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**RL - it's YOUR kind of boat**

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### *From Your Secretary*

As winter sports come to a conclusion and the winners and losers of the big codes are soon forgotten, it's time to dust off the PFDs and get excited by the upcoming sailing season.

Some RL owners will be rueing the wasted opportunities of the passing winter and regret that the maintenance schedule was just a good idea; others like our Association President probably wish that winter was much longer. Some owners will be filled with anticipation as they can't wait to unfurl the new sail or see what positive impact that creative stroke of genius has had on their boat's performance. Then, of course, there will be those who simply hope that there are no spiders in the boat and roll her out the way she was left 6 or more months ago and just enjoy that wonderful sensation of sailing across the water.

Yes, it is time again to reignite that passion for the extraordinary boats with which we are involved and get them ship-shape and out on the water. More importantly, if you haven't done so already, it's time to plan that early January holiday to beautiful Lake Hume and be a part of the 40<sup>th</sup> RL 24 Owner's Assoc. of Australia's NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Currently, we have 13 boats from 3 states committed to attending the Nationals and we encourage as many people as possible to be involved in this momentous occasion.

After doing some limited research, I could find no evidence that any other Class of trailer-sailer with the possible exception of the TS16's, can celebrate 40 consecutive National Champions. It is a remarkable milestone and a credit to all past and present owners who have made the commitment to be involved in such a tremendous event.

This will be the second time the RL Nationals have visited the shores of Lake Hume, (results of the 1981 Nationals can be found below in the section of the newsletter called, 'From the Vault'). Often people refer to that series and Lake Hume as a light-wind venue which can create frustrating situations, (especially for a race committee waiting for someone to finish having a swim before they finish a race). However, after much consultation with the Race Committee from the Albury-Wodonga YC and acting on local advice, we have scheduled races in the morning when the mountain breeze creates pleasant sailing conditions. Of course there are no guarantees with weather, but if there was, sailing would become easy and fluctuating weather conditions are among the reasons why sailing is a great sport.

With all jokes aside, the 1981 National Championships at Lake Hume saw the biggest fleet ever contest the RL 24 Nationals and it would be great to see those high numbers duplicated for the 40<sup>th</sup> National Championships. Additional information about the 40<sup>th</sup> RL 24 National Championships can be found later in the newsletter.

### 2014 Nationals

During the 2012 AGM it was decided that planning for National Championships needs to take place 15-18 months prior to the event and that elected office-bearers should bring proposals of venues to the AGM. Therefore the current office-bearers are seeking advice on venues for 2014. As a majority of members are from Victoria or Queensland, we need to be smart about how we can attract as many people to championships as possible. In the past, the Nationals simply rotated between states. As numbers declined we had a period when the championships were held in Victoria for a number of years. More recently, the Nationals have returned to more of a rotation system. However, considering our membership, it is believed that for the future success of the Nationals,

championships should be held in NSW every second year and in Queensland or Victoria on a rotation on the alternative years. For Example, NSW – QLD – NSW – VIC – NSW – QLD – NSW – VIC and so on. Considering this year's Nationals are technically a Victorian series, a decision needs to be made on whether the 41<sup>st</sup> Nationals are held in Queensland (likely Morton Bay area) or NSW (likely to be a venue on Lake Macquarie). To have your say regarding venues, please mail Paul Corben (2 Ross St Bairnsdale Vic. 3875) or e-mail ( [corben.paul.g@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:corben.paul.g@edumail.vic.gov.au) )your thoughts by the end of October 2012.

