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**VICTORIAN NEWSLETTER**



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

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Well another year has gone by, and another A.G.M., and I find myself sitting in the President's Chair. Thank you to those who had the confidence in me to vote for me. Although I am not an ardent feminist, I do feel it is quite an honour to be the first female President of the RL24 Owners Association of Victoria.

The committee this year has moved to Melbourne, and is as follows:

PRESIDENT:	Mrs Sue Graham	25 Viviani Cres. Heathmont 3135. Ph. 03 870 5439
SECRETARY:	Mr Don Lewis	333 Springvale Rd. 3111. Ph. 03 842 1816
TREASURER:	Mr Ron McCrindle	6 Arnot St. Brighton East. 3187. Ph. 03 592 1329

The trouble with doing a good job is that you get to do it again. So Lloyd Graham will continue to do the publicity and the Boat Show.

A vote of thanks must go to the out going committee, namely Bruce Castles, Ken Hackett and Craig Rainey for taking the helm for the past year. Well done.

Reports on items discussed at the AGM are included elsewhere in this newsletter, as are dates for your diary. The committee will welcome all suggestions for association activities and we look forward to catching up with members at future events. See you soon.

Sue Graham

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Have you got the message? Yes it's that time of year again when your membership fees are due. Unfortunately inflation has hit us too, and we have had to increase the fees to \$15.00p.a. Please forward your remittance to the treasurer A.S.A.P.

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### BOAT SHOW.

Following the interest generated by our presence at the Boat Show last year, it has been decided to support the V.Y.C. and enter again. The Boat Show will be held from Thur 5th. - Wed 11th. JULY.

Lloyd is already working on the display, with the help of Kevin O'Neill, *Bumble Bee's* new owner. We need good photos, particularly of group cruises to compliment the display. Lloyd will be in touch with you shortly re manning the stand.

The Boat Show is an ideal avenue to increase membership through the sale of boats or encouraging existing owners to join. An active association and keeping the RL24s to the fore will enhance the value of your boats. Let the committee know of any boats for sale, or non members you come across.

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## NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS.

Just a brief note to update you on the proposed uniform safety standards. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have applied for, and been granted some dispensations. I guess it is safe to say that you should equip the boat to existing standards, plus extras as listed in specific sailing instructions.

However the whole issue is still causing a lot of contention within the states, particularly the Trailable Yacht Sub-divisions. Most states have sent in submissions and one state has refused to acknowledge the proposal. As a result the A.Y.F. is undertaking an extensive review of the safety standards, the results of which should be published shortly. If you have any questions about this issue contact Lloyd Graham, Ross Coben (RL24 Rep.) or Michael Shannon, who are members of the WYC Trailable Yacht Sub-committee.

## SOCIAL EVENING AT THE CORBEN'S.

What could be more inviting than sipping port around a blazing log fire? Add to that toasted muffins, good company and sailing yarns, and who could resist?

Bring the family along to Ross and Jan Corben's house on Saturday 4th. August about 8.00pm. for a great night. A plate of supper and drinks would be appreciated too.

*Any country members who would like accommodation for the night can ring Sue and Lloyd. We have plenty of boat cushions and floor space and live 10 mins. from the Corbens! Ring on 03 870 539.*

The Corben's address: 161 O'Connor Rd. Knoxfield 3180. (03 763 7732)

## PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY NOW!!

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## MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE.

There are many stories about the 1990 Marlay Pt. race, and you have probably heard some of them. The following is plagiarized from the Western Trailable Newsletter, so appologies to readers who have seen it before. ( [REDACTED] )

If anyone has a tale to tell, send it to me for the next newsletter.

## THE STING AND MARLAY PT.

I must say I enjoyed the 1990 race despite the conditions. Lloyd and I raced with our regular Marlay Pt. crew, and Kelvin Blair. (Lowana IV)

As we pottered across Lake Wellington, enjoying the moonlit night, we noticed, but didn't really take seriously the first signs of "The Blow" - namely the barometer dropping and the rain before the wind. When the wind started to puff in from the west we were more intent in setting the kite than weather watching, though someone did mention the clouds racing across!

After several gybes in the Straights, a (nameless) mutinous crew had refused to continue with the kite until the wind had settled down, which proved fortunate as the front hit shortly after. *The Sting* handled the conditions well as Lloyd manouvered the boat to the leeward side of the Straights, thus avoiding the many wildly broaching boats. We sailed, well under control, for quite a while.

The pressure on the rig was extreme and the mast bend amazing. When we noticed the forestay waving loosely, I went forward and took up 2 feet of slack, thinking it had worked loose. It hadn't, it was just due to the mast bend and compression.

In awe that the mast was bent so much and still in one piece we started to work our way across the fleet, hoping, but not believing, it would hold together long enough to reach the windward bank where we could safely come head to wind.

