



Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting to be held at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron on Saturday 30 December 2017 at 9.00 am

AGENDA

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Identification and confirmation of voting District Representatives
4. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 30 December 2016 at Adelaide Sailing Club
5. Business arising from the minutes

6. Reports
 - a. Treasurer – Financial report
 - b. Districts
 - Tasmania
 - Victoria
 - Western Australia
 - New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory
 - South Australia
 - Queensland
 - Northern Territory
 - c. Youth
 - d. Masters
 - e. President – ALCA/OLCA/ILCA issues

7. Election of Office Bearers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-president
 - c. Treasurer & Public Officer
 - d. Secretary

8. Nomination of Sub-committee representatives
 - a. Youth
 - b. Masters

9. Oceania & Australian Championships rotation and timing

10. General Business

Kevin Phillips ALCA Secretary



Australian Laser Class Association Inc

Annual General Meeting Minutes

30th December 2016 – 9.00 am

Adelaide Sailing Club, SA

Meeting Opened: 9.00 am

1. Present

Ken Hurling (President), John d'Helin (Vice president), Kath Herrmann (Secretary),
District Representatives: Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT), Daniel Self (QLD), Juha Vanhakartano (SA),
Jason Harriss (TAS), John d'Helin (VIC), Bruce Utting (WA)

General Attendance

Andrew Darcey (SA), David Williams (SA), Anne Littlewood (WA), David Whait (WA), Chris
Caldecoat (NSW), David Edmiston (NSW), Steve Bryant (NSW), Dave Kershaw (VIC), Frant Bucek
(VIC), Joby Graves (VIC), Peter Merritt (VIC), Mark Kennedy (QLD), Owen Self (QLD), Steve Gunther
(QLD)

Apologies: Geoff Lucas (NSW/ACT) Treasurer, Don Elks (WA) Youth representative, Rob Lowndes
(NSW/ACT) Masters representative, Michael Wilson (QLA President)

2. **Confirmation of minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held at Belmont on 30 December 2015.
Moved by Daniel Self, seconded Steve Bryant. Accepted.

3. **Business arising:** Nil

Reports

4. Committee Reports

Chairman: Ken Hurling welcomed all to the meeting at Adelaide. Report attached.
Report accepted.

Treasurer: Treasurer's report presented by Kevin Phillips on behalf of Geoff Lucas. Report
attached. Financial reports (profit and loss, balance sheet) tabled. Report accepted.

5. District Reports

Queensland: Daniel Self. Membership numbers have remained reasonably steady. Queensland
2016 State Champs held at Yeppoon on the Anzac weekend and well attended incl interstate
mainly from NSW. QLA held coaching camps at Brisbane, Gold Coast and Maroochydhore.
Financial assistance provided to 6 youth sailors travelling overseas. QLA will launch Activate
program in February. QLA 2017 State Champs will be held at Mooloolaba in late March. The next
Laser nationals will be held at RQYS with the Laser masters nationals at Mooloolaba in February
2018.

NSW/ACT: Kevin Philips - report attached.

South Australia: Juha Vanhakartano - SALA using social media to promote its Frostbite series and
attract more Laser sailors to combined events. Alex Zimmerman has been appointed SA Laser
State coach.

Tasmania: Jason Harriss – report attached. Tasmania will be hosting 2018/19 Nationals, venue to
be confirmed.

Western Australia: Bruce Utting – report attached. Strong performance by WA sailors.

Victoria: John d’Helin, report attached. Victoria is hosting 2020 Nationals and making bid to ILCA for Open, Women and Masters Worlds in 2020.

VLA has produced a booklet with calendar of Laser events, including coaching, development and other participation events, other states may want to consider.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

Youth report by Don Elks and Masters report by Rob Lowndes attached.

7. Election of Office Bearers

President - Ken Hurling (Qld); Vice president - John d’Helin (VIC); Secretary - Kevin Phillips (NSW); Treasurer/Public Officer - Geoff Lucas (NSW). Elected unopposed.

8. Sub-Committee Representatives

Youth – Don Elks, Masters – Rob Lowndes

9. Oceania update and proposed changes to 2018 Australian Championships.

With ILCA adopting Oceania as new region and loss of World Sailing World Cup events from southern hemisphere, a proposal was put forward to incorporate the Oceania Continental (Regional) Laser Championships (a points event) with the nationals. The proposal includes 2 new Corinthian categories for the open standard rig and the open radial women. Discussion paper circulated prior to the meeting. There was general support from the floor for this proposal.