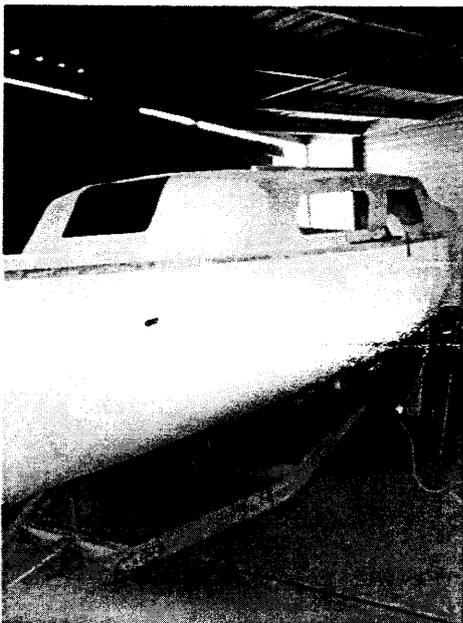
### All in Year's Work (and a bit more) - "Whatever" Renovations 2012

For some years I have been looking at the top side of my RL24 "Whatever," thinking one day I need to give her a birthday. She was showing many scars of neglect, over the years, by earlier owners. There were holes through the deck and cabin top that were never patched properly, some of these caused by fitting changes and others caused by mishaps, perhaps even a mast being dropped at some stage, causing cracks in the fibreglass around the mast step .

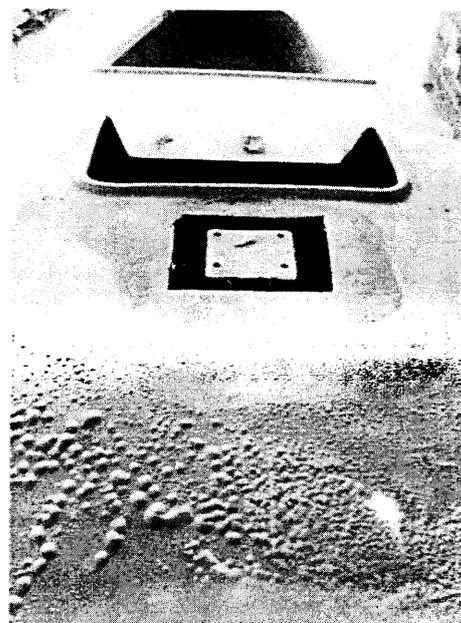
Ever since I have owned her, the cabin top has been spongier than most other RL24's to walk around on. Originally I wasn't concerned about this but once we had tannin coloured marks starting to come through on the inside of the cabin roof after it had been wet, it became evident that I had water leaking in and being trapped between the outer deck mould and the inner layers of fibre glass where the plywood stiffeners were positioned.

In April 2011 we were involved in an incident on the Gippsland Lakes that meant I was going to have some work to do to bring her back up to race ready. It was at this time that I decided that if I was going to go to the trouble of another paint job on the hull then I may as well do the cabin top as well.

Once this was decided the boat was stripped of all her fittings, gunwales, keel etc in preparation of the cabin renovations.



Boat stripped for renovations.



Mast step had to be completely cut out and reformed using solid fibreglass and no wood.

First task was to cut with a grinder along each edge of the plywood strengtheners on the inside of the cabin without going through the original outer cabin mould. Once this was done the plywood was able to be peeled out and discarded see Fig 1. (It was at this stage that I decided to turn her upside down to make it easier to work on the inside of the cabin top)

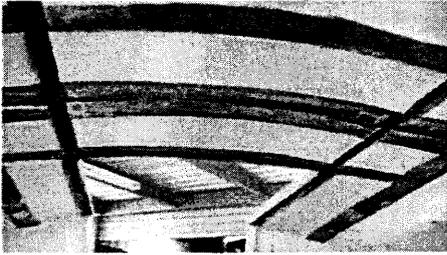


Fig 1. Plywood stripped out

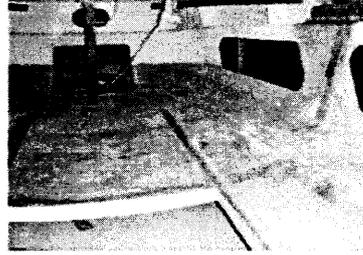


Fig 2 Boat upside down and inside glass stripped ready for new stiffeners.

