

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, 6 September 2011

After a lot of hard work we are now almost ready to start the season. The calendar is locked in, the roster is drafted, our volunteers are being trained and the fleet is looking the best it has in a number of years. So, in just over two weeks we will be back racing on the bay.

The major thing between now and then is the 'aters' Racing World Titles on (ramble (any) you will have seen the recent correspondence. It is a question of the Regional Council's officers regarding the organisation of the event - we received a response from them on the issues raised but as we stated a number of times already we are the little guy in this and we have been successfully brushed aside in any discussions - realised some time ago that further argument on the issue is futile and our energies are best saved for other matters.

\* Maritime Safety Queensland has been in discussions with us and others on the formulation of new procedures and forms for the administration of waterways and the issuing of A/Vatic Boat Licenses - we circulated copies of the draft documents to the committee for any feedback that can be offered. My preliminary perusal of the changes shows a greater focus on documenting risk management, safety management and emergency response. There will be significant time required to meet these documentation requirements. Evidence is also now required to prove the insurance application and that level of insurance is in place. Despite requests from yacht club members of Queensland to the S. to simplify the application process it seems to have only gotten more difficult. On the upside the coordination and management procedures inside the S. appear to have improved.

The management committee met last week to finalise the racing calendar and lay out the ground rules for the completion of the duty roster - we finished the calendar, roster and distributed it to the members. It is now - we run into a few issues with the website but once these are sorted - will update the website, calendars, rosters and other information. There have already been requests for me to reorganise some of the roster, but we had to remind those members of the responsibility for each member to arrange for any steps necessary to meet their obligations - and other members of the committee, don't have enough spare time to continually chase members for their roster duty obligations - would be open to many members would be happy with the volunteer arrangements that we reduced the total number of duties per member to only two or three for the entire season. Each member of the committee is required to fulfil the R21 role throughout the season so please let me know if you have any questions on the procedure.

- we also received some feedback from the members on the proposed courses for the short and long course series. To help in understanding the new formats - we prepared course maps which will shortly be distributed to the members. One concern raised was that of duty of care when it comes to setting courses that encourage closer sailing. The courses were intentionally designed to be different from the standard inland and near shore course banging the corners in a drag race, and were meant to encourage a focus on boat handling and getting a good start. Yes, the courses will lead to more boats rounding marks and navigating gates at the same time but closer racing should be more exciting - will send the proposed course maps on to you for their feedback but in the meantime would remind members that the decision to compete is up to each individual.

Last month - mentioned an offer from club member Alan Arlisle to take members sailing, but other issues around the club have not allowed me to properly organise this activity further - would encourage any other members of the committee who still feel that it is a good idea to contact Alan and see what can be organised. Unfortunately there are other priorities for my time.

2. I received from the Regional Council the new proposal for the redevelopment of the fore shore from Lonsdale to Woody Point. It appears that my previous comments to the designers have not been fully considered and the club is at risk of losing a substantial degree of the amenity that we have grown into over the past half a century. Aside from getting basic facts wrong, such as the building is the boat club, the proposal separates the clubhouse from the 80% of the boat ramp and boat launch ramp - we engage the councillor Fraley to see more details and clarification on the intentions for the redevelopment to ensure that the club does not lose access to any of its facilities. The consultation period for the masterplan closes on the 21st of September and - will need to make sure that our feedback is properly taken into consideration by the design team.

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