



YACHTING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Annual General Meeting Season 2008 - 2009

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 26 MAY 2009

1. Attendance & Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 21st May 2008
3. Business arising from 21st May 2008 meeting
4. Reports
5. Affiliation Fees for 2008/2009 Season
6. Election of Board Members
7. Confirmation of Sub-Committee Chairpersons for 2008/2009
8. Confirmation of Yachting Australia Delegates
9. Confirmation of Auditor
10. Close of Meeting

2008/09 Yachting SA Roll of Honour

The Board of Yachting SA congratulates the following South Australian sailors on their outstanding achievements.

YSA Awards

for Season 2007/2008

Sailor of the Year ~ jointly awarded to
Craig McPhee & Gillian Berry

Junior Sailor of the Year ~ awarded jointly to
Lauren Thredgold & Megan Soulsby

Volunteer of the Year ~ awarded jointly to
Gary Day & Greg Hampton

President's Award ~ jointly awarded to
Les Harper & David Tillett

2008/2009 National Champions

Australian Sharpie
National Champion

Malcolm Higgins
Brighton & Seacliff YC

Sam Sanderson
Brighton & Seacliff YC

Andrew Chisolm
Brighton & Seacliff YC

International Fireball
National Champion

Robins Inns
Adelaide SC

Joel Coultas
Adelaide SC

International 505
National Champion

Alexander Higgins
Brighton & Seacliff YC

Jordan Spencer
Brighton & Seacliff YC

**Laser
Grand Master**
National Champion

Sean Homan
Adelaide SC

Mosquito Mk II Cat.
National Champion

Warwick Kemp
Adelaide SC

Emily Fink
Adelaide SC

Yvonne 20
National Champion

Paul Hawkins
Victor Harbor YC

Graham Lovell
Victor Harbor YC

ITEM 1

Attendance & Apologies

Attendance Register and Voting Rights

All attendees are required to sign the attendance register before the meeting commences or upon arrival.

The chairperson will request 2 non-voting attendees to act as scrutineers for the meeting.

The chairperson will call the names of the voting delegates who will identify themselves and will be handed voting cards (Blue = For a motion, Red = Against).

Only those persons identified by their clubs or associations prior to the meeting as voting delegates will be issued voting cards. If clubs or associations have nominated an Alternate Delegate and the Voting Delegate is not present, the Alternate Delegate will be issued the voting cards.

Quorum at Meetings of the Association

One tenth of the appointed delegates is required to form a quorum. *A quorum is required for the meeting to commence and at any time to continue.*

Protocol for Motions

Motions require a mover and a seconder. The seconder does not have to agree with the motion but may second a motion so that discussion can continue.

The mover of the motion will be asked to speak on behalf of the motion after which others may speak ONLY ONCE on the motion. The mover will have the final "right of reply" to the discussion.

At the end of the discussion, the chairperson will call for a vote. If required the scrutineers will count the votes. If a secret ballot is required, the scrutineers will distribute a voting slip to each delegate.

The Chairperson of any Meeting of the Association is entitled to exercise a casting vote in relation to any matter to be determined at that meeting.

The chairperson will declare the vote.

Note: Matters of Constitution require a two thirds majority.

Other Matters require a simple majority

ITEM 2

Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held 21st May 2008

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 21 MAY 2008

President, Bob Heywood declared the Annual General Meeting of Yachting SA open at 8:25 pm

- 1 Attendance & Apologies
Attendance: Refer to listing of delegates (Attachment 1)
Apologies were received from the following delegates:
N. Rench: YSA Board, D Woods: YSA Safety Comt, I Porteous: School Team Sailing Comt,
B Dunn: Christies SC, R Schneemilch: Port River SC, Richard Gibson: Heron Assn and
A Kellaway: Impulse Assn.
- 2 Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 23rd May 2007

Moved: John Johnston, Seconded: Bob Schahinger and approved unanimously that the minutes as circulated to all club and class delegates represented a true record of the Annual General Meeting held at the Grange Sailing Club on 23 May 2007.
- 3 Business arising from the meeting on 23rd May 2007: Nil
4. REPORTS
A copy of the reports received was circulated to members present and Committee Chairpersons and the respective delegates or their representative referred to the key items in the reports.
A copy of the reports are included as Attachment 2.

President Bob Heywood

Bob thanked all Club and Class Association officials for the significant contribution that they make as volunteers to ensure the efficient management of SA clubs and classes and in particular their roles in organising the conduct of a wide range of sailing activities for members. Bob thanked his Board and other YSA Committee members for their support over the past year. Bob also noted that Executive Officer, John Woollatt had advised his intention to retire at the end of October 2008. Bob advised that the Board was seeking to find a replacement for John and would be advertising in June with a view to have a new person in place by September. Bob acknowledged the contribution made by John over the past 12 years in his roles as office administrator, as Yachting SA representative at various meetings of Yachting Australia, State Government bodies and other marine organisations, as development officer, training coordinator and in providing administrative support for the various YSA sub-committees.

Finance John Woollatt

Bob Heywood noted that financial reports for 2007/08 were not yet available. Bob read a letter from the auditor advising that the audit of financial records for 2007/08 (to 31 March 2008) was in progress, but was not yet completed and declaring that "Nothing has come to my attention that would indicate that the Financial Report is inaccurate, incomplete or otherwise misleading."

John Woollatt proposed that the auditors report and financial reports be circulated to all members before the Council of Yachting SA on 20 August 2008 tabled at that meeting for approval.

This recommendation was accepted by members.

John provided a summary of the current financial position of Yachting SA and current balances in the operating accounts and other investment accounts.

Executive & Development John Woollatt

Report tabled and key items highlighted.

Off the Beach Catamaran Marcus Towell (not present)

No report.

Racing Rules Wayne Thompson
Wayne tabled his report and highlighted key issues including implementation of the national Officiating Program during 2007 to 2009. Wayne also noted that SA clubs had hosted 5 national Championship Regattas in 2007/08 and to date we have been advised of 5 Championship in the coming season.

Sailability SA John Johnston
Report tabled and key items highlighted.

SA School Team Sailing Committee John Woollatt for Ian Porteous
Report tabled and key items highlighted.

South Australian Youth Sailing..... Wayne Thompson for Greg Keen
Report tabled and key items highlighted including the review of SAYS activities.

YA National Match Racing Committee delegate... John Woollatt for Silas Nolan
Report tabled and key items highlighted.
Bob Heywood thanked Silas and Stewart Ross, who had shared the role this season.

YA National Safety Committee delegate..... Bob Heywood for David Woods
Report tabled and Bob Heywood acknowledged the work and expertise contributed by David towards the development of new YA Safety Regulations for 2009-1.

YA National Training Committee delegate John Woollatt
Report tabled and key items highlighted.

YA National Youth Committee delegate Malcolm Hughes
Report tabled and key items highlighted.

Questions were asked on several issues in the reports and responses were provided by the respective delegates or their representative to satisfy those enquiries.

Bob Heywood sought support for a motion "To accept the above reports as tabled and discussed". The motion was moved by David Godden (Fireball Assn) and seconded by Duncan Groome (LBSC) and approved unanimously by members present.

5. AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2008/2009 SEASON

5.1 Club Fees

Motion: Yachting SA Board proposes that the Member Club Fee for the 2008/2009 season will be charged in accordance with fees calculated under the new Yachting SA "Club Banding System. Bob reported that details of the proposed Yachting SA fees for individual clubs have been discussed at meetings of Club Commodores and Presidents held on the 18 February 2008 at the RSAYS and the Grange SC.

The fee structure and individual club charges were reviewed by a committee of club representatives at a meeting on the 15 April 2008, held at the YSA office.

Subsequently a final review was undertaken by YSA Board members, who re-assessed the new fee against payments made by affiliated clubs in season 2007/08 using financial records available on the 30 April 2008.

A copy of proposed fee schedule was distributed to delegates at the AGM.

5.2 Class/Associations..... \$150.00..... increased from \$110

5.3 Senior Registered Sailor..... N/A..... \$47.00 in 2007/08

5.4 Junior Registered Sailor N/A..... \$21.00 in 2007/08

5.5 Boating Member N/A..... \$47.00 in 2007/08

5.6 Approval of Fees for 2008/09

Bob Heywood sought support for the motion “that the 2008/09 Member Club fees as shown on the YA/YSA Banding Fee Schedule circulated to all members and the Member Association Fee listed in item 5.2 above be approved.”

The motion was moved by John Johnston (PASC) and seconded by Mick Bowley (ASC).

Mr. Bowley noted that Adelaide SC were in favour of the motion to increase Member Club fees as prescribed, but did not support the banding system in principal. He expressed concern that the Yachting Australia banding level did not match the Yachting SA banding level in all cases. Bob Heywood explained that the YA and YSA assessments of clubs were undertaken on different information bases and hence the non alignment of the respective YA and YSA levels.

Shane Kelly (SA Heron Assn) sought information on the variation of the fees proposed for 2008/09 from those that applied in 2007/08. Bob Heywood referred members to the spreadsheet provided and noted that column 1 showed fees paid in 2007/08, while the proposed total fee for 2008/09 was shown in column 9. Bob noted that this represented an increase of 5.3%, not including the charge for Personal Accident insurance.

There was further general discussion regarding the pros and cons of the Club Fee System, which will replace the Sailor Registration System using Silver and Youth Membership Cards. Bob noted that under the proposed Club Fees System, the contribution by clubs to the administration of yachting at National and State level was calculated taking into account other recognised club income streams as well as that component, which comes directly from sailing membership fees.

Mr. Heywood called for a show of hands, which resulted in a count of 15 for and 7 against, with one delegate abstaining. It was noted that there were 27 votes on the floor, with several members having a delegate’s vote for both a club and a class association. It was clarified as to who held votes.

Mr. Heywood again called for a show of hands, which resulted in a count of 19 for and 7 against, with one delegate abstaining. The motion was passed with a majority exceeding the required two thirds.

6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Heywood declared that three positions became vacant on 21st May 2008 for the 2008/2009 season and that three valid nominations had been received by the due date (14 May 08).

Mr Heywood noted that current board member Nick Rench (RSAYS) had not sought re-election. Bob noted the service provided by Nick and asked that the minutes record an acknowledgment of Nick’s 2-years of service to the sport as an active member of the YSA Board.

Mr Heywood duly declared that the following members were elected unopposed:

John Johnston ...	Port Adelaide Sailing Club
Liza Reynolds....	Royal SA Yacht Squadron
Wayne Thompson	Largs Bay Sailing Club

The position of President and other Board roles and portfolios of the elected members will be determined by the Board members at the next meeting in June 2008 and advised to members.

7. CONFIRMATION OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2008/09

Bob Heywood noted that YSA sub-committees had advised their Chairpersons for the 2008/09 season were appointed as follows or would be appointed at their next AGM:

OTB Catamaran Committee ...Marcus Towell	No change advised
Schools Team SailingIan Porteous	Elected April 2008
Racing Rules CommitteeWayne Thompson	Elected April 2008
Keelboat CommitteeNot active	
Sailability SA CommitteeJohn Johnston	AGM in June 2008
Safety CommitteeNot active	
SA Youth Sailing Inc. (STB)....Greg Keen	AGM in Sept 2008

8. CONFIRMATION OF YA DELEGATES TO YACHTING AUSTRALIA COMMITTEES

Bob Heywood advised that current YA Delegates had represent Yachting SA during 2007/08 and the Board would chose suitably qualified persons to maintain this representative role. Bob thanked those delegates for giving their time and expertise to represent SA clubs, classes and sailors.

Wayne Thompson noted that at the meeting on 21 May 2008, the Board of Yachting SA had approved a new policy for the selection, roles and responsibilities for members selected to represent Yachting SA at meetings of Yachting Australia National Committees. Wayne proposed that the nomination of delegates for 2008/09 be deferred until the new policy was circulated to clubs, class associations and individual members.

Bob Heywood called for a motion that “the Board will circulate the new policy for YSA Delegates and advertise seeking nominations of suitable persons to fill the following delegate’s roles”:

YA Offshore Keelboat Policy Committee	YA National Teams Racing Committee
YA Racing Rules & Officials Committees	YA National Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Comt.
YA National Match Racing Committee	YA National Training Committee
YA National Sailability Committee	YA National Youth Committee
YA National Safety Committee	

The motion was moved by Jane Mitchell (GRYC) and seconded by Kathy Kuchell (RSAYS) and approved unanimously by members present.

9. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

Damian Conaghty (Conaghtys Business & Taxation Advisers)

John Woollatt advised that Damian Conaghty had indicated his agreement, if approved, to continue as auditor for Yachting SA in the next year.

Bob Heywood called for a motion “that Damian Conaghty be duly appointed as auditor for the 2008/09 financial year”.

The motion was moved by John Johnston (PASC) and seconded by Dave Godden (Fireball Assn) and approved unanimously by members present.

10. Close of Meeting0910 pm

Bob Heywood declared the meeting closed.

Next Annual General Meeting of Yachting SA will be held on Monday, 25 May 2009.

Attachment 1.

Attendance List

Name	Club / Assoc / Role	Name	Club / Assoc / Role
YSA Board & Committees #8			
YSA President	Bob Heywood	David Godden	YSA Board
YSA Snr Vice President	John Johnston	Executive Officer	John Woollatt
YSA Vice President	Wayne Thompson	Admin Officer	Vicki Hughes
YSA Board/ Treasurer	Allen Walters	Sailability SA	John Johnston
Club/Class Delegates (Voting) #27			
Adelaide SC	Mick Bowley	Henley SC	Adrian Cooper
Adelaide SC	Malcolm Hughes	Henley SC	Warren Carey
Christies SC	Bryn Davis	Largs Bay SC	Duncan Groome
Christies SC	Neil Sander	Largs Bay SC	Michael Simms
Cruising YC of SA	Craig Evans	Port Adelaide SC	John Johnston
Cruising YC of SA	Alyn Stevenson	Royal SA Yacht Squadron	Liza Reynolds
Goolwa Regatta YC	Jane Mitchell	Royal SA Yacht Squadron	Kathy Kuchel
Grange SC	Ian Glasson	Victor Harbor YC	Barry Jagger
Grange SC	Don Morris		
Arrow & Arafura Assn	Warwick Graham	SA Heron Sailing Assn	Shane Kelly
Cherub Assn	Duncan Groome	SA Hobie Cat Assn	Bob Schahinger
Intl Fireball Assn	David Godden	Sabre Sailing Assn	John Gratton
Intl Optimist Assn	Ian Kirkwood	Sailability SA	John Johnston
J24 Class Assn	Alyn Stevenson	Trailer Sailer Assn of SA	Warren Carey
Guests / Visitors (Non-Voting)			
Adelaide SC	Deirdre Schahinger		
Impulse Assn of SA	Phil Wise		

