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Re: Proposal for the future collection of Yachting Queensland membership fees.

Dear Norman

The Port Curtis Sailing Club has been against the banded fee arrangement for affiliation fees since its proposal and implementation. Our issues with the banding system are:

- The banding arrangement does not discriminate between full club members and associate members. Associate members join due to the requirements of the Liquor Licensing Laws, not to be part of Yachting Queensland
- The banding determination is not public. There isn't a published formula for determination of fees that allow a club to budget.
- The unexplained increase in the affiliation fees
- The sly additional cost in 2008/9 for silver cards that were included in the affiliation fees in 2007/8

Direct membership of individuals to YQ

The PCSC does not fundamentally disagree with this proposal. However we see the following issues

- The proposed individual fee structure is too high and out of line with other states. For the PCSC ordinary (full) members this represents a doubling of their fees.
- The proposed fees will eliminate volunteers.
- YQ will have a hard time getting individual's to join at this fee level and will see an overall decrease in member numbers.
- The PSCS would agree to the revised Club affiliation fee based on YQ sailing members.
- Item 34. States non-members of YQ cannot participate in club events. This would exclude interstate competitors from any event. We assume this should read 'YA' not 'YQ'.
- Clubs would have extreme difficulty in enforcing item 34. We would be turning away sailors who did not wish to pay YQ's high fees.
- The club would have to see the contents of the MOU mentioned in item 34 before it agreed to any changes.

- Our clubs by laws state that fees are determined by the club executive and presented to the members for ratification at the AGM. The club can only present fees it charges, therefore there is no requirement in our constitution that full members be a member of YQ. Our club constitution is based on the model constitution forwarded by the QLD Government and Clubs Queensland. You may find other clubs have this same issue.
- If a person has direct membership to YQ there is no reason for them to join an affiliated club as an ordinary member. The proposal could reduce club membership.

PCSC proposed solutions

Banding arrangement

- Change the banding arrangement to be based on sailing members only. There would not be a dispute on member numbers as full members are entered into the YQ web site.
- Publicise the banding formulas.
- Provide detailed justification for the banding fees
- Base the fees on the equivalent of other MYA of YA

Individual membership

- Reduce the proposed fee to equivalent to other MYA of YA
- The fee could be directly paid to YQ or preferably paid via the affiliated clubs as was done before the banding system was introduced. Again sailing member numbers would be accurate through the registration process with YQ

Yours Sincerely

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