This left the extra thickness of all the internal layers of fibreglass between the plywood that needed to be removed. Most of this was removed by using a hammer and bolster chisel and peeling it away from the outer mould then tidied up with a grinder and sander. At this stage the whole inside of the cabin roof had been stripped and ready for new stiffeners to be put in place. See Fig 2.

I purchased some foam and honey comb core sheets to make up some new stiffeners for inside the cabin top, one of these I have made a ring frame that will start at one chain plate and wrap around the inside of the cabin top to the other chainplate. I am hoping this will increase the stiffness of the cabin top and the hull between the chainplates. See fig 3

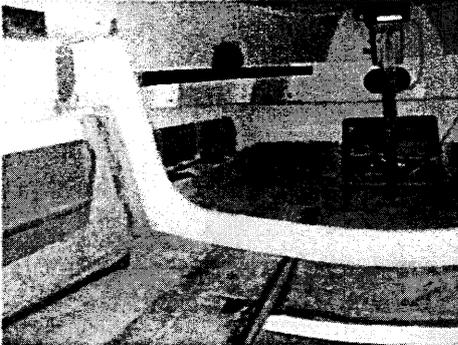


Fig 3. Initial fitting of ring frame.

At this stage I have made an extra 5 stiffeners only 40mm high to be glued in and then the entire inside of the roof will be re-fibre glassed.

This job may seem to have taken a long time to do but I haven't spent that much time on it until the last 2 months. This was once I decided to be ready for the 40<sup>th</sup> RL24 nationals, I hope I make it as I have just organised a crew and camp sites at the club.

Still heaps to do.

To be continued.

*BE PART OF THE ACTION!*

COME TO THE

**40<sup>TH</sup>**



**RL 24  
NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ALBURY-WODONGA YC January 6<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> 2013**

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## 40<sup>th</sup> National Championships Polo Shirt

To help celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> RL 24 National Championships, official Championship polo-shirts will be available. Polo-shirts will be embroidered with the RL 24 logo as well as the AWYC insignature. Shirts must be pre-order as they will not be available for purchase at the championships. All shirts are available in a range of sizes extending form childrens size 4 to mens size 5XL. The Ladies V-neck is available in size 8-18.



'Hero' long-sleve Polo

\$35.00



Ladies V-neck

\$20



'Legend' Polo-shirt  
(Kids, ladies and mens fit)

\$25

Polo Shirt Sizes

Mens	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL
Half Chest (cm)	52	55	58	62	65	71	79

Ladies (short-sleeve only)	8	10	12	14	16	18
Half Chest (cm)	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59

Kids	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Half Chest (cm)	36	38	40	42	44	46	49

Order Form (Orders need to be made by 7<sup>th</sup> November)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt (type)	Size	Quantity

Orders need to mailed or emailed to Paul Corben ( [corben.paul.g@edunmail.vic.gov.au](mailto:corben.paul.g@edunmail.vic.gov.au) ). Payment by cheque RL 24 Owners Assoc. of Australia or direct deposited into RL24 Owners Assc of Australia BSB 063-510 Acc#1013-5552 (Please use Boat Name as reference)

## From the Vault

Newsletter article from August 1981

### Results of the RL 24 National Titles January 1981

Sailing in light conditions on the Hume Weir, Peter Yeoman of NSW steered Street Car to a win in the RL Nationals. Second was Warren Walters QLD in Sundance and third Bruce Castles, Vic. on Peagasus. The breeze ranged from 4 knots to a few bursts topping 15 knots. The fleet standard was excellent. In the six hour long distance race less than 30 minutes separated the 26 RL's.

