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Australia

2026 Annual General Meeting Minutes

5 January 2026 at Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Hobart

Meeting Opened: 9.15 am

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling (Qld, AusILCA President), John D'Helin (Vic, AusILCA Vice President), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT Chair, AusILCA Secretary), Glen Beebe (Qld), Edward Fader (Chair TasILCA), Mike McAullay (Chair ILCAWA), Sue Phillips (NSW & ACT), Christian Cantwell (Vic), Tristan Brown (WA), Rose Pilkington (Tas), Mark Homes (SA), Martin Sly (Vic/PSA Rep), Vai Ripley (Samoa/NSW& ACT), Rob McMillan (NSW & ACT/NB), James Brumberger (WA)

2. Apologies: Geoff Lucas (Treasurer AusILCA),

3. District Representatives for Voting : Glen Beebe (QLD), John D'Helin (VIC), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT), Mark Homes (SA), Mike McAullay (WA), Edward Fader (Tas),

4. Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting 5 January 2025 at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Manly, Qld. Minutes accepted as presented.

5. Business arising from Minutes: Nil

6. Reports

ALCA Chairman: Ken Hurling – presented as attached.

Treasurer: Geoff Lucas' report attached was presented.

Moved, seconded, and passed that the Treasurer's report be adopted.

District Reports

NT District: Gary Martin - report as attached.

Tasmania District: President Edward Fader reported.

- Very busy year preparing for Nationals.
- Thanks to strong local and RYCT support for event arrangements.
- Thanks to Nationals charter providers working with more difficult logistics.
- Good participation at the men's elite level but struggling with Masters numbers.

Victoria District: John d'Helin – presented report attached.

Western Australia District: reported.

- Good participation at WA events and district membership growth.
- Growing Masters and ILCA 4 Youth ranks.
- Have Trist Brown and a great set of local ILCA coaches.
- Continue to dominate elite squads especially the men.

NSW & ACT District: Kevin Phillips – presented report as attached.

South Australia District: - reported.

Queensland District: report presented as attached.

7. Election of Office Bearers

Ken Hurling thanked the office bearers for their work over the past year.

President - Ken Hurling (Qld); Vice president - John d’Helin (VIC); Secretary - Kevin Phillips (NSW); Treasurer/Public Officer - Geoff Lucas (NSW). Elected unopposed.

8. Sub-Committee Representatives

Youth Director Don Elks has resigned, and we are looking for a volunteer to take on this role.

Rob Lowndes has stepped down as Masters Director and Mike Wilson has agreed to take on this role.

9. General Business

There was discussion on the following.

New ILCA 4 Sail

To be class legal from 1 August 2026. It looks much more modern and is built to last longer in good shape using heavier cloth and biradial cut like the current ILCA 7. It is reported in trials to be more powerful.

Co-operation With Australian Sailing

ILCA Australia is stepping up dialogue with new Australian Sailing management with the principal aim to improve coach resources and disposition, raise options for AS squad sailors to compete at State/District Championships and better understand AS new pathway organisation and strategy.

Commonwealth Youth Olympics to Include ILCA 4 Sailing

Sailing will make its historic debut at the 2027 Commonwealth Youth Games in Malta, scheduled from October 29 to November 4, 2027. The event will take place at Mellieħa Bay on the northeast coast, featuring boys and girls in the Optimist and ILCA 4 classes. Australian Sailing will nominate the sailors to represent based on 2027 Australian Championships.

ILCA World Championships Bids

Following ILCA Victoria’s successful bid for the 2027 ILCA U21 World Championships at Sandringham YC AusILCA has stepped up matching possible interest for other ILCA World Championships especially those leading up 2032 Queensland Olympics. Clubs, ILCA Districts and venues in Queensland, WA and Tasmania are candidates considered. The ILCA is receptive to the propositions.

Meeting closed 10.05 am

Kevin Phillips

Secretary ALCA

Minutes reviewed and signed.



