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Notice of 2024/25 Annual General Meeting of ILCA Australia Inc. to be held at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Brisbane 9.00am AEST 5th January 2025

To participate online via Zoom;

Meeting ID 706 776 2418

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AGENDA

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Identification and confirmation of voting District Representatives
4. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM at Adelaide Sailing Club 5th January 2024
5. Business arising from the minutes
6. Reports
 - a. Chairman ILCA Australia
 - b. Treasurer Financial Report
 - c. Districts
 - o Northern Territory
 - o Tasmania
 - o Victoria
 - o Western Australia
 - o New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory
 - o South Australia
 - o Queensland
 - e. Masters
7. Election of Office Bearers
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-president
 - c. Treasurer & Public Officer
 - d. Secretary
8. Nomination of Sub-committee representatives
 - a. Youth
 - b. Masters
9. Three special resolutions to change ILCA Australia Constitution
10. ILCA Worlds ranking and qualification policy
11. General Business

Kevin Phillips ILCA Australia Secretary



AusILCA Chair Report

ILCA Australia 2025 AGM



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ILCA Australian Events

- Strong entries in Australian District & National events
- 2024 Oceania & Australian Open Youth & Masters Events saw 330 sailors competing
- Great to see numbers of international sailors competing at these events
- 2024 ILCA 7 and ILCA 6 & 7 Masters World Championships in Adelaide saw 360 sailors enjoy terrific competition in great if at times challenging conditions
- Almost half of the competitors in the two Adelaide Worlds were sailors from Australia
- Thanks to ILCA SA and Adelaide Sailing Club for the great organisation of these events
- With such strong attendance at World Masters numbers were down as expected for National Masters at RQYS but all enjoyed the event and the club hospitality



World Events Success

- Oceania achieved great 2024 Olympic results with Matt Wearn winning his second and Australia's fourth in a row in the class. Zoe Thomson was a creditable 20th
- Matt also won the ILCA 7 Worlds in Adelaide with Swifto Elliott finishing 10th
- The Australian ILCA 6 squad had great success in the big European events with Zoe Thomson 2nd in the Princessa Sofia and Mara Stransky 2nd at Kiel Week
- Evie Saunders was second in the ILCA 6 U21 Worlds in Portugal. Isaac Schotte was 10th in the ILCA 7. 235 competed with 13 Australians
- Healy Ryan won U17s at European ILCA 6 Youth Championships in Bangor, Northern Ireland there were 7 Australian among the 360 sailors competing
- Australia was the standout success in World Masters 2025 winning 5 of the 9 age divisions



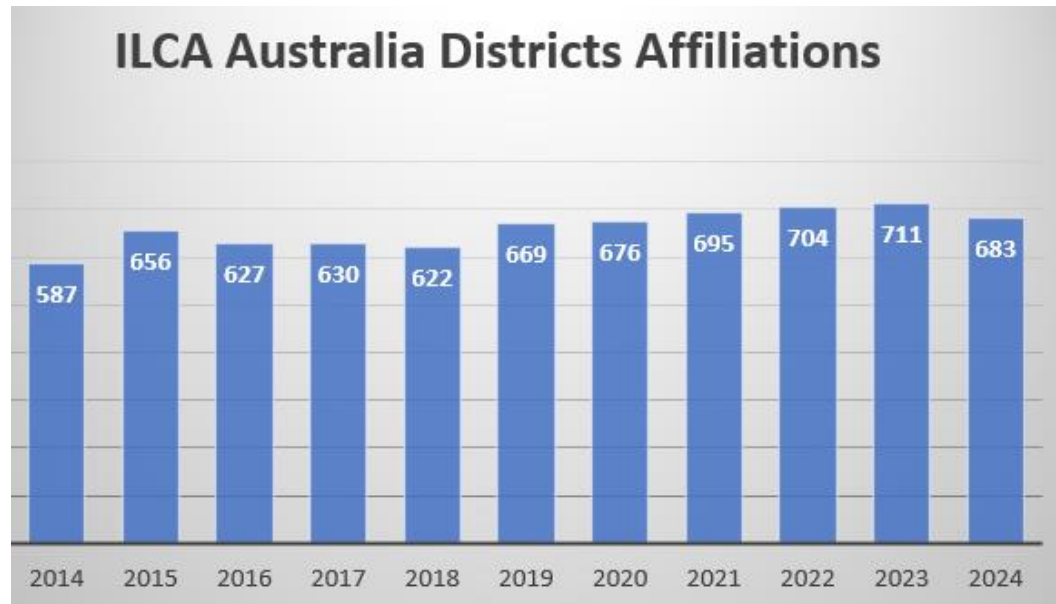
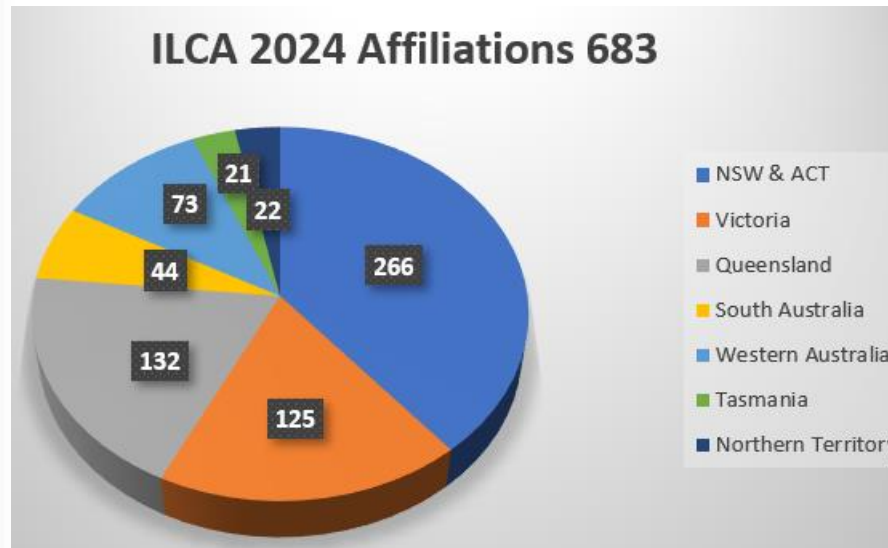
ILCA Australia Organisation

