



QUEENSLAND RADIO YACHTING ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2003/2004

At the last Annual General Meeting it was decided that the name of the Association be changed from Queensland Model Boat Association to Queensland Radio Yachting Association. Along with this change came a new Constitution and for the first time a number of By-Laws were introduced as part of the Constitution.

The QMBA faded out on the 15th August 2003 and the QRYA saw the light of day on the 16th August 2003.

As decreed at the AGM all Assets of the QMBA were passed over to the QRYA.

Many thanks must go to the Constitution Review Committee for their efforts in conceiving the new Constitution and its By-Laws. As with all new things, there are one or two matters to be dealt with on the Agenda. These pertain to some changes in the wording of some rules to give new Clubs the same privileges as their members would enjoy when Clubs join the Association late in the financial year.

The Final Drafts of the Constitution and By-Laws presented at the 2003 AGM were approved and will now be distributed in its final form after this meeting with any accepted changes being incorporated in the documents.

With the new Constitution came a change in the relationships between the Association, the Clubs and their members. The Clubs became the "Members of the Association" but the Club Members have no affiliation with or membership of the Association.

The Registration (Membership) Card proposed and approved at the last AGM did not get to the actual production stage. It came close but too late in the year to carry through for the 2003 year. There were many hold ups of which Clubs have been advised elsewhere. It is hoped that all problems encountered will be resolved and the card will be distributed as soon as practical after this meeting.

Club memberships as usual at this time of the year are below that of the final figure (234) for 2003/2004 but are again slowly building up. As can be expected the One Metre Class is continuing to gain in numbers and with the World title next year, its popularity is destined to increase. The class is also starting to take hold as far north as Mackay where there are increasing numbers in the Mackay Model Mariners.

No new Clubs joined the Association last year but there are rumours of possible Clubs in Gladstone and Burrum Heads.

The following year and a bit are going to be busy for those skippers with aspirations of making the Aussie Team at the IOM World Championship. To get ranking points up will involve a lot of travel and the expense that goes with it.

The World's Organising Committee is calling for volunteers and details to do this are on the Worlds Web Site that has its link on the RC Yachts site. This event is a large undertaking and will require all the help that can be given.

The 2004/2005 operation year for the Queensland Radio Yachting Association is looking good with plenty of events to keep skipper occupied for the whole year.