



## Queensland Radio Yachting Association

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005/2006

Another year of Radio Yachting has passed in which there were some big moments of fame and some not so fortunate times for the members of the Association.

One event which occupied the minds of many skippers was the 2005 IOM World Championship hosted by the Mooloolaba Radio Yacht Club. It is well documented that David Turton and his team of many volunteers from all over Australia did an excellent job and enhanced the reputation of Australia's ability to conduct such an event.

During the run up to the championship four ranking events and the Queensland IOM Championships 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 World Championship put One Metre Sailing well and truly on the map in Australia with interest in the class reaching an all time high.

There is another World Championship in the wind for the RMs at Fleetwood in the U.K. and Queensland has four of the seven skippers representing Australia at that event.

The Various State and District Championship for this calendar year are well under way with the Queensland RM Championship and other district events have already been concluded..

More Clubs such as the new Gladstone Radio Controlled Yacht Club are gaining experience in hosting major events. This leads to further expertise in conducting events that are a credit to the Clubs and of benefit to the competing skippers.

The Registration Card for 2006/2007 should be ready for distribution after the AGM. It is intended to change the expiry date of the card from the 30<sup>th</sup>. April to the 30<sup>th</sup> June each year as 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 memberships for 2006/2006 reached an all time high of 266 registrations and this year registrations are already at 229 which is again a high figure so soon after the start of the new financial year.

The Brisbane Radio Yacht Club after many delays has almost completed its new venue at Carbrook. It has already conducted two major events with an entry of twenty eight One Metres for the Brisbane Challenge. The Club hopes with further additional improvements to get the venue up to the standard enjoyed by shippers at the previous site.

The Wynnum Manly Radio Model Yacht Club uses the facility once a month to hold club events.

The Championship and Major Events Calendar is full again this year. Skippers can expect to be 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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