2022 NSWRYA Secretaries Annual Report

Firstly I would thank Peter Newman as the outgoing NSWRYA Secretary/Treasurer and all of the current committee for helping me to pick up the processes and activities needed to fulfil these roles. Quite a learning curve.

We have had a semi disrupted year again thanks to the COVID impacts mostly. The consequences have been of high impact to us here in NSW with many clubs having their sailing calendars disrupted.

We have also seen a decline in the availability of venues for various reasons, and this has had a further impact to our sailing activities at an interclub level. As we look forward to CY22/23 we have some challenges ahead to rebuild.

We have had a number of items that we have managed through since I took over, and I appreciate the efforts of all involved to navigate through them.

1. Fraud attempt involving one of our members resulted in the association bank account being frozen.
2. ARYA Insurance policy updates
3. NSWRYA Website expiring and going off line
4. DF65 State championships

Membership is growing again largely thanks to the addition of two net new clubs:

- Lake Macquarie West Radio Sailing club – affiliate of Wangi Wangi sailing club. Building on their existing fleet of DF65's they're forward planning includes other RC Yacht classes.

- New Castle Crusing Yacht Club – Radio Sailing Division. New club that builds from its affiliation with the NCYC, fleet started with 10R's and a smattering of IOMs.

We have received a number of enquiries from other DF65 "clubs" that are seeking understanding of the requirements to join NSWRYA/ARYA and I hope that we can continue to embrace these clubs going forward to enlarge our overall sport and offer competitive growth in that class.

We were fortunate also to receive a "volunteer" who is prospect member with Web Development skills and he has been working with us to rejuvenate the NSWRYA website and help us both improve the content we can provide to our membership and hopefully reduce our load in administering and adding more content. This work remains in progress, but we look forward to making the changes in the main site in the near future.

As we also continue to "modernise" our supporting systems I have done quite a bit of work to understand and lean into the usage of TidyHQ as our membership management system to replace our somewhat ungainly and labour intensive spreadsheet membership data base. TidyHQ is endorsed by and provided to us at no charge currently by the ARYA. This will enable us to have a single source of truth for membership at a state and national level. Initial features will be transparent ot NSWRYA affiliates but we have the opportunity in the future to expand that available access. We also gain access to a financial management application which will help us maintain our finances in the same system.

My tenure as secretary will be brief, but it has been a good opportunity for me to "get involved" a little more in the organisation of our sport and given me the chance to give back a little. I would

encourage all NSWRYA affiliate clubs to continue to support both the state and national organisations through volunteering to shoulder some of the activities that go into us all benefiting from more sailing and the growth of our sport.

Fair winds and a following sea to all.

Peter Zecchin
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