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RL24 - It's YOUR kind of boat



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*Hi Viv & Rae
Hope all is well with you
& yours. Best regards
Ross (4 Jan).*

*Dinghy
Boat Tent.*

FROM THE BOSUNS CHAIR

Apologies for the lateness of this Newsletter. However, the delay isn't all bad as in the interim some material which may be of interest to members has arrived making publication a worthwhile exercise. Of special importance is confirmation that the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron has agreed to host and run our 2001 National Championship regatta commencing on Monday, Jan. 8th 2001 and concluding on Friday Jan. 12th 2001. As previously advised, Brad Taylor (*L' Troup*) has kindly agreed to be the conduit through which the Association works with RQYS and as soon as the schedule of races and other details are finalised, a formal Notice of Race will be issued. In the meantime, those of us who have to can apply for rec. leave to cover at least the period outlined above, confident in the knowledge that there will be a regatta to attend. We hope to see you there.

THE IRON HEADSAIL

Sailing and the issue of outboard motors always seems an incongruity to me, the more so considering Joshua Slocum sailed a keel boat around the world without a motor of any sort. However, I have resigned myself to the fact that they are a part of the trailable yacht scene and therefore, like everything else these days, are subject to some sort of bureaucratic interest. In this regard you will find attached to this Newsletter a Memo(!) from the VYC regarding their use.

QUO VADIS ?

Where to indeed. With the year 2000 not yet half done, it might seem premature to be considering where we go for the 2002 Nationals but in fact we have received a letter from long-time Association stalwart, John White (*Callisto*) indicating that the Canberra Cruising Yacht Association would enthusiastically embrace the notion of running our Nationals in January of that year. The matter will of course be discussed at the AGM in Brisbane but it is worth noting that 2002 will be the turn of NSW/ACT to host our Titles and that Lake Burley Griffin is a venue we've not previously visited. At a personal level, John has given valuable support to the Association over the years and it is largely due to his enthusiasm for the Class that there are now 5 RLs sailing in Canberra. An RL National Championship in the National Capital would certainly assist in the further promotion of the Class in a city where a good deal of interest in RLs could reasonably be anticipated.

MEMBERSHIP FEES – 2000/2001 SEASON

Last year we could boast 40 members who'd paid their Association membership subs. So far this season we have just 26. If you are one of the 14 who have strayed from the flock, your Newsletter will be accompanied with an *account rendered* Invoice for the current year and the Association would be grateful for your prompt attention to the matter.

VICTORIAN RL24 CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000.

This year, the Vic. State Titles were held in conjunction with the VYC Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships conducted by the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club on 18/19th March last. Conditions over the four heats ranged from too much wind and too rough (heat 1) through not enough wind and too rough (heat 2) to just about right (heats 3 & 4). A total of 14 RLs participated, 12 of which were Drop Keels. In that Division, Simon Walsh (*Ohaia Rua*) was again the winner while the in the Swing Keel Divn. Ian Lane (*This Way Up*) won from fellow Colac Yacht Club member, Bryan

Cuthbertson (*Toucan*). In the Drops, second place went to Jamie McDonald making a most welcome return to the fleet with *Solitaire* while a meritorious third went to Don Lewis (*Lowana V*) Congratulations to all winners and place getters and to all our participating skippers and crew. It was an important event on the VYC calendar and our Class was represented with distinction. I'm reliably informed that the large turnout of RL24s did not go unnoticed and the support was appreciated in VYC management circles. Unfortunately, it was not possible to arrange a presentation event at the conclusion of the regatta but hopefully something can be arranged before the start of the next season. Part of the problem is geographical – the tyranny of distance. If all else fails the trophy recipients will receive their rewards via the post.

RL'S IN CYBERSPACE

Most, if not all, members will be aware that an RL24 web page exists on the internet. As far as I'm aware, the establishment of this site was not an Association initiative and, indeed, we have not yet been able to clarify just exactly who was responsible for its appearance and maintenance but it apparently contains a lot of useful information about the Class. Bruce Castles spoke briefly to me about the matter recently and expressed the view that as an Association there may be some value in having a closer relationship with the site. Bruce has now followed up with a letter to me, part of which is reproduced here as a means of getting some general discussion going about how we might best exploit this opportunity for the benefit of the Class.

"Another thing exercising my mind on the RL front (apart from my boat mocking me every day because I don't use it!) is the web page. Have you checked it out? It's quite extensive and I get calls quite regularly from folk who have taken my name from it. I wonder if there would be value in having a bit of a brainstorming session to see if there is a way we can turn it to our advantage (the Association's advantage, that is.) It is a two-edged sword – people can get all the info they want without belonging to the Association but we can get access to people who are not members. The trick, as I see it, is to convince owners who use the web site that it is to their advantage to support the Association because a vibrant association preserves the dollar value of their boat. But how???? Put it around some of the stalwarts to have a think about – I will do the same this end. It may be a wild goose chase or the start of a whole new angle. I think we need to have a dip at it."

