



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, 3 May 2011

The end of the sailing season is almost upon us and after the last busy month we must now turn our attention to traditional end of season festivities.

The AIADCA Qld State Titles were a resounding success with 23 competitors in outstanding conditions for this time of year. Conditions varied from almost still to 1.5m swell which made a significant difference for those of us in Rescue Two. Initial feedback from the competitors indicated that they were happy with the Race Management and courses that were set and we hope to see a number of them back at the club in the near future. I tried my best to publicise the event and results to the broader sailing community with regular updates through our website, Facebook, Catsailor.net and Sailing Anarchy, and at the conclusion of the event even managed to get an article posted on Sail-World. Hopefully this will spread the word that Humpybong is a great place to come sail and that we can host great regattas.

The Queensland Sabre association has also asked HYC if we would be interested in hosting their state titles in November. I have responded that we would be happy to include it in our calendar preparations for next season. They will get back to us soon to confirm.

The forms we submitted last month to Councillor Rae Frawley for financial assistance of the club have been re-submitted with some minor changes to the wording and we look forward to a favourable response from the Councillor's office. With the recently announced changes to the water and sewerage supply companies it will be interesting to see what, if any, changes will be applied to organisations such as ours.

I have yet to hear further confirmation from the council regarding the drainage to the rigging yard but the ponding problem was still evident when I was last at the club. Council recently sent us a copy of the structure plan for their redevelopment of the Clontarf Foreshore area and asked for feedback, which I gave them. The plan discussed the inclusion of a gate to the carpark to provide some degree of control of traffic past our rigging area on event days but as a whole provided very little detail as to how they intend to redevelop our surroundings to deal with the pedestrian/vehicle/sailboat conflict we encounter every weekend. We can only hope that the redevelopment goes some way to correcting the drainage issues we currently experience.

The major item for discussion tonight should be the preparations for the end of year presentations. With the lean financial year and the reduced number of sailing days due to the weather and flooding this year's event may need to be scaled back. I will be looking to the committee members to assist with organising catering and trophies etc.

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