Hollands Landing was abeam when we achieved our aim, but was blocked with other boats. We dropped the sails and motored back upstream to tie off a tree, where after a well earned drink we assessed the situation.

Lloyd checked the forestay to see why I had been unable to take up more slack, only to find we had run out of adjustment! On releasing it, the mast twanged *almost* back into shape. Not trusting it with the remaining bend, we set off under jib only for a pleasant sail to the finish, passing on the way, those who were not so lucky.

In hindsight, I feel we were always under control, we deliberately kept clear off those who, for various reasons were not under control, and were at no time in danger.

The race has cost us a new mast, and we feel for those with more serious damage, but we congratulate the race organizers and rescue teams for making the right decisions in difficult circumstances.

We will be back next year!!

#### STATE-TITLES - 1991.

The A.G.M decided to pursue an offer from the V.Y.C. to hold our 1991 State Titles in conjunction with the MOAC Trailable Yacht Championship which will be held over 2 weekends in February. This year over 40 yachts competed in the championship held out of Westhaven Marina, Hastings, which by all accounts was very successful.

Negotiations are underway and we will keep you informed.

#### WESTERN TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB REPORT.

The RL's feature strongly in WTYC with eleven 24's and one 28 on the books. Most of the RL owners made the annual pilgrimage to Yarrowonga YC at Easter, for a weekend of both serious and fun racing, socialising and various water sports.

Rod and Lee Mellor made the trip down from Sydney for Easter. Quite a long way to come, but I guess one would go to any lengths to escape the rain up there. It was good to see them again.

Paul and Leanne Borg were there proudly showing off their recently purchased 24 *Fisher of Men*, as were Joan and Kevin O'Neill with *Bumble Bee*. Also fairly new to the scene are brothers Paul and David McNichol with *Sublime*. Paul's wife Alison is gaining enthusiasm for sailing too. All the above have daughters, (4, 2 & 2 respectively) so my son (6yrs) thinks we need more selective recruitment!

The RL's were prominent in the racing as the following results show:

	EASTER CLASSIC	STERNCHASER
1st (over line)	The Sting	Bumble Bee
2ND	Bunyip	(Castle 650)
3rd	Jacqui	(Farr 750)
4th	(Castle 650)	Jacqui
5th	Lowana 1V	Fisher of Men
6th		Lowana 1V
7th		Manana

The all girl crew on *The Sting* did not fare so well in the sternchaser due to problems with the spinnaker, however we did have fun. Shirley (Bunyip), Ina (Manana), Lee (Jacqui) and a non sailing friend crewed for me, and did a great job handling the confusion of 17 odd ropes. Sailing off Lloyd's handicap was in itself a handicap!

The *Dinghy Dash* race for the children was disappointing due to the lack of wind, but the enthusiasm of the crews was enormous. The winners were Greg (Jacqui) and Brendan (Reflections). Look out when the WTYC Kids graduate from the Sabots and Mirrors!!!

#### RHYLL WEEKEND.

Again the Shannon's opened their home to the Association for the weekend. The State Titles heat was held in more pleasant conditions, though the fleet was a bit depleted in the aftermath of Marlay Pt.

The usual BBQ on the Saturday night, followed by the presentation of various trophies and tall stories was thoroughly enjoyable as expected. Ross Corben, as M.C., allowed no incident to be overlooked as he presented the trophies. Infact the more embarrassing the incident the more coverage it received!!

The *Piddling Little Trophy* went to Dennis Shelton this year for his great timing in allowing his son, Toby, to take *Encounter* in the Marlay Pt. Overnight Race. After a night of worrying where *Encounter* was, Dennis reckons he deserves the trophy, his first in yachting. The boat was returned in one piece, with minor damage to the jib.

Geoff Olney was there to present the coveted *Olney's Gong* to Ken Griffiths (Splice), for his efforts in the titles. *Olney's Gong* is awarded according to Murphy's Law.

Sunday dawned very pleasant, so the A.G.M. was held on the front lawn of the Shannon's. Much of what was decided is presented in various section of this newsletter, it just takes a bit of searching!

After awhile hunger won over, and the meeting was closed, to allow us to ajourn to the beautiful Siverleaves beach for lunch. Bunyip got all enthusiastic and sailed down, while the remainder chose to drive. It was a lovely afternoon, and very hard to pack up and head for home.

THANK YOU MICHAEL AND KRISTINA FOR A GREAT WEEKEND!

STATE TITLES.

