

WRRMYC Inc - Member's Handbook

Conceived in 1994, formed on 1st April 1995, incorporated in 1996



Commodore's Welcome:

Welcome to the Wynnum Manly Radio Model Yacht Club Inc. The club sails the International One Metre (IOM) and DF65 class of radio controlled yacht and provides a vehicle for like-minded skippers to practice and compete in their chosen sport.

This handbook outlines how, when and where the club operates. The guidelines are for members so that every participant has an enjoyable experience.

Mission Statement – Club Objectives:

- To promote interest in Radio yachting
- To promote good fellowship amongst those interested in Radio yachting
- To educate, train and encourage members where possible
- To do all such things and acts conducive to the furtherance of the objectives and interests of the club

Club Composition:

All committee members and office holders are elected annually at the club Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Management Committee is comprised of the Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and several other Committee members who meet bi-monthly to ensure the smooth running of the club. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

The Sailing Committee help arrange the sailing program and sailing venues and organize the sailing courses at each sailing event. The Newsletter Editor, the Club Archivist, the Webmaster and the Trophy Steward, all have self-explanatory tasks. WRRMYC Inc has two Club Measurers who can ensure that your radio controlled yacht is within class rules.

Club History and Insurance: The WRRMYC Inc was formed in 1995 and incorporated in 1996 and has maintained in excess of 40 members each year. The Club is affiliated to the Queensland Radio Yachting Association Inc (QRYA Inc) who oversee the Queensland clubs and events and provide the avenue for affiliation with the Australian Radio Yachting Association Inc (ARYA Inc) who, through membership subscription, provide Public Liability Insurance cover of \$20 M.

The financial year commences 1 April, in line with QRYA Inc membership. The WRRMYC Inc Annual General Meeting, is held in May each year.

The WRRMYC Inc has an active archivist who holds a large selection of historical material, photos and documents on the club. Preserving our Past for the Future.

Publicity: The website www.wrrmyc.com is an excellent means of keeping up to date with our sailing news and events. The website has race results, photos, boats for sale and the news of other clubs and classes of radio controlled yachts, and a calendar of major sailing events.

WRRMYC Inc also publishes a monthly email newsletter "Tell Tales".

Club Membership: Annual membership of WRRMYC Inc, is currently \$31. Eleven dollars of this goes to the QRYA Inc and the ARYA Inc for membership registration, membership cards and the insurance levy.

If a skipper is a full member at another club and wishes to join WRRMYC Inc also, then a membership fee of \$20 applies which includes the issues of the newsletter.

Visiting skippers are encouraged to join as either a full member after sailing at three club events.

Additional expenses are a sailing fee of \$2 per day Social Day and \$3 a day Sunday Racing. Major sailing events will have different nomination costs which are advertised in the Notice of Race.

Merchandising: Cloth patch – club logo \$5 each Car sticker – club logo \$2 each Metal Hat badge – club logo \$8 each some club shirts are available \$35 each

Sailing: WRRMYC Inc conducts both Scratch start and Handicap races. The first three place getters at these events

receives a ribbon. The Club also holds several perpetual trophy events throughout the year which are for members only:

- The JL Sullivan Memorial Trophy which is a handicap event.
- The Clive Brooks Trophy, has one trophy for scratch races and one for Handicap
- The Club Championship Shield is scratch racing only
- The Commodores Cup is awarded to the best cumulative handicap score for the whole year
- The Top Three place getters in each case receive a medallion
- The Club also holds a Winter Series (six races) and a Summer Series (six races) for both Scratch and Handicap racing. The first three place getters in each series receive a medallion.

Sunday Racing at Manly Harbour

Starts at 9-30 am and finishes around 12 to 12-30 pm.

- On the first Sunday, IOM Scratch Racing
- On the second Sunday, DF65 Scratch Racing TBC
- On the third Sunday, IOM Handicap Racing
- On the Fourth Sunday, DF65 Handicap Racing TBC

Each Tuesday morning, social sailing is held at the Wynnum Wading pool, on the Esplanade and each Thursday morning at Wellington Point, Sovereign Waters estate lake Allan Day Drive.