Ken Hurling OAM

Chair OLCA



AusILCA Chair Report

ILCA Australia 2026 AGM



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ILCA Australian Events

- We have strong entries in all District & National events
- 2025 Oceania & Australian Open Youth & Masters Events saw 356 sailors competing
- Great to see for the first time ever more sailors in ILCA4 than either ILCA6 or ILCA7
- A very competitive field of local, Oceania and World sailors is expected for 2026 Nationals in Hobart
- The 3rd of the She Sails Award winning ILCA4 girls Solidarity Program will be run in Hobart
- Pleasing to see Matt Wearn back in action and at the 2026 Nationals
- 2026 Oceania Masters event will be held in Darwin 18-25 September
- 2026 Australian Masters at Port Stephens 6-9 February will be the premium local Masters event next year



World Events Success

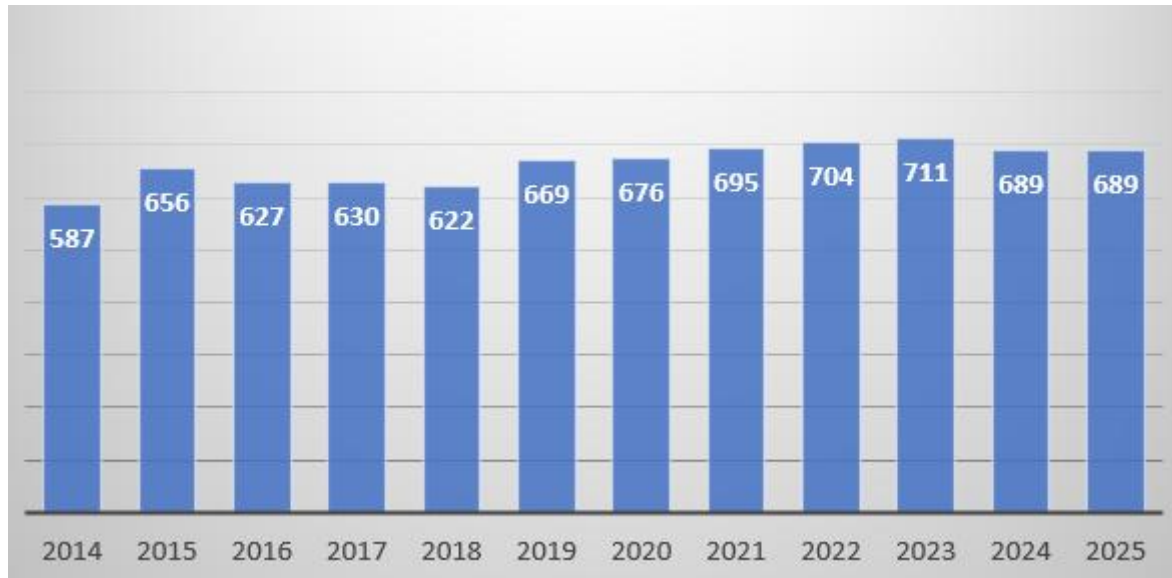
- Over 100 Australian sailors competed in the various 2025 ILCA World Championships including 54 Australian Masters
- The Australian ILCA6 squad had great success in the big European events with Zoe Thomson improving on her 2nd last year to win the Princessa Sofia in Mallorca
- 14 Australian sailors competed in the ILCA6 & 7 Kiel Week Regatta with 5 gaining places in the medal races
- Frances Beebe was 3rd in the ILCA 6 U21 Worlds in Dublin with Evie Saunders 5th. Isaac Schotte was 2nd in the ILCA7 and Edward Reid 4th
- 14 Australians competed in the ILCA4 Youth World Championships in Los Angeles
- Australia was the most successful nation in the 2025 ILCA World Masters in Formia, Italy winning 2 men's and 2 women's age divisions



