



**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**Held at Koonawarra Bay Sailing Club**

**The Meeting commenced at 10.32am**

**Present:**

President	Colin Court (Chair)
Vice President	Robert Hales
Secretary/Treasurer	Owen Jarvis (Minutes)
Publicity Officer	
Regatta Officer	Allan Bicknell

**Club Delegates:**

Ballina RYC	
Basin RYC	Kevin Wingate, Vance Grant-Mitchell
Brisbane Water RYS	Kevin Humphrey
Carss Park RSC	Chris Craft
Central Coast RYC	
Dobroyd RC Lasers	
Drummoyne SC	
East Coast SA	
Forster-Tuncurry RYC	
Harrington Park RYC	
Kogarah Bay RYC	Scott Condie, Allen Roberts, Ted Gay
Koonawarra Bay RYS	Ralf Steyer, Jon Pinkerton, Brian Jackson, Ralph Hyman, Barry Grant
Lake Macquarie RYC	
National Capital RYC	
Northern Mariners	Andrew Sands
Pittwater MYC	
Southern Cross MYC	
Sydney A RYC	
Sydney Maritime Modellers Club	Jack Lee, Robert Hales
Tabourie Lake RYC	Peter Madison, Allan Bicknell
Wollongong MYC	Brian Dill, Selwyn Holland, Allan Thompson

**1) Apologies:**

Scott Backhouse, Phil Page, John McGuiness, John O'Sullivan, Kevin Troy, Brian Thornton, Arnold Grant, Andrew Payne, Maurie Hotson, Phil Page.

**2) Previous Minutes:**

The Minutes of the previous NSWRYA General Meeting had been circulated to all clubs. They were accepted as true and correct record of the previous meeting.  
Owen Jarvis moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded: Kevin Wingate. Carried: Unanimously

**3) Business arising from the Minutes:**

No business arising

**4) Correspondence:**

Nil

**5) Business arising from the Correspondence:**

Nil

**6) Reports:**

**President's Report:**

Presented by Colin Court (Attached)

**Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Reports:**

Presented by Owen Jarvis (Attached)

**Publicity Officer's Report:**

No Report

**Soling Coordinator's Report:**

No report

**EC12 Coordinator's Report:**

No report

**2017 Nationals Organising Committee Chairman's Report**

Presented by Colin Court (Attached)

Jon Pinkerton moved the reports be accepted. Seconded: Kevin Wingate

Carried: Unanimously

**7) Election of Office Bearers for 2016/2017:**

All positions were declared vacant and the following people were nominated to fill the positions for 2016/17. Allan Bicknell stood in as Returning Officer. Nominators and seconders are in brackets

President:	Colin Court	(Owen Jarvis and Robert Hales)
Vice President:	Allan Bicknell	(Kevin Wingate and Selwyn Holland)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Peter Newman	(Allen Roberts and Brian Dill)
Regatta Officer:	Owen Jarvis	(Allen Roberts and Colin Court)
Publicity Officer:	Kevin Wingate	Kevin volunteered after the meeting and the management committee approves his appointment.
NSW Class Coordinators		
Soling Coordinator	Kevin Humphrey	(Kevin Humphrey and Owen Jarvis)
EC12 Coordinator	Allen Roberts	(Scott Condie and Colin Court)

As there was only one candidate nominated for each position those nominated were declared the office holders for 2016/17.

**8) Dates and Venues for the 2017 State Championships:**

The provisional dates and venues are:

A Class	TBA	KoBSC
10R	November 4/5	Northern Mariners
RM	October 21/22	DSC-RYD
IOM	November 18/19	LMRYC but to be confirmed
Soling	November 5/6	TLRYC
Laser	March dates TBC	TBC
EC12	TBA	KBRYC

Owen Jarvis is working on the remainder of the 2017 program and the draft will be circulated to the clubs in the near future. He would like to have dates and venues for all events confirmed and ready for publishing in the last Radio Waves of 2016. Please don't delay on your club's input.

**9) The motion from KBRYC was withdrawn prior to the meeting.**

**10) Motion from SMMC**

"That the Soling Class continue with current class rules regarding eligibility of boats"  
Moved Colin Court, Seconded Kevin Wingate.

The motion was passed 10 for and 2 against. 10 abstained.

**10) General Business:**

Owen Jarvis initiated a discussion on the websites administration. Ian Trethewy has been performing the task for a number of years and it's unfair to expect him to continue indefinitely.