ITEM 3

Business arising from 21st May 2008 meeting

1. 2007/2008 Auditors Report
2. Any other business

ITEM 4

REPORTS

President	Bob Heywood
Finance	Allen Walters
Executive Officer	Terry Reilly
South Australian Sports Institute (SASI)	Brendan Todd
YSA - Off the Beach Catamaran Committee.....	Marcus Towell
YSA – Race Officials Committee	Wayne Thompson
Sailability SA	John Johnston
Secondary Schools Team Sailing Committee (SSTS).....	Ian Porteous
South Australian Youth Sailing (STB)	Paul Stockley
YA National Keelboat Committee delegate.....	Liza Reynolds
YA National Match Racing Committee delegate	Silas Nolan
YA National Officials Committee delegate	Wayne Thompson
YA National Racing Rules Committee.....	Wayne Thompson
YA National Sailability Committee delegate.....	John Johnston
YA National Safety Committee delegate.....	David Woods
YA National Teams Racing Committee delegate	Ian Porteous
YA National Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Committee delegate...	Liza Reynolds
YA National Training Committee delegate	John Woollatt
YA National Youth Committee delegate	Malcolm Hughes

YACHTING SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2008 – 2009 SEASON

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This annual report comes with mixed messages, some good and some not so good.

It is pleasing to again see the great work done by so many Clubs, classes and sailors in the pursuit of our sport. I continue to be impressed by the dedication shown by so many of our people involved in making sure sailing flourishes and the number of volunteers it takes to do so. We keep hearing about volunteers and how much they save in providing their services so that participants can enjoy what they do. So, next time you recognize a volunteer pat them on the back, perhaps even buy them a drink and say thank you even if it is you. However, while this is the good side of the equation we must never think that improvement is unnecessary or things could not be done better or that your lack of encouragement might mean an additional sailor or participant in your Club has been lost.

This past year has seen the retirement of John Woollatt our EO for some 13 years. His dedication and keenness to work for sailors is legendary and gratefully received. We have wished him well and thanked him sincerely at a special gathering at his home club in October last year.

We have had the good fortune in finding Terry Reilly to take on the role of EO of YSA. He commenced 1 November 2009 and the Board indicated that we would like a subtle change in emphasis so that our communication with members could be upgraded and further funds also could be attracted to support what we do, which is part of his brief. This is not a 5 minute fix not helped by the current financial position we all find ourselves in but we continue to work on it. As we point out later YSA funding is not in good shape so the Board and Terry have been spending many hours seeking solutions and looking for savings to improve our long term outlook.

As has been the practice for many years the YSA year is busy with meetings, reviews and delegating tasks to our various YSA sub committees. The YSA Board of 6 tries to cover many areas and has representatives on the SA Youth Committee (STB), Racing Rules and Sailability, each of which has their own duties to perform for the benefit of our sailors. Sometimes, they see their families, so I am told! However, they do it willingly and we thank them all sincerely.

As our sport has considerable breadth, not only are State matters being attended to we, as an MYA (member yachting association), have a voice at Yachting Australia level. This is through Federal Assembly where we have one vote. Prior to the October FA meeting YAI Board elections were held and Wally Rantanen was re-elected for a further 2 years. We are grateful for his continued contributions and his reliability in keeping us informed of their activities. Among these activities are

- IRC certification which has been deemed by YAI as needing a more consistent approach so they have undertaken to process certification themselves. YSA has agreed with this to a point, however, the penalty is to lose some income and we are not pleased about that.

- On the training front an in-depth review has been completed and its final results yet to be played out but this matter is considered to be a vital part of what we do to support, attract and service sailors and officials. What we haven't done is recognise that dollar value of this endeavour and how it impacts upon what YAI and MYA's can do. It seems as though it is YAI sees it of more value for it to control Training and the impact of this for YSA is again, to lose more of its funding.

- YAI is working on its own Strategic plan. Their wish is for not only MYA's to share in the vision and the work that can go into this but seek Club support to join with them. The aim, in simple terms, is to increase participation by developing, supporting and educating sailors and volunteers. This is so that all can continue to have fun, be challenged and be proficient at every level they take on.

- Hand in hand with the strategic plan has been a national review of our sport titled "Strengthen Sailing". This is a work in progress and we expect to hear more at the May Federal Assembly and may even have to form opinions and vote of proposals tabled. The impact on MYA's, Clubs and Class boat Associations is yet to be seen but the more each of us are involved the better.

- This year 2008/2009 has seen the implementation of a new Club fee structure. YSA has, along with all the other State MYA's undertaken to collect fees in this manner. It is fair to say that we have not sold this as well as we would have liked. Some club's are not happy and we are endeavouring to educate them in understanding how it works. As long as this system continues there will need to be a club review of the system so that any Club's uncomfortable about their fit in the scheme can be heard and if necessary, fitted in a different band.

- The Board notes with concern the number of Clubs who have their sailing and other activities curbed by the lack of water. We have tried hard to hear them out and help where we can and on too many occasions this has been less than satisfactory. Our financial position and the demands of our National Body have not allowed us the liberties would like. We have elected to write to Clubs explaining our position and sought to assure all that the Board is seeking as many ways as possible to improve our financial position.

Like all new committees at the beginning of its tenure, the Board wished to see some changes in emphasis in what it does. It sought to re-establish the Keel boat committee. There were a number of members suggesting that YSA should do more so we considered this to be a good way of hearing what was wanted and attempt to address this. We knew that CYCSA & RSAYS were working successfully together to give voice to sailor's desires at this level and produce a calendar of events and activities that suited and satisfied the keel boat fleet. The need for re-establishment was therefore not supported when tested.

We have also offered to Clubs, classes and sailors a chance to buy product at a reasonable price knowing that some of the purchase price would be returned to each, adding to their funds

During the year various board members have attended courses, meetings and programmes promoted by the Department of Recreation and Sport as well as some Sport SA sponsored events. Each of these are designed to better equip members for what they are doing and to enhance the skills of the participants. These meetings, programmes and courses are open to not only the State sporting organisations but Clubs and other interested administrators. If you get a chance, go!

Some of the pearls of wisdom we have received are worth recording.....e.g.

- Members – regardless of the size and capacity of the sport – question the benefits of affiliation with the state peak body. The key seems to be the better the communication both face to face and via other mediums the less issues there are. There cannot be too much communication! (Comments from a meeting “Converting participants to members” conducted by Dept .Rec & Sport).
- In an address by Kate Ellis, Federal Minister for Sport, she said “she wanted no part in the rage between grass roots and elite sport” and went on to say “that each part thrives on the other”.

