



# NATIONAL NEWS

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

To the outgoing RL 24 Association committee, being Bruce Castles, Ken Hackett and Craig Rainey, we say thanks, having had the reins for two years. Which brings me to the point - it only seems like yesterday Jack Lucas, Mike Stevens and us Troy boys were putting Eden Nationals together and here it is back in NSW. So what about it South Australia, surely there is someone from there to inject some enthusiasm into other owners. I had the privilege to sail forward for one of South Australia's favourite sons in Barry Arnold in a Queensland titles. I know the quality of the Lake Barmera sailors only too well.

To the 1991 Nationals which will be our 18th, it is under way in organisation at the picturesque setting of Mannering Park Amateur Sailing Club in Chain Valley Bay, Lake Macquarie. The caravan park is situated next to the club and has only camping sites available - please nominate early.

A trip to the Hunter Valley wineries is being organised for the Lay Day which is a great day out for adults and children. A warm reception will be given by NSW boats on the water to interstaters. The State of Origin now reads like this:-

Queensland	6 titles
Victoria	4 "
South Australia	4 "
New South Wales	3 "

And now NSW are very keen to get off the floor!

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

"Jack's not here, he has gone fishing". How many times have you wanted to use that line? (sorry). It was just a phone call that I put into Fast Jack for some words to contribute as National President to the newsletter. That is how Mrs. Fast Jack informed me Jack Lucas has taken his new trawler from Eden to Tasmania for three months. So all I can say is, I hope you catch all you want and come back in time to get one of those 24's out of dry dock to get some training in.

KT on behalf of Fast Jack Lucas

There is always a lady behind everything successful. Having not met Genny Garrard, I am the poorer. For Genny's contribution to Queensland has been fabulous. Now Sue Graham has become the first female President of Victoria and my congratulations go to her. I know through my mate June Legg's driving force in the RL's it is probably why as an Association we are still successful today.

KT.

#### **EDITOR'S COMMENT:**

One of the reasons we are holding our 18th National is because we are the largest Fibreglass boat manufactured in Australia, that is a competitive cruising boat at all levels.

That does two things, keeps our second-hand price up and makes us the envy of the fallen Binks, SC22, Sonata, Cole, Timpenny, etc. Bottom line "GET INVOLVED" and give them hell in an RL. Hey, but don't forget to go cruising ....

## National Titles :- Lake Cootharaba 1990

The 17th. National Titles of the RL24 Association were ably conducted by the Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. between Dec.30th 1989 and Jan.7th 1990. Nineteen yachts competed, 6 in the Swing Keel Division, and 13 with Drop Keels. The sailing conditions were enjoyed by all, once the visitors had accustomed to the shallowness of the water, and the other attributes of the venue, climatically and as a family camping place, were second to none. The Association owes a debt to L.C.S.C. for it's easygoing hospitality during the series, and special thanks should go to the local RL24 Association members, Don Mallett, Mike Gray, Ken Austin, and especially Genny Garrad, all of whom must have put in hard to produce the result enjoyed by all competitors. The results of the series are published in this Newsletter, and the Winners are to be congratulated. As with all RL24 titles that I have previously attended, the competitors all were the winners, the losers are those that do not come and enjoy the competition, sportsmanship, fellowship and fun that comes as a bonus extra with the ownership of our beautiful craft.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held during the series, as is customary, and the minutes are printed separately. The 18th Nationals, will be conducted at Mannering Park, Lake MacQuarrie, N.S.W. and the National Executive will be the responsibility of the N.S.W. Association. The most notable feature of the A.G.M., apart from the items of annual business, was the lengthy discussion on means of attracting more RL24 owners to be participating members of the Association. This is an important issue and I am sure the N.S.W. boys will welcome and give consideration to practical suggestions. It should be stated, before we become too discouraged by our relatively small numbers and apparent apathy of a great number of RL24 owners, that our performance Association-wise is very good compared to most other Trailer-Sailer classes, and the sort of gains that could be accomplished by each of us making an effort to enthuse a non-member owner at every opportunity, may be all that is needed to swell our ranks.