Districts to be kept updated.

Action: Ken Hurling

10. Ranking of sailors to attend ILCA World Championships

VLA propose amendment to current policy to address possible ambiguities. VLA draft policy circulated prior to the meeting. John d’Helin to consolidate comments and reissue to Districts for acceptance.

Action: John d’Helin

11. Cost of spars and sails

QLA comment noted.

12. Cube inventory

Unused cubes a considerable cost for smaller states. Agreement in principle that ALCA will assist with cube inventory. Cube requirements to be co-ordinated with states.

Action: K Herrmann

13. Other business

- i. **District association membership:** Chris Caldecoat advised PSA runs VLA website; VLA members were given vouchers on joining / renewal but PSA/VLA now considering rewards points system. Could be extended to other Districts if interested. Depends on technology platform. To be investigated further. Action: Chris Caldecoat and Andrew Darcey
- ii. **Duration of nationals:** Mark Kennedy raised issue of condensing nationals regatta from 9 to 5 day event. Ken advised general support for existing format and dates based on his discussions around the boat park. Any suggestions for change to be submitted to committee for further consideration.
- iii. **Measurement:** Requires resources and time at regatta start. Main defect appeared to be rudder angle. Any suggestions for streamlining to be submitted to committee.
- iv. **2020 reunion regatta:** Consideration to be given to inviting past champion Laser sailors to a reunion regatta in 2020. To be promoted with 2020 nationals.

Meeting closed 10.30 am



Treasurer's Report Year Ended 30 June 2017

My apologies for not being able to attend this year's AGM as I am out of the country.

You will see from the financial statements, the operations for the above financial year resulted in a net surplus of \$1,912.93.

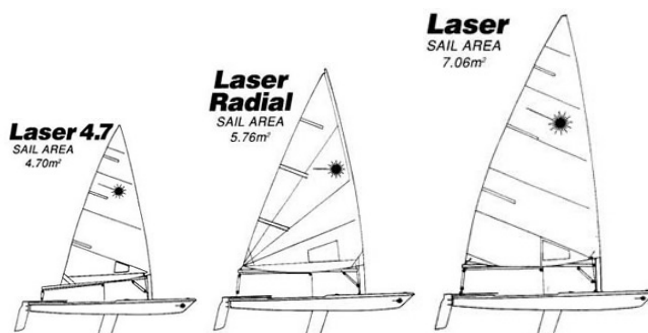
You will note from the Income & Expenditure Account, total income from district levies of \$4,710.00 was down slightly on the previous year's figure and reflected the drop in financial members throughout Australia for the 2015-2016 sailing season to a total of 626 (which figure includes life members). The expenses were also down from those of the previous year and resulted in a surplus of \$1,912.93.

In the Balance Sheet, the Westpac current account balance at 30 June 2017 of \$45,949.93 also includes the trust funds held on behalf of Radial and 4.7 Youth Worlds contestants. Therefore the Net Assets figure of \$20,608.08 represents the actual funds owned by the Association.

As you are probably aware, ALCA acts as a "banker" for the contributions paid by the above youth contestants. From those contributions and subsidies received from Australian Sailing, ALCA pays for the costs of RIB hire, fuel, coaches' air fares, coaches' accommodation costs and other small expense items. The budgets for those events are prepared by Don Elks and I wish to thank Don for his meticulous work in that regard.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
2 December 2017



Australian Laser Class Association Inc.

Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30th June 2017

<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
	Membership Subscriptions	
1,725.00	NSW & ACT	1,935.00
1,110.00	Victoria	885.00
855.00	Queensland	562.50
232.50	South Australia	165.00
907.50	Western Australia	795.00
225.00	Tasmania	285.00
82.50	Northern Territory	82.50
<u>5,137.50</u>		<u>4,710.00</u>
	<u>Other Income</u>	
25.80	Interest Received	22.95
169.20	Donations Received	-
<u>5,332.50</u>	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>4,732.95</u>
	<u>Expenses</u>	
2,000.00	Nationals Hosting Grant	2,000.00
135.00	Australian Sailing-Affiliation Fee	70.00
12.00	Bank Charges	-
99.00	Website Hosting	-
150.00	Phone Expenses-President	-
1,086.71	Travelling Expenses-President	706.02
54.00	Filing Fees-Annual Return	44.00
178.15	Laser Measuring Templates	-
45.00	President's Awards	-
2,079.86	Radial 2015 Youth Worlds Shortfall	-
<u>5,839.72</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>2,820.02</u>
<u>-\$507.22</u> (Loss)	<u>Net Profit (Loss) for the Year</u>	<u>\$1,912.93</u>

