

**Annual General Meeting
Australian 9er Association
Jan 2nd 2016
Woolahra Sailing Club
2 Vickery Ave Rose Bay NSW**

Meeting Opened: 16:40

Present and Apologies: see attached list.

Welcome: George Stent- noted that this is the inaugural meeting of the Australian 9er Association.

Previous Minutes: 49er/29er Association 2015 minutes were circulated and accepted as a correct record of the meetings.

Proposer: Martin Sly

Secunder: David Seagreen

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Financial Statements: Presented by George Stent and David Price. Notes circulated at meeting for both Associations. Accounts are still separate. They are likely to be amalgamated in 2016. See attached notes.

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Presidents Report

Amalgamation and change of association name forms are now with Fair Trading NSW.

Constitution can now also be lodged with Fair Trading NSW. Association is always willing to talk through any concerns members may have with the amalgamation of the 9er classes. The amalgamation has given some stability to the 49er and Fx classes, with effective administration and race management for all classes.

Future challenges for the 9er classes include current product variability, varied quality of supplied product, lack of available spare parts for boats at crucial regattas by main agent, after sales service including parts guarantee which varies around Australia.

Our three year vision for the class is to have all these issues resolved, and to have a main distributor who cares about the class direction and development. ISAF and International Classes Committees are aware of the challenges we are currently facing in Australia.

All feed back negative and positive regarding these issues is to go to:

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State Reports

Victoria- Martyn Sly

2015 has seen a stronger coaching program cofunded by the Vic 9er Association, Parent contribution and YV.

Results at national level have shown improvement over the last 12 months.

Victoria (continued)

Importantly at the conclusion of the Nationals we will have a further 6 new teams to come into the class

Sandringham YC and Royal Brighton YC will be coaching centres for the 29er along with Royal Geelong YC.

Victorian State Championships will be held at Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron 12-14 March 2016. A wide range of accommodation is available (including camping options). NOR available shortly.

Vic will have 3 Fx's sailing regularly in 2016.

W A. David Seagreen

Increased number of 49er sailors and stable numbers in 29er class

WA have another two female Fx crews coming through in 2016.

NSW

Numbers are still strong with 22 boats at States in Wangi. 3 or 4 new crews coming through next year which will maintain the strength of the fleet.

Planned transition regatta for Port Hacking and a number of try out days planned
49ers 2nd tier regatta needed for class transitions after Nationals.

Queensland

No report as no representative present.

Tasmania

Andrew Crisp is in the process of forming a Tas 9er Association.

South Australia

Currently looking for old boats. Pricey and Martyn to follow up.

National Titles 2017- Martyn Sly

RSAYS is our preferred venue at this stage. A positive response with club wanting the 9er fleet to sail from there. Just sorting out the finances and should be confirmed within 4 weeks.

Planned to have same dates again for next year as we have had this year's regatta. Youth nationals in week following.

General Discussion

Sail Sydney dates changed from November to December this year to be after ISAF Melbourne Regatta.

This might change back next year as nationals are to be SA. Association is currently lobbying for this to occur.

Suggestion that the association look at changing week of nationals so they occur after the youth titles. Also suggestion that both 29er and 49er classes not necessarily sail over the same dates.

This has been looked at in past and seen as not viable.

However association will undertake to survey members to see what they want. Last Survey completed in 2013.

Positives for current format:

Role models in 49er and Fx are visible presence and highlight pathway for younger sailors

Economically sustainable regattas with classes combined

Mid Jan sees most people return to work including those who volunteer to run regattas.

World Championships

29er

Congratulations to Tom Siganto and Kyle O'Connell on winning world championship 2015.

All information re future events are available on International 29er website.

49er

Junior Worlds to held in Netherlands

Further information available via international 49er website.

Election of Office Bearers

President- George Stent NSW

Vice President- David Price NSW

Secretary/ Treasurer- David Price NSW

Measurer- David Seagreen WA

General Committee- Martyn Sly Vic

Qld- TBA

Vote of thanks from Association to David Price for many hours of work in maintaining Aus9ers Facebook and website communication.

Meeting Closed: 17:30