, so the crew of Solace flung a line over the stern and caught tea.

Wednesday 9 January: A.M. Heat 4

Heat 4 was a total catastrophe which was abandoned little after five minutes after the start. The crew of Anitra took a swim in 50 knot winds and huge seas, but not before 3 minutes of planing under spinnaker, which according to Ross Corben made the whole exercise worth it. By the time the race was abandoned Sundance, Dump truck, Radical Lady and Pegasus had almost reached the 2nd mark over at Elizabeth Island and had to contend with conditions during a long beat back to the relative safety of Rhyll.

Thursday, 10 January, Lay Day

Today was a lay day where the kids went windsurfing and skippers used the valuable time for repairs to rigging and sails. The Annual General meeting took place in the Rhyll clubhouse at 8:00 p.m.

Friday 11 January, A.H. Heat 5

10 - 11 knots. Sundance once again led home followed by Dump Truck and Radical Lady just got in for 3rd after a close tussle with Lowana VI. Further back in the fleet Loucan earned both better competitors and onlookers situated in strategic positions all along Isle Hill cliff top, by bottling? and righting again in loss that he would on a shy spinnaker reach.

F.H. Heat 6

Once again the line caused a shambles on the start line, slight breeze heavily veered leeward end. Rick changed his heading on the start line by a collision with Sashe. He was forced to fall aside later on the 2nd windward is still a mystery, but led to his unchallenged winning of the "Piddly Piddle Trophy" for his efforts. The hap hazard race also chalked up collisions between Atomist and Pegasus, September Song and Loucan to name a few. Final placings saw Sundance 1st, Dump Truck and Radical Lady 3rd.

Saturday, 12 January, Heat 7

Heat 7 had to be postponed for an hour due to windless conditions, and was eventually abandoned an hour after the start.

7:30 start, veered the windward end of the line and led to much bumping and collisions on the start. The first triangle was led by Lowana VI closely followed by Dump Truck and Radical Lady. Later this the lead changed several times. A shortage of wind led to a shortened course at the end of the second triangle. The race and the final heat was eventually won by Radical Lady, less than a boat length behind was Lowana VI. Dump truck marooned along with the rest of the fleet in a drifter was third. Sundance, whose new skipper-manager, Hag, had become disillusioned with the lack of wind, and though still denying it, whose hangover from the night before celebrations, had got the better of him. Has fails to figure in the placings.

Thus to round off a very friendly, yet fiercely competitive week of racing, only marred by the sun's refusal to shine, the presentation dinner was held at the Continental Hotel in Cowes. Following dinner, we were treated to a variety of entertainment, namely from the crew of Sundance, Bruce Castles, and Andrea, spinnaker hand of Basha, who taught close to 200 people the "Bunny Hop". Finally booted out of the Continental, Shannans place became the venue for continuing celebrations that went early into the morning, which finished with many reluctant goodbyes.

Finally the RL24 Association sincerely congratulates Warren Walters and the crew of Sundance for their win. The championship could not have been won by a more worthy or dedicated RL24 skipper.

KINNEAR'S CLASSIC ("Age" 2 March 1985)

Lake Wellington Yacht Club sailor Bruce Castles won this year's Kinnear's triable yacht classic by five points after a fine second place in the fifth and final event, the Fort Marlborough Channels race.

Castles' RL 24, Pegasus, was leading going into the last race but had only a two point advantage over Paul Brooks' In the Red. Brooks dropped to third place in the final result, half a point behind Mike Shannon's Lowana VI, another RL 24 which won the last race in which Brooks finished sixth.

The only other entry with a chance of winning the series was Royal Decolung sailor M. McAllister, who finished 14th in the last race to end up fourth overall on 34 points.

The Fort Marlborough Channels race was postponed for some hours because of gale force winds, and even when the starter's gun fired half the fleet had stayed ashore to escape the heavy, although moderated conditions.

S.A. CHAMPIONSHIP 1985

1st	Sea Biscuit	Terry Nichols
2nd	Finesse	Dick Clampett
3rd	Galatea	Bill Young

S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS 1986

Will be run in conjunction with the Nationals.

ARTICLES, CONTRIBUTIONS

We'll publish virtually anything.

CANBERRA

Welcome to Geoff Onions who has bought Colduck.