Australian Laser Class Association Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2017

<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Current Asset</u>	
<u>26,488.63</u>	Westpac -Current Account	<u>45,949.93</u>
26,488.63	<u>Total Assets</u>	45,949.93
	<u>Less Liabilities</u>	
2,845.92	Trust Funds-Radial Youth Worlds	10,910.16
<u>4,947.59</u>	Trust Funds 4.7 Youth Worlds	<u>14,431.69</u>
<u>7,793.51</u>	<u>Total Liabilities</u>	<u>25,341.85</u>
<u>18,695.12</u>	<u>Net Assets</u>	<u>20,608.08</u>
	<u>Represented by Members' Funds</u>	
19,202.34	Retained Earnings as at 1st July 2016	18,695.15
- 507.22	<u>Add Current Year Earnings (Loss 2016)</u>	<u>1,912.93</u>
<u>\$ 18,695.12</u>	<u>Total Equity</u>	<u>\$ 20,608.08</u>

WALA ANNUAL REPORT 2017

This year has been another successful one for WALA. The following points are worth noting.

1. Strong performances by our members at National and International level. 25 WA sailors entered in QLD Nationals, a good result.
2. Successful State Titles at FSC and planning is well underway for 2018 at SOPYC
3. Development of new WALA website and continued development of facebook page, along with regular member emails, has enabled WALA to maintain outstanding levels of communication with our Laser community .
4. Updating of the WALA constitution to meet new regulations
5. WALA Travel Grants awarded to many sailors for their participation at International events during the Northern Hemisphere Summer season
6. Continuation of WALA Nationals Coaching Strategy . This strategy ensures all participants at Open and Youth Nationals have access to quality coaching throughout both events.
7. Forty foot Container to transport lasers to Nationals , coordinated by WALA
8. School Holiday Laser Camps – during each school holidays WALA is conducting coaching for laser 4.7 sailors, 4 hours per day over 4 days. Usually between 10- 20 participants, and we rotate around different clubs. Last camp was held during July , and future camps will be based on current demand at the time. FSC and SOPYC combined their resources to conduct a 5 day coaching camp for all sailors attending Nationals, Youths and Masters Nationals, during December 2017
9. WALA has supported several local Yacht Clubs by providing 4.7 sails and bottom sections for use in promoting the Laser Class to transitioning young sailors

I would like to acknowledge the good work done by all members of the WALA committee and thank them for their contribution to the above highlights. Also thanks must go to all Clubs who hosted Laser events throughout the year.

Bruce Utting - President WALA



Laser



NSW/ACT District

NSW & ACT District Report to ALCA AGM 30th December 2017

NSW/ACT Lasers have had a successful 2016/17 season and first half of 2017/18 season.

NSW/ACT District Sailing

Last season we ran four district regattas which attracted 378 entries in total. This is an increase of 40% over the previous season.

So far this season had had 60 entries in our season opening Coast Championship and 128 competed in the State Championships held from Double Bay Sailing Club on Sydney Harbour in November. For this regatta we had a very high class field including 22 in the 4.7 which was very pleasing to see.

We combined our State Open and Masters Championships this season so as not to detract from the National Masters which is in the same week in which we traditionally run our own separate State Masters event. We expect strong support from NSW & ACT sailors for the Mooloolaba event.

We had good conditions for the majority of our events and thanks to our top notch RO's Col Chidgey the events ran very smoothly. For the States event at Double Bay Adam South stood in for Col and did a great job. Running big sailing events on Sydney Harbour on a summer weekend is not for the faint hearted. Adam's experience here was much appreciated.

State Standard Rig Champion for 2017/18 were recently named Australian Sailing's Youth Sailor of the Year Finn Alexander DBSC/RSYS. Marlina Berzins BDSC/RSYS, who won in the just completed Sail Sydney event, was the Radial State Champion. Mark Louis RSYS won the 4.7's event where only three points separated the first five places.

Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. Though we pay \$1,000 per event per day to the clubs to cover their running costs. The on the water and in the club house teams make the events work. They do it just for the love of the sport and we thank them one and all.

