

# NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



## RL's RACE or CRUISE

Since the last time I wrote we have conducted the State titles for our class. The event was won by Jack Lucas sailing a somewhat different RL. We are always pleased to see Jack, anyone who travels 600 or 800 kms to sail must be a fanatic. Jack's RL reminded me of the inside of one of Jack's trawlers - congratulations Jack.

The titles were conducted by Wangi Saling Club and I would like to see us return there next year. Apart from speed boats I think the venue was excellent and the sailing course was well laid.

Canberra: We now have seven RL's on the lake and I will certainly try to encourage them to sail with us in TYA events or State Titles.

The National Titles will this year be held at Eden during January 1988 - 3rd to 10th. In the second of the two bays, Twofold, it is possible to lay course of some size, the long distance race going to NZ and return - anyway, I'm sure Jack Lucas will set an interesting course. To book accommodation, ring Jack now (064) 96 1275.

*Regards...Michael.*

Starts this coming season on a regular basis at the south end of Lake Macquarie at Mannering Park.

The dates are as follows:

Sat.	October	17th
"	November	14th
"	December	19th
"	February	13th
"	March	19th
"	April	9th

This is an ideal opportunity to meet at a regular basis so join in.

Contact Kevin or Brian Troy - (02) 476 1771  
Viv Davenport - (043) 52 1884

## TYA Season 1986-87

The RL's finished the season with some success with Jack Lucas in "Radical Lady" winning the south coast championships and Viv Davenport in "September Song" with a very good seventh in the NSW TYA titles, displacing boats of the calibre of Spider 22's, 28's, South Coast 28's, Masram's - the list goes on but only proves the RL is still very competitive in open company. "Strange Lady" finished the season as the highest placed RL in the travellers series and John Kirshner waved the flag in Div.II.

### FOR SALE

#### RL24 IV

#### "TREASURE ISLAND"

COMPLETE WITH  
MACDIAMIRD SAILS  
2 JIBS, 1 MAIN, 1 KITE.  
HARKEN FITTINGS, 8HP SUZUKI,  
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2ND STATE TITLES WANGI '86.  
VERY FAST, IN EXCELLENT  
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GEORGE MANDER SAILS  
NEVER USED  
COMPLETE MAIN JIB & BATTENS  
SUIT RL24, RL28

**\$600**

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## NSW TITLES

Viv 2/1 Fast Jack evens Dad 4/1. That's how the market read for the series up until the last race. Then it was evens for all boats, "September Song", "Radical Lady" and "Treasure Island" with "Daylight" fourth. Well, having view from "Daylight" I saw the series as follows. We were blessed with good weather, company and a great club (thanks to John Savage) made for a great weekend.

Dinner and Ports on Saturday night was great fun with entertainment from Simon (Trailer stories and lighting the BBQ) and Fast Jack (re measurement of "Radical Lady II").

### Race 1

Fast Jack (we call Jack that which has nothing to do with his story telling) took off and said catch me; Viv tried but managed only second followed by Dad (we call Mike Stevens that as he has a habit of calling the boys son).

### Race 2

Plan B worked well for Dad as he had us on port all night and "Treasure Island" fortified the field with Viv second and Fast Jack third.

### Race 3

Half race gone and Dad's firmed to evens. Viv and Fast Jack to 2/1. Well, they don't make movies like this anymore. Mike killed the chinaman, the freshening wind swings to the south, Fast Jack changes his whip hand and in one leg it was all over.

**State Champ** - Jack Lucas "Radical Lady"

**Second** - Mike Stevens "Treasure Island"

**Third** - Viv Davenport "September Song"

The NSW RL Association would like to thank - Redhead Sails, Speedo and The Boating Shop (Gordon).

## TO THE FORE'HAND

I was asked why I had a disgusting pair of sneakers in the anchor well. After sitting on the pointy end for some years now and being asked by those strange people that hang onto a tiller all day, to save their boat as they come into shore at 10 Knots with keel down, rudder down, sails up and motor on. I eventually learnt the hard way all the ocean's bottoms are not the same. So now when I am called upon to save the day, I can at least walk the next day.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### AUST RL24 GLADSTONE

#### RESULTS

1st	Wings	Warren Walters	8.7	QLD
2nd	Pipedream	Rod Young	17.00	QLD
3rd	F-Troop	Dave Palmenter	28.01	QLD
4th	Lowanna 5	Barry Aitkin	38.4	VIC
5th	Radical Lady II	Jack Lucas	54.5	NSW

Then came Liason, Lowana 6, Seamist, Pegasus, Tecumseh.

### NSW RL24 WANGI

#### RESULTS

1st	Radical Lady II	Jack Lucas
2nd	Treasure Island	Mike Stevens
3rd	September Song	Viv Davenport

#### SWING KEEL

1st	Crescent	Tony Thoms
2nd	Magic	John Deweger
3rd	Harem Scarem	Simon Stanford

#### FAMILY

1st	BJ	Barry Pownall
2nd	Hello Sailor	John Kirchner

The boy's from Wagga picked up a prize (I thought it should be for their pink jumpers). Magics youthful crew is also shaping up well and it was good to see Geronimo sailing competitively again. Donations of chewing gum, glue or any adhesive could be sent to "Crescent" so they can remain two-up.

## TLC FOR THE RL

The old blue tarp had self destructed and the neighbours gumtree was taking over the boat. So I got the old bush saw out and did some tree cutting. Using all spare rope (I should have moved the boat) I secured the offending tree and cut. Bullseye, right on top of the boat, not even a scratch. Which left me with the reason for the exercise. Bloody stains on the deck.

Well after grumbling around the house, the lady of the house says "Use Drive" just like a commercial. Well it works, not only did it clean the deck but I didn't have to use my toenails once on the wet deck next weekend, it cleaned all the built up scum off.