As is the heavy programme set by the YSA Board we have held a meeting of Club Officials, had our regular Council meetings (and changed to met on a Tuesday to try and improve attendances) held 12 Board meetings plus attended 2 YAI Federal Assembly meetings. As well, met with Racing Rules Committee; our Youth Committee and with the bi-annual Joint Management Committee (the High performance coach, SASI and YAI representatives).

Under the instigation of our new EO Terry, we are organising small focus groups to look at Sponsorship and fund raising and trying to get a newsletter up and running. This last effort was also an item drawn into focus at meeting with Club officials. At this meeting we emphasised that the Board had discussed this and were very much in favour of it BUT it must be supported by Clubs and classes with articles and photos, to be effective.

We must acknowledge the help we receive from the BIAS in providing us with an opportunity to be part of the annual Boat Show. We must also thank those volunteers from classes who attended and bring their boats. It would be good if we could attract more than the usual tyre kickers! It has been noted by many that the space allotted is small but it is better than none!

During September, YAI organised a National tour for our Olympians. At short notice this event brought to Adelaide. Adelaide Sailing club was booked as a venue by YAI and this was very well attended and received. The adoration received by the Olympians from our young sailors was exceptional. So too were their questions.

Further in the annual reports we have recorded recipients of the annual Sailors of the year and volunteers awards. Congratulations go to all of them plus those who were nominated.

At this point it would be remiss of me not to highlight other items of interest e.g.

- Paul Stockley is the new Chair of the SA Youth Committee and we offer thanks to the out-going chair, Greg Keen
- Lauren Thredgold and Megan Soulsby, the successful 420 crew in the OAMPS Australian Youth Championships and who go off overseas to the Volvo ISAF Youth Worlds in July. We wish them well. It is some time since SA sailors graced this level.
- The OAMPS Youth Regatta changed to two days along with an increase in numbers. This was well received.
- Largs Bay SC has been awarded the Australian Youth Championships in 2010. Planning is well ahead of schedule....and they are still receiving updates to expectations from YAI.
- The performance of the SASI programmes for the Finn and 470 crews' has improved performances. They are now ranked 2 and 3 in Australia. James Paterson - Finn, Shane Hughes and Felix Paterson - 470 along with Catherine Shanks (crewing for Laura Baldwin NSW) are off overseas for more challenges in our winter. We offer them our best wishes.
- The pool of SA Coaches needs an influx of dedicated sailors keen to assist in the improvement of performance of all SA sailors.

In closing this lengthy report I offer thanks for the contributions made by all our legion of volunteers at every level of sailing activity such as:-

- YSA Board members and members of their sub –committees,
- Clubs, along with their many sub-committees and as well, the many Class committees.
- Our very busy Staff members EO Terry Reilly and Vicki Hughes. She ably assists Terry in keeping the office functioning.

Thank you all so much.

At this point the Board wishes to pay tribute to the late Brian Trott who died at the end of March 2009. Brian, a member of Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club was President of YSA in 1992 -1994.

The up-coming seasonwill have many (11 I am told) National Championships this coming year in our waters. The expectation as always, is that our SA Clubs and classes will, again, do a magnificent job in ensuring that competitors, family and friends have a wonderful time here in SA and that racing and social activities planned will be challenging and enjoyable.

May the wind and waters be just as you want and your results up to your expectations! For those heading off overseas, may success come to you too and we hope that all your planning, training and sacrifices will be worthwhile. We will be watching with keen interest. For our Club sailors, the back bone of our sport, we hope that you continue to have fun and be challenged and that success comes to you all too.

Bob Heywood
President

TREASURERS REPORT

This past Season 2008-2009 has been a source of concern for the Board of Yachting SA financially.

Several factors have created a financial situation which is far from satisfactory and has required diligent consideration to what ever measures were required to keep your Association financially viable.

FACTORS INVOLVED HAVE BEEN:

1. YAI's move to create a financial situation that required MYA's to pay to YAI a fixed lump sum annually and then require MYA,s to retrieve these funds through a banding system of payments to the individual Clubs
2. The retirement of our CEO resulting in larger than expected long service leave and associated costs.
3. The research and Associated costs to employ a new CEO

Your elected Board, whom, I may remind you are volunteers with a mixture of those in employment and the balance in retirement have worked through these situations over the season with due diligence ,and continue to manage our funds within the constraints that are offered in this financial world.

In saying this, the Board has encountered many hurdles which include:

1. The attitude of MYA member Clubs who refuse to listen to the plees of YSA for financial assistance.
2. The reluctance of YAI to give consideration to any assistance to MYA's regarding any financial assistance that may be requested.

You're Board, CEO and delegates to YAI continue to lobby YAI regarding the situation to achieve a balance that is comparable to our existing balance sheets.

We also continue to receive resistance from our member Clubs in:

1. Not accepting fee increases that are required to keep us financially viable
2. Refusing to disclose member numbers from some clubs that assist us to lobby and apply for Government grants that will increase our income.
3. The lack of understanding from member Clubs that the State Association is there to administer the requirements of Clubs and members as a whole.

I would suggest to you that if all of these factors are not taken into consideration within the coming season we will be forced to disband our Association with the National body, thereby giving control of our Clubs to YAI, a move that would not be in the best interest of our Members.

I further advise that we will shortly be applying to the State Government for a funding grant that allows us to retain employment of our office staff. Any reduction in this funding will certainly leave us no choice but to disband or run our office on volunteer labor.

Our request to Clubs for increases in funds are necessary to keep operating, it is in your interest to assist

Allen Walters
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS as at 26 May 2009

Sailing Clubs	Seniors: - 8/09	Juniors: 08/09	Total 08/09	Seniors: 07/08	Juniors: 07/08	Total 07/08
Registered Sailors (Total) :	3185	562	3734	2092	478	2570
Adelaide Sailing Club Inc.	182	128	310	172	105	277
Arno Bay Yacht Club Inc.				5	0	5
Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club	184	40	224	155	38	193
Ceduna Sailing Club Inc.	23	8	31	1	0	1
Christies Sailing Club Inc.	35	1	36	47	2	49
Clayton Bay Boat Club	55	0	55	16	0	16
Coffin Bay Yacht Club Inc.	14	15	29	14	15	29
Cruising Yacht Club of SA Inc.	357	2	359	383	0	383
Garden Island YC	10	1	11	9	1	10
Goolwa Aquatic Club Inc.				8	0	8
Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club Inc.	230	15	245	89	2	91
Grange Sailing Club Inc.	19	1	20	19	2	21
Henley Sailing Club Inc.	37	0	37	34	0	34
Kangaroo Island Yacht Club Inc.	44	41	85	29	34	63
Lacepede Bay Sailing Club Inc.	11	8	19	12	8	20
Lake Bonney Yacht Club Inc.	11	2	13	15	3	18
Largs Bay Sailing Club Inc.	201	87	288	119	98	217
Meningie Sailing Club Inc.	9	12	21	6	6	12
Milang Regatta Club Inc.				10	8	18
Murray Bridge Sailing Club Inc.	2	0	2	5	1	6
Normanville Sailing Club				10	0	10
Port Adelaide Sailing Club Inc.	189	3	192	56	1	57
Port Augusta Yacht Club Inc.	17	2	19	32	2	34
Port Lincoln Yacht Club Inc.	85	48	133	98	42	140
Port MacDonnell Sailing Club Inc.	25	0	25	23	0	23
Port River Sailing Club Inc.	125	40	165	66	23	89
Point Turton Yacht Club						
Port Vincent Sailing Club Inc.	50	1	51	51	0	51
Rivoli Bay Sailing Club Inc.				8	4	12
Robe Yacht Club Inc.				0	0	0
Royal Port Pirie Yacht Club Inc.	10	0	10	2	1	3
Royal SA Yacht Squadron Inc.	1034	47	1081	446	24	470
Somerton Yacht Club Inc.	85	11	96	53	8	61
Small Boat Club of SA				0	0	
Streaky Bay Sailing Club Inc.				1	1	2
Tumby Bay Yacht Club Inc.	24	11	35	6	14	20
Victor Harbor Yacht Club Inc.	69	21	90	54	20	74
Wallaroo Sailing Club Inc.	21	3	24	17	3	20
Whyalla Yacht Club Inc.	27	14	41	21	12	33
Wirrina (Sunset Cove) Yacht Club				0	0	0

