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RL24 – It's YOUR kind of boat

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WELCOME BACK:

After several years absence from sailing, Doug and Denny Lee have come back to RL24s with their third RL24, "Galeyre". We wish them well in their racing and cruising ventures and look forward to catching up with them in the near future.

MORE ON KEEL CONFIGURATION:

I believe the swing keel RL24 should have a size for the keel slot ie. 40mm x 1200mm. This clears up the notion that drop keel boats swing their keel? and take a swing keel handicap. The odd boat Lowana with the long swing keel has been modified after manufacture and is not a member and to promote swing keel RL24s we have to fix this anomaly. In relation to a development class I believe if we allow a hull development - larger slot then that is a hull development. Development can go so far as to run bigger sails, asymmetrical spinnaker etc. but you end up with a class like the Moths now with lifting foils etc. If we keep it simple - 20 sq. mtrs main and jib, 20 sq. mtrs spinnaker, minimum weight, hull and deck as Rob Legg design, it is a good class of boat to race.

Bernie Ryan.

Any more submissions can be sent in for publication and hopefully we should be able to arrive at a workable formula to vote on at the next AGM.

RL24 CHAMPIONS

Jeff is trying to compile a record of all the past swing keel and drop keel champions for a history file. I have included these two lists of what we are reasonably sure about, but if anyone can fill in the blanks ie. what state they come from etc. please let us know. Either e-mail or send a note with your subscription will do.

CREW AVAILABLE LIST

Bernie has compiled a list of crew who are available to sail in the Nationals at Paynesville. If you are thinking of coming but don't have a crew, now there will be no excuses. Just ring Bernie or e-mail me and I will forward your details to him.

COLAC ANNUAL REGATTA

The Colac Annual Regatta will be held on 3rd, 4th. And 5th. December 2004. This could be a great tune up event prior to the Nationals. For more information contact Daryl Langdon (52338216) or Chris Parker (52338216).

