

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE RL 24 OWNERS ASSOCIATION



HELD: January 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron

Meeting started at 7.30pm

## **Attendees:**

Wayne, Gretta & Andrew Hill, Paul Corben, Colin Boylan, Tim Jackman, Paul Lincoln, Chris Amiet, Steve North, Andrew Pike, Jon Knight, Darryn Dyer, Mitchell Dyer, Matt Harper, Andrew Stinchcombe, Adam Chambers. Rod Smith.

**Apologies:** Ross & Jan Corben, James & Michael Shannon, Peter Lynch, Barb Castle, Martin O'Shannessy

## **Welcome to all members by the President Wayne Hill.**

Special recognition of Paul Corben for all his work behind the scenes setting the tone and style of RL24 National Championships and organising the yacht clubs, trophies, finances and participants.

Darren Dyer has provided fine work in his for his media role and the RL24 profile is well developed in the electronic media.

Colin Boylan for his VP work, contributing to last year's Championships at Illawarra Yacht Club. And getting the NSW Titles established again. Colin's booklet compilation and competitor plaques have been a great addition to recent titles.

Matt Harper for keeping the Association connected at Colac.

James & Michael Shannon for work with Australian Yachting in regard to CBH discussions.

Andrew Pike for his Queensland liaison work.

Keith Merkley for his work maintaining a website that is of superb quality and provides great connection across all the Rob Legg designs.

The Rob Legg Sail Day was very successful. Thank-you to Darryn Dyer for developing and delivering this fabulous event.

Thanks also to the RQYS for their organisation and effort this year in conducting the National this year.

## **Minutes of the previous AGM meeting read and accepted.**

Matt Harper, seconded by Andrew Pike.

Carried by all.

**Business arising from previous AGM:**

Wayne Hill needed to clarify a note in 2017 minutes that the old silverware for Drop Keel and Swing keel to be sent on to Legg family once the winners are transcribed to larger mounting board that will also carry the plaques hand crafted by Rob.

If Legg family do not want them the Silverware can be offered to the most frequent winners for long term custodianship.

Members confirmed.

**Correspondence In:** Incorporation. James Shannon confirmed by email that the RL24 Owners Association (RL24OA) incorporation with Consumer Affairs Victoria is now up to date and paid. James has kindly donated the outstanding costs and we are now square with CAV. The RL24OA recognises this insightful retrospective administrative problem solving by noting that James's membership is completely current at January 2019.

**Correspondence Out:** None

**President's Report:** Wayne reiterated the role of the RL24 Owners Association

- Ensure the smooth running of the National Championships on rotation between NSW, Qld and Vic.
- Supporting the delivery of the website by Webmaster, created by Keith Merkley. We are admired by other sailing associations.
- Maintaining a class profile on social media- well done Darryn Dyer for all his PR work & thanks to Jenny Buckley for who provides great history from Rob Legg families' collection.
- Assisted interested clubs to deliver RL24 State Titles Thanks to Matt Harper who working toward Vic titles happening in 2019 and to Colin for the work to deliver the 2018 NSW Titles.
- Maintain the RL24 profile: RL's are still active in all states, passage races, such as Tin Can Bay race Qld, Marley Point Race Vic, Lord Mayor's Regatta NSW. We are well received and mixing it with lots of other trailable boats.  
We are still one of the most competitive Trailable Yacht class.

**Secretary's Report:** Delivered by Paul Corben in tandem with the Treasurers Report.

Paul stepping is down from treasurer's roll due to other commitments and thanked all members for their support and Wayne Colin & Darren for their assistance over the years as part of the executive group.

**Treasurer's Report:** Logged report to Consumer Affairs.

Accounts to be finalised once regatta payments made.

Currently in account: \$5122.20 with a couple of outstanding cheques to be paid.

26 financial members.

All RL24 Owners Association members would like to thank Paul Corben for all his work over the years as part of the executive.

### **Election of Office Bearers:**

President: Wayne Hill	Nominated: Paul Corben	Seconded: Rod Smith Carried by all.
Vice President: Matt Harper	Nominated: Wayne Hill	Seconded: Colin Boylan.
Secretary: Colin Boylan	Nominated: Darryn Dyer	Seconded: Wayne Hill
Treasurer: Rod Smith	Nominated: John Knight	Seconded: Colin Boylan
Media Liaison: Darryn Dyer	Nominated: Wayne Hill	Seconded: Adam Chambers

All nominated positions carried by all members attending.

