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The Corsair Association of QLD is a small but dedicated group of sailors and the draft proposal will have a major effect on our association and its survival if approved.

Firstly, let me say that since the change in management at YA they have been helpful with advertising our regatta's, posting the results of our Championship. When approach on an issue they were prepared to take issue to YA on our behalf. We have not

The increase in fees will see our fleet decrease by half as the Navy Cadets who have a race with us who only race at Association events 4 times a year and to do this we ask them to join a sailing club and pay yachting affiliation fees. The Corsair also requires a crew of 3

Some of the irregularities which I have observed are that there is increasing discrepancies between the haves and have nots

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commercial sailing clubs seem to be getting the

1) given the amount that seems to go to YQ salaries and admin I'm surprised that there isn't more done given many clubs run far more extensive programs for development and racing with less money.

2) YQ's hand in actual events is somewhere between zero and nothing and as such we are only paying for a symbolic sanctioning.

3) YQ's involvement in youth development is limited to the top sailors in a very limited number of classes and only in dinghy fleet racing at the cost of many young ocean sailors, match racers and those wishing to be involved in team racing in anything other than schools (which is already basically run by RQ)

4) smaller class associations and casual sailors who do little racing outside of major events are basically ignored by YQ

5) there is almost NO consultation with YQ members about the running of YQ itself, none of the committee's are easily accessed by regular sailors. If they are then they are not sufficiently publicised to draw interest from the community.

I'm sure there will be plenty more opinions and some people who will disagree but thats my 10 cents worth.

Cheers

Brady

P.S. I'm just in the process of ordering all the bits and pieces for the boat so hopefully will be back on the water as soon as the mast arrives.

Hope all is well.