



Queensland Radio Yachting Association Inc.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2009/2010

Another year of Radio Yachting in Queensland has disappeared over the horizon in quick time and each year seems to get shorter than the previous year. No doubt it has something to do with the amount of sailing skippers can now do with their own club and by visiting others. This of course gives skippers plenty of opportunity to increase their skills which leads to higher levels of competition at local, state and National events. .

Queenslanders at the Nationals in Adelaide competed in all classes be the numbers small in the A, 10R and RM Classes. There was a good number of our skippers in the IOM class and as seen by the results, they were there to up the competition ending with three skippers, Mark Paterson – 3rd. – David Turton – 5th. and Allan Walker - 7th.

Unfortunately the National EC12 Championship held at Carbrook suffered from lack of numbers with only two interstate skippers competing. Peter Morris seems to have a liking for the trophy and took it home with him again this year.

One Metre sailing is still the most popular class in Queensland with numbers in the class increasing each year. Entries for the Central Queensland 2010 championship at Gladstone look like reaching at least 20, so there will be some keen competition there over the two days,

The other class that is gaining momentum in Queensland as in other states is the Micro Magic Class which was featured and sailed at the QRYA display at the Brisbane Boat Show. The second Queensland Championship for these boats is being hosted by the Paradise Radio Yacht Club at Emerald Lakes with an entry level likely to reach 20. Many skippers of the other classes are finding these boats to be something more than the toy that they appear to be.

For the past several years, the Queensland IOM Championship has been held over the long weekend in June. This year it was decided to hold the event over the Easter break. Reason for this being that if there was another high entry level as for the 2009 event, the extra days would allow for more three heat races to be run. Unfortunately, for some reason or other the entries failed to materialize and the event was reduced to a two day affair.

Because of other high profile sport happenings in Gladstone over the June long weekend, the IOM Championship was brought forward a week so as accommodation would be readily available at that time.

The Association's Annual General Meeting is to be held at Gladstone on Saturday the 5th. June and it is hoped that there will a good attendance by visiting clubs.

There have been several major events already conducted in the first half of the year with many more to come for the later part in the lead up to the Nationals in New South Wales early in the New Year.

No new clubs have joined our ranks during the year and the Magnetic Model Boat Club in Townsville now being much stronger in the Power Boating aspect of the club has decided to leave the association after many years and go with the Australian Model Power Boat Association.

The Mooloolaba club has changed its name to Club Kawana Radio Yachting because of its association with the Club Kawana Bowls Club.

The order for the QRYA Registration Cards for 2010/2011 is with the printers and it is hoped will be distributed to all clubs at the AGM or shortly after. This order has been delayed because many clubs were late paying their subscriptions for the new financial year.

Club memberships for 2009/2010 were again a record, reaching 335 registrations and this year registrations are already at 225 but which is a lower figure than last year's at this same time.

The QRYA Major Events Calendar took some sorting out this year as some clubs decided to change allocated events to different times or did not until well into the year, make requests of the Sail Events Coordinator to have changes made.

Indications are that the Association is continuing to grow but at a slower pace. There is tendency of lower memberships in some clubs, whilst one club is gaining membership. However the Association is in a very strong position and it is expected that the membership of all clubs will continue to increase.

Report -

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