

## 2008 AGM – RQYS

1. Minutes of 2007 AGM were confirmed
  2. Reports were given from President (read by Les Porter on behalf of Dennis Baker), secretary, treasurer and State Reps. Motion to accept all reports: moved by James MacDonald  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Dull
  3. Election of office bearers – Committee stood down and Pip Freeman acted as returning officer.
- Nomination for President: Dennis Baker –  
nominated by Colin Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Freeman  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Secretary: Kingsley Pursch  
nominated by Colin Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Freeman  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Treasurer: Colin Johnson –  
nominated by Les Porter  
2<sup>nd</sup> by James MacDonald  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Technical Officer: Laurie Hinchcliffe –  
nominated by Kingsley Pursch  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Les Porter  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Documentation Officer: Les Porter –  
nominated by Pip Freeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph Steyer  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Publicity Officer: Peter Freeman –  
nominated by Les Porter  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Homan  
ELECTED UNOPOSED
  - Nomination for Victorian state rep:  
Ken Marsh –  
nominated by Colin Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Claydon  
  
James MacDonald –  
nominated by Kingsley Pursch  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Freeman  
  
Brett Goodall –

nominated by Chris Munro  
DECLINED

James and Ken left the meeting for a vote to be conducted. James was elected state rep. 9 votes each from the floor, with deciding vote by chairperson in favour of James. Total vote count 10 – 9.

- Nomination for QLD state rep:  
Matt Homan –  
nominated by Paul Freeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Freeman
  
  - Nomination for NSW state rep:  
Les Porter –  
nominated by Paul Freeman  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Braithwaite  
Steve Keily –  
Nominated by Chris Munro  
DECLINED by Steve  
Les Porter ELECTED without contest
  
  - Nomination for NT state rep:  
Cam Hooper –  
nominated by James MacDonald  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Lesley Keily
4. SET ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE – Motion by Sam Breden to keep membership subscription fee at \$40. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Goodall. Motion carried.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 Motion to increase the minimum class weight for cat rigged Taipans from 97kg to 100kg

SPEAKING FOR – Greg Goodall

The purposes for having a minimum class weight are to:

- Meet an achievable building weight
- Promote even class racing. The majority of boats are at or near 100kg.
- Building manufacturer indicated that the hull weight will not decrease.
- Equality in racing requires a higher minimum weight.

SPEAKING AGAINST – Paul Freeman

Many boats have been built to meet the current class weight. Many boat owners make an effort to keep their boats at or below minimum weight. The fact that the first few boats from a new builder have not reduced below the set minimum weight does not create a need to change.

Amendment moved by James MacDonald to also increase the sloop rigged minimum weight, from 102kg to 104kg. Increasing the minimum weight will help to keep all boats competitive.

SPEAKING AGAINST – Sam Breaden

This is a significant increase and 4.9 sloop boats are currently at or near the minimum weight.

SPEAKING FOR – Andrew Chaney

One design racing is the spirit of the class. If increasing the minimum boat weight enhances this spirit then the change should occur.

Vote: In favour of motion to increase both cat (3kg increase) and sloop (2kg increase) minimum weight: 12 FOR, 14 AGAINST. Motion NOT carried.

Les Porter moved original motion to increase cat rigged minimum weight from 97kg to 100kg: 14 FOR, 9 AGAINST.

\*\*\*Motion carried subject to confirmation of the constitution.\*\*\*

5.2 Motion to separate the Capricorn class from TCAA. A statement was read by the chairperson on behalf of Andrew Williams. Main argument was that Capricorn sailors can potentially take advantage of financial situation which was established by Taipan sailors.

SPEAKING AGAINST – Matt Homan

There is potential financial advantage to be gained through including the Capricorn. More boats on the water together mean better regattas and shows strength in the classes and the association.

SPEAKING FOR – Roger Claydon

The biggest threats to the Taipan class are the Capricorn and Viper, so we shouldn't include them in our association.

SPEAKING AGAINST – Greg Goodall

Separating the classes creates an administrative nightmare as another association would need to be created. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Vote: 1 FOR, 25 AGAINST

5.3 Motion to make state titles run under TCAA championship rules (Andrew Williams).

SPEAKING AGAINST – Mark Braithwaite

Clubs cannot be expected to run 100% to our championship rules. We can still do our best to run events using the TCAA championship rules, but it is not practical to assume we can always run to these rules given that state titles are often held in conjunction with other classes and regional regattas.

Vote: 1 FOR, 19 against.

5.4 Proposal by Ken Marsh that all newly registered boats must carry the standard superwing (sloop) mast.

SPEAKING FOR – Greg Goodall

This would standardise the boat and give even class racing in the cat rigged fleet.

**SPEAKING AGAINST – Paul Freeman**

People currently sailing with the lighter mast section would be penalised by this proposed change.

**SPEAKING FOR – Andrew Chaney**

Strength of class is one design. This should be resolved so that the boat remains one design.

**SPEAKING AGAINST – Roger Claydon**

The new larger square top sail is expected to make this argument irrelevant as the lighter mast will not cope with the big head sail. The lighter mast is likely to die a natural death anyway.

**Vote: 17 FOR, 5 AGAINST**

**MOTION CARRIED** - all newly registered boats must carry the standard superwing (sloop) mast.

Les porter voiced his Proposal to hold 2009 National Titles at Belmont on Lake Macquarie. Registration day is January 9<sup>th</sup>, with the Invitation race being held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Excellent feedback was given and Les will now establish a working party to host the event.