International Sailing

There is a lot of elite level sailing happening in Sydney through the Australian Sailing Team activities and Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron coaching squads. The quality and skill level of these sailors as exhibited in international events is fantastic. We have been encouraging Australian Sailing to schedule their elite sailor's programs to allow these sailors to attend and compete in our local events. This we see would be great for the up and coming sailors. So far we have had limited success.

Australia and in particular NSW/ACT Laser Masters Sailors did very well in the World Masters in trying conditions at Slit Croatia in October this year.

There were 350 competitors from around the Laser world. Our District punched above its weight winning two age categories and 6 cubes over all. Congratulations to NSW & ACT winners Brett Beyer (Master Standard), Martin White (GM Radial) for their Division wins.

NSW/ACT Membership

Overall our District membership for the year was slightly down at 227. We like to keep our membership numbers healthy not so much for revenue as we pass around half our collected membership fees onto ALCA and ILCA to help to support their activities. The greater the number of Australian Laser sailors we have as members the larger our allocation of places in limited entry international events.

Administration

Hopefully we are keeping sailors informed on sailing, events, results and Laser sailing happenings through laser.asn.au. We try not to barrage members and others on our email list with endless messages.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers in particular RO's Col Chidgey, Andrew McLachlan and Adam South, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, membership secretary and regatta helper Kath Herrmann, VC and measurer John Sprague, regatta helpers Sue Phillips Dave and Elaine Edmiston, Youth representative Stuart Plenderleith, Women's representative Lauren Crossman and advisor and Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for their work and support.

A special thanks to the many people who helped out with administration and on the water for our events. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these events.

A special thanks to Double Bay Sailing Club, Gosford Sailing Club, South Lakes ASC, Georges River SC, Double Bay SC and Great Lakes SC for their support in hosting events for us in the last and this season.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association



Report to ALCA AGM RQYS Brisbane 2017

While still small in numbers the quality of our fleet has gained ground in the last two years with much effort put into developing our youth sailors. We now have eight young sailors attending training sessions with Australian Sailing coach Alex Zimmerman.

After returning to SA, Luke Hookings has been a welcome addition to our ranks, taking coaching which has been enthusiastically received by the squad. This a great effort as Luke while well qualified is not a full time coach.

It may be somewhat of an understatement but this is where our near future lies

With such a large fleet of Optis in the state, we are getting enquiries from sailors wanting to make the transition to the Laser class via the 4.7 and Radial.

We also hope to decentralise from Adelaide Sailing Club in the next season and beyond with much interest coming from Largs Bay Sailing Club in forming a fleet

We have already had a tryout morning in November with six young sailors trying out a club Laser and also an association Laser, more sessions are to follow in the new year.

We have five youth reps at this event and will have six at the Youth Nationals which follow.

In the masters division, six of us are travelling to Mooloolaba in February .

Steve Sampson
Secretary SA Laser Association

Australian Laser Class Association
Masters Report for Annual General Meeting
30th December 2017

New Ranking Policy

The ALCA's long standing world masters ranking policy was reviewed and rewritten. This has caused unnecessary concern amongst some masters so it is worth re-stating the reasons for the change and what the effect will be.

The previous policy ranked current world and national champions first and all remaining applicants were ranked on a first come, first served basis. The problem in 2017 was that a record 66 Australians applied for entry for the Split worlds with an overall entry limit of 350 boats so it was highly likely that not all Australian applicants would be offered a place. The old policy meant that some applicants who were new to Lasers and never even been to a District regatta entered as soon as entries opened and so were ranked above some applicants with a long history of high level performance and supporting the class. So the ranking process needed to be reviewed.

A new ranking policy was adopted on 23rd July 2017 for future world masters regattas. The policy is published on the ALCA web site. The policy still ranks current world and Australian champions first but then ranks applicants based on performance and attendance at world, national and district level.

In the end, all Australians who wanted to sail at Split were offered a place. We expect that all applicants will get an offer next year for Ireland – a less attractive venue for many masters. However masters who have demonstrated a higher level of performance and supported their district will have earlier certainty that they will receive an offer than under the old policy.