Scott Condie suggested that a committee be formed to investigate the issue and meet with Ian Trethewy to explore options. The following members decided to volunteer to be on the committee.

Peter Newman (Chair)  
Robert Hales  
Owen Jarvis  
Matthew McAnna

Kevin Wingate moved that the members above would form the committee. Seconded by Colin Court and carried unanimously.

**11) The meeting closed at 11.55am**

## **Reports:**

### **Presidents Report**

Memberships were down in 2015 compared to previous years. Most of the contraction can be attributed to one club (that lost half its membership) while most other club memberships remained steady. Even with the anomalous club removed from the stats, memberships still declined over the last year.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Clubs</b>	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>YoY Difference</b>
2013	21	312	NA
2014	21	315	3
2015	21	281	-34

How we can entice new members and make the sport more accessible needs to be at the forefront of the association's thinking. The sailing calendar is filled with events that cater to a variety of classes and types of racing, but apart from the Australia Day Regatta I don't believe we schedule events that promote the sport to newcomers. I challenge member clubs to think outside the box to promote our sport and share success stories with the other member clubs.

On the sailing front, state championships have been held for all our major classes with congratulations to each champion (below).

<b>Class</b>	<b>Champion</b>
A	Brian Dill
10R	Scott Condie
M	Phillip Page
IOM	Sean Wallis
Soling	Graeme Smith
Laser (National Title)	Kirwan Robb
EC 12	Allen Roberts

2015 saw a continuance of the schism in event attendance. Some classes, such as the 10R, continued to see large turnouts at state events while others struggled. This may be attributed in at least some part to a proliferation of classes, an issue that may need to be addressed at some stage in the future.

For the Soling One Meter class, a working party was put together to determine the best direction for the class moving forward. This was in response to concerns from Clubs that sail Soling's regarding the availability of kits and quality of the components used by Victor. The working group was lead commendably by Terry Howard and consisted of a representative from each of the clubs that sail Soling's.

The group looked at three alternative scenarios; making the Soling locally, developing an alternate design with performance parity to the current boat or keeping the status quo (i.e. do nothing). Terry sought feedback for these alternatives from the group and compiled a report listing the pros and cons of each strategy. The report he compiled was quite detailed and was tabled at the November GM.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Terry and his cohorts for their work. It's clear that there is a passion for the Soling One Meter class and all who were involved clearly wanted the best for the class moving forward.

Since the Soling One Meter is the main introductory class for the association (a role it has been successful in performing), I urge all clubs to consider how we want the class to develop.

The committee has turned focus to the organization of the 2017 ARYA National Championships that are to be held at Kogarah Bay next February. As organizing committee chair I have written a separate report on this to be tabled later.

The role of Publicity Officer was vacated first by Selwyn Holland due to conflicting commitments and then by Scott Backhouse due to personal reasons. On behalf of the committee I'd like to thank both men for their efforts and their continuing participation in the organization and governance of our sport. Unfortunately the Publicity Officer position was not filled after Scott's departure.

In addition to the vacant Publicity Officer position, some longstanding members of the committee have decided to step down from their roles. For the association to function properly, we need willing people to fill the vacuum created by these departures.

The committee members (apart from me!) have served for many years and have contributed to the governance of our sport way beyond expectation. I want to thank them both personally and on behalf of the association for their contributions. They are great people and I wish them the best for the future.

Yours Sincerely,  
Colin Court  
NSWRYA President.

### **Secretary's Report**

NSWRYA had a decline in membership for 2015/2016. Principal club memberships are now 281, down from 315 last year. But there are 46 additional club memberships, up from 43 last year. Twenty-one clubs are affiliated with the NSWRYA. A new club sailing RC Lasers is in the process of forming. The club is called North Lakes Radio Sailing.