If you have a view, please feel free to contact any of the current Association executive – names and phone numbers appear on the inside of the cover sheet.

FOR SALE.

Current National and Victorian Champion (Drop Keel Divn.) Simon Walsh is offering for sale the Drop Keel he used with great success before he updated to a keel with a bulb. Simon built it himself to his usual exacting standards and it weighs 100kgs. It is suitable for any Mk.1 or Mk.2 conversion. Simon is asking \$1250 and interested parties should contact him on (03) 51441133.

AND FINALLY..... Boredom is a sickness the cure for which is work; pleasure is only a palliative. (LeDuc deLevis – 1764-1830) ***So think about that next time you're planing at 18kts on a ¾ reach!!!***

RL24 CHAMPIONSHIPS Windows on the Bay

(C=DNC, S=DNS, O=OCS, F=DNF, R=RET, Q=DSQ, D=DND, Z=ZPG, U=DUT, Y=YPG, G=RDG, P=PROTEST, V=AVERAGE, #=#N

DIVISION : 1 Aggregate Scratch Scores To Race No 4 on 19/03/00 Ties Breaking to Stage 1 & 2 (Drops = 0)

Place	TiB	Sail No	Boat Name	Class	Skipper	Agg Score	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
1		199	Ohau-Rua	RI24dk	S WALSH	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2		25	Solitaire	RI24dk	J MCDONALD	9.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00
3		110	This Way Up	skRL24	I LANE	12.00	4.00	2.00	4.00	3.00
4		402	Lowana V	RI24dk	D LEWIS	17.00	3.00	4.00	3.00	5.00
5		808	Slippery When Wet	RI24dk	T MCKENZIE	25.00	10.00	7.00	10.00	4.00
6		454	Pipedream	RI24dk	R EDWARDS	31.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	15.00F
7		103	Toucan	skRL24	A CUTHBERTSC	37.00	12.00	6.00	13.00	6.00
8		600	Cosmic Sedso	RI24dk	P CORBEN	43.00	7.00	15.00C	6.00	15.00C
9		TBA	Bunyip	RI24dk	R MCCRINDLE	46.00	8.00	15.00C	8.00	15.00C
10		307	Casper	RI24dk	T JONES	47.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	15.00F
11	4R	RL403	Colduck	RI24dk	G ONIONS	50.00	9.00	15.00C	11.00	15.00F
12		555	The Sting	RI24dk	L GRAHAM	50.00	11.00	15.00C	9.00	15.00F
13		115	Tiptoes	RI24dk	C CAIRNS	55.00	13.00	15.00C	12.00	15.00C
14		97	Encounter	RI24dk	M HALSTEAD-L'	60.00	15.00C	15.00C	15.00C	15.00C

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Scratch Results (using Yardsticks), for Race 1 on 18/03/00

Division 1	ORDER	SAILNO	BOAT	SKIPPER	ELPSD TIM	YS/MARK	COR TIME	CLASS	SCORE
	1	199	Ohau-Rua	S WALSH	88.77	0.76	67.47	RI24dk	1
	2	25	Solitaire	J MCDONALD	91.70	0.76	69.69	RI24dk	2
	3	110	This Way Up	I LANE	103.20	0.725	74.82	skRL24	3
	4	808	Slippery When Wet	T MCKENZIE	108.85	0.76	82.73	RI24dk	4
	5	402	Lowana V	D LEWIS	109.25	0.76	83.03	RI24dk	5
	6	103	Toucan	A CUTHBERTSON	121.95	0.725	88.41	skRL24	6
DNC		115	Tiptoes	C CAIRNS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC		97	Encounter	M HALSTEAD-LYONS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC		600	Cosmic Sedso	P CORBEN		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC		TBA	Bunyip	R MCCRINDLE		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNF		RL403	Colduck	G ONIONS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNF		555	The Sting	L GRAHAM		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNF		454	Pipedream	R EDWARDS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNF		307	Casper	T JONES		0.76		RI24dk	15

RL24 CHAMPIONSHIPS Windows on the Bay
Scratch Results (using Yardsticks), for Race 2 on 18/03/00

Division 1								
ORDER	SAILNO	BOAT	SKIPPER	ELPSD TIM	YS/MARK	COR TIME	CLASS	SCORE
1	199	Ohau-Rua	S WALSH	91.97	0.76	69.90	RI24dk	1
2	110	This Way Up	I LANE	99.33	0.725	72.01	skRL24	2
3	25	Solitaire	J MCDONALD	96.38	0.76	73.25	RI24dk	3
4	402	Lowana V	D LEWIS	99.98	0.76	75.98	RI24dk	4
5	454	Pipedream	R EDWARDS	105.55	0.76	80.22	RI24dk	5
6	103	Toucan	A CUTHBERTSON	120.60	0.725	87.43	skRL24	6
7	808	Slippery When Wet	T MCKENZIE	115.48	0.76	87.76	RI24dk	7
DNC	115	Tiptoes	C CAIRNS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	RL403	Colduck	G ONIONS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	555	The Sting	L GRAHAM		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	97	Encounter	M HALSTEAD-LYONS		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	600	Cosmic Sedso	P CORBEN		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	TBA	Bunyip	R MCCRINDLE		0.76		RI24dk	15
DNC	307	Casper	T JONES		0.76		RI24dk	15