- 2024 ILCA 7, Masters Worlds and Oceania & Aus Championships in Adelaide were a great success
- Solidarity Program for AUS, NZL & Oceania Islands District ILCA 4 sailors has proved very successful
- Ownership of local ILCA builder PSA from Spencer family to Nick Ogden has happened.
- PSA are in the process of setting up with new World standard moulds with a brand new factory at Morrisett and a state based dealer network
- Don Elks has resigned as Youth Director after 14 years – thanks to Don for his fabulous work assisting our youth sailors competing at the highest level
- Thanks to our AusILCA volunteer officials and to districts chairs and officials for our great co-operative achievement for the class and the sailors



District affiliations steady

Around three times this number sailing at club and social level





ILCA Class on an Even Keel

- ILCA Class on an even keel with design rights and the brand now in class hands and funds sources locked in
- Nine class builders spread around the World are providing a good supply of boats and parts with some competition keeping a lid on prices
- Average supply is 1,800 boats and 6,000 sales p.a. Longer term viability of smaller builders may be an issue
- Over 13,000 sailors from 100 countries are affiliated with ILCA International
- Having standardised moulds and production ILCA technical team are working to improve ILCA 4 and ILCA 6 sail for improved longevity
- There will be only slow considered changes to the class as materials and build practices evolve
- World Championships planning and execution is much improved. Going forward more effort is to be placed on promotion and raising the class profile



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Treasurer's Report Year Ended 30 June 2024

I have pleasure in presenting the financial statements for the above financial year.

The Income & Expenditure Statement shows an excess of expenditure over income for the year of \$1,732.39.

The income from membership subscriptions of the various Australian districts was up marginally by \$491.00.

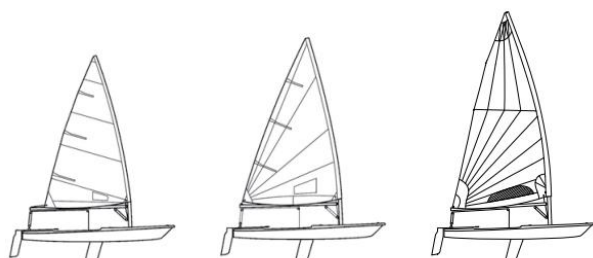
Expenses for the year were down by \$2,237.02. The decrease was mainly due to there being no cost this year to ILCA Australia for the Solidarity Coaching Program.

The 3rd Party Liability Insurance premium of \$1,789.59 covers all state and territory districts in Australia for that liability. The premium cost of this cover remained virtually unchanged from the previous year.