District Web Sites

I wrote the following paragraph in my report for the Dec 2014 AGM:

“Just one beef and recommendation in preparing this report. We MUST keep full results of our regattas on our ALCA (national events) and District (local events) web sites to avoid losing the history. For example, I could only find the Paynesville results on the Gippsland Lakes YC site after some searching – when they delete those results we lose that history. The only place I could find the Port Stephens results was on the Qld District website. **We risk losing this important history if we do not store it on servers under YA, host district or ALCA control with links to the ALCA website.**”

That paragraph still applies today and in searching for data for modelling the new policy some districts had good regatta history and others had none. For example, I could not find any results on the VLA website. Let's try to preserve the history of our wonderful Laser class. The web site for the last nationals in Adelaide has already been closed down. Not good.

Finally

A pleasing 60 masters sailed in the open nationals in Adelaide last year and we are all looking forward to the next separate masters national at Mooloolaba in February 2017.

Rob Lowndes
Chairman ALCA Masters Sub-Committee



ALCA Presidents Report 2017/18

Australian Laser Sailing

Congratulations to all the Laser sailors who competed at the Adelaide Sailing Club in the 2017 Nationals. Well done to our National Champions Matthew Wearne WA Standard, Rhett Gowans Vic Radial, and Jack Littlechild NSW/ACT 4.7 rig.

Thanks to the Adelaide Sailing Club and the South Australian Laser Class Association for hosting this great event.

Thanks also to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and the Queensland District Laser Association for their work in running the current Oceania and National Championships.

I am looking forward to being in Devonport Tasmania with Roger King and his team next year for what is shaping up to be another great Oceania and National's event sailing on Bass Strait - the same waters where we had the 1975 Nationals.

ALCA Membership has been stable over the last nine years from a high of 658 to 630 but all Districts are down from 10 years ago. Victoria has achieved the biggest increase in membership on a year to year basis from 118 to 134.

I hope that we can increase membership to 1,000 by 2020. If we can achieve this it will give us a stronger voice when bidding for ILCA World Championships. As well as our number of allocated places for the limited entry international events is linked to our number of members this increase would let more of our sailors have the opportunity to sail in these major events.

On this meeting's agenda we have the Nationals timing and rotation as an issue. In my view the arrangement we have with the rotation synchronised with other classes and having the Masters split every two years has produced strong competitive fleets and worked well for the

class. This has helped in seeing Lasers, compared to other classes, having a stronger national and international base with many sailors attending ILCA Worlds and Continental Championships.

To all district presidents and their committees and volunteers – thank you for what you do, you are at the coal face of our class. Please keep up the great work.

The Australian Laser Class Association Committee has the class in their hearts. You may think that we only have one meeting a year but it's a big one - it never stops. Each member is a specialist in the area they represent. On behalf of the members I would like to thank them for a great job. John d'Helin Vice President, Geoff Lucas Treasurer and Public Officer, Kevin Phillips Secretary, Rob Lowndes Masters Representative and Don Elks Youth Representative.

International Laser Sailing

Congratulations to the record number of Australian Laser sailors who represented us in World ILCA and World Sailing events in the past year. I would like to especially mention ILCA Worlds podium placed sailors Tom Burton (2) and Matthew Wearn (3) Laser Standard Worlds, Zac Littlewood (3) Radial Men's Worlds, Brett Beyer (1) Standard Masters Worlds, Mark Bethwaite (2) GGM Standard Worlds, Martin White (1) GM Radial Worlds, Rob Lowndes (2) and Kerry Waraker (3) GGM Radial Worlds. Kerry was also the first Laser Legend in the Worlds. Well done all who competed.

At ILCA level there have been some personnel changes that you should know about, Jean-Luc from France has stepped aside as chief ILCA measurer and Aileen Hoon from Singapore has taken up the position. Adam South from NSW is in the process of becoming a National Measurer and then be an international Laser measurer.

Aileen Hoon is also the ILCA Chair for Asia and in recent discussions I had with her we agreed that we would like to see the two regions (Asia and Oceania) work together and to support each other's events and training opportunities as they present from time to time.

Oceania Region Changes

As you may be aware the ILCA changed its regional structure to be in line with the Olympic

movement's five geographic rings. One of these rings represents Oceania. As a result Australia is now in ILCA's Oceania Region.

There are 24 potential member countries in Oceania most have Lasers and sail in some local events. The goal ahead is to welcome them all into the ILCA family and to help facilitate and promote Laser sailing in them.

I see opportunities in the future to promote Laser sailing both here and in Oceania with initiatives such as a sailor exchange program and Laser coach exchanges between OLCA countries. I am hoping to have at least one of these operational in 2018.

