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In mid-December we will reach a significant milestone - the anniversary of the RC Lasers' arrival in Australia – well at least their arrival 'en-masse'. If this first year is anything to go by, this great little boat is going to be fleet racing in waterways all around Australia in very short time.

This means State and National regattas are on the horizon. The RC Laser has received a fantastic reception downunder – every new boat on the water is an advertisement for the class. Currently there are boats sailing in Cairns, Mooloolaba, Brisbane, Sydney, Kangaroo Valley, Marulan, Goulburn, Canberra, Melbourne, Portland, Goolwa and Auckland.

If you are not in it already – **join in the FUN!**

Racing Fleets



As we reported in the previous newsletter, **fleet development** around Australia is our **# 1 priority**. The RC Laser is made for racing – as many currently are - in RC Laser fleets, in mixed fleets and match-racing. As more boats hit the water over this summer we are looking forward to the emergence around the country of RC Laser one-class fleet racing. Get together and do it! For assistance and class racing rules contact fun@radiosail.com.au

Register your boat!

Radio Control Sailing Australia has commenced a boat registration system. For only \$22 (one-off cost that includes gst & postage) you will be registered in the 'Owners Club' and receive a set of boat & sail numbers (3 pairs of sail numbers).

This is great value particularly as it includes other services such as this newsletter and networking with other boat owners in your locality – get in early to get a low number – they are going like hotcakes!



This newsletter relies on your input – **tips, anecdotes, photos and the like** – Send your contributions to the editor on e-mail : cliff@radiosail.com.au



Good news for Melbourne

RC Lasers are making a big splash in Melbourne thanks in no small part to the efforts of Derick Warne. Derick, a keen TASAR sailor with his wife Gwen, has been a dedicated disciple of the RC Laser since his involvement with developing the class in South Africa. There are now quite a number of RC Laser enthusiasts in Melbourne & Derick is about to set up a racing series. He will be very pleased to demo the boat to any interested newcomers and can be contacted on 0438 563-164



Ken Wray (Boat 15) heading for the mark on a winter Sunday outing with the Canberra Model Yacht Club where the red starburst is now a familiar sight. With several RC Lasers already on the scene, Canberra is expected to become an important centre for RC Laser sailing.



There is secret men's business going on in South Australia. The Goolwa Sailing Club and The Marina Hindmarsh Island have teamed up to give local folk a lot of fun racing a fleet of 6 RC Lasers at the Marina - the biggest single fleet of RC Lasers in the country and expected to grow over summer.

TIP OF THE DAY

Suffer from RSI (Relentless Sailing Injury)?

Holding down the toggle on the radio transmitter – especially in a stiff breeze – can give you the jitters not to mention thumb callouses. The easy answer is to remove the springs – a straightforward operation – no anaesthetic required. We will be pleased to send you a tip sheet showing how to do this. Even better, a ratchet is available that will more definitely hold the toggle in a set position – we expect to have these ratchets in stock shortly and will advise the cost on our web-site once they arrive.



Derick Warne's Laser out on its own at Albert Park with the Melbourne CBD in the background.

For sales and info about the RC Laser contact

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