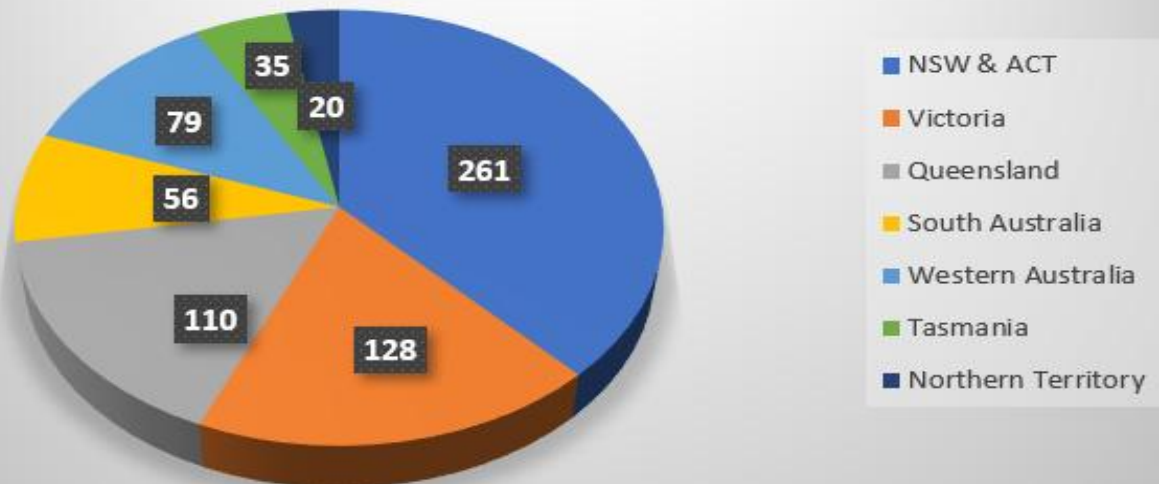
ILCA Australia Organisation

- 2027 U21 Worlds awarded to Sandringham – after the Nationals 10-17 January it will be a great event
- 2026 Solidarity Program has all states and two NZ sailors for its 3rd running in Hobart
- The Solidarity Program has received strong support from PSA and Australian Sailing and has won a She Sails Queensland Award
- PSA and ILCA are involved in a dispute in NZ High Court over ILCA hull moulds
- PSA having set up a brand new factory at Morisset, NSW has obtained interim approval to continue as an ILCA builder pending the court's decision
- Thanks to our ILCA Australia officials and to districts chairs and officials for our great co-operative achievement for the class and ILCA sailors

District Affiliations Steady



ILCA 2025 Affiliations 689





ILCA Class Issues

- ILCA Class well placed now owning class design rights and the brand with funds sources locked in
- Thanks to retiring Chair Tracy Asher for 13 years of service
- Nine world class builders are using ILCA supplied standard moulds PSA in continuing to build using Kirby Laser moulds is the exception.
- We have been working very closely with them and are very concerned for the outcome of the current PSA ILCA mould use dispute
- Average supply is 1,800 boats and 6,000 sails p.a.
- Over 13,000 sailors from 100 countries are affiliated with ILCA International
- New radial cut ILCA4 sail with heavier cloth for improved longevity about to be introduced. After 2028 Olympics a new ILCA6 heavier cloth sail will be introduced
- World Championships planning and execution improved with event venues and timing out to 2028 published



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Treasurer's Report for Thirteen Months Ended 31 July 2025

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

This reporting period only is for thirteen months due to the change in the Association's constitution altering the annual financial period going forward to twelve months ending on 31 July in each year.

This means the AGM which is held each year in January, will in future comply with Fair Trading's requirement that the AGM must be held within six months of the close of each financial year.

The income of the Association, being district levies is basically structured to cover the insurance premium, website hosting and Australian Sailing levy.

An amount of \$3,443.96 was received during the period by ILCA Australia from International Laser Class Assn. USA for ILCA Oceania Inc and this amount was paid on to ILCA Oceania in October 2025.

The Balance Sheet shows the net assets of the Association are \$21,515.35 being the net bank balance with Westpac Bank.

Thank you

Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
3 November 2025



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2025 Annual report

2025 saw a change in the status of ILCA NT with the Association becoming an incorporated Association under the NT Associations Act. This gives the Association status as a legal entity providing greater freedom to seek grants and other financial assistance. ILCA sailing is continuing with its success in the NT attracting 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 recognised as the natural progression from Minnows and training fleets resulting in four new sailors progressing into the class next season. The Association has been very active in gaining support from the sailing community with regular raffles conducted at the club during the season with the funds being used to assist members to attend interstate regattas including Youth Sail Qld, Youth Sail WA and the ILCA Australian Championship in Hobart.

In 2025 the ILCA remained 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 2025 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 September 2026 ILCA NT will host the Oceania ILCA Masters Championship in Darwin. The Championship will be hosted by the Darwin Sailing Club and the Association 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 from 18 to 25 September and is planned around the best tides at the time. Racing will consist of afternoon starts to take advantage of the seasonal sea breeze. The regatta will also include a under ILCA 30-year-old division to provide for the younger sailors who will be on school holiday at the time. The under 30-year-old division will be a regatta and not a championship with the winners receiving a trophy for the event. In 2022 the ILCA Oceania Masters Championship in Darwin attracted 37 entries with the after effects of the COVID travel restrictions taking their toll on the response. Those who attended agreed the racing was close and the atmosphere friendly and I think all agreed that it was a championship 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 so come up and experience this for yourself.

Gary Martin
ILCA NT Inc. President.



