



## NATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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RL24 – It's YOUR kind of boat

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## **Oops!!**

Sorry about that, folks! The unintended inclusion of a Notice of Race with the last Newsletter, I mean. These things happen when one doesn't communicate properly with efficient and good-hearted helpers so kick my butt if you like. However, enclosed with this, you will find ( if all goes according to plan ) the real Mc.Coy – the Notice of Race for the RL24 Championship Regatta for 2007 and the Entry Form for the Series.

Pres. Bernie Ryan reports that arrangements are well in hand for our annual sailalong and with the Lake Wellington people running the sailing program, we can expect some excellent racing. As indicated in the NOR, registration for the regatta will commence at 10am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. Dec. 2006 at the Slip Rd. launching ramps. Look for Bernie's tent! Please note that formal evidence ( eg. a policy No.) of a current insurance policy providing you with Public Liability cover of at least \$2million will be required at the time of registration for your entry to be accepted. The social program is also in place and commences with a "Welcome" barbeque starting at 6pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. December 2006. It will be held on the forecourt of the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club where we will have access to the Club's barbeques and bar facilities. It will be a "bring your own/cook your own" arrangement after which we will be entertained by the annual Paynesville Traders Fireworks display.

On Wednesday evening, following our Annual General Meeting at the Paynesville Cruiser Club, dinner will be available for us at the Club's bistro and, as usual, the Association will be subsidizing the cost of the meal. More details will be available closer to the event.

The Presentation Night will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Details of the venue etc. will be available at the time of registration. (in other words, our earlier plans fell through yesterday and we are scrambling to find another suitable deal!)

Look forward to seeing you all at Paynesville.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The annual General Meeting of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia will be held at the Paynesville Cruiser Club, Slip Rd. Paynesville on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 commencing at 6pm sharp. Notices of motions which seek to change the Class Rules must be in the hands of the Association's Hon. Secretary (2 Ross St. Bairnsdale 3875) by 30<sup>th</sup> November next for circulation to all financial members 30 days prior to the meeting.

### **Some (More) History.**

A few weeks ago, I was the delighted recipient of some correspondence from RL24 Living Treasure and legend Jack Walsh. Jack was writing, unnecessarily, to thank the Association for its presentation to him and to Joy of a framed photograph of *Ohau Rua* and among other things, his letter contained the following.

*Ohau Rua started life in June 1976 as a very, very bare hull – with June's "sticky lipstick kiss" on its transom. I regret not having found some way of preserving it. Ron Warry (who restored Encounter, now Doug Lee's boat. – ed) and I brought her home from Southport on Safari's trailer (Safari was built by Neil Bourbaud – ed.) on a long 3 day weekend. She then sat on our back lawn for a year while I made a trailer and accumulated the funds to fit her out. During that time I sailed a lot with Neil on Safari as part of the transition from TS16 to RL24. On Safari I experienced the fastest ride ever on an RL24 – flat water, Hazelwood Pondage of all places – Ron out on trapize – being pushed along by a prolonged very heavy gust. Spray was such that Ron was the only one on board who knew where we were going. So after a few modifications internally and the addition of a space frame, various experiments with rig etc. – 5 centreboards, 3 or 4 rudders, 3 masts and the odd new sail- the pleasure for us now is to see the "Old Girl" soldiering on in the capable hands of the "Family Gang"*

Jack, it's a pleasure for us too though most of us would prefer that they didn't soldier on quite so quickly! Thank you for the precedents and examples you have set for the rest of us and for your untiring support for the Association down the years. Your service to your sport has been exemplary and this Association in particular has been the fortunate beneficiary of your participation.

**And Finally.....**

Want to sail in the **Lake Colac Annual Regatta at St.Leonards on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November next? THEN RING DARYL LANGDON NOW ON 52 338 216** to get all the gen. (PS. As I write this, it's snowing in *Lorne!!!* Is this global warming?)

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **RL24 CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2007**

Lake Wellington Yacht Club, in conjunction with the RL24 Owners Association of Australia, invites entries for the 2007 RL24 Championships to be sailed on the Gippsland Lakes adjacent to Paynesville from Dec.31st, 2006 to 5<sup>th</sup>, January 2007, according to the program herein.