The Balance Sheet shows the net assets of the Association are \$20,849.75 which is represented by the funds held at Westpac. The Association does not have any liabilities as it is not operating any more as the trust account banker for junior Australian competitors in overseas regattas.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
14 October 2024



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2024 Annual report

ILCA sailing has continued its success in the NT with consistent numbers on the water participating in club races, regattas and training events. The Class is very visible on the water with all rigs regularly sailing. The ILCA 4 has proved popular and is now recognised as the natural progression from Minnows and training fleets. This has played a big part in keeping the numbers up as some of the older teens leave to attend universities in the southern states. 2024 has also seen NT ILCA members competing in International and National competition with members sailing in ILCA Masters World Championship, ILCA Australian Championship and Queensland YouthSail Week. There are 11 ILCA NT members competing in the upcoming 2025 Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championship.

In 2024 the ILCA remains the most active class at the Darwin Sailing Club and ILCA outnumber all other classes in club and championship racing. A fleet of 15 plus ILCAs regularly sailed through the 2024 season covering all rigs with results awarded on yardstick as well as scratch results. Due to the consistent numbers of ILCA on the water the Darwin Sailing Club recognises the ILCA as an individual fleet and provides separate start for the Class in its club racing.

In late 2026 the ILCA NT will again host the Oceania ILCA Masters Championship in Darwin. The Championship will be hosted by the Darwin Sailing Club and is seeking support and sponsorship from the NT Government, Northline Transport Logistics and local businesses as well as the Darwin Sailing Club and Waterfront Bistro. We will also be approaching our friends at Ronstan, SEA, PSA, and NB Sail Sports, to become a sponsor and support this regatta. The regatta will be held in August or October and will be planned around the best tides at the time. Racing will consist of afternoon starts to take advantage of the seasonal sea breeze. The last Championship attracted 37 entries with the after effects of the COVID travel restrictions taking their toll on the response. For those who did attend, the racing was close and the atmosphere friendly and I think all agreed that it was a regatta worth attending and vowed to return in 2026.

ILCA sailing is thriving in the NT and the visibility and success of the class is proof of this. The NT sailing season runs from April to October, the water is warm and flat with 8 to 12 knots of breeze and up to 25 knots late in the season making Darwin the ideal place to spend the cold winter months.

Gary Martin
ILCA NT President.



ILCA NSW & ACT District Report ILCA Australia AGM 5th January 2025

We settled down to a less hectic season after hosting the 2023 Oceania & Australian Open & Youth Championships at Georges River sailing Club and the Oceania & Australian Masters Championship at Bay Sailing Centre Port Stephens. This year the big events were focussed on Adelaide with the Open & Youth Championships followed by two Worlds the ILCA 7 Men's and the World Masters mostly sailed in strong winds at Adelaide Sailing Club at Glenelg.

Congratulations to RSYS/DBSC sailor Brooke Wilson who sailed a fantastic series to take out the ILCA 6 Open Championships in Adelaide.



Brooke Wilson in action Adelaide Nationals

International Sailing

WA sailors Matt Wearn and Zoe Thomson represented Australia in 2024 Olympics in Marseille. Matt won his second and Australia's fourth gold in succession in the event.

Local sailors were well represented in the six ILCA World and some EurILCA Championships in the past year. Notable local sailors were Healy Ryan who won the U17 in the European ILCA 6 Youth Championships in Northern Island and Evie Saunders who finished 2nd in the 80 boat U21 Worlds in Portugal.

28 Australian sailors competed in the ILCA 7 Worlds in Adelaide and 130 Masters sailors competed in the Masters Worlds later at the same venue. Matt Wearn finished on top in the ILCA 7s. Australian sailors won four of the Masters categories. Notable local Masters performances were from Brett Beyer winner ILCA 7 GM, Tim Alexander and Rob Lowndes 2nd and 3rd ILCA 6 Legends, Bruce Savage 3rd ILCA 6 GGM, Rick Longbottom 3rd ILCA 6 GGM.

Vai Ripley who sails at MHASC represented Samoa in the 2024 Olympics in Marseille.

NSW & ACT sailors Evie Saunders and Tom Farley were selected as part of the eight-sailor team to represent Australia in the Pacific Games to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 19 November 2023. These games held every four years include Men's and Women's ILCA 6 and ILCA 7 and Sailboard competition among 24 sports.

ILCA NSW ACT District Sailing

For our NSW & ACT events we had 60 sailors competing in each of the Coast Championships at Gosford SC in 2023 and a new venue for us Mannering Park ASC on Lake Macquarie in 2024.

