



Queensland Radio Yachting Association

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2004/2005

Well another year of Radio Yachting has been and gone leaving behind our memories of the good times that have been had sailing our yachts.

As can be seen above the Association has a new Logo and Letterhead

The biggest thing on many skipper's mind at present is the IOM World Championship. During the ranking period One Metre events saw big entries of skippers (both local and Interstate) hoping to gain enough points to enable them to make the cut and be able to sail in the event.

The biggest thing on the minds of the Organising Committee is to run a successful event and show the world that Australia can do it as good as anyone else and better. To do this many helpers are required and all members are urged to get behind the Mooloolaba Club and give them all the assistance they need.

The Various State and District Championship continue to be run are to be run in the future by the host Clubs throughout our state. Over the last few years, Clubs have gained experience at hosting events. Much is to be said for the efforts Greg Willis put into developing criteria upon which Clubs can now follow and skippers can be assured of events being run to the high standards Greg has set.

Unfortunately Greg Willis is no longer able to devote as much time as he would like to the sport in Queensland and has relinquished his position on the Management Committee. He can be assured that all members of the Association have appreciated his contribution to our sport in Queensland.

This is the first time for a number of years that it has able to be reported that a new Club has joined the Association. Looking back over previous reports for the last couple of years, there has always been mention of a Club starting in Gladstone. It has finally happened. The Gladstone Radio Controlled Yacht Club has emerged with a good following of nine members with more to come. It has been a long time since there was a Club in this area.

The Registration Card finally was issued earlier in the year and next year's issue should be ready for distribution just before or after the AGM. Many Clubs are unfortunately a little hesitant in sending in their fees and in so doing are holding up the printing of the cards.

Club membership again this year is low at this time being only 88 compared to the final figure of 249. Both figures are those as of the 30th April 2005.(date of closure of books) This final figure was a modest gain of 15 more than at the same time last year, It is hoped that any gain this coming year will be much higher. There are still several Clubs to rejoin so they will boost the numbers.

The Carbrook Golf Club saw fit to request the Brisbane Radio Yacht Club to vacate their venue because of Golf Club improvements intended for the area. This caused the reallocation of the venue for the South Queensland IOM Championship. The Yacht Club is redeveloping another site adjacent to the previous venue but off Golf Club land. Work is held

up at present by the delay in the delivery of a shipping container currently held up in a warehouse and unable to be accessed for a while yet. The Carbrook venue will be up and running in the near future.

Radio Skippers can expect another full year of sailing at the various venues around the state and the Association will continue to improve and grow as the next operational year progresses.

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