Some of the consequences and actions which follow from the creation of Oceania Region are:

- The formation of the Oceania Laser Class Association OLCA is now in the final stages with the Constitution only to be agreed on before we are incorporated in NSW.
- Members of OLCA will be each ILCA Laser District in the Oceania Region.
- Initially OLCA will have as members 13 Laser districts from 7 countries. These countries represent 96% of the 40.6 million people in Oceania.
- Voting will be by district so Australia will continue with a strong seven voice in the Region.
- The formative OLCA committee is Ken Hurling Qld, Kevin Phillips NSW/ACT, Nic Page NZ, Neville Koop Fiji, Geoff Lucas NSW/ACT.

In the early stages all Oceania Championships will be combined with the Australian Championships and follow its rotation. From time to time the Oceania Championships will be separated. The current plan for these events up until 2021 is:

- 2017/18 OLCA events combined with the Australian Nationals here at RQYS.
- 2018 February OLCA Masters event combined with National Masters Mooloolaba Qld.
- 2018 October Masters event in Fiji.
- 2018/19 OLCA events combined with Australian Nationals in Devonport Tasmania.
- 2019/20 OLCA events combined with Australian Nationals in Sandringham Victoria.
- 2020 January ILCA Laser Radial Worlds Victoria Sandringham Olympic selection

Event.

- 2020 January ILCA Laser Standard Worlds Victoria Sandringham Olympic selection Event.
- 2020 February Masters Nationals Masters Reunion Regatta and ILCA Masters Worlds Geelong Vic. We have booked a hall that seats 700 people for the Masters Reunion dinner.
- 2021 proposed 4.7 and Oceania Youth Championship North Marianas
- 2021/22 OLCA events combined with the Australian Nationals in Western Australia.
- 2021 A proposed Oceania Masters event in New Zealand dates TBA.

A strong reason for us to propose and make these changes is that we need to establish the brand Oceania and publicise it and where we are in the Laser and the sailing world.

So what do we see as the advantage of Oceania for the ALCA and Australian National Championships?

- In the future will see more International Sailors in attendance.
- Having this new region means we will have more cube events in our vicinity.
- The 100 point Regatta and the involvement with World Sailing can only help expand our National Championship and increase quality and numbers.
- Because of the way we rotate around Australia we will take a 100 point World Sailing event to all Australian Districts. Some of these would normally miss out. For example other classes tend to support eastern states where we support all Australian Districts and treat them as equal.
- All Oceania and Australian Championship events will come under ILCA selection for World Championship events.

Thoughts on National Championship Timing and Rotation

After going around Australia with Lasers for over sixteen years I haven't any real issues with the dates, rotation or the way we run events in partnership with our Districts. Some problems come from outside influences that we have no control over. Some come along thinking that everything is broken and that we need to change everything to fix it. In my view change for change sake is a recipe for disaster. For example the two biggest events on the Australian East

Coast in the past have had over 700 sailors in attendance. From the average club sailor up to World and Olympic Champions, names like Ben Anslay, Robert Scheidt and many others came to our shores to compete and enjoy our Australian events. The powers that be changed the dates and locations for various reasons and these events are now down to half the number of entries.

If we look at the theme, “Laser Sail for Life” and as we go through our life situations change, early years Mum at Dad drive us around the country and to events throughout our state. Then it’s Apprenticeships or University and before we know where we are boy meets girl and our young sailors are parents themselves. We cater for Members from 10 the 80 years of age, each age group has different age priorities that need to be considered if we make changes.

The Nationals dates we have at the moment may not suit you in the life phase now, but will in the future. If we propose to change things let’s not finish up like others flip flopping dates and locations.

No matter what decision we make on dates, duration or location, the Laser Class will always be strong. At present ILCA has 120 member countries, with the expansion in Asia, Africa, Oceania we could exceed IOC with more members. Imagine a Worlds with over 100 Countries competing together - some time dreams come true.

Perpetual Oceania Trophies Acquisition Initiative

In the next 12 months I will be asking all Districts to support the acquisition of Oceania perpetual trophies. This year’s winners will be on the Trophies for next year. 4.7 Boy Girl, Youth Radial Boy Girl, Under 16 Boy Girl, Under 21 Boy Girl, Radial Woman, Standard Men – ten trophies. The Masters is another issue but this would be a good start. In the coming months each District will receive a request for one off payment of \$200 to assist with this initiative. If anyone has a better idea please let me know.

Have a great 2018 Sailing year,

Thank You

Ken Hurling OAM

Lasers Sail for Life