2026 OCEANIA ILCA MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

& Under 30 Year Old ILCA Regatta

SEPTEMBER 18 – 25 DARWIN NT





ILCAVic Inc- ILCA Aus AGM Jan 2026 Report.

Board changes

This year we have welcomed Caroline Jackson to the Ilca Vic board. Caroline is the parent of Tom & Zoe Jackson, both active Ilca sailors. She brings experience from other community-based organisations served on. Caroline will build our engagement with the growing Ilca 4 fleet.

John d'Helin stepped down after 12 years as Ilca Vic president & handed over to Andrew Crawshaw.

Oceania Ilca Masters event at Westernport Yacht Club- March 2025

113 sailors participated in this event on the 'other bay' Westernport. Magnificent sailing conditions with a tricky tide tested the fleet. Our thanks to PRO Col Dods & on water support crews from McCrae YC for running the racing. As usual the WPYC hospitality was magnificent in including live music on Saturday night.

The 2025 Vic champs in November at Royal Geelong saw a fleet of 77 entrants which was a little down on the previous year. Unfortunately, the large group of Internationals & the AST opted to stay at RBYC training for Sail Melbourne rather than joining us at Geelong. The event was run out of the magnificent brand new Victorian Sailing Centre [Royal Geelong Yacht Club | Home of the Festival of Sails](#)[Victorian Sailing Centre - Royal Geelong Yacht Club](#). RGYC did a great job. Our thanks to John (JJ) Jagger for organising this event.

Coaching & training events.

During calendar year 2025 Ilca Vic conducted a total of 21 separate coaching events held at eight different venues including 5 clubs outside the Melbourne metro area. Coaches included Jon Emmett, Luke(Swifto) Elliot, Casey Imeneo, Ellen Juhasz, Mark Tonner-Joyce & Pat Cummins.

More Sailors at more clubs sailing Ilca's

More clubs have seen the light. The message has finally seeped through that the way to build fleets is via the Ilca 4 pathway.

The following clubs have contracted coaches running Ilca transition & training programs- RBYC, SYC, SSCBC, & RMYS.

Smaller clubs are running scheduled Ilca training programs using paid or volunteer session coaches. These clubs include Royal Geelong YC, Blairgowrie YS, McCrae YC, Mornington and Albert Park YC.

The future for ILCA's in Victoria is looking great.

I move that my report be accepted.

Andrew Crawshaw.

Chair- ILCAVic.



ILCA NSW & ACT Report to ILCA Australia AGM 5th January 2026

ILCA NSW ACT District Sailing

We ran four very successful NSW & ACT events last season with a total participation of 280. Our largest event was the State Masters at South Lakes with 107 boats. We had 75 boats at the State Open & Youth Championships at GRSC, Metros at HHSC (53) and Coasts at GSC (45) all sailed in great conditions.



A frequent winner at our events – Sylvie Stannage in action photo by DBSC

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.

A quick count of ILCA District, National and Australian Sailing events each year comes to 26 add to that 9 World Championships and an increasing number of individual club organised interclub regattas and our ILCA calendar is pretty much full to overflowing.

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

We attempt to share regatta venues around. Our program for season 2026/27 is open so if your club has an interest in running any of our events please be in touch. We manage and

fund prizes, handouts, entry registration, scoring etc and we pay the host club to cover their costs incurred in running the event for us.

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.

International Sailing

NSW & ACT sailors were well represented in the 48 sailors who competed in 8 of the 9 Open and Youth ILCA World Championships in the year. There were 29 men and boys and 19 women and girls in the 8 teams.

Congratulations to Healy Ryan who along with Queensland sailor were selected by Australian Sailing to represent Australia in the World Sailing 2025 World Youth Championships in Portugal in December. Good luck and good sailing for them.

30 NSW & ACT sailors competed in the 450 boat ILCA 6 & 7 World Championships. The Australian team of 54 won four first place cubes in the event with locals Lyndall Patterson, Brett Beyer, Rob Lowndes on the podium.