In this way the brighter future of the Association lies with us.

Bruce Castles, Outgoing Pres.

MINUTES of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of RL24 ASSOCIATION  
of AUSTRALIA.

Held at Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club, January 4th. 1990.

D.Parmenter, (F Troop)

Present - M.Shannon, (Lowana VI) J.Wood, (Streetcar) D.Shelton,  
(Encounter) B.Castles, (Pegasus) G.Vaughan, (Liaison)  
K.Austin, (Murraya) R.McCrindle, (Bunyip) W.Munro,  
(Sequoia) R.Elliott, (Sea Mist) R.Young, (Pipe Dream)  
R.Garrad, (Dump Truck) D.Mallett, (Commissioner)  
L.Ward, (Calibre). Also non-member observers F.Strib-  
ning, (Ambuscade) and M.Steeden, (Jometa)

Minutes of 1989 meeting read and confirmed on motion of M.Shan-  
non, seconded by D.Parmenter.

Financial Report - Start of 1989                   \$607  
Income, (subs)                                   480  
Expenditure                                       98  
Balance   \$989

Plus or minus result of these Titles.

Annual Report - National Membership 70 members, (Vic 34, Qld 18,  
N.S.W.12, S.A.4, N.T.2.) Four Newsletters have been  
published, and membership has remained static since  
previous season. The Victorian Association has had a  
Stand at the Melbourne Boat Show, and conducted a  
Demo Day out of St.Kilda Marina.

Election of Office Bearers - The Victorian Executive stood down  
in favour of the incoming office bearers from N.S.W.  
None of the N.S.W. Committee were present, but Kevin  
Troy had earlier indicated their willingness to take  
over the National reins for the 1990-91 season. It was  
resolved to hand over the executive to the N.S.W. Ass  
ociation.

Business for Which due Notice has been Given - Only one Motion  
presented, by Dave Parmenter, re. applying a measured  
tension when measuring sails. This motion was  
lost.

Venue for 1991 Titles - Two venues offered, Mannering Park Am-  
ateur Sailing Club, and Ballina Cruising Yacht Club.  
After discussion, the former was selected.

Fixing of Fees 1990 -91 - Moved Bob Elliott, seconded Mick Shan-  
non that fees be \$20 annual sub. Carried.

Informnal discussion - John Wood suggested that in future Div 1.  
and Div 2 terms be dropped in favour of Drop Keel Div,  
and Swing Keel Div, indicating that they are of equal  
importance. This was favourably received.

Vote of Thanks - Moved by President to Qld Association and to  
L.C.S.C. for 1990 Titles - special thanks to Genny  
Garrad. This was carried with acclamation.

RESULTS - RL24 NATIONAL TITLES LAKE COOTHARABA 1990

Yacht.(SK)	INV.	Ht.1	Ht.2	Ht.3.	Ht.4.	Ht.5	Ht.6.	Ht.7.	Pts.
Mandu 18	6	4	6	6	6	6	dnf	dns	70.4
Gray Pointer 147	4	dnf	5	5	5	5	dnf	5	63.0
Street Car 269	3	2	2	3	2	2	dnf	3	26.1
Tecumseh 300	2	4	3	2	3	3	dnf	2	33.4
Anitra 332	5	3	4	4	4	4	dnf	4	45.7
Comissioner 411	1	1	1	1	1	1	dnf	1	00.0

Placings :-

1. Comissioner	D.Mallett	Qld.
2. Street Car	J.Wood	Vic.
3. Tecumseh	R.Collins	Qld.
4. Anitra	R.Corben	Vic.
5. Gray Pointer	M.Gray	Qld.
6. Mandu	U.Soltau	Qld.

