



QRYA Sailing Event Coordinator
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The number of regattas that are being sailed has increased nearly 15% over the past years which must be good for the sport. Most host clubs have embraced the ARYA's NoR Standards and the quality of our regattas continue to improve. In this year's event Calendar we tried some new ideas to help to further develop some of the less popular classes. Some have worked and some have not. As we work at developing the 2005 Calendar I would appreciate feed back from all sectors of our association on ideas for improvement. We may not please everyone but we will try.

With the development and growth of our sport, skippers are travelling longer distances and regattas are becoming bigger events. It is imperative that all host clubs develop their own resources and skills to an international level. It is no longer acceptable to run a QRYA ratified event as an oversize club day. There are international standards that must be met

The executive have worked hard to clarify club's concerns and based on past regattas I have competed in I am impressed with the efforts of the organisers. We still have issues that need to be addressed and the QRYA will continue to try and resolve problems and educate clubs in relation to Event Management.

Currently the executive is trialing some event measurement criteria which we hope will clarify some misunderstanding on what is required. We would appreciate any feed back. We are also pushing the ARYA for some direction in Class measurement requirements, but they in turn are waiting for some international direction. We will keep you posted.

International bodies, other state associations and the IOM world organising committee have all been working on an event management manual. We are hopeful of having an ARYA accepted standard published on the ARYA Web page before the end of the year. Again another step towards continuous and consistent improvement of our sailing standards.

I would also like to remind all clubs that if they have any concerns about hosting a regatta, please have a go, you and your members will benefit from the experience. I and other members of the executive are here to assist you so if in doubt ask.

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