Note: Clubs without figures have not entered data into MyClub.

Point Turton has recently joined and members (total 49) will be soon entered into database.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Your outgoing Executive Officer, John Woollatt, retired on 31st October after 12 years "at the helm" of the YSA Office. Over those years, John developed a strong rapport with organizations as your representative. It will take me some time establish contact in those organizations. I know you join with me in thanking John for his dedication and enthusiasm for the job. John has continued to be involved by his appointment by the Board as the YSA Training Officer.

Administration

One function of the office staff is to assist Club and Class administrators, Sub Committees members and sailors with advice and support on yachting administration, business legislation and development issues, planning and conduct of sailing promotions, events and other general issues. We do this through our own experience and the contact with several other government and non-government organisations.

There are some matters that remain outstanding as a significant percentage of office time has been spent on invoicing, follow up of YSA fees and managing complaints on that matter from clubs.

Our current financial situation was caused by a provision for ongoing entitlements being counted in available funds at the time of last year's budget. Added to this has been the reluctance of some clubs to accept the banding system and the impact of the recession. Some clubs have been directly affected by the drought and I expect they will have a difficult time attracting back members who sought sailing facilities at other clubs. The president will be arguing this matter at the coming General Assembly where we expect Yachting Australia to give us some financial relief.

The budget for the coming year is discussed elsewhere but a major cost saving (up to \$8,000 pa) is the consideration of shifting the YSA office to one of the clubs for "rent free". One club, Largs Bay Sailing Club has made a tentative offer depending on a licence by local government for the use of the premise.

There is considerable discussion on a "new structure" for Yachting Australia which could see a more direct relationship of YA with clubs. One model possible is the handover of all functions at a state level to YA where we would effectively become a "branch". In fact some states are already moving in that direction. Until YA defines the model under which it wishes to operate, it is difficult for your Board to suggest any future direction for South Australia.

Communication

Communication between the office and clubs and associations is generally carried out by email with a significant amount of the information on funding and training opportunities for volunteers. It does however seem to take "time" to be distributed to members and I need you to consider an alternative.

While information can be posted on the YSA web, most people respond better to an alert by phone or email. To achieve a wider, more timely distribution of information, clubs should consider attaching their member's email address to their YSA record. Emails that a club secretary would pass on can then be sent directly by the office also reducing time at a club level. The best way to implement this is to have members choose if they wish to be a part of this process.

I have yet to produce the first "newsletter". Clubs and Associations are in the best position to know what news will interest members so we rely on regular articles from clubs, associations and committees. Keep the articles short and punchy and please supply some photos in "web format".

Membership

The chart and graph in the May 2009 annual report shows a significant increase in membership. Many clubs are registering all their members under the banding system to take advantage of the insurance benefits to members.

YA usually issues Silver Cards in the month after the MyClub registration of a new member. If clubs can ensure that their records are up to date by 20th of a month, a new member should receive their card in the first week of the next month.

If you require training in the MyClub system, please contact the office and we will arrange some seminars.

Events

South Australia has a reputation for conducting “great” events and those conducted here for yachting are no exception.

Yachting SA staff and Racing Rules members are available to assist in preparation of the Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions and provided protest committee and jury personnel. There is a wealth of information available but as yet I have not seen an “operational manual” that will cover all aspects of an event; from the bidding process through to the final “post event” review. As experienced people leave the event arena and new people step forward, some of the finer aspects of event management are lost and generally are learnt “the hard way”.

One project we could embark upon is the creation of such a document for sailing events.

There are some obvious differences of opinion over some matters; eg over how many weekends should we run State Heats? We should solve these by “ad hoc” committees which I can call as the occasion arises.

High Performance

The SASI Sailing Program under coach, Brendan Todd is now in its 5th year with squad members representing across the International 470, Finn and Laser classes. The 2008 squad members had varying success on the water, but all agree that their development has been in a positive direction.

We are in the second year of a 3-year State Government StEP Program grant and although we receive this government support, to remain a viable organisation, Yachting SA needs to seek other sources of revenue.

Accounting and Finance

We would like to thank Damian Conaghty of Conaghtys Business & Taxation Advisers for his role as YSA auditor for the past few years. Unfortunately, due to increased costs of audit, Conaghty's , advised us in early May that they can no longer support YSA and we have had to seek the services of another auditor. A notice to this effect was sent to all clubs and associations in a search for a new audit company.

The Auditor's report for the financial year 2007/2008 was not available at the last AGM but is included with this report.

Rod Shearing, who audits for Sport SA and two other State sporting organisations, agreed on 22 May to audit our accounts. The Auditor's report for 2008-09 year is not yet available but I expect the audit to be completed by the end of this June.

We will distribute to all member clubs and associations, a copy of the audited financial reports as soon as they are returned after completion of the audit and the 2008-09 Financial Reports will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the YSA Council.

As mentioned earlier, our financial position is not healthy. The Board has decided to enter into a loan agreement with Yachting Australia for a loan of \$30,000 to cover outstanding fees. Other options included using the money in the Lexcen account to cover the debt. The loan option (at 3.3% interest) gives us the option to seek further funds from sponsorship or grants while retaining capital.

Current Balances as at 12 noon 26th May 2009:

	\$	\$
Current Operating Cheque Account	6,213	
Investment Account	14,376	
Keelboat (to be T/F to Current)	2,632	23,221
Lexcen	45,370	
TG Flint Foundation	5,615	51,985
Debtors	10,814	
Creditors (\$30,000 fees included)	30,597	

I expect that almost \$5,000 from debtors is unrecoverable due to associations disbanding and some clubs not paying the balance of their fees.

Our next cash injection will be in July, \$50,000 from government, so I expect that we can operate without impacting the Lexcen account providing that fees are promptly forthcoming from clubs and associations. The fees will be issued in three installments this year so that payments can be made on time to Yachting Australia.

Sponsorship Opportunities

One of our Board Members, Liza Reynolds, proved that significant sponsorship for an event is possible when she convinced the Commonwealth Bank to invest in the National Etchell Championships.