Signatories for purposes of cheque payments. Any two signatures from the 5 elected committee members for 2019.

Paul Corben shall be removed from the signatories as he is retiring from any executive positions.

### **Seconded Positions:**

Sail Measurer: Simon Walsh.

### **Business arising from submitted Motions:**

**Motion 1.** *That the RL24 Owners Association increases the annual membership to \$35.00 per year and offer a 3 year discount membership at \$90.00, saving \$15 over the 3years.*

Proposed by Wayne Hill. Seconded: Colin Boylan. Carried.

**Motion 2.** *That members accept and adopt the new constitution to be called the RL24 Associations Constitution.*

A committee of 5 progressively worked through the constitution to improve and/or align new roles and organisational issues. A draft was circulated prior to the AGM and comments invited. No changes to the draft were put forward. Motion put by Colin Boylan. Seconded: Wayne Hill. **Carried**

**Motion 3.** *That the RL24 Owner's Association appoint a technical Committee that will have the following rules:*

- 1. Gather information about the actual measurements of member's RL24's. The measurements to be taken should match those collected by AS Technical committee measurers and reflect Appendix F of the ATYSB Rules 2018.*
- 2. Receive reports from clubs in which RL24s sail that reflect the finish times, prevailing conditions and other details of relative performance when RL24s sail in mixed fleets. Data collected should reflect the 'Yardstick Race Results Return Sheet' provided by AS.*
- 3. Prior to the end of the provisional period (4 July 2020), the RL technical committee, devise a set of recommended measurement maxima that may be acceptable to members and suitable for submission to the ATYSB Technical Committee in support of our submissions regarding the current provisional handicaps.*

Moved: Martin O'Shannessy. Octantis 315    Seconded: Colin Boylan. Ringleader 234.

**Not Carried.**

This issue was created a great deal of discussion.

4. *That the RL24 Owners association request the Class Measurer, Simon Walsh review and if necessary clarify the measurement of jibs and mainsails for RL24 where a 'square top' configuration is utilised.*

*Simon Walsh provided a good explanation of how the current 20 square metres of main and jib rule is applied and measured.*

*Wayne withdrew Motion # 4 as everyone considered that it didn't really constitute or require a motion as Simon had already undertaken the research work.*

*It then became a general business discussion.*

5. *The RL24 Association seek to incorporate the Association with the Office of Fair Trading in New South Wales. This incorporation should be initiated as soon as possible after the January 2019 AGM and be completed by June 2019.*

*This motion was withdrawn as a result of new information on the work of James Shannon with the Consumer Affairs Victoria and successful updating of incorporation*

#### **General Business:**

1. Simon Walsh provided an explanation of how the class rules direct sail measuring of RL24 sails. The current system does not prefer any shape mainsail over others. Members continue to experiment with sail tops foot lengths and the ratio between jib and main. Conforming and different configurations only vary by a very small percentage of the total sail area and are not considered significant across all racing conditions. Batten length is not part of the class rules. Sail technology is evolving rapidly and the RL24 class rules are focused on development. The rule performs well as sail makers search for more performance safety and, durability and cost effective manufacturing. Maintaining the current class rules was broadly supported by the members.
2. After discussion among members regarding sail design and the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion relating to gathering data on RL24 racing results there has been the decision to form a technical committee made up of seconded positions that report to the Executive Committee in regard to collecting racing data from RL racing. The purpose of the Technical Committee is to gather data that will inform the RL24 Owners Association dialogue with the Australian Sailing and their Technical Committee. Forming a Technical Committee that reports to the Executive was supported by members.
3. It's noted that there has been little or no meaningful consultation initiated or conducted by Australian Sailing and no formal correspondence in regard to reviewing the CBH for SK and DK divisions. There is no evidence of Australian Sailing reviewing current performance of RL24s in mixed fleet racing or utilising national Championships results. Members surprised.
4. Darryn has received a beautiful thank-you from Rob Legg regarding the Rob Legg Day.

5. Colin Boylan suggested that the Invitational Races at the Nationals will be renamed the 'Rob Legg' Invitational races, in honour of him. Agreed by all at meeting.  
Boats unsure or unable to attend the entire National Championships can be encouraged to come and try over the first day of racing. All members agreed.

**Announcement of 2020 47<sup>th</sup> Nationals Venue and dates.**

In principal all members support the choice of Illawarra Yacht Club, Wollongong, NSW for 2020

Starting: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January running until to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Local Contact is Colin Boylan. Initial flyer handed out at this AGM.

**21.34: Meeting Closed**