Below is a listing of the club membership numbers comparing the 2014/15 year with the 2015/16 year. (Club membership/Total Membership including additional club members)

<b><i>Club</i></b>	<b><i>2014/15</i></b>	<b><i>2015/16</i></b>
Ballina RYC	16/17	16/18
Basin RYC	23/23	23/23
Brisbane Water R Y Squadron	26/26	23/23
Cars Park RSC	10/10	12/12
Central Coast RYC	4/4	0

Dobroyd RC Laser	19/21	25/30
Drummoyne SC-RYD	14/15	11/15
East Coast Sailing Assn	6/8	5/9
Forster-Tuncurry RYC	16/16	13/13
Harrington Park RYC	12/13	10/12
Kogarah Bay RYC	23/31	21/28
Koonawarra Bay SC	10/11	10/10
Lake Macquarie RYC	38/40	19/19
National Capital RYC	3/3	3/3
Northern Mariners	8/13	6/12
Pittwater MYC	8/11	8/10
Southern Cross MYC	9/11	8/11
Sydney A	12/14	10/10
Sydney Maritime Modellers	26/32	26/29
Tabourie Lake RYC	16/18	13/14
Wollongong MYC	16/21	19/26
<b>Total</b>	<b>315/358</b>	<b>281/327</b>

The 2016 ARYA National Championships were held in Adelaide in February with plenty of success from NSW sailors.

The sole NSW entrant in the A Class was Brian Dill from WMYC and he finished second in a small but hot field. Well done Brian.

Six NSW skippers competed in the 10 Rater class and I'm pleased to say Scott Condie from KBRYC was crowned Australian Champion. Congratulations Scott.

Five NSW skippers competed in the Marbleheads and Greg Torpy from the LMRYC finished third. Well done Greg.

Ten NSW skippers competed in the IOMs with Scott Condie taking second place and Lindsay Walker taking fifth. Both are from KBRYC. Well done boys.

Full results of the 2016 National Championships can be found on the ARYA website.

The 2015 RC Laser Nationals were held at Dobroyd Aquatic Club in August and fifteen of the thirty-two competitors were from NSW. The best placed was Graham Brown from the DAC in third. Well done Graham. Thanks go to Garry Bromley who was PRO for the regatta.

The 2017 ARYA Nationals will be run by the NSWRYA and hosted by KBRYC in February 2017. We hope the NSW clubs give their full support to help make the event the best Nationals ever. Of course we like as many NSW members as possible to race in the regatta, but we also encourage club members to volunteer to help run it. Many hands make light work is the old saying. Planning is well advanced and for the latest news go to the Facebook and Twitter pages run by Scott Backhouse.

So far in 2016 only the Solings have run their State Championships hosted by the Basin RYC. The event was well supported and Graeme Smith successfully defended

the title he won last year. Anthony Blackmore came second and Roman Wenger third. Well done everyone for competing in the regatta.

Several GP regattas for various classes have been held this year and you can find the results and reports on the NSWRYA website.

The NSWRYA calendar is full of events such as Interclub Challenge's and Grand Prix's. These events are a great opportunity for sailors at all levels to hone their skills and sail against the best skippers from each class. I encourage the new as well as the more experienced skippers to compete in these events, they are great fun. The top skippers are always willing to help the less experienced with their boat setup and racing tactics. Participation helps our sport grow.

For all the latest information on upcoming NSW events and results check the NSWRYA website. [www.radiosailingnsw.org.au](http://www.radiosailingnsw.org.au) While you are on the website check to see if the information for your club is correct, and if not ask the club Secretary to have it updated.

This is my final Secretary's report as I am not standing for the position of Secretary/Treasurer again. It has been nine years since I took over from the late Susan McAnna. She was a great help during the handover process even though she was very ill at the time. Just for the record I was VP for three years before I took over from Susan. I will maintain my involvement on the Management Committee, if elected, in another capacity.

Thankyou to the other committee members past and present for their support. Colin Court, Selwyn Holland, Scott Condie, Scott Backhouse, Daniel Weizman Phil Page Warren Norrie and John Bartrum. I would like to make special mention of the late Ian Hayden who was a great help with the "Greg Young Affair." This was a stressful time for us all but Ian was always there to help. Special thanks as well to Robert Hales and Allan Bicknell who have been on the committee since dinosaurs roamed the earth. The pair have always offered their help and advice even if Allan's first bit of advice was "you're on your own pal".

Thanks again to Ian Trethewy who has continued his excellent work on the NSWRYA website. Well done Ian.

Of course thanks to the club officials for your magnificent effort during the years. The sport is very well supported and it's because of the work put in by the clubs recruiting new members and spreading the word about this great sport.

