



Evolution of 9er Sailing



Australian 9er Association Minutes Annual General Meeting 5th January 2017, RSAYS.

Meeting Open: 6.05pm

Welcome

George Stent (President)

To Tasmania as a member state welcome. Now a true national body
New fleet with kids out of Optis and a fleet of 13+ boats

Previous minutes (previously circulated)

Accepted as a true record

Proposer: Martyn Sly

Seconder: Joel Turner

Carried: Unanimously

Presidents Report

Australia has an impressive record at world championships with 3 world 29er champs back to back.

Congratulations to Annabel Davies and Hayley Clarke 29er World all female champions 2016 and Tom Crockett with Harry Morton as World 29er Champions 2016

The Australian 29er youth team representatives also had a stellar series at the World Sailing, World Youth Championships.

Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot are the World Sailing female 29er World Youth gold medalists 2016
Simon Hoffman and John Cooley achieved a bronze medal in the World Sailing World Youth Championship 2016. Congratulations to all.

The Australian 9er Association is in a strong position numbers wise with numbers showing improvement in all states.

Official change of name has now gone through as Australian 9er Association.

Constitution now tweaked and about to be lodged as a final document, final copy will be sent to all State representatives. **Action GS and DS**

9er footprint is successful in retaining numbers to full rig 49er and 49er FX giving our sailors a clearly defined pathway.

Good financial position of association see treasurers report.

Currently biggest hurdle to class growth is lack of all 9er boats for sale. Currently a deal for a new 29er is available through NB and Sly boatbuilders for boats in conjunction with Longbeach and Hong Kong Worlds. A plea to those who intend to attend world championships this year- contact the association who can arrange group shipping of boats to world venues

Treasurer's Report

See attached notes

STATE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NSW

Rep: Greg Larkins

Reasonably good fleet this year 5x 49ers and FX boats

Great training program run by state body inclusive of non 29er members

Members of the NSW fleet have continued with impressive performances in World Championship events.

Tash Bryant and Annie Wilmot are the World Sailing female 29er World Youth gold medalists 2016
Simon Hoffman and John Cooley achieved a bronze medal in the World Sailing World Youth Championship 2016.

Harry Morton and Tom Crockett 29er World champions in 29er class World Championships
Working on transition from other classes into a 29er, and continue maintaining the high numbers and quality in the 29er fleet.

VICTORIA

Rep: Martyn Sly

49er and FX fleet is showing strong growth allowing us to retain our youth members as they progress from the 29er class.

29er training numbers appear to be stagnant- impacted by AS programs on numbers by splitting the fleet into High performance and hub centres- at present no middle group. Despite this there are indications the fleet is starting to move forward with several new boats and sailors to the class, with many anticipated to join after attending Sail Country. We should see continued rebuild of 29er fleet in the next 12 months as many junior class sailors who have trialed the 29er pre Christmas transition into the class. Growth is anticipated from the International Cadet and Bic classes. We are also gaining members from 420's alongside our own 29er sailors transitioning into the 49er and FX classes

Chris Dare added that Vic 9er association membership has grown from 24 members to to 34 members over the last 12 months most of this being attributed to FX49er and 49ers sailors joining/rejoining the association. Again 29er numbers are expected to grow further with our class development days and Vic States to be held in March.

WA 9ers

Rep: Dave Seagreen

WA has had a significant growth in membership with

4x FX

4x 49ers

15 x 29ers

States are scheduled for March.

2016 States at Rottnest Island for full rigs resulted in a successful venue and regatta.

Rockingham was the venue for the 29er class this year.

Amalgamation of classes is going well.

Qld/ NQ

Rep: Joel Turner

30-35 members

A great burst in numbers as only 3 boats last year greatly increased form last year. Several promising teams.

Nationals to be held at RQYS

TASMANIA

Rep: Richard Fisher

Tas request for 9ers in Hobart in 2 years

First FX in Tas and 13 boats in total. Strong training program in place.

Election of Office Bearers

Declared all positions vacant

President: Dave Seagreen WA

Vice President: David Price NSW

Secretary: Felicia Brown Vic

Treasurer: George Stent NSW

Measurer: David Seagreen WA

State reps as elected by states:

WA: Guy De Longueville

Qld: Joel Turner

Vic: Martyn Sly

Tas: Richard Fisher

NSW: Xavier Winston Smith

Vote of Thanks

Vote of Thanks to both George and Pricey, for their passion in leading the 9er association. And other immediate past committee members. (David Seagreen)

Proposed: David Seagreen

Seconded: Felicia Brown

Carried unanimously

Discussion 2018 National Championships

Clash of Nationals with HK worlds so we now need to look at tweaking of dates and/ or venues.

Next year's circuit will begin Melbourne next year- AS will back this as one of our events

SailSydney, Nationals in Qld 26-31st RQYS, the Youth Championships. Proposed Oceania event for week between nationals and youths for 49er and fx class. If a selection event is held it must be before the youths AS refuse to budge on this point. Also international jurors are there already for the Lasers so a cost saving for us. Overlap of two days with Lasers. There will be enough course space as Lasers are now doing windward return courses.

Asking families to spend 3-4 weeks away may be a cost may be a factor for many to compete in both national and youth titles. Suggestions for committee members to help combat this or give value for money experience include a coached training week for 29ers, FX step up clinic, a coached regatta for the interim period. Committee are happy to suggestions from states and their representatives.

Unfortunately, this lengthy break is unavoidable due to the Youth Championship dates now starting on the 11th Jan not the later date as originally suggested by AS. World Sailing and the International and Australian 9er Associations do have a policy that regatta clashes are not to occur with 9er Class World Championship events therefore AS and 9ers also abide by this policy. 49er and 49er FX may have a slightly later start date to those proposed for the 29er.

The 2018 9er Nationals be held at RQ from the 26th to 31st December 2017

Proposed: Richard Fisher

Seconded: Chris Dare

Joel Turner Qld rep and Brad (RQYS sailing manager) to be contacts for AUS championship working committee.

Looking to increase racing program for 49ers and FX classes and manage the transition from the 29ers. To look at the proposals that have been put forward.

Proposal for Oceania Event after 49er Nationals in Qld. **Action DP**

Copy of final constitution to be sent to state reps and then lodged with fair trading NSW *action GS and DS*

AUS 9ers National Calendar

Incoming AUS 9ers committee to ensure no clashes with state diarised events such as State Championships.

Measurement

Grade1 regattas require measurement of boats.

Streamline measurement process. How do we do this

Each state to have a state measurer appointed by AUS 9ers National Measurer(Dave Seagreen). This is to ensure consistency and quicker measurement process. Random sample measurement may need to be taken at state regattas.

Tasmanian Nationals 2019

Can we begin to organise a sponsor for transport of boats and RIBS. Subsidy available for caravans can we negotiate it for boats?

Suggestion that Toll be approached as a sponsor for boat transport? For all states including Tas in years they are travelling, not just the year mainland states travel. D Brown

AS and AS Tas to be approached to see what they can do to aid this process? FB to follow up.

Worlds Bid for 2020

National body to be approached for documentation required for application.

World bodies appear to be in favour of it being held in at an Australian venue. ISAF Wish list is that it be held in conjunction with Nacra Worlds in the same year.

Government support required for successful event. So planning and venue should be confirmed ASAP.

Several clubs have expressed an interest in holding the event through the national body.

Meeting closed 6.45

