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**To:** Norman Fry  
**Subject:** NQS Submission to YQ re Affiliation/Capitation/Banding Fees

Dear Norman,

Please see below the submission from NQS.

### **NQ Sailing Submission to Yachting Queensland**

On behalf of NQ Sailing and its member clubs:

#### **Considerations**

Participation in sailing has dropped in recent years and the major priority must be to promote sailing and encourage membership and participation at the club level.

The proposal to have "direct" membership of YQ is a major concern by clubs as they felt marginalised.

The proposed cost of \$175 is way too high... felt that many sailors would just not pay. Very hard for the clubs to enforce direct affiliation of YQ by their members and could be against some Clubs' constitutions.

Banding DID NOT WORK, BUT direct affiliation of sailors to YQ is not desirable.

New system appears to have significantly increased revenue for YQ, any change for 2009 should be no more than 2007/8 income.

A State body is needed BUT not at the detriment clubs, club membership and sailing participation.

Role of YQ needs to be focussed and relevant to clubs and sailors QLD wide.

The role of volunteer administrators, race management folks etc. Needs to be rewarded, not taxed... clubs are wanting to foster these folk not discourage them!

Insurance/silver card aspects need better management (and is probably not needed, but the benefits have been poorly communicated).

#### **Role of our State Body**

The role of YQ should be:

Affiliation - allowing the clubs to race under the ISAF rules and (indirectly) be affiliated with a MYA

Promotion – promoting sailing to the wider community

Coordination – (of Sailing in Qld) Combined calendar, regional regattas and support, bids for titles, communication between all sailors

Training –Facilitation of an Introductory program (getting folk sailing) is core business, race/safety management core business, higher level on user pays basis

Facilitation – Facilitating grant funding, regional programs, brokering bulk club insurance deals etc.

Policy – Providing a state wide input on behalf of sailors on policy and regulatory issues.

Elite – Programs for the coaching and elite squads on a user pays basis

Importantly, the **core business** which members affiliation fees/basic government support should cover should include:

- Affiliation
- Promotion
- Training (introductory sailing and race management ONLY)
- Coordination

- Facilitation
- Policy

The following may be undertaken by YQ but through specific grants, sponsorship and user pays:

- Training (intermediate and advanced)
- Elite (coaching and squads)

### **Revenue from Clubs and Sailors**

The revenue from clubs and sailors needs to fund a modest YQ implementing its CORE BUSINESS.

Parity with other states should be maintained (about \$40-50).

More than \$40-50 will mean we will lose club members (or encourage clubs not to affiliate)

Club affiliation fees and per sailing member fees need to be modest for small clubs.

Issues around multi interest clubs MUST be sorted this time, only charge for sailing members.

Have a family membership, junior membership.

### **The Commitment**

If affiliation fee kept to \$40 for sailing members then NQ clubs will work to enforce membership for participation in racing (skippers and crew).

Cheers,

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Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime. *Mark Twain*

- *Innocents Abroad*