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RL24 – It's YOUR kind of boat

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GREETINGS and welcome to another exciting, sizzling, riotous and zany RL24 Newsletter. Well, perhaps the adjectives are a tad overstated and maybe labeling it a Newsletter is a little misleading. It's probably more accurate and more charitable to call it a disjointed rambling penned by a desperate Newsletter editor with neither news nor any understanding of the seven laws of syntax to assist the process of filling the page. Still, youse get what you pay for and I do this for free or, as that noted Latin scholar, Jamus Shannonus would say, *pro bono*. (That means written without fee by a professional bonehead.)

HOLD THE PRESS!

News just to hand from Bairnsdale/Paynesville indicates that we have secured the endorsement of *SAIL MELBOURNE* for our regatta ensuring that our National Championship series at GLYC will be fantastic. A lot of effort has been put into arranging a program which will give us the maximum opportunity to sail 7 enjoyable and challenging Olympic course races supported by an equally enjoyable (and challenging?) social program. The highlight of the latter will undoubtedly be the Presentation Night Dinner (\$25 per head – bookings will be arranged nearer the event) followed by the Paynesville Traders New Years Eve street party to which all are invited. Apart from the usual sort of stuff, there will be a huge fireworks display at around 9.30pm for the very young and the very old (ie most RL skippers) while at around midnight there will be another, grander cracker nite for the rockers. If you're still up for it, there will be a marvelous New Year's Day picnic race meeting at the Bairnsdale Race Course and our Hon. Sec. Paul is happy to make arrangements for as many RLeers as want to attend to have our own picnic site at the course. This will also be arranged nearer the event but what better way to finish a fantastic week than to relax with friends, watch the neddies go round and maybe pick a winner or two? You'd best be there! The dates again? **TUESDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2005 TO SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2005.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

As previously announced, the Annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. will be held on Thursday 29th December 2005 at the Gippsland Yacht Club commencing at 1730hrs sharp. The following motion, moved by R. Corben and seconded J. Shannon will be put to the meeting.

The current Appendix 1 to the RL24 Class Rules and Restrictions Reprinted July 2004 (Keels) be deleted and replaced with the following:

At RL24 Regattas, Swing Keel Division shall be restricted to yachts the centreboards of which can be fully housed in the centrecase through a slot in the boats keel line which has a maximum internal length of 1980mm and a maximum internal width of 50mm. The centreboard must have a minimum weight of 100kg.

RL24 Victorian State Championships.

Darryl Langdon reports that Colac Yacht Club is looking forward to a good turnout of our boats to contest the Victorian RL titles as part of Colac's Annual Regatta on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of December next. Darryl says it's not too late to enter if you haven't already done so. With a combination of Colac's renowned hospitality and plenty of water in the Lake, an enjoyable weekend is assured. Results will be in the next Newsletter.