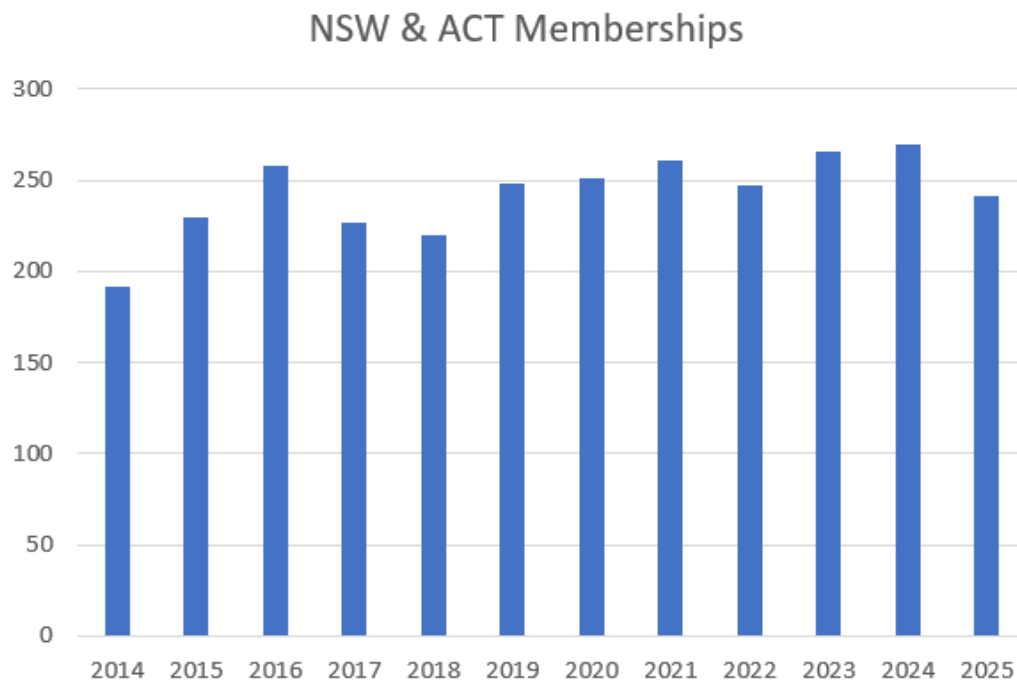
Women's Regatta Vaucluse Yacht Club

The Women's Regatta at VYC on 22 March saw an impressive turnout, with 38 sailors hitting the water, including 10 in the combined Green Fleet.

The day started with a morning yoga session, providing a calm and energizing start for the sailors. It was followed by workshops. After racing on the Vaucluse YC Sydney Harbour iconic course the event concluded with a prize-giving ceremony a quite special discussion on the VYC veranda at sunset with three guest panellists, all world class women sailors.

Thanks to session leaders, panellists and to the VYC and their enthusiastic volunteers for a great and informative day.

NSW/ACT Membership



Our District membership for the year was marginal down at 241 which is also the average overage of membership over the past 12 years.

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.

For the past two seasons we have included 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.

Laser Sailors Re-union Lunch

Over 90 current and past Laser sailors pictured below enjoyed a long lunch reunion at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Newport NSW on Sunday 8 June.

The lunch was organised and MCed by Andrew York and concluded with a Q & A with hugely successful Olympic sailor, coach and six times Laser Australian Champion Michael Blackburn.



Australian Class Builder PSA

The Spencer family of New Zealand decided to exit their long held interest in Performance Sailcraft Australia and the business was sold to Performance Marine Group owned by British fin-tech entrepreneur Nick Ogden. Nick has set up a fabulous new factory facility at Morisset and began production mid-year using original PSA Laser moulds.



Due to a dispute (currently before the High Court in New Zealand) about ILCA's requirement for PSA to move hull production to using new ILCA supplied moulds as used by all nine other World builders, on 27 August ILCA withdrew PSA's builder permission. The NZ court instructed ILCA to restore PSA builder's approval on 30 October pending its final decision.

District Administration

Hopefully we are keeping sailors informed on sailing, events, results and Laser sailing happenings through laser.asn.au. We try not to barrage members and others on our email list with too many messages. We currently have more than 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 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.

After 14 years unchanged we are looking forward to new leadership with fresh vision and ideas going forward from next season.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association



QILCA Report to AusILCA AGM – 5 Jan 2026

As at December 2025

The past twelve months has been a positive year for ILCA Queensland with stable membership and healthy regatta numbers.

Open and Youth Nationals: Our 2025 started with a bang as we hosted the Open and Youth National Titles at RQYS attracting a very healthy 226 entries across ILCA 4 (95), ILCA 6 (86) and ILCA 7 (45). We were ably supported by the very professional regatta management and excellent venue provided by RQYS.