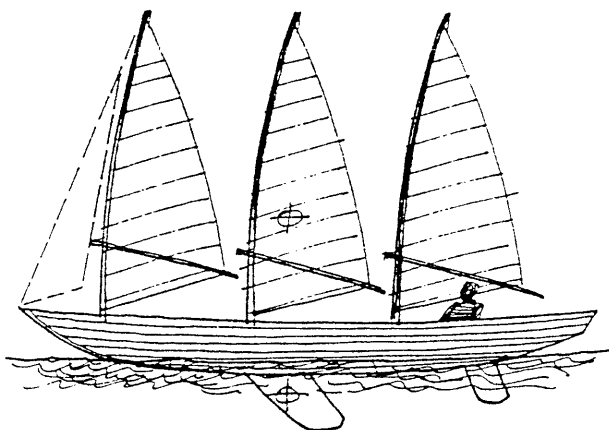
The State Titles were held at Rhyll over the Australia Day weekend. This venue proved ideal for the participants, particularly those who camped at the Shannon's. It was a great way to mix and socialise. A vote of thanks is certainly due to Michael, Kristina and family for their hospitality.

Charlie Blackney organized a great series, but unfortunately he was not able to control the weather. Only 2 races were held, with the 30 - 40kn winds putting an end to the others.

Inbetween holding down tents and being blown away on the water, we did manage some pleasant BBQ's and social times, so all was not lost.

The final heat of the series was postponed until the annual Rhyll weekend which was held in April this year, breaking tradition. It should be noted in the results below that there was only one entry in the swing keel division, (hopefully there will be more next year!) The remaining boats are all drop keels.

BOAT	SKIPPER	RACE 1		RACE 2		RACE 3		TOTAL		PLACE		
		TIME	PL	PTS	TIME	PL	PTS	TIME	PL		PTS	
SASHA	HACKETT	1.52.54	2	2	1.26.05	1	.75	1.44.22	2	2	4.75	2
SPLICE	GRIFFITHS	1.56.04	3	3	1.31.48	4	4	1.48.23	5	5	12.00	4
THE STING	GRAHAM	2.02.09	7	7	1.33.24	7	7	DNS	11	11	25.00	8
PEGASUS	CASTLES	2.00.10	6	6	1.32.50	5	5	1.45.37	4	4	15.00	5
LOWANA V	LEWIS	2.00.03	4	4	1.34.10	8	8	DNS	11	11	23.00	7
ENCOUNTER	SHELTON	2.03.09	8	8	1.33.06	6	6	1.48.54	6	6	20.00	6
ANITRA	CORBEN	2.09.27	9	9	1.38.46	10	10	2.03.57	8	8	27.00	1 SK 9
BUNYIP	MCCRINDLE	2.05.33	DSQ	11	1.37.29	9	9	1.54.08	7	7	27.00	9
LIASON	VAUGHAN	2.00.09	5	5	1.30.55	3	3	1.45.11	3	3	11.00	3
LOWANA V1	SHANNON	1.50.24	1	.75	1.30.30	2	2	1.40.50	1	.75	3.75	1



The why not? department: Build a nice, long thin, light hull and use 3 (or more!) standard sailboard masts and sails with unstayed rigs. Add a jib, maybe. Reef by removing masts one at a time. Carry a sailboard or two on board for variety.

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The Steamboat Cup held by Geelong T.Y.A. on 12th. May was very successful for the RL's. The race has 2 divisions - single handed and double handed. Lowana 3 and The Sting competed in the double handed division in 30-40kn. About 30 boats raced, including some who bravely sailed single handed.

The race, to state the obvious, was heavy going, but it was good to see the old RLs up front, and disproving the belief that an RL needs 4 gorillas on the gunnel to do well. The Sting was 2nd. over the line and on h'cap, and Lowana 3 was 3rd. over the line and 1st. on h'cap. Well done Len & Bernie Spooner, and Lloyd & Kelvin (Lowana 1V)

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND CRUISE.

SATURDAY 9TH. - MONDAY 11TH. JUNE 1990.

This date is a must for the diary. The plan is for a weekend of family fun, cruising and socialising on the Gippsland Lakes. Unlike last year the temperate climate will prevail and a great time is predicted.

The suggestion, yet to be bettered, is to launch at Seacombe about midday Sat. and potter around to Loch Sport Marina for a counter tea at the new marina complex, where we will spend the night. The next day will be a trip to Bruce and Barbara Castles' block at the Lake Wellington end of the Straights, for a BBQ and bon fire. The night will be spent backed into the shore on the boats. Monday am will be spent playing boats, walking the bush tracks on the property, communing with nature, or just enjoying the company.