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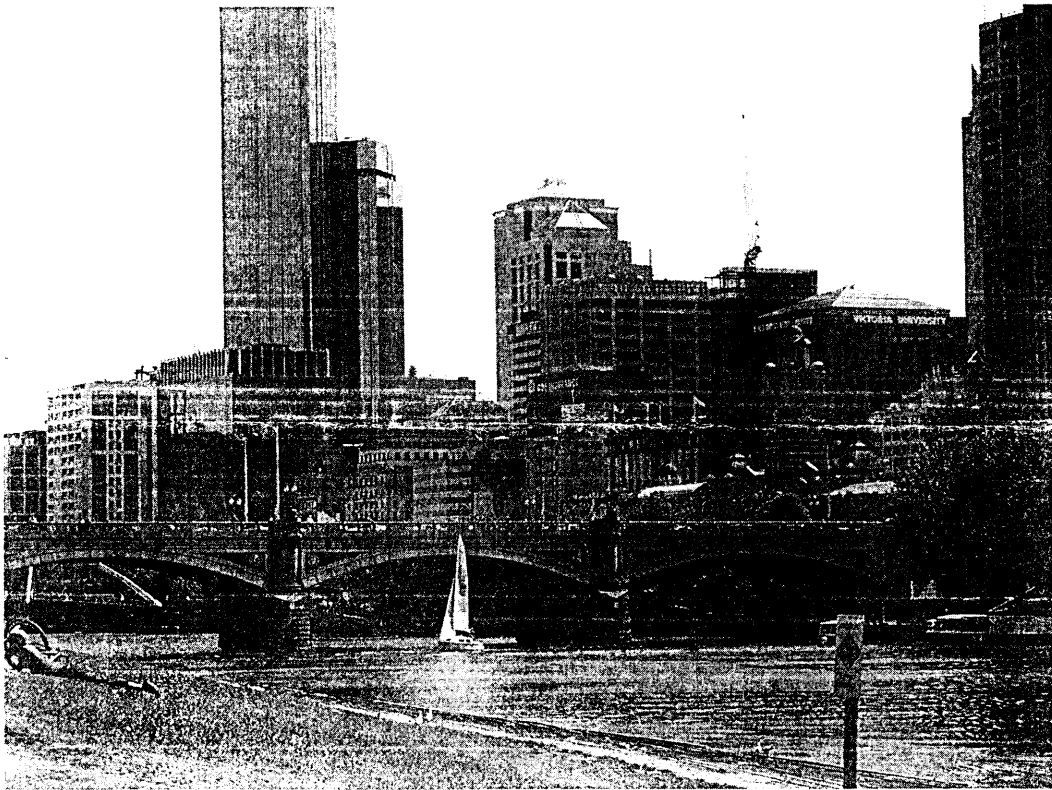
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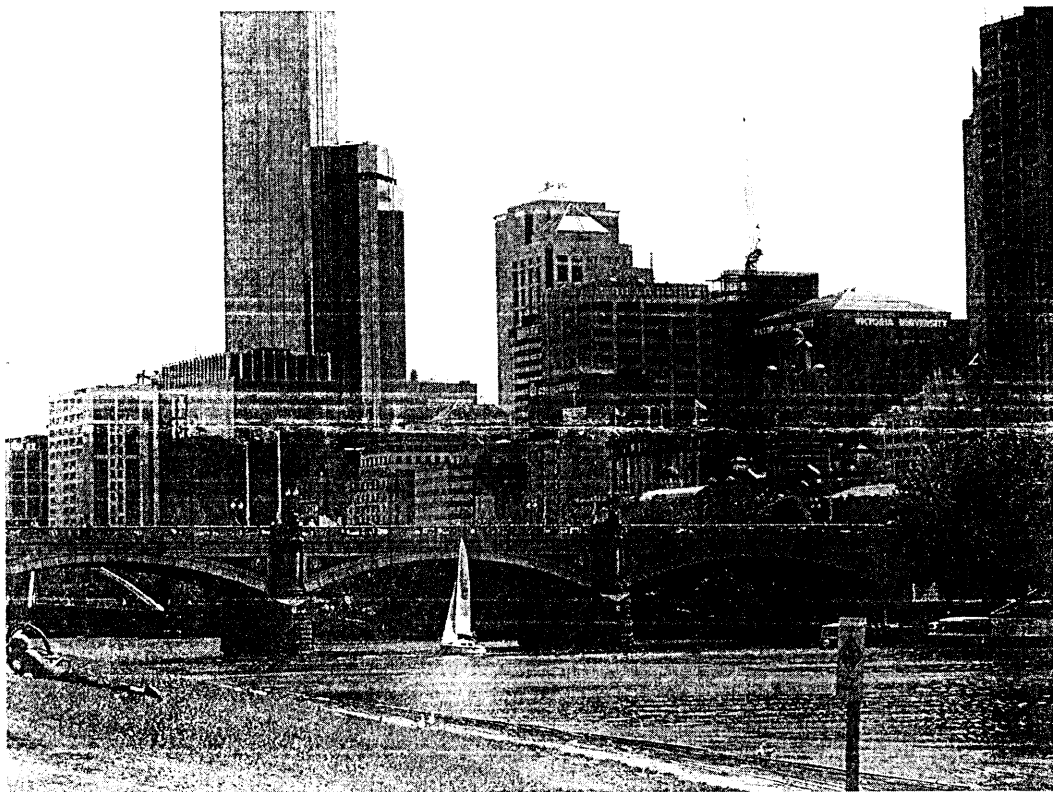
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RL24 National Champions (Rob and June Legg Perpetual Trophy)

YEAR	BOAT	SKIPPER	STATE
1974	Scarlet Lady	Des Stanaway	
1975	Coolibah	Barry Arnold	
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1979	Sasha	Ken Hackett	Vic.
1980	Lorna Dee	Peter Yeomans	
1981	Street Car	Peter Yeomans	
1982	Pegasus	Bruce Castles	Vic.
1983	Dump Truck	Peter Yeomans	
1984	Dump Truck	Rod Young	
1985	Sundance	Warren Walters	
1986	Lowana VI	Barry Aitken	
1987	Wings	Warren Walters	
1988	F-Troop	Dave Parmenter	
1989	Wings	Craig Rainey	Vic.
1990	Kandyman	John McAulay	
1991	Lowana VI	Michael Shannon	Vic.
1992	Ohau Rua Sasha	Simon Walsh Ken Hackett	Vic. Vic.
1993	Ohau Rua	Simon Walsh	Vic.
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1995	Sasha	Peter Hackett	Vic.
1996	Lowana VI	Michael Shannon	Vic.
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2001	Ohau Rua	Simon Walsh	Vic.
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RL24 National Swing Keel Champions (Perpetual Trophy)

YEAR	BOAT	SKIPPER	STATE
1990	Commissioner	D. Mallett	
1991	Street Car	J. Wood	
1992	Lowana	G. Beck	
1993	Street Car	J. Wood	
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1995	? <i>Phantom</i>	<i>P. Borg (Sole entrant)</i>	
1996	Mimi <i>Alicia II</i>	A. Kostin <i>L. Browne</i>	
1997	Street Car	J. Wood	
1998	The Other Woman	D. & R. Parker	
1999	This Way Up	Ian Lane / Darryl Langdon	Vic.
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