



Queensland Radio Yachting Association

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2006/2007

The past year of radio yachting in Queensland has passed very quickly, there always being an event to keep skippers in the competitive mood and improve their tuning and sailing skills.

The coming year is to be comparatively quiet as there are no World or National Championships to be held in Queensland as there has been over the previous two years.

Queensland played host to the Australian National Championships in January this year. Six South Queensland clubs combined to man the event that was sailed at Lake Kurwongbah, the Pine Rivers Radio Yacht Club being the host club. The event was well organised and is a credit to the host and the other involved clubs.

In the latter part of 2006, Queensland skippers put in good performances at the World RM Championship in the UK. IOM skippers are now competing for ranking points to get a spot in the Australian team going to the Worlds IOM Championship in France later this year.

One Metre sailing is still by far the most popular class in Australia at present and looks like continuing to do so in the foreseeable future. Entries for the Queensland 2007 championship are coming in and a large fleet is expected for the event being hosted by the Mooloolaba Radio Yacht Club

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

Two new clubs joined the Association last year. The first was the Twin Towns Radio Yacht Club sailing at Bonora Point just south of the Border whilst the other club, the Paradise Radio Yacht Club sails at Emerald Lakes at Carrara on the Gold Coast. This now brings the Association's Member Clubs up to sixteen.

Registration Cards for 2007/2008 have been ordered for all clubs whose fees have been received up to the 4th May and will be valid until the 30th April 2008. Provided there are no hold ups with the printing, these cards should be available by the end of May. The printing order has not been delayed until all clubs had paid their subscriptions, as has been the case in previous years.

Club memberships for 2006/2007 were again a record reaching 274 registrations and this year registrations are already at 199 but which is a lower figure than last year's at this same time.

After the Nationals there was considerable criticism on the behavior of many skippers at the event of not voluntarily doing penalties because they had not been caught and called to do so. At the instigation of Jeff Byerley, The Brisbane Radio Yacht Club is holding "Jeff's Sail to Rules Days" the object not needing any explanation. Also, because there are no clubs south of Brisbane catering for RMs, BRYC is to hold sail days especially for RM and 10rs in an effort to get numbers of these boats, especially RMs back on the water.

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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