78 sailors enjoyed the sailing and two-day workout at the Open & Youth State Championships at Georges River Sailing Club over the weekend 16-17 November.

On both days there were good NE 13-20 knot breezes. On Sunday the forecast was for over 30 knots NE with a maximum runout tide in the afternoon, so it was wisely decided to make a 0900 start to the proceedings. Great to see the AS ILCA 6 Squad competing at this event.

Our Metropolitan Championships was held at Vaucluse YC. VYC is a fabulous small club however the waterway proved quite challenging for sailors and officials alike with 18 footers, ferries, tide and leisure boating traffic all having to be negotiated.

Thanks to the host clubs for putting on a great show for us. The on the water and in the club house teams make the events work. They do it just for the love of the sport and we thank them one and all.

All our events, documents, information, results, and photos are posted on our ILCA NSW & ACT web site at <https://laser.asn.au>

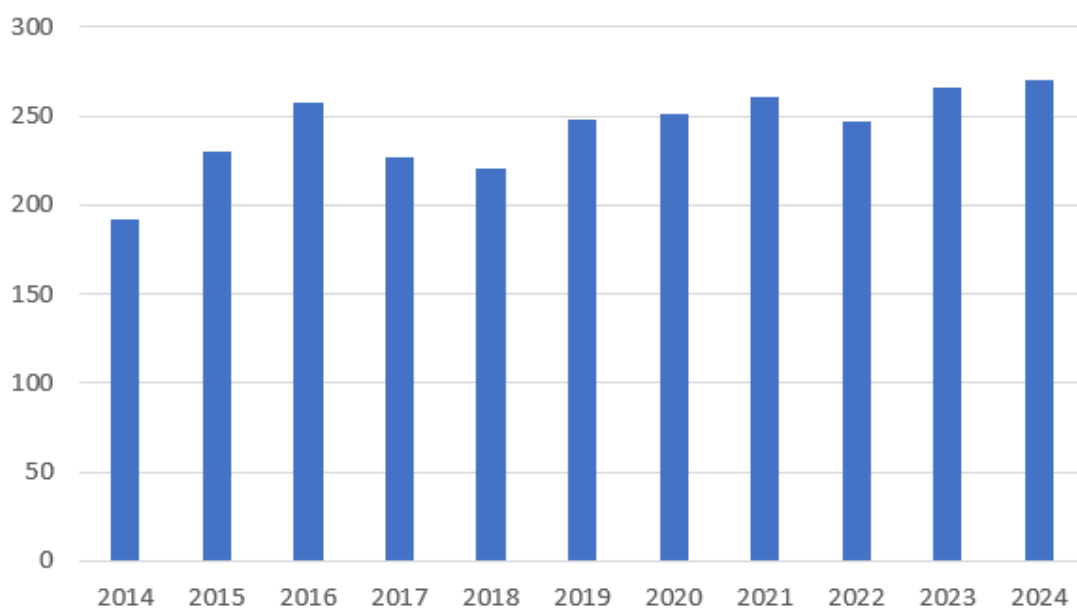
Everyone knows that the cost of everything is up as well the costs for clubs hosting our events and our own costs are way up. We have had to increase the entry fees to reflect these costs with our aim /to break even running events overall.

NSW/ACT Membership

Our District membership for the year increased slightly to 270 (from 266 in 2023 season). Our 10-year average membership is 248.

We pass more than half of our collected membership fees onto ILCA Australia and ILCA International through affiliations (\$23 per member to be exact) to help to support their activities. The greater the number of Australian Laser sailors we have as members the larger our allocation of places in limited entry World Championship events.

NSW & ACT Memberships



From this season we are including membership with race entry so anyone who sails in any of our events in a season is a financial member and can sail in other interclub, national and world championships. This arrangement makes our job of managing membership much easier. Sailors who wish to sail in other events (nationals, worlds etc.) but who haven't entered any of ours can still simply pay \$40 (\$20 if under 21) online.

Changed Name & New Constitution

The fabulous work of our Treasurer and Public Officer Geoff Lucas has managed to navigate us through the constitution, banking and administration changes required for our name and banking changes. Thanks Geoff.

District Administration

Hopefully we are keeping sailors informed on sailing, events, results and Laser sailing happenings through laser.asn.au. We send regular messages via email. We currently have over 600 people on our email distribution list.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers R.O. Andrew McLachlan, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, race secretary Sue Phillips, regatta helpers David & Elaine Edmiston and VC Ben Byford. Dave wears the Measurers hat as well. Thanks also to Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for his work, wise advice, and support.