We have gained approval of Associations of the idea of combining the 11 National titles this coming season into a sponsorship opportunity. I am now forming a small sponsorship team to progress that idea as quickly as possible and form the basis of a continuing sponsorship process. Without additional funds, we cannot commit to projects that will produce real benefits for sailing.

We wish to thank Club and Class administrators and volunteers for giving their support to the Board and office staff.

Terry Reilly
Executive Officer

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE SPORT (SASI) SAILING PROGRAM REPORT

In the last scholarship year we have supported the following athletes within the program.

- Shane Hughes, 470 Helm, ASDS
- Felix Paterson, 470 Crew, ASDS
- Catherine Shanks, 470 Crew, ASDS
- Todd Hughes, Laser Helm, ASDS
- Sarah Paterson, Laser Radial Helm.
- James Paterson. Finn Helm, ASDS
- Megan Soulsby, 420 Crew, Australian Youth Team
- Lauren Thredgold, 420/470 Helm, Australian Youth Team

5 out of 8 scholarship holders are currently in the Australian Sailing Development Squad at different levels due to their results over the 2008/9 season.

2 Scholarship holders are in the National Youth Team.

Shane Hughes and Felix Paterson are clearly in the top three boats nationals and will sail three events in Europe including the European Championships. Shane and Felix won the Sydney International Regatta an ISAF grade 1 event. Shane also coached the 'Shoot the breeze' Youth squad program this year.

James Paterson is the most supported sailor in the Finn class nationally this year and has been taken under the national coaches' wing. May sail some events in Europe but will have shoulder surgery in the near future. Currently working on enhancing his mast to add stiffness and speed.

Catherine Shanks sailed the national season with a SA Helm is now training with a Laura Baldwin from Sydney who has represented GBR in the Athens Olympics and will sail three events in Europe this winter including an event in the venue for the London Olympic Games.

Todd Hughes was selected for a place in the World Championships in Canada due to his result in the National championships. Todd has made very good gains in his sailing in the last 12 months. Todd is clearly in the top ten sailors Nationally in the Laser class.

Lauren Thredgold and Megan Soulsby won selection to the national youth team. They will represent Australia in Brazil in July. Lauren and Megan are also part of the 'Shoot the Breeze' program here in SA.

Lauren sailed to 9th in the 470 national championships with another crew and will move to the 470 after the Youth Worlds, Megan will continue to sail in the 420 for 2 more years with another helm.

Sarah Paterson is recovering from knee surgery and will compete at the World Championships in Japan.

SASI was able to supply 'Shoot the Breeze' Talent Development funding to support their team at the Australian Youth Championship in Perth.

The agreement between SASI, YSA and Yachting Australia has been extended till June 30 2009. SASI and Yachting Australia's high performance program that jointly fund the program do not have a clear picture of funding going forward at this stage due to some major reviews into sport at federal government level and who's time lines for findings have blown out.

Brendan Todd

OFF THE BEACH CATAMARAN COMMITTEE REPORT

The past season has seen very little activity from the OTBCC due to many reasons.

1. Water levels in the lower lakes continue to affect any chance of running of OTBCC select events. For example :
 - a. Milang – Goolwa
 - b. Goolwa Milang
 - c. Goolwa – Meningie
2. Class association support remains limited.
3. Time available from current committee members was limited/non existent.

An encouraging sign for the catamaran scene in SA was the good turnout at the recent “Rum Race” at Victor Harbor. (select OTBCC event).

The OTBCC believe that sailors are continually frustrated when competing under the current yardstick system. The debate regarding yardsticks has always been there, but appears to now affect the number of sailors attending regatta's. Compounding this problem is host club resources getting results incorrect only add fuel to the fire.

The OTBCC believe the simplest solution is to implement a measurement based yardstick system & manage the results with a view to encouraging sailor to compete again under a fair rating system with accurate results.

Goals for season 2009/2010 are :

1. Rebuild the OTBCC's travellers series that will be renamed the SA Catamaran Championship targeting metropolitan & country clubs existing regatta's to create a meaning full series.
2. Results will be calculated by the OTBCC utilizing the English based SCHRS yardstick system (measurement based / not performance based).
3. Explore the possibilities of a training camps/sessions.
4. Improve communication between OTBCC & catamaran class associations.

Marcus Towell
OTBCC Chairperson

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Please accept this report from the Racing Rules Committee for the season 2008/2009.

This year has seen the change of name of this Committee from the Racing Rules Committee to Race Officials Committee. It has also seen the introduction of 3 new members to this Committee. We would like to welcome Malcolm Hughes, Mick Bowley and Simon Irving.

It has been a slow year in Adelaide, with most Nationals interstate. This however doesn't stop other protests and events from happening. Approximately seven National Titles were held in Adelaide with some Racing Rules Officials travelling interstate for other events to gain much valuable knowledge and experience from their interstate counterparts.

Most of our members have sat on protest committees for Club Racing and major Regattas throughout the year. With these events we have been ably assisted by members of the Clubs involved. These Club members are people wishing to gain a better knowledge of the rules and the processes of a protest committee. Hopefully, one day we will see them on the Racing Rules Committee.

The Racing Rules Committee also heard one appeal this year, arising from the definition of what is a resail and what is a rescheduled race.

There was a State Race Management course conducted by Tim Went and Stuart Ross, with approximately 20 participants attending. Club Race Management courses and Rules Workshops were also held at various Clubs throughout the year. These workshops were well attended and received.

This year was the first year of the new National Officials Committee. This program was a total overhaul of the structure in applying for Officials Status, whether it is at Club, State or National Level. The State Race Management course was run under the new curriculum which allowed feedback on the course and presenters. Some helpful advice was received and passed back to the National Officials Program. Yachting Australia currently has a policy on its website regarding the prior recognition of Officials. This is due to change in the near future.

This Christmas sees South Australia with many National Titles. We currently have approximately 10 events on the books. If any class is holding a National Title here this Christmas and they haven't let us know yet, please inform us so we can forward the proper documentation for use. The new Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions formats will both be available in the near future.

Wayne Thompson
Chairman, Racing Rules

SAILABILITY REPORT

Sailability in the past twelve months has had a busy season with "come & try days", club racing and state championships. It takes a lot of various groups of people to make Sailability a success --- the people with disabilities, qualified sailors as sailing buddies, volunteers who help by greeting and explaining what is involved, fitting of PFDs, escorting to the pontoons, loading onto boats with cranes, catering crew. Without our volunteers to help, Sailability would not exist.

This year Sailability SA has attended a meeting of Sailability Australia in Sydney as well as a teleconference. We have also been involved in "A Net" meetings with Department of Recreation & Sport and various other meetings with Disability Groups.

During the year PASC has run a ten week programme with Spastic Centre of SA to introduce sailing as an alternative recreation. This we hope to continue next season.

We have suffered the usual frustration of low water levels in the lower lakes and Murray River. This entailed Goolwa to gain a grant to dredge and extend their launch ramp so as to extend their sailing season.

At the Murray Bridge Disability Expo we could not launch our boats and conduct a sailing demonstration as the water was 1.5 metres below the concrete jetty.

Special Olympics has included sailing into their sports and are conducting their Nationals in Adelaide in 2010, so we have had ten new athletes learning to sail for this upcoming event.