Yacht.(DK)	INV.	Ht.1	Ht.2	Ht.3	Ht.4	Ht.5	Ht.6	Ht.7	Pts.
Encounter 97	11	dnf	13	13	13	13	13	13	113
Sea Mist 118	6	4	9	8	7	11	8	10	79
Pegasus 152	9	3	11	9	9	9	9	6	77.4
Calibre 303	7	dnf	7	11	10	8	10	8	90
Murraya 339	8	8	4	6	2	10	6	4	58.4
Sequoia 401	12	7	12	12	12	12	12	12	103
Dumptruck 404	3	dnf	1	3	1	6	5	1	27.4
Lowana VI 427	dis	dnf	6	7	8	7	7	2	67.7
Liaison 431	10	6	8	5	6	5	4	5	61.4
Strange Lady 434	5	2	10	10	11	4	11	9	75
Pipe Dreams 454	1	5	5	4	4	3	3	dnf	47.4
F Troop 500	4	dnf	2	2	5	2	1	3	24.7
Kandyman 508	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	7	14.4

Placings :-

1. Kandyman	J.McAulay	Qld.
2. F-Troop	D.Parmwnter	Qld.
3. Dumptruck	A.Duffield	Qld.
4. Pipe Dreams	R.Young	Qld.
5. Murraya	K.Austin	Qld.
6. Liaison	D.VAughan	Vic.
7. Lowana VI	M.Shannon	Vic.
8. Strange Lady	R.Scholes	Qld.
9. Pegasus	B.Castles	Vic.
10. Sea Mist	R.Elliott	Qld.
11. Calibre	L.Ward	Qld.
12. Sequoia	B.Munroe	NSW.
13. Encounter	D.Shelton	Vic.

### Past Australian Champions

		Venue		
1974	SCARLET LADY	Southport	Des Stanaway	Rockhampton Qld.
1975	COOLABAH	Southport	Barry Arnold	Barmera S.A.
1976	COOLABAH	Lake Burrendong	Barry Arnold	Barmera S.A.
1977	COOLABAH	Lake Wellington	Barry Arnold	Barmera S.A.
1978	COOLABAH	Lake Barmbra	Barry Arnold	Barmera S.A.
1979	SASHA	Sandgate	Ken Hackett	Sale Vic
1980	LORNA DEE	Speers Point	Peter Yeomans	Sydney NSW
1981	STREET CAR	Albury	Peter Yeomans	Sydney NSW
1982	PEGASUS	Glenelg	Bruce Castles	Sale VIC
1983	DUMPTRUCK	Runaway Bay	Peter Yeomans	Sydney NSW
1984	DUMPTRUCK	Port Stephens	Rod Young	Gladstone Qld.
1985	SUNDANCE	Rhyll	Warren Walters	Gladstone Qld.
1986	LOWANA V	Brighton	Barry Aitken	Rhyll Vic.
1987	WINGS	Gladstone	Warren Walters	Gladstone Qld.
1988	F TROOP	Eden	Dave Parmenter	Gladstone Qld.
1989	WINGS	Lake Wellington	Craig Rainey	Sale Vic.
1990	KANDYMAN	Noosa	John McAulay	Qld.

I have gained a bilge full of information over these last 18 years with RL's to enable me to test your knowledge in a Trivia Quiz:

1. Who is the most successful skipper in the RL 24 Nationals?
2. Two other boats apart from Coolabah have won the National title twice, name them.
3. Only one MKII RL has won a title (in my opinion one of the best hulls), name it.
4. Name the person who has sailed in all 17 National titles.
5. Name the year Trapeze was last used in a National title.

If you get 5 out of 5 you can attempt this non-national question.

What is a Forty Pounder ?

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#### ANSWERS

1. Barry Arnold. Coolabah. 4 times.
2. Dump Truck. Peter Yeomans, Rod Young. Wings. Warren Walters, Craig Rainey.
3. Sundance. Warren Walters.
4. Bruce Castles.
5. Sale, Victoria. 1977.