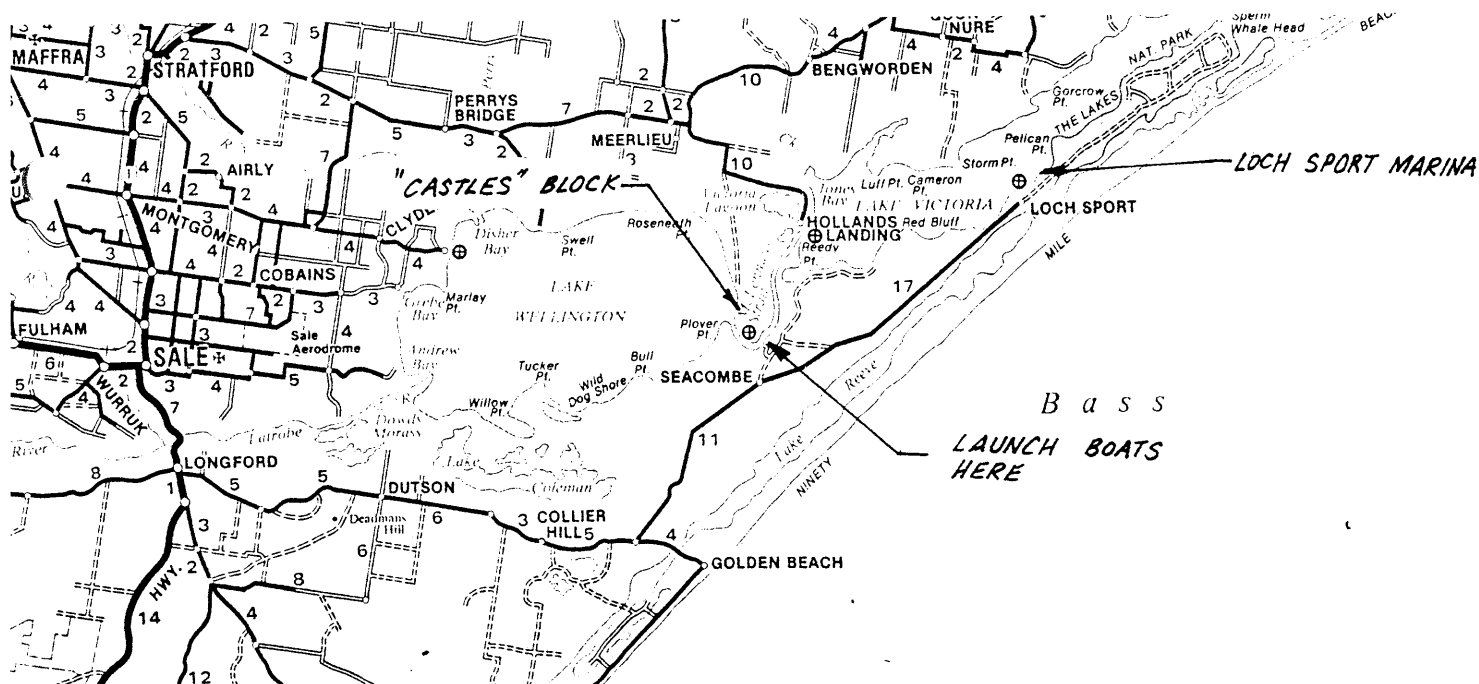
The map and Marina details below may be of help to you. Give Sue, Lloyd or Ross Corben a ring to confirm details nearer the time, but don't miss out.

### MARINA FACILITIES

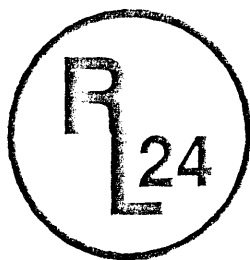
- Marina berths and dry boat storage in secure compound
- Boat launching ramp
- Visitors' berths - weekly or overnight
- Hot showers and toilet facilities available for Patrons
- On water refuelling
- Current weather and water conditions always available
- Ice available

### HOTEL FACILITIES

- Unique water's edge position with mountain views
- Modern Bistro and public bar
- Children's playground - plus beach and large grassy play area
- Great Counter Meals - children's menu - open seven days
- Well stocked Drive-In Bottle Shop
- Cocktails a speciality
- Bistro available for Weddings, functions



THE STING & LOWANA IV ARE GOING TO THE WHITSUNDAYS DURING AUGUST/SEPTEMBER. ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING CAN CONTACT LLOYD & SUE GRAHAM. PH 03-8705439.



# RL24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*please complete all questions*

*Skippers name .....*

*Families/Crew names .....*

*Address Street ..... Suburb .... P/C .....*

*Phone number .....*

*Name of boat .....*

*Sail number .....*

*Registration number .....*

*Hull colour .....*

*Deck colour .....*

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

VICTORIAN FEE .....\$ 15.00

AUSTRALIAN FEE ....\$ 10.00

TOTAL .....\$ 25.00

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ... RACING ... CRUISING ... SOCIAL  
ACTIVITIES (tick as required)

*Please fill in this form and send it to the treasurer*

**Ron McCrindle**  
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