

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, 6 July 2010

The start of the 2010-11 season is now only a month away and things are looking good for the resumption of sailing at Humpybong. The racing calendar has been finalised and released via the website and will be mailed to the members with their membership renewals this month.

I have begun discussion with our existing sponsors for the 2010-11 season. So far Moreton Bay Marine Supplies, Brisbane Catamaran Centre and XXX have come on board for the upcoming season. I have canvassed the idea of the sponsors joining in the open day on 4th September and this has so far been met with interest. I suggest we make the Open Day as big and public an event as we can; involvement from local classes and boat suppliers, getting as many youth as we can out on the water in the club Optimists, and getting the word out through as many channels as possible to get the community engaged. If we are to continue to grow as a community based sailing club then we need to use these events to reach out to the community that will be our future growth.

The Aquatic Event applications will be lodged with Marine Safety this week for our use of the bay for our racing calendar. I have also prepared the next three applications in line with the new policy of permits being valid for only 90 days.

Last month the committee discussed the possibility of pursuing the building programme using the resources of the club membership. Some club members have already contacted the committee with offers of assistance to help get the building programme off the ground including assistance with getting the first slab poured. I would like to thank those members who have already offered their support. If we are to continue with the programme in this way we will need further support from the membership and I would ask anyone with contacts who may be able to help with the supply of concrete blocks or steel fabrication to please contact the me or other members of the committee.

I read with interest in a recent newsletter from Southport Yacht Club on the appointment of HYC's sailing instructor Mark Adams as their new Sailing Coordinator. I have extended HYC's congratulations to Mark on this appointment. It will however mean that Mark is not available to continue his involvement in HYC's learn to sail programme and we will need to discuss how we structure the programme for the new season. The last round of classes from last season was unable to be completed due to the damaged caused to our adult learn to sail craft. The committee will need to discuss this matter as an issue of importance, and I welcome any suggestions from the membership.

It promises to be a busy month for the Committee as we gear up for the start of the season. If anyone has any ideas for season open day the Committee would love to hear from you.

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