QLA Regattas:

State Championships: For our State titles this year we travelled some 8 hours drive north of Brisbane to Keppel Bay Sailing Club, Yeppoon and enjoyed the amazing new multi-storey facilities, lawns and hospitality of KBSC. The 3-day event across 11-13 April attracted 52 entries across ILCA 4 (32), 6 (13) and 7 (8), down from over 100 entries in previous years. Whilst the numbers were down we were pleased to be able to support the growing profile of KBSC. Their support to complete the regatta in challenging conditions was greatly appreciated.

This year, our States will be at Humpybong Yacht Club from 11-12 April. It is scheduled for school holidays, 1 week after the Mono Masters at Lake Cootharaba with camping available at both venues.

South Pacific Laser Masters: SPLM held across 25-28 July is gradually getting back towards it's pre-Covid profile with 59 entries across ILCA 4 (6), 6 (29) and 7, (24) including some Kiwis.

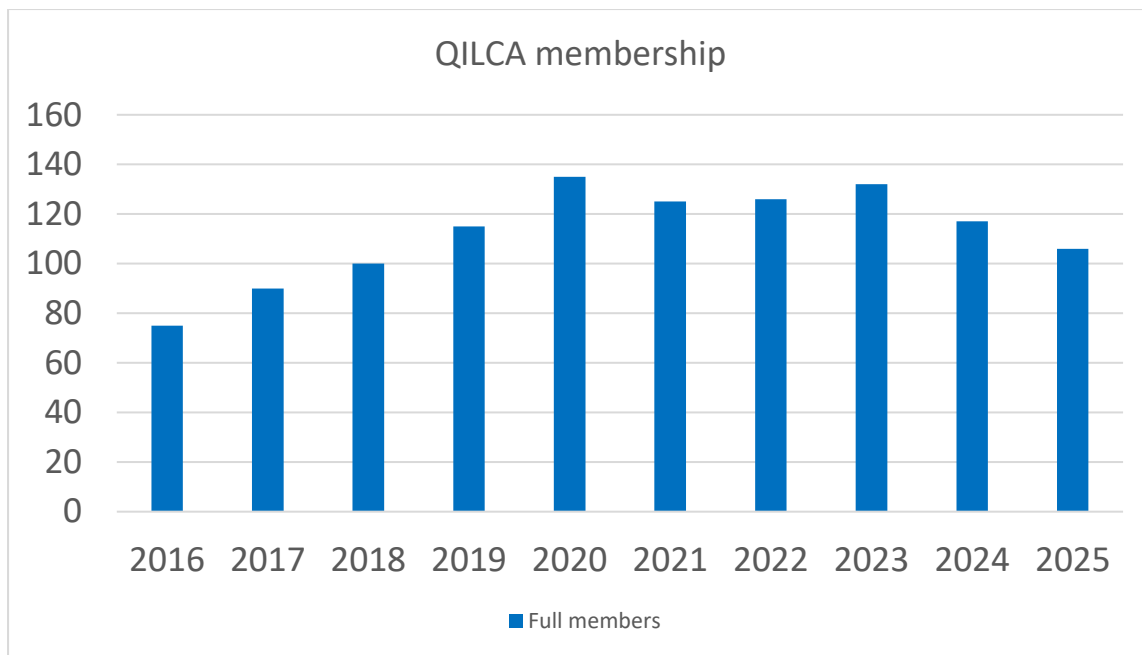
With the Masters Worlds being held in June this year, it is proposed that our July regatta will be a 2-day event open to all comers.

River Championship: The 2025 Rivers regatta in March this year coincided with Cyclone Alfred and was cancelled. The 2026 regatta was scheduled on 26 Oct at Brisbane Sailing Squadron in combination with the Lord Mayors Cup. Combining the event with the Lord Mayors Cup gave it greater profile than previous Rivers events.

Metropolitan Championship: Our Metropolitan Titles for 25-26 have been deferred to 14-15 March to be held offshore from Southport Yacht Club subject to weather that is conducive to a bar crossing.

Membership:

Our membership numbers continue to be historically strong. Membership currently sits at 106 members which is lower than our number from the last few years, most likely due to low attendance at Tas Nationals and our Metro regatta being deferred until the new year. 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 Management Committee: Michael Wilson stood down after 10 years of outstanding contribution as Chair and Phil Danks was elected. We also welcomed Fiona Johnstone as Secretary and Glenn Beebe as Vice-Chair.

Coaching:

The Association facilitated coaching sessions in North Queensland, and SE Qld this year. At the more advanced level a number of Queensland sailors have enjoyed coaching support through Australian Sailing's programs.

Regatta Support:

The Association continued its contributions to travel expenses for members to distant regattas.