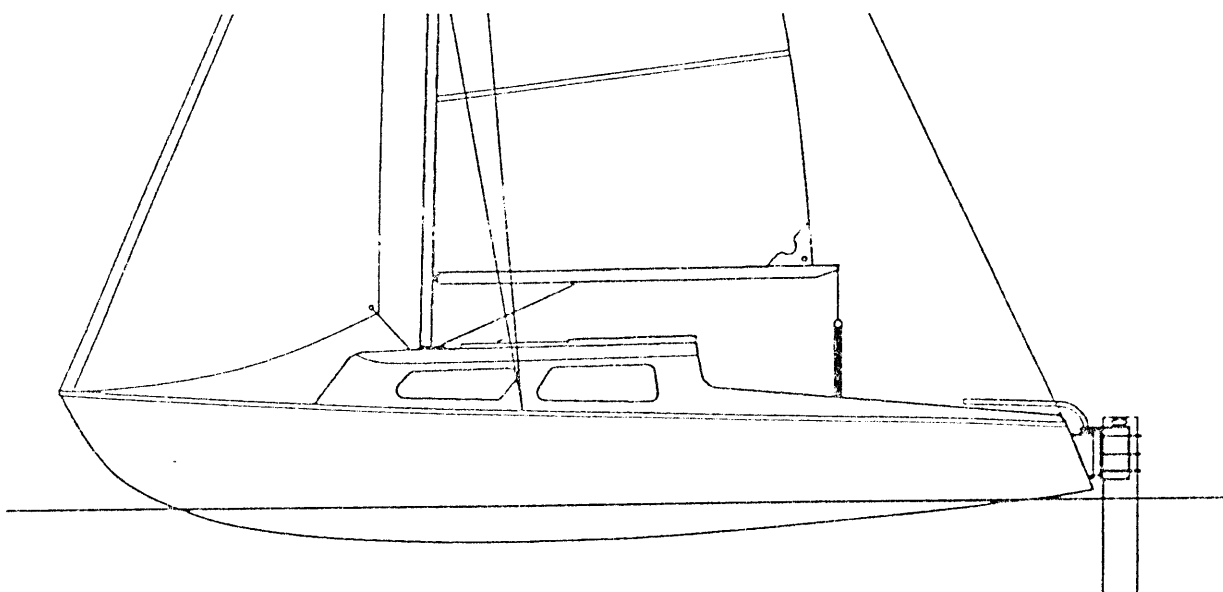


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RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat

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PRESIDENT'S PRATTLE

Hello every-one!

Have your diary handy as you read through this newsletter because there are several important dates to note.

Firstly a brief report on the State Titles of which there is one heat to sail (the resail of heat 4.) Over all Lake Colac proved to be a very pleasant venue for titles.

The racing started off with very good wind on the Saturday which resulted in some fast action. The heat got to Lowana V so Don lay her over so the crew could cool off before retiring from the race! Just as well the wind had stirred up the Blue / green algae and it wasn't visible. If it had happened the next day the crew would have a Workcover claim in!

Sunday's race started in a light wind which soon dissipated. As the wind dropped out the algae settled on the surface like a solid, green paint slick. The race was shortened and the RLs returned to base with several cats and dinghies in tow.

The pm. and Monday am. races had to be cancelled due to lack of wind, hence the resail scheduled for the Rhyll week end.

Results do I hear you ask? Well there seems to be a discrepancy with my memory and the computer print out, so I wont mention results so far until Colac send up the race sheets to clarify placings. Sorry about that!

Many crews camped behind the club while others took advantage of nearby motels. As one of the campers I can report that the facilities were good and the camaraderie top class. The natives were friendly and a great time was had by all.

Shirley Dare kindly opened her home to us for a pool party on the Sunday night which gave us a perfect opportunity to admire Barry's handiwork and enjoy each others company while getting some respite from the heat.

Kevin O'Neill took advantage of a lull in the sailing to interview and video some of the top skippers regarding their race preparation and tactics. Many thanks to those who contributed what amounts to many, many years of experience. Your information will be of great benefit to those less experienced. (PS Don't tell Lloyd I cut the bit where Simon said they don't make coffee on the spinnaker run!!)

Like all RL turns the social side of the series was a great success and the variety in winds made the racing interesting. Thank you Shirley for inviting us, thank you to Pam & the Cuthbertson boys (Toucan Doit) for your efforts and to Bruce "Lamb's" Fry and the team at LCYC for making it all possible.

Before I get onto the above mentioned dates I must congratulate *Sasha* (Peter Hackett) and Lowana 111 (Len Spooner) and crew on their recent success in the Vic. Trailable Championships. Well done! Thanks to Ken for the enclosed report.

See you soon, *Sue*

RHYLL WEEK END

Saturday 27/28th March 1993.

As usual the Shannon family have invited us to Rhyll for the annual RL24 week end. Many thanks, particularly as they will have barely recovered from the "wedding of the year." I'm sure we will hear more about that later.