During school holidays the Wynnum Wading Pool is occupied by children, so the alternative venue is Manly Harbour Marina. Our club sailing commences at 9:30 am unless otherwise advertised.

The Club has a laptop computer and program to accurately record and finalize the results onsite, on race days, before they are put up on the website. Annual points total and Series points keeping is maintained by our Webmaster.

Please Note: All Dates and venues are subject to change without notice and should be confirmed with the club(s) prior to sailing.

Please ensure Perpetual Trophies are returned clean!

Radio Frequencies: The modern transmitters are Spectrum 2.4 Ghz transmitters that are self-seeking as far as frequency is concerned and the following does not apply.

Some skippers still use handsets that require a transmitter crystal and a receiver crystal of the same frequency. Sailing crystals generally are odd numbers such as 36.010- 36.030 -36.050 etc. (aircraft use the even numbers) and the only accepted bandwidths are 27 Mhz, 29Mhz, 36Mhz and 40Mhz.

It is a general rule that each skipper have three alternative sets of crystals available in case of frequency clashes at a race meeting. It is also accepted practice that whoever has their name first on the race meeting frequency board has the use of that frequency and someone who comes later should change their frequency if it clashes.

Rules and Behavior: All sailing is conducted under the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The Rules in Practice by Bryan Willis and other publications.

Every member is encouraged to learn the rules as they apply to radio controlled yachts and abide with them. There are no winners if sailing rules are not adhered to and this would be the most common cause of upset among skippers.

In addition, the WMRMYC Inc sails at very public venues and often has a mixed audience including mothers and children. The Club has instituted further rules of NO Smoking in the control area; No Swearing; and No Unsportsmanlike Behavior. The latter will not be tolerated at all and anyone offending may be asked to leave by a Committee Member or carry a DSQ when racing as per the notice board.

Any legitimate sailing protest should be made to the PRO (Principal Race Officer) of the event. Any other dispute or complaint from a member must be made to the Management Committee in writing.

Safety: WMRMYC Inc. accepts no liability for the safety of participants or their equipment. By entering the event you agree that you do so at your own risk.

The club has a rescue dinghy with electric motor on a box trailer. This is present at all venues where it is required. Only sailing committee members (or others as authorized by the Management Committee) can control the dinghy. A personal floatation device must be worn at all time when in the dinghy.

A basic first aid kit is available at all club events. For life threatening emergencies call 000.

Skippers are reminded that care should be taken when launching and retrieving their boats from the water. The concrete steps and the water's edge can be slippery. Submerged rocks and low tide mud can be very unstable underfoot.

Other Events and Regattas: There are numerous other sailing opportunities. There are nineteen affiliated clubs in Queensland as well as many others throughout Australia.

Queensland holds regional championships culminating in a Queensland Championship. The Australian titles are held annually alternating the venue between states. The World titles are held bi-annually at various international venues. They were held in Queensland in 2005 at the Sunshine Coast.

All skippers are reminded that smoking is not permitted in the control area at all times. (Ratified AGM 2004)

Miscellaneous:

Constitution, By-laws, Code of conduct and Insurance Copies of these documents are available from the Club Secretary on request.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) The Club's AGM is scheduled for May each year. The draft Agenda, nomination and proxy voting forms may be included in the January/ February Issues of the Club Newsletter.

Membership Renewal — due 1 April each year

Other contacts The Newsletter and Website has a comprehensive list of Club, State, National and International contacts;

□ ARYA — www.radiosailing.org.au/

Management Committee Meetings and Club Functions

All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Management Committee Meetings are advertised in the Club Newsletter. If you wish to attend, please advise the Club Secretary and/or have any items for the Agenda to the Secretary before the date.

Sponsors and Raffles

The Club is always grateful for sponsorship to help offset operating and regatta costs.

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