

ASBA annual general meeting held RGYC Saturday Jan. 26th. 2019

Meeting was convened in the marks shed at 18.50

Present:

- Chris Bland president and chair for the meeting
- Luke Ratcliff committee
- Greg Scherwinski
- Andrew York
- Fred Kasperek
- Jamie Berndt & Cayley Berndt were both available by phone link but not required

1. President reports that the Nationals scheduled for this regatta were abandoned by the organising club, without consultation due to numbers. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to re-schedule for Sail Port Stephens. Proposed around the weekend of April 13 and 14. Requests registered for at least a 3 or preferably 4-day regatta to avoid the blow out we have had the previous years and to appease those travelling – fair call. This has been registered with the organising committee and Jamie now has in hand. We have registrations of interest from the NSW J70 and Melges 24 fleets as well as 4 or 5 local sports boats already

2. Rating system and a potential Handicap system were discussed. Currently we operate under a measured rating system only and many not understanding this or its nuances have been calling foul. We need to adopt 2 rating / handicap regimes for the fleet, the measured rating SMS satisfies existing boats and encourages development. Top Yacht have in place a performance handicap system that is proving itself time and time again in mixed and one design fleets on Port Phillip and other areas. It should be considered and given equal status to create the second or handicapped division. The Top Yacht system uses the SMS rating for a boat as the start point and is adjusted by only a small percentage at each race. It takes several races to establish a realistic and fair race handicap for a boat and this then carries forward to the next race or regatta series. This enables older designs, lower budget boats and not quite so well sailed to establish a competitive handicap. Two systems will be required. Systems such as light and heavy will continue to attract the same current criticisms. Luke has been in discussion with Top Yacht and it is recommended this be adopted in conjunction with our current SMS system. We will now have 2 champions, SMS and PHS. This can be adopted without a constitutional change as an additional system. Any variations on this or abolishment of SMS as such will require a SGM and alterations to our constitution prior to implementation

3. Ballast and righting were discussed and a recommendation from Andrew York was received, that we consider and possibly adopt a function where any boat with less than 100 Kg in the bulb be subject to a pull-down test where the boat must self-right within 3 minutes. This needs further discussion and would need to be tabled at an SGM for ratification

4. Foiling was raised as this will again throw our fleet into a mess. It is proposed that foiling boats if presented would only be able to adopt 1 adjustable foil and the meeting was told that YRS are aware of the negative impact a foiling boat could have on the existing fleet. It was pointed out that under the measurement system boats with projecting side foils will come well outside our measurement limits and as such are not a threat to the fleet but this could change!

5. The website is now all but going and Paul Pascal has been a brilliant find to sort our IT problems and is available into the future to continue support. Yes we have spent some money but without the site we will die as agreed by the committee member over the last 3 months.

An election was held, the nominees all being elected unopposed

1. President - Paul Heyes, T7 Foamfast
2. Secretary – Jamie Berndt, Shaw 650 Situation Normal
3. Treasurer – Cayley Berndt, Shaw 650 Situation Normal

4. Committee

- NSW - Luke Ratcliff
- WA - Rees Howell
- Northern QLD - John Rae
- Southern QLD - Andrew Wiklund
- We need to gain a member in SA to both promote our group there and to also satisfy the requirements of ASIC for our Associations registration. If no one is found I can approach a sympathetic former member to fill this role in an exofficio manner.

With no further business the meeting closed at 19.35

I would like to thank our outgoing committee members for their help and support over the last four years, in particular James Dwyer and Jon Rowe for stepping up to keep the Association alive.

Chris Bland

Immediate Past President