The tentative program is:

Saturday	1400	Race - heat 4
	1800	BBQ at the Shannon's including trophy presentation Bring salads and drinks please.
	night	Camp or sleep in the boats on vacant land adjacent to the Shannon's or utilise local accommodation.
Sunday	0900	Help clean up from "the little do last night!"
	1030	Annual General Meeting.
	1130	Picnic sail to Silverleaves Beach for lunch.

CLASS BASIC HANDICAPS

The CBH figures recently introduced are causing a lot of concern within the yachting fraternity and as a result the VYC Trailable Yacht Sub-committee have called for classes to communicate their thoughts to them.

A General Meeting to discuss our reply to the VYC will be held at 12 Cleland Street, RINGWOOD EAST 3135. at 8pm. on MONDAY 15th. MARCH 1993.

Let me know if you are interested in attending. If you are not able to attend but have club results or other relevant data please forward it to the Secretary, in writing, by the above date.

It is anticipated that the meeting will conclude at 9.30 pm. To enable us to have a draft reply by that time it is essential that you do your homework prior to the meeting (ie recalculating results etc.)

YOUR SUPPORT WILL GIVE THE CLASS A FAIR CHANCE AT GETTING A FAIR GO!

NATIONAL TITLES 93/94

John Wood is working hard on this event which is to be held at Mannerings Park again just after Christmas. More details in the National Newsletter.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEK END CRUISE

Well this is very tentative. After all by then we may not have a public holiday and we may not have a queen! But being an optimist we are planning a trip, maybe to Refuge Cove, maybe somewhere else. If you are interested contact Lloyd nearer the time for details.

JUST JOKING!

The receptionist rushed into the doctor's office and said, "The man you just treated walked out of the door and dropped dead on the step. What should I do?" He said, "Turn him round so it looks like he was walking in!"

A snake charmer married an undertaker. they have towels marked Hiss and Hearse.

RL24 - The Trailable Yacht Champion of Victoria.

The RL24 first caused a sensation in Victoria just 20 years ago. In 1973 the beautiful Rob Legg design took the southern yachting scene by storm. In 1993, despite the advent of a multitude of newer designs involving mega-bucks, a 19 year old RL24 walloped the fleet in the VYC's trailable yacht championship.

The event was conducted by the Royal Geelong Yacht Club over five heats on the beautiful waters of Corio Bay.

The result: 1st overall - "Sasha" RL24 DK.

2nd overall - "Lowana III RL24 SK.

Sasha was sailed by Peter Hackett (just one year older than the boat), crewed by Chris Roberts, Tim Corben, Fred Shannon (replaced by James Shannon in Heat 1). The boys won the first four heats on the trot to finish with a perfect score, dropping their 3rd place in the light and flukey Heat 5. Len Spooner sailing his swing keel Lowana III in "B" division had a similar outstanding result with 3 wins and a second in that division. Len could have tied with Sasha but for a PMS in one heat that could have otherwise been a fourth win.

This year the VYC declared overall results on the basis of points scored in each division, rather than the previous dubious practice of comparing corrected times over the three division results.

Courses sailed were well laid out Olympic courses except for one race of 20 miles around fixed marks. Winds were fair, ranging from 10 to 18 knots except for Heat 5 - 3-10 knots.

Some of the competition trying match it with RL's were:

Blazer (Avalon 2nd in division)
Elliot 7.8 (the incredible Hot 2 Trot)
Elliot 7
Young 780.
Ross 780
Spider 22
Beale 740
Masrm 720
Magnum 8.5
Elliot 5.9

and in division "B"

Seaway 25
Sonata 26
Noelex 25
Timpenny 770 and 670
Castle 650

the third division included

Sonata 7 ("Swing Shift" division winner and 3rd overall)
Farr 6000
Boomerang 20

Sunbird
Sunmaid
Hartley 18
Explorer 16
Boomaroo

Of course the other classes do not appreciate the RL's domination of T.S. racing and there is the inevitable rumblings about handicaps.

For the record RL24 DK handicap is currently a CBH of 756 compared with Blazer - 792, Ross 780 - 811, Young 780 - 838 and the RL24 SK handicap is 709 compared with Castle 650 - 707, Noelex 25 - 720 Sonata 26 - 727.

Perhaps our association could take the initiative and invite the VYC measurer to a discussion to clear the air on RL 24 measurement and "performance adjustment". It would be nice to have a clear statement from the measurer in the VYC newsletter clarifying the measurement philosophy as it applies to RL's, particularly where class rules allow some development compared to other classes.

FOR SALE

RUNNING LATE

Swing keel on tandem trailer with new disc brakes.
8HP Johnson OB. 2 mains, 3 jibs incl. North fully battened main.
compass porta potti etc. \$13,900 neg.
Ph. Brian Mcinerney 054 261293.

REFLECTION

Neat swing keel, mark 3. Recently "renovated" with new bunk cushions etc. All gear included. Trailer has new axle assembly and brakes. Must sell to finance new RL! \$13,900.
Ph. Steve Holligan 818 2099

MANANA

Good looking mark 3. Swing keel. Modern, light interior. All accessories including sailing equipment, motor and trailer.
Ph. Werner Stephan 776 5939