Owen Jarvis  
NSWRYA Secretary/Treasurer

Financial Statement of New South Wales Radio Yachting Association Inc as at 31/05/2016			
<i><b>Statement of Assets &amp; Liabilities</b></i>		<i><b>Statement of Income &amp; Expenditure</b></i>	
CURRENT ASSETS		INCOME	
Cash at Bank	7,638.50	Membership Fees	6,882.00
Cash at Paypal	0.79	Interest Income	1.63
Merchandise	1,080.00	Merchandise sales	75.00
Sun Shelter	143.95		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	8,941.45	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,958.63</b>
NONCURRENT ASSETS		EXPENDITURE	
Other	-	ARYA Affiliation Fees	4,200.00
		YNSW Affiliation Fee	220.00
Total NonCurrent Assets:	-	Incorporation Fee	53.00
		Postage & Stationary	537.32
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,941.45</b>	Gift for Website Administrator	100.00
		ADR Medals and lunches	204.66
CURRENT LIABILITIES		Website Hosting	150.00
Other	-	Miscellaneous	75.00
		Trophy updates	12.00
Total Current Liabilities	-		
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other	-	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5,551.98</b>
Total NonCurrent Liabilities:	-		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>8,941.45</b>	<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>1,406.65</b>

## **2017 Nationals Organising Committee Chairman's Report**

The NSWRYA is looking forward to hosting the National Championships in 2017. An organizing committee was formed that included a mix of enthusiastic novices and experienced organizers who have worked on organizing committees for the past two NSW hosted National Titles.

The organizing committee's objectives are to run an event that is enjoyed by competitors, is the most cost effective, and from a financial perspective at least "break-even" for the NSWRYA.

After a tender process that was extended to allow more submissions KBRYC was selected by the committee to host the event.

The event will be held from February 6th through to February 18th 2017. These dates were selected because the KBSC (who will be hosting the event with the KBRYC) preferred February over January, and gaining access to the water in February with the maritime authority was easier too.

Competitors who have a history of competing at championships were also consulted over dates. A clear majority of those asked preferred February over January. Flight and accommodation costs are cheaper in February when compared to the holiday period in January too.

One of the key advantages of Kogarah Bay as a hosting location is water access via a floating pontoon. However, silt accumulation in the bay over the last few years has meant that the pontoon does not float during extremely low tides and access depth for boats being launched or retrieved can be less than 600mm.

Because of this, the committee proposed (and the ARYA accepted) that the order of the titles be changed to accommodate the tides predicted for the championships. The sequence will be A Class, IOM Class, 10R Class and the M Class.

As well as the tidal situation, the committee also believes the sequencing will allow the host club to get more volunteers to help run the event during the times when most help is needed (i.e. during the IOM Class Championships).

The committee does not foresee any issues due to the change of order.

The committee is looking for primary or naming rights sponsorship for the event. The NAB, previous sponsor in 2011, has turned down our approaches for them to sponsor the event again. Robert Oatley Wines has been approached and this is still in process. Also, a "hit list" targeting local businesses has been compiled and they will be approached over the next few weeks. Small sponsors (i.e. suppliers to radio yachting) will also be given an opportunity to contribute to the event, but none are expected to be primary sponsors.

The Notices of Race have been drafted and will be finalised by the end of June. The organising committee has used a draft sourced from the ARYA as the base with modifications/additions made to cater for entry details and fee structures.

A web page has been developed by Matthew McAnna and will go live soon. The NORs will be included on this page, as well details on how to enter, information about the venue, entrant details, etc.

Entry fees for the event will be \$95 for the A, M and 10R classes (3 day events) and \$120 for the IOM championships (4 day event). The committee also plans to host presentation dinners at the end of each class event, and the catering fees for competitors will be included in the entry fee (as will lunches for each day of competition and a welcome meal).

A venue for hosting the dinners has been narrowed down to either the Ramsgate RSL Club or Taren Point Bowling Club. We believe we will be able to cater these functions for around \$35 per head.

Additional tickets for lunches and dinners will be available for purchase and pricing for these will be confirmed soon. The committee is not sure what merchandise (if any) will be included in the entry fee as this will be dependent on finding primary sponsorship for the event. However, shirts and caps will be available for purchase separately.

The committee has decided to use a third party, Eventbrite, to facilitate event management. These types of firms are being increasingly employed by amateur organisers to manage event hosting. For a small fee (about 5% of entry fee) Eventbrite will handle registration for the event, merchandise sales, payment options, refunds, additional meal tickets, etc.

With multiple "swim lanes" of activities underway, it's certainly a busy time for the organising committee. However, the committee is confident the event will be a success and meet its objectives.

Yours Sincerely,

Colin Court

NSWRYA Organizing Committee Chair