



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, 2 August 2011

With the sailing season not yet commenced it has still been a relatively busy time around the club this month.

The most significant development has been the development and implementation of the Race Management Team Volunteer Programme. Vice President Russ McDonald has spearheaded a media onslaught ahead of an information evening that saw a dozen interested people attend the evening and up to half a dozen more register interest to attend future sessions. Most of those who responded have then attended two training days organised by Russ to teach them the basics of launching a retrieving boats and buoys and the intricacies of setting a course at HYC. Having attended the information night and the second training day myself it is encouraging to see the volunteers engaged in the spirit of what we are trying to achieve and enjoying an aspect of our sport that many sailors would rather avoid.

The Queensland Sabre Association has generally accepted our offer to host their state titles in November with a minor concession to the costs that we can discuss later tonight. The club's Principal Race Officer, Peter Bradbury, and I have also been working up the race calendar for this season. I will present the proposals later in this evening's meeting but will for the moment mention that there are a number of format changes that we will propose to re-activate our club racing and appeal to the wider sailing community as a great place to sail.

Club member Alan Carlisle has put forward a proposal to the club for a social day out on a Dive boat he works with to go whale watching off the northern end of Moreton Island during September. The boat is a 22 metre catamaran that will be taking divers out to Flinders Reef for 3 dives that day. We as a yacht club could fill the boat for a social outing. Alan expects that the whales will still be swimming around Flinders Reef, Cape Moreton and there could be other whales migrating back south also. The proposal is to go out to Flinders Reef, where we could go snorkeling amongst the Turtles there. If members have a dive ticket, they could arrange to go diving for an additional charge (still discounted) to do three dives - all equipment is available for hire on board. The owner is offering the boat for \$50pp including lunch. He normally charges \$120 for snorkelers. The club could add a \$5-10 surcharge per person to make some money for the club. We can discuss this proposal tonight.

You will of course realise by now that our Treasurer is currently enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of a trip through the rivers of Europe. In his absence I have been acting treasurer and am thankful for the most part of the work Alan has done to keep the books in order. Subsequently the Treasurer's report tonight will be brief.

I have had no response from the club membership regarding our need for a Canteen Organiser for the season. I will need some assistance from the committee to help fill this vital role in our club or without the earnings of the canteen it will be a very lean financial year again this year. We also need to put significant thought into which organisations the club will approach for financial sponsorship this season.

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