I would like to sincerely thank the committee of Sailability SA and all the competitors and volunteers for again making this year a success.

John Johnston
President, Sailability SA

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH SAILING INC REPORT

“SHOOT THE BREEZE”

This year began with the retirement of Greg Keen as our chairman and Wayne Thomson taking over in a caretaking role until a suitable replacement could be found. Wayne continued in the position until March 09 at which time I offered to take the position. My thanks to Greg & Wayne for their valued contributions.

Once again we conducted two squad programs, namely the Youth Squad and Development Squad, and again were very fortunate to have Shane Hughes coaching the Youth Squad and Matt Young coaching the Development Squad. The Youth Squad received good reports from the participants but the Development Squad had some difficulties, mainly due to the large number of sailors, the large variation in level of abilities and ages. We have changed our philosophy towards the second squad for this year and will conduct a Youth Squad and a International Cadet Squad. We will continue to support other classes by providing assistance to class associations with class based coaching.

Unfortunately both of our coaches from this year have decided that they won't be able to continue on next year. I would like to publicly thank Shane & Matt for the huge support they have given to us over the last few years.

We continue to be fortunate with the quality of people who wish to support youth sailing and have appointed Nick Deussen and Aaron Heritage as coaches of the Youth Squad and Andrew Hughes as coach of the Cadet Squad. The youth squad is comprised of 4 420's, 4 Laser Radials and 2 Hobie 16.

The Youth Squad have conducted their introduction night and first on water sessions. The Cadet Squad is not as advanced at this stage and although we have a coach we are yet to confirm the participants and the start date but expect that to happen shortly.

We are currently planning for our October clinic and are discussing the viability of our December clinic.

In February we held the SA Youth Championship at Adelaide Sailing Club. For the first time this was held over 2 days and was seen as a great success. Our plan is to make this a permanent fixture on the sailing calendar. I would like to thank Malcolm Hughes and Adelaide Sailing Club for conducting the event and the members of our committee who helped to put the arrangements in place.

For the first time, as far as I can remember, we have sailors representing Australia in the World Youth Championship which will be held in Brazil during July. Megan Soulsby and Lauren Thredgold won the right to be Australia's representative in the Women's International 420 event. Just becoming the Australian rep is a great achievement and it will be a great experience for the girls. I cant wait to see how they perform and would like to wish them the best of luck.

On the financial front, our bank balance is approximately \$20,000 and we expect that the squads program will run at a loss this year. Our main avenue of support has been active club grants and we need to continue to pursue those funds.

Paul Stockley
Chairman

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM SAILING REPORT

School's Team Sailing headed back to Victor Harbor Yacht Club for the first time in many years. The State Championship attracted 23 entries from the respective divisions. Following three days of competition involving two courses, five fleets and over 200 races St Josephs of Pt Lincoln continued their unbeaten run as State Champions. Walford girls, represented by three teams, took out the Regatta division.

The event was hosted by the Victor Harbor High School and the Victor Harbor Yacht Club. Once again it is obvious that an event of this size is a huge undertaking by Clubs and Schools and I acknowledge the superb effort by the hosts. In addition I also acknowledge the tremendous support the hosts received from Club's and Schools across SA.

South Australia will be represented by St Josephs and Kangaroo Island at this year's National Championships to be held in Brisbane in July.

The winter pilgrimage to the Cook Islands will involve 13 students, six parents and a coach. We are hoping that a return visit by a Kiwi girl's team may occur in October 2009. The final details of this event will be teased out over lattes at the Sails Restaurant, Rarotonga Sailing Club in July. It is hoped that this event will foster the involvement of girls in the sport. Moves are also underway to have girls involved in the Inter-dominion event, with a possibility this may occur in 2009. With Women's Match Racing gaining a foothold into the Olympics and the fact that team sailors make good match races this could be the start of an exciting era in Australian sailing.

The current structure of organisation and competition of the State Schools Team Sailing was discussed at length at the Annual Meeting at VHYC. While it has served us well for the past three years it is obvious that the time is right to either tweak the model or develop something new. This will be the topic of much discussion in coming months.

I have taken the opportunity to step down as Chairperson of the Schools Team Sailing Committee and have much pleasure in announcing that Will Morgan will take over the reins. Our long standing Secretary, Vic Woolston of Meningie has handed over his file to Neville Phillips. I am confident Schools Team Sailing is in good hands and will continue to grow.

2010 will be another big year for Schools Team Sailing with the National Championships due to be conducted here in July. It is the recommendation from the Schools Team Sailing Committee that the event be staged at the Port River Club.

Ian Porteous
Chairperson SA Schools Team Sailing Committee

YA NATIONAL MATCH RACING COMMITTEE DELEGATE REPORT

Committee not active

YA L NATIONAL SAFETY COMMITTEE DELEGATE REPORT

During the past season I have conducted Safety Seminars at both the Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron and Port Adelaide Sailing Club. I would like to acknowledge the presentation, and demonstration, given by the Para Medics of the Helicopter Rescue Team. Once again a professional performance.

Whilst the "Blue Book" came into effect last January, the Special Regulations will come into effect mid year, however two items of safety were introduced as prior warning had been afforded.

All vessels with a masthead of greater than eleven meters from the waterline must now be fitted with a VHF antenna at the masthead. This has created various problems and was not a popular decision with a number of boat owners.

The other item was the introduction in February 2009 of the 406 EPIRB for all vessels. It is also mandatory for crew to have on their person, whilst on deck, a personal 406 when racing Cat 1 & 2 (Recommended)

Please be mindful that you cannot borrow, or lend, a 406 EPIRB as they are registered to the vessel or the individual.

Yachting Australia has decided to abandon the present National Safety Committee and created one comprising a Chairman from the YA Board, David Gotze along with three other persons, they have invited "expressions of interest from persons able to contribute to the development of the ISAF and Yachting Australia Special Regulations." The closing date being 27/03/09.

In addition to the committee's membership, consultants to the committee are Adrienne Cahalan and David Lyons, members of the ISAF Offshore Committee and Special Regulations Sub Committees respectively.

I have expressed my interest, with a copy to the President, Bob Haywood, and as yet have only had an acknowledgement of my application.

It could mean that SA may not have a representative on this committee, and, once again decisions affecting racing in this state will be made by those interstate without any understanding of our needs or conditions.

I request that my report be received.

David Woods
YA National Safety Committee Delegate

YA NATIONAL TEAM SAILING REPORT

Team Sailing in Australia received an excellent boost in January with the World Championships being held in Perth. Australia was most successful placing second behind the USA in the Open Competition and taking out 1st place in the Under 21 section.

The National Championships are due to be held in SA in 2009 and following the withdrawal of the Port Lincoln Club as host the event is to be staged at the Port River Club. This should be an excellent opportunity for SA to get back into the Open event. St Josephs School have indicated that they are interested in fielding a team in the event.

A meeting of the National Body is scheduled to take place at the event.

I have indicated to the Schools Team Sailing Committee that subject to approval by YSA I am prepared to continue my State representation on the YA Team Sailing Committee.

Ian Porteous
YSA Representative
YA Team Sailing Committee

Footnote: The Australian Teams Racing event has been cancelled due to lack of entries.