Place	Boat	Skipper / Owner	State	Results (top 10)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Street Car	P. Yeoman	NSW	1-2-1-1-3-1-DNS
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sundance	w. Walters	QLD	3-4-2-2-2-3-1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pegasus	B. Castles	VIC	4-1-3-4-1-2-6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Geronimo	V. Devenport	NSW	5-5-4-7-4-4-2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lowanna IV	M. Shannon	VIC	2-8-5-5-5-5-5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ohau-Rua	J. Walsh	VIC	6-7-7-3-6-11-3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mr A	B. Avery	VIC	8-6-9-14-15-9-7
8 <sup>th</sup>	Kina	G. Askew	VIC	16-3-6-10-13-13-13
9 <sup>th</sup>	Juanita	J. Smyth	VIC	10-12-13-8-9-7-15
10 <sup>th</sup>	Star Gazer	P. Croft	QLD	7-17-DNS-11-12-12-4
= 11 <sup>th</sup>	Talitha Ruthless	R. Corben M. Stevens	VIC NSW	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Captain Hook	R. Hooker	QLD	
14 <sup>th</sup>	No Option	F. Meuller	NSW	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Galatea	J. Remilton	SA	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Lime Splice	C. Robinson	NSW	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Artful Dodger	R. Hill	NSW	
18th	Banana Boat	P. Mahon	VIC	
= 19 <sup>th</sup>	Husta-La-Vista Baggie Wrinkle	C. Sheumack W. Seale	VIC NSW	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Solace	D. Armstrong	VIC	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Woodwind	C. Wood	VIC	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bunyip	C. Gatt	VIC	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr Christian	D. Schmit	VIC	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Jo	N. Mayer	ACT	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tapui	D. Cameron	VIC	

### What's coming up..

Look forward to the next newsletter when we profile one of our oldest and one of our newest members. Also we will be featuring Part Two of the 'Whatever' rebuild, will she be ready for the Nationals? And we hope to get an exclusive from Wayne Hill and his cruising adventures on the Coorong.

Between now and then, enjoy the sailing and get on board the 40<sup>th</sup> National Championships.

RL24 OWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.  
40<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013  
Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club. Lake Hume VIC.  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2013

ENTRY

Owner's Name:.....

Owner's Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Owner's Phone (H)..... (Mobile).....

E-Mail (if available).....

Skipper's Name:.....

Boat Name:.....

Sail Number: ..... Boat Colour:.....

Spinnaker Colour(s):.....

Entered for: SWING KEEL    DROP KEEL    CRUISING (Circle one)

Y.A. National Membership No. ....

Comprehensive Insurance: Please attach photocopy of policy showing amount covered for. (Valid third-party liability min. \$5 million)

I Enclosed is my cheque for **\$120.00, (Up to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.2012 - or late entry cheque for \$140:00 after 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2012)** (payable to RL24 Owner's Association of Australia Inc. & forwarded to The Secretary, 2 Ross street Bairnsdale 3875 Vic)

or

I have Direct Credited \$120.00, **(Up to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.2012 - or late entry for \$140:00 after 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2012)** to RL24 Owners Assc of Australia BSB 063-510 Acc#1013-5552.

**Please use sail # as a reference.**

I agree to compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play (RRS Part 1 and 2). I accept that competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. Further, I understand that neither the Albury-Wodonga Yacht Club nor 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.

.....(Owner) .....(Skipper - if not owner)

**MEMBERSHIP INVOICE**  
**RL24 OWNERS ASSOC. OF AUSTRALIA.**

A 0045403P ABN 75 905 426 014

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE RL 24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2012/2013 FINANCIAL YEAR ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED MEMBERSHIP STATUS BY TICKING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

**FULL MEMBERSHIP** .....\$30.00

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** .....\$15.00

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: RL24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND RETURN IT WITH THIS INVOICE TO: MR. PAUL CORBEN, HON. SEC/TREASURER, RL24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA Inc., 2 Ross Street, BAIRNESDALE Vic 3875

OR

PAY DIRECT DEPOSIT INTO RL24 OWNERS ASSOC. of AUSTRALIA  
BSB 063-510 Acc#1013-5552 (Please use Boat Name as reference)

**MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

**NAME**.....

**ADDRESS**.....

.....**Post Code**.....

**E-MAIL** .....

**TELEPHONE NO.** .....**MOBILE**.....

**BOAT NAME :** .....

**SAIL NUMBER** .....

**MK. 1, 2 OR 3?** .....

**DROP OR SWING KEEL?** .....

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