Thanks to the many people who helped out with administration and on the water for our events. Without people just stepping up as required we could never have managed the tasks involved in staging these events.

Kevin Phillips
Chair ILCA NSW/ACT District



Queensland ILCA Report 2023 -2024

December 2024

The past twelve months has been a positive year with stable membership and healthy regatta numbers. In April we held the Australian Masters Titles and of course we are now holding the Open and Youth National Titles which at the time of writing looks like having a very healthy entry list of around 225.

QLA Regattas: This year we held our State Titles at Lake Cootharaba, situated north of Noosa and for the third year in a row we attracted over 100 entrants.

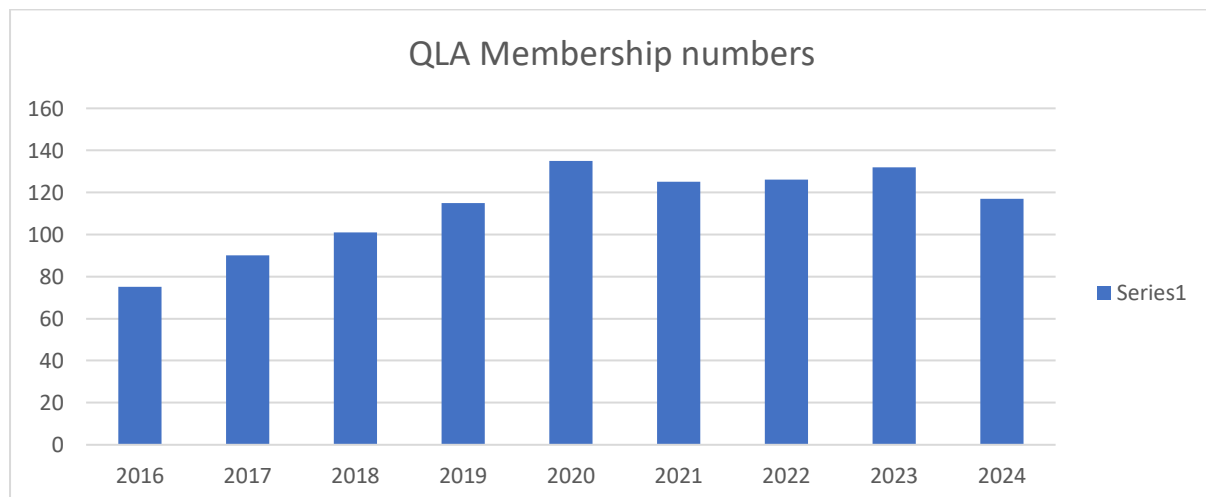
We hope to achieve similar numbers at the next States in April and which will be held at Kepple Bay Sailing Club at Yeppoon, some eight hours drive north of Brisbane. We believe holding our State Titles in regional areas has contributed to the growth of our membership over the last eight years

The South Pacific Laser Masters was re-scheduled back to it's usual July timing but due to the regatta load of Worlds in Adelaide we had a smaller than usual entry for SPLM. We are hopeful that this year we will see entries rise again.

Our Metropolitan Titles were held at RQYS in November and proved successful with 45 entries even though there were 11 Queensland sailors competing at Sail Melbourne at the same time.

Our River titles continue to struggle to attract large numbers of entrants although they are always an enjoyable day. This year they were hosted by Southport Yacht Club with 19 entrants. Notwithstanding the low numbers overall, the representation from SYC was pleasing.

Membership: Our membership numbers continue to be historically strong. Membership currently sits at 115 members which is lower than our number from the last few years. We typically see numbers rise in the new year as Masters sailors re join to compete in the Aus Masters and our States. Membership numbers quoted in our annual reports are usually based on the numbers at the time of our AGM which coincides with our State Titles in March/April.



Organisational Issues:


QILCA: We completed the transition from QLA to QILCA this year

Coaching: The Association was able to facilitate coaching sessions in North Queensland and on the Sunshine Coast this year.

At the more advanced level a number of Queensland sailors have enjoyed coaching support through Australian Sailing's programs.

The committee has remained stable this last twelve month with the exception of Dan Self's resignation due to leaving the country to pursue other interests in Europe.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wilson', written on a light-colored background.

Michael Wilson

Chair QILCA

13 December 2024



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Special Resolutions to Amend ILCA Australia Constitution

1. Change of Financial Year Due to AGM Timing
2. Distribution of Property in the Event of Winding Up

Annual General Meeting ILCA Australia 5 January 2025

Background

Resolution 1

The regulator for ILCA Australia, Fair Trading NSW, requires the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held within six months of the end of the financial year.