#### **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY.**

The Organising Authority is Lake Wellington Yacht Club Inc. on behalf of the RL24 Owners Association of Australia.

#### **2. RULES.**

The Championship will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The prescriptions and special regulations of Yachting Australia will apply.

#### **3. ADVERTISING**

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY.**

The Regatta is open to all RL24s whose owners are financial members of the RL24 Association of Australia. Eligible boats shall enter for the Swing Keel or Drop Keel or Cruising Division using the attached Entry Form which shall be lodged with the Hon. Secretary, RL24 Owners Association of Australia, 2 Ross St. Bairnsdale Vic. 3875 by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006 accompanied by the Entry Fee of \$130. Cheques should be made payable to the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### **4. REGATTA PROGRAM/SCHEDULE.**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>, December 2006.

From 1000 hrs. REGISTRATION  
1200 hrs INFORMATION BRIEFING  
1355hrs WARNING SIGNAL INVITATION RACES ( 3 short course races.)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007

Championship Heat – afternoon.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007.

Championship Heat – morning.  
Championship Heat – afternoon.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2007.

Championship Heat - morning.  
Championship Heat -- afternoon.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Resail if necessary – morning.  
Championship Heat -- afternoon.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

Championship Heat – morning.  
Resail if necessary – afternoon.

#### **4.1 WARNING SIGNAL.**

Warning Signal times of each day's Heats will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board by 1700hrs on the preceding day after consultation with the Meteorological Office at the East Sale RAAF Base. Additional methods of communicating Warning Signal and other relevant information to each participating skipper may be employed. All Divisions will start simultaneously.

#### **5. MEASUREMENT.**

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect, measure or check the hull, spars, sails and safety equipment of any yacht at any time before or after any Heat during the Series. Each boat shall have a valid Measurement Certificate and may be required to produce it.

#### **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions applicable to races in this Series will be available from the Regatta Office after 1000hrs on Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup> 2006.

#### **7. VENUE**

Race administration will be conducted from facilities in the immediate vicinity of the Paynesville Cruiser Club. Race courses may be laid either in Lake King or in Lake Victoria.

#### **8. COURSES.**

Most, if not all, courses for all Divisions will be Olympic courses and will be fully described in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee reserves the right to schedule a long distance race as part of the Championship depending upon prevailing weather conditions and competitor interest. The course for this Heat, if scheduled, will be communicated to all competitors by 1700hrs on the day preceding the event.

#### **9. PENALTY SYSTEM.**

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply. (2 tacks and 2 gybes)

#### **10. SCORING.**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A, 4.1 will apply except that first place in each race will score 0.75 point. Four races are required to constitute the Series. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of its race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

#### **11. SUPPORT BOATS.**

Descriptions of Support Boats will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **12. RADIO COMMUNICATION.**

While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions which are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

#### **13. PRIZES.**

Prizes for the RL24 Championship will be awarded to

- (1) Drop Keel Champion (Rob. Legg Perpetual Trophy)
- (2) Swing Keel Champion
- (3) Cruising Division Champion.
- (4) Other prizes may be awarded as determined by the Race Committee.

#### **14. SAFETY.**

##### **14.1 Category**

The Safety Category applicable to this series is Y.A. Special Regulations Section 2.01.7 Category 6.

In addition the following will apply.

3.24.3(b) Outboard motors shall be mounted in the normal operating positions at all times but may be retracted while sailing.

3.24.6 A minimum of 9 litres of fuel must be carried at the start of each race.

**PFDs shall be worn by all crew members at all times while afloat during the Regatta.**

#### **15. INSURANCE.**

All competing yachts shall have public liability insurance for an amount not less than two million dollars. Such insurance should cover all risks arising while the competitor is participating in any way in the Championship whether ashore or afloat. The owner/competitor shall provide evidence of current insurance with the Entry Form.

#### **16. DISCLAIMER.**

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 2005-2008 Part 1 Rule 4 "Decision To Race." Neither the Lake Wellington Yacht Club Inc. or the RL24 Owners Association of Australia Inc. will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

#### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION.**

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