What is a Forty Pounder? - A strange concoction drunk by Gladstone boys. A ritual jealously guarded. Ingredients - Rum and Coke.

If all these questions are in the affirmative, then you'd better let me know so that I can give you fanatics more.

The unexpected things always happen in the Long Distance race. Snippets from the past.  
K.T.

- \* Dr. Jim Wassel in Garuda in 1977 breaks the monopoly of Coolabah and Sasha.
- \* Sandgate 1979 - 6 boats fail to finish in the time limit.
- \* Speers Point 1980 - Mum, Dad and their kids from Northern Territory making tea and scones pass Captain Hook Mal Kamp skipper, Queensland Olympic coach, Ray Hooker owner Victoria, A class champion Graham and myself, from Rob Legg's first foam sandwich hull with all support from factory !!!
- \* Rhyll 1985 - race called off at 50 knots plus. Thanks a lot say's the Corbin family. Three boats were not notified - Sundance, Dump Truck and Radical Lady sailed into the distance.
- \* Sale Victoria 1989. Pegasus and Bunyip sail around the fleet and order the drinks while Wings went cruising.

### **Anatomy of the Champ.**

We are all like kids in a store as we talk with John McAuley and Kandyman.

Kandyman 508 - 27.6.87 Kit Boat.

With hull and deck bonded together with centreboard case fitted. Launched Easter 1988, standard fibreglass hull with internal mould less the ice box. Additional strength was added around chainplates and side decks to eliminate flex. Centreboard case and samson post made of 4" x 2" alloy box section. The centreboard is 9% cord and weighs 135 kg. It is set with the aft edge protruding slightly past the companion-way.



7. We can add 20 kg. to centreboard in 10 minutes but this was not used during the Nationals.
8. We use a bowrail bag to stow the kite.
9. Adjustable side stays thus avoiding any effect on the jib sheeting angles. The extra advantage is to drop them off down-wind, especially in the zero to 15 knot zone, and let the mast go overhead.
10. To get as long a leech on the main as possible without a *lot of* roach and the same with the spinnaker.
11. To have jib leech parallel to the mast and clear forward of the mast approximately 6" and out straight.

### SUMMARY

So many RL24 are so competitive that no matter what position you finish in it can be talked about by crews on the beach. To improve your position.

With Kevin Ocker Brown I have sailed in other classes for many years, along with Andrew Betteridge (who likes my daughter a lot), and Peter McKintyre's support gave a good clean boat an opportunity, and we took it.

KANDYMAN

John McAuley L.C.S.C. Qld.

1. MONTEREY CARAVAN PARK  
MONTEREY AVE  
MANNERING PARK  
59 1033  
ALAN & CHERYL SMITH

2. CHAIN VALLEY CARAVAN PARK  
FINDLAY AVE  
CHAIN VALLEY BAY  
58 8767

3. TERAGLIN LAKESHORE CARAVAN VILLAGE  
MULLOWAY ROAD  
CHAIN VALLEY BAY  
58 8734      58 8267

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 18TH NATIONAL RL 24 CHAMPIONSHIP

#### MANNERING PARK AMATEUR SAILING CLUB - LAKE MACQUARIE

Saturday 29th December	Briefing	12.00 noon	
	Invitation Race	1.30 p.m.	Olympic
Sunday 30th December	Race One	1.30 p.m.	"
Monday 31st December	Race Two	10.00 a.m.	"
	Race Three	2.30 p.m.	"
Tuesday 1st January	Race Four	12.00 noon	Long Distance
Wednesday 2nd January	LAY DAY		
Thursday 3rd January	Race Five	12.00 noon	Olympic
Friday 4th January	Race Six	10.00 a.m.	"
	Race Seven	2.30 p.m.	"
Saturday 5th January	RESAIL	10.00 a.m.	
	PRESENTATION DINNER		