The AGM of ILCA Australia Inc. is held in January of the succeeding year when delegates are present at the Australian Championships which are now held 1-8 January. This results in difficulty in that we need to apply to Fair Trading each year, and pay the appropriate fee, for permission to hold our AGM after the six months statutory period allowed to hold an AGM.

Therefore, it is proposed to amend the stated financial year in the Constitution from 30 June to 31 July which then will bring the date of our AGM to within the allowed statutory six month period.

Resolution 2

The Australian Tax Office requires that a provision must be included in a not for profit organisation's Constitution preventing the organisation's assets or income from being distributed to its members except for provision of bona fide services or refunding of expenses incurred.

Resolution 3

The Australian Tax Office now requires not for profit organisations to have in their Constitutions, a clause covering how their surplus property is to be distributed in the event of their being wound up.

Special Resolution Motion

Moved Geoff Lucas seconded Kevin Phillips that the following two changes be made to the ILCA Australia Inc. Constitution.

Resolution 1 That clause 46 of the Constitution of ILCA Australia Inc. be deleted and replaced with the following clause 46:-

46 Financial Year

The financial year of the association is:

- (a) the period of time commencing on the date of incorporation of the association and ending on the following 30 June and
- (b) the 13 month period of time from 1 July 2024 to 31 July 2025 and each 12 month period thereafter commencing on 1 August and ending on 31 July.

Resolution 2 That clause 47 of the Constitution of ILCA Australia Inc. be deleted and replaced with the following Clause 47:-

47 Not-for-profit

The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its above-mentioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.

Resolution 3 That the Constitution of ILCA Australia Inc. be amended by inserting the following clause 48:-

48 Distribution of property on winding up of association

- (a) Subject to the Act and the Regulations, in a winding up of the association, any surplus property of the association is to be transferred to another organisation with similar objects and which is not carried on for the profit or gain of its individual members.
- (b) In this clause, a reference to the surplus property of an association is a reference to that property of the association remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the association and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the association.



ILCAVic Inc- ILCA Aus AGM Jan 2024 Report.

The highlight of the year were the events in January at the Adelaide sailing club.

Our head coach Rhett Gowans provided coaching service at both the Nationals & the World Masters event. He was supported at the Masters by Mark Bulka.

Unfortunately, we had to hand over the Batters Trophy to Queensland at the end of the Nationals but still finished ahead of our old rival WA.

The Vic Masters had some sensational results in the Adelaide Worlds. In the ILCA 7 GGM's, Steve Gunther finished first counting 9x bullets & 2 x seconds. In the ILCA 6 GM fleet Mark Tonner-Joyce finished 2nd, Damon Cook 9th & Nick Ede just out of the top 10 in 11th place. James Mitchell took the chocolates in the GGM with a sensational score card that include 6 bullets. Tony McPhail (can't wipe the smile off his face) finished 5th followed by our new Ilca Vic secretary Robert Jeffery's. Well done all.

ILCA Vic head coach Rhett Gowans retired from the position after 3 years of service. Rhett won the 2017 Radial Australian championship & was offered a VIS scholarship. Later he became a coach for the VLA & has helped many Victorian sailors improve their performance. As head coach his management skills were instrumental in proving the mid-week Green Point training sessions could work. Thanks Rhett, we wish you well for the future.

ILCA Vic board changes. Tony McPhail resigned from the board at the AGM after many years of service including in the role of secretary. Thanks, Tony, for your contribution. This year we have welcomed Christian Cantwell to the Ilca Vic board. Christian has previously served on the VIODA committee including some time as President.

The recent Vic champs at Blairgowrie YS saw a fleet of 100+ for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the championship was

abandoned after one race. Our thanks to Andrew (Boomer) Crawshaw for organising this event.

One of our highlight events every year is the visit to Lake Eppalock (near Bendigo) on Melbourne Cup weekend. Two days for the Inland waters' regatta followed by 2-days of coaching. Our thanks to Andrew Prest for organising this event & Col Dods for the PRO role.

The Ilca4 numbers are growing as more clubs are realising that this is the best option to transition their junior sailors. We will continue to focus building club fleets via the Ilca pathway with a strong focus on transitioning our Ilca4 girls into Ilca6's as they are for the next step.

I move that my report be accepted.

John d'Helin

Chair- ILCAVic.