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Scratch Results (using Yardsticks), for Race 3 on 19/03/00

Division 1								
ORDER	SAILNO	BOAT	SKIPPER	ELPSD TIM	YS/MARK	COR TIME	CLASS	SCORE
1	199	Ohau-Rua	S WALSH	72.55	0.76	55.14	RI24dk	1
2	25	Solitaire	J MCDONALD	74.55	0.76	56.66	RI24dk	2
3	402	Lowana V	D LEWIS	74.57	0.76	56.67	RI24dk	3
4	110	This Way Up	I LANE	78.23	0.725	56.72	skRL24	4
5	454	Pipedream	R EDWARDS	76.60	0.76	58.22	RI24dk	5
6	600	Cosmic Sedso	P CORBEN	78.00	0.76	59.28	RI24dk	6
7	307	Casper	T JONES	78.17	0.76	59.41	RI24dk	7
8	TBA	Bunyip	R MCCRINDLE	78.20	0.76	59.43	RI24dk	8
9	555	The Sting	L GRAHAM	78.23	0.76	59.45	RI24dk	9
10	808	Slippery When Wet	T MCKENZIE	78.33	0.76	59.53	RI24dk	10
11	RL403	Colduck	G ONIONS	79.68	0.76	60.56	RI24dk	11
12	115	Tiptoes	C CAIRNS	81.80	0.76	62.17	RI24dk	12
13	103	Toucan	A CUTHBERTSON	89.63	0.725	64.98	skRL24	13
DNC	97	Encounter	M HALSTEAD-LYONS		0.76		RI24dk	15

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Scratch Results (using Yardsticks), for Race 4 on 19/03/00

Division 1								
ORDER	SAILNO	BOAT	SKIPPER	ELPSD TIM	YS/MARK	COR TIME	CLASS	SCORE
1	199	Ohau-Rua	S WALSH	78.48	0.76	59.64	RI24dk	1
2	25	Solitaire	J MCDONALD	79.17	0.76	60.17	RI24dk	2
3	110	This Way Up	I LANE	83.53	0.725	60.56	skRL24	3
4	808	Slippery When Wet	T MCKENZIE	82.08	0.76	62.38	RI24dk	4
5	402	Lowana V	D LEWIS	83.98	0.76	63.82	RI24dk	5
6	454	Pipedream	R EDWARDS	84.13	0.76	63.94	RI24dk	6
7	600	Cosmic Sedso	P CORBEN	84.63	0.76	64.32	RI24dk	7
8	TBA	Bunyip	R MCCRINDLE	85.70	0.76	65.13	RI24dk	8
9	RL403	Colduck	G ONIONS	86.53	0.76	65.76	RI24dk	9
10	307	Casper	T JONES	86.82	0.76	65.98	RI24dk	10
11	555	The Sting	L GRAHAM	87.55	0.76	66.54	RI24dk	11
12	103	Toucan	A CUTHBERTSON	93.55	0.725	67.82	skRL24	12
13	115	Tiptoes	C CAIRNS	89.25	0.76	67.83	RI24dk	13
DNC	97	Encounter	M HALSTEAD-LYONS		0.76		RI24dk	15

Memo



To: Trailable Yacht Associations
All Clubs with Trailable Yachts

From: VYC Trailable Yacht Division

Subject: **MOTORS FOR TRAILABLE YACHTS.**

Date: 9th February, 2000

At several trailable yacht events conducted recently, a number of boats have been observed struggling or unable to make headway or maintain control whilst motoring under the prevailing conditions, with some even requiring outside assistance.

The TYD Committee believe that this may possibly be due to the fitment of outboard motors which may not fulfill the requirements of the *Racing Rules of Sailing, Addendum A1.3.23(b)*.

It should be noted that this is the minimum requirement and may not be suitable in all instances. Boat owners are encouraged to fit motors which are suitable for their locale or Regatta venue.

Skippers should also familiarise themselves with the minimum fuel requirements as detailed in the *Racing Rules of Sailing, Addendum A1.3.23(e)*.

It should be noted that most Trailable Yacht events are conducted under Category 5 and as such, imply a reasonable degree of self sufficiency. Any incident that occurs as a consequence of non-compliance with the Safety Regulations only serves to bring Trailable Yachts specifically, and the sport generally, into disrepute and may ultimately lead to further regulation/controls on our sport.

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