YA NATIONAL TRAINING SCHEMES REPORT

Review and Development of the National Training Schemes:

I attended a National Training conference in Canberra on 25 November 2008 at which the focus was on administration and coordination issues affecting the delivery of the YA National Training Programs. Although the meeting was constructive, to date few of issues discussed and agreed by State delegates have been progressed by the YA Training Division.

The Yachting Australia online bookshop has been significantly enhanced and now offers for sale a wide range of YA and RYA publications.

Yachting Australia's emphasis in 2007/08 has been on the implementation of the RYA/YA Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster offshore qualifications.

The National Keelboat Scheme review began in April 2009 after a 3-day workshop in NSW, where a pilot student/instructor workshop was run with a model syllabus that has been undergoing industry consultation and development since May 2008. Development of the revised scheme is progressing and it is anticipated that this update to the existing scheme will be launched by January 2011.

Yachting Australia will offer "Training Bundles" with the 'Instructor Manual' being packaged with a logbook and other training resources at a reduced cost.

YA will conduct a RYA/YA National Instructors Conference in Brisbane this year.

Instructor Accreditation Courses:

Courses were conducted at Instructor and Assistant Instructor levels by Brett Yardley and David Higgins of Sailfast Sailing School and John Woollatt also conducted several courses at those levels.

Small Boat Sailing Scheme:

The use of the SBS Scheme as the basis to conduct learn to sail programs in SA sailing clubs is still limited to Adelaide and Largs Bay sailing clubs, where students are issued with logbooks and signed off at course completion. All clubs should seriously consider using the YA Training Scheme as it provides a recognised qualification for new participants and ongoing syllabus for those wishing to develop their skills and gain higher qualifications leading to instructor accreditation and employment opportunities in the marine industry.

Certificates issued in SBS Scheme at YA Instructor levels in 2007/08:

Assistant Instructor = 19, Basic Skills Instructor = 13

YA Powerboat Handling Scheme:

During 2007/08 a number of persons attended courses conducted by Sailfast Sailing School at the CYCSA and Regency TAFE and achieved formal qualifications in the YA Powerboat Scheme.

John Woollatt also conducted a course for members of the Navy Reserve Cadets leadership group with a view to the NRC Group being accredited to conduct courses as a YA Training Centre in their own right.

Certificates issued in Powerboat Scheme in 2007/08:

Powerboat Handling = 29, Safety Boat Handling = 2

YA Yacht Cruising Scheme:

Only two sailing schools are operating in this discipline. Chris Jarvis, new owner of Academy of Sail and the CYCSA Marine Academy of Australia under the supervision of Brett Yardley have conducted theory and practical sessions covering a range of modules from the Competent Crew and Inshore Certificate course syllabi.

However, only a few participants have completed assessment for a YA qualification.

Certificates issued in Yacht Cruising Scheme in 2007/08:

Competent Crew = 4, Inshore Certificate = 8

5 persons completed the Inshore Instructor qualification.

YA Schemes for Windsurfing, Motor Yacht Cruising and Keelboat Racing again saw nil or little activity during 2007/08. However, 2 persons completed their requirements to be awarded their Senior Instructor qualification in the Windsurfing Scheme.

Safety and Sea Survival Courses:

David Wood (RSAYS) conducted a YA Safety and Sea Survival Course for offshore sailors at the Port Adelaide SC during the past season. This met demand from members of the crews of SA yachts which competed in the 2008 Sydney to Hobart Race.

The CYCSA and RSAYS again conducted in-club safety courses for their members.

Race Officer Courses:

Yachting Australia released the revised Race Officials Course Manual in 2008, so that courses conducted by all States should now be against a common syllabus and assessment system. Wayne Thompson, Tim Went and Stewart Ross conducted the State Race Officers Courses during 2007/08.

I do not have details to advise the number of successful participants.

The 2009 to 2012 Racing Rules of Sailing was published and is available to sailors through the YA online bookshop via the YA website.

John Woollatt

YSA Training Coordinator

YA National Training Committee Delegate

YA NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE DELEGATE REPORT

There was only one meeting this season of the Yachting Australia Youth Committee, held during the Australian Youth Championships in Mandurah, WA. Wayne Thompson attended this meeting as I was engaged in running National Championships locally.

My report to the meeting:

I am sorry I am not with you in person, but engaged in running events in Adelaide.

During the winter SA was represented in the Junior and Youth World Championships in 420, International cadet and Laser Radial Classes. This was the first time we had been represented at Laser youth level for some time.

After much debate, the 2 squad system for youth development was continued with some changes. A Youth Squad under Shane Hughes comprised sailors from the 420, Laser and International Cadet and a Development Squad with 420, Laser, Cadet, Optimist and Holdfast Trainer.

Strengths of the Youth Squad were the multi class structure with a team approach forming across the classes. Also the involvement from our SASI members in coaching the Youth Squad provided strong mentoring and role modeling. Most of the youth squad sessions were combined sessions with all 3 classes involved and often multiple coaches. The Development Squad under Matt Young operated mainly with split sessions with one or two classes at a time.

Debate continues as to how best to run these squads and on where to place class based training and development within the structure.

SA had 3 of the YA boards and ran an introductory program with them under Jack Fletcher with oversight from Brendan Todd. As the boards did not arrive until almost the end of last season, this was a winter program reducing it's effectiveness. We were not able to get new board sailors to the required level to compete at this championship within the time frame necessary for them to commit to this championship. I would recommend that to achieve this aim, boards would need to be in the AYC host state for the full preceding year enabling new recruits to minimize the logistics involved in entering this event.

Our numbers remain quite static. Efforts continue in building the youth numbers in Lasers and in retaining sailors from our strong junior classes.

We look forward to the AYC coming back to Adelaide, with the accompanying Class National Championships.

Malcolm Hughes , 9/1/09

The minutes for this meeting are available on the YA website on the following page:
<http://www.yachting.org.au?21563m>

Malcolm Hughes
YA National Youth Committee Delegate

ITEM 5

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2008/2009 SEASON

Club Fees

Motion: Yachting SA Board proposes that the Member Club Fee for the 2009/2010 season will be charged in accordance with fees attached under the Yachting SA Club Banding System and that Class/Association fees be \$165.00.

ITEM 6

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Three positions will become vacant on 31st May 2009 for the 2009/2011 seasons
Nominations closed on 13th May 2009.

Nominations are (in alphabetical order):

GOODEN, Dave
HEYWOOD, Robert
WALTERS, Allen

ITEM 7

CONFIRMATION OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2008/09

YSA Keelboat Committee
YSA Race Management Committee	Wayne Thompson
Sailability SA Committee	John Johnston
Yardstick & Handicap Systems Committee
Secondary Schools Team Sailing Committee	William Morgan
SA Youth Sailing Inc (Shoot the Breeze)	Paul Stockley
YSA Training Committee	John Woollatt

ITEM 8

CONFIRMATION OF YA DELEGATES

YA National Training Committee
YA National Youth Committee
YA Offshore Keelboat Policy Committee
YA National Match Racing Committee
YA National Officials Committees
YA National Racing Rules Committee
YA National Sailability Committee
YA National Teams Racing Committee
YA National Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Committee

ITEM 9

CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR

ITEM 10

Close of Meeting