



Australian Laser Class Association Inc

Annual General Meeting Minutes

5 January 2020 – 9.00 am

Sandringham Yacht Club, Melbourne, Victoria

Meeting Opened: 9.00 am

1. Attendance

Ken Hurling (QLD, ALCA President), John D’Helin (VIC, ALCA Vice President), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT Chair, ALCA Secretary), Dan Self (QLD Rep), Roger King (TAS Rep), Peter Merritt (VIC), Don Elks (WA, ALCA Youth Representative), Michael McAullay (President WA), Chris Caldecoat (NSW & ACT GM PSA), Clare Alexander (NSW & ACT), Ian Alexander (NSW & ACT), Mike Gluskie (TAS), Michael Smart (TAS), Albert Mahoney (VIC), Scott Newman (SA), Ryan Walker (VIC), Phil Danks (QLD), Frank Grutzner (SA), James Mitchell (VIC), Nev Beeson (VIC), Sue Phillips (NSW & ACT).

2. Apologies: Geoff Lucas (NSW/ACT, ALCA Treasurer), Rob Lowndes (NSW/ACT, ALCA Masters Representative), Gary Martin (NT President), Hugh Hart (SA), Joby Graves (VIC).

3. District Representatives for Voting : Dan Self (QLD), Roger King (TAS), John D’Helin (VIC), Michael McAullay (WA), Kevin Phillips (NSW & ACT), Ken Hurling for Gary Martin (NT)

4. Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Devonport Yacht Club Tasmania 6th January 2019. Moved by Ian Alexander, seconded Dan Self. Minutes accepted.

5. Business arising from Minutes:

Nil – Noted some ongoing issues from the minutes to be brought up in General Business.

6. Reports

ALCA Chairman: Ken Hurling - report attached.

Treasurer: Kevin Phillips – presented Geoff Lucas’ report & profit and loss, balance sheet attached.

Western Australia District: Michael McAullay – presented report attached.

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

South Australia District: Scott Newman - presented report attached.

Queensland District: Dan Self – presented report attached.

Northern Territory: Ken Hurling - presented report attached.

Tasmania District: Roger King – presented report attached.

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

Youth Representative: Don Elks – presented report attached.

Masters Representative: Kevin Phillips presented Rob Lowndes’ report - report attached.

7. Election of Office Bearers

Ken Hurling thanked the office bearers for their sterling efforts 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 – Don Elks and Masters – Rob Lowndes were re-appointed.

9. General Business

New Laser Builders: Ken Hurling extended thanks to the ILCA for their efforts in the successful retention of Olympic equipment for the class. He also mentioned ILCA’s ongoing work to meet the conditions of the Olympic equipment agreement with World Sailing.

Ken Hurling and Chris Caldecoat provided the following information on the new Laser builder arrangements.

- New builders are required to meet the World Sailing (WS) terms for the class to remain Olympic. The new agreement with WS requires that all builders who are competent can be offered the opportunity to build Lasers and that the selection process for new builders is fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND). There is a very good post covering the background, necessity and process for this on the ILCA web site at <https://www.laserinternational.org/blog/2020/01/05/international-laser-class-association-the-past-present-and-future-of-our-class/>
- A process managed by Nick Page President of New Zealand Lasers is underway to identify and select additional Laser builders to the current two – with the largest Laser builder Laser Performance (LP) being the first to be hopefully brought back into the fold under the new WS FRAND terms.
- 39 enterprises have expressed interest in becoming a new Laser builder though it is expected that only 4 or 5 additional builders will be viable.
- There is a priority focus on Europe where LP the current builder is yet to resign and Asia where there is a burgeoning interest in Lasers and sailing. North and South America are also welcoming the possibility of improved supply and servicing of their market which some local builder/s could provide.

Carbon Radial Bottom Section: Finally the long awaited carbon Radial bottom mast section has been approved for use from February 2020 however for category 1 and 2 Laser Radial events the new mast section will be used only after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The new mast section can be used from February in District and National events.

- The proposed new section would have a stainless steel sleeve to eliminate wear at the deck.
- The cost of the new section will be around \$1,300 – current aluminium section is \$440.

Improvements to Laser hull and equipment: Chris Caldecoat reported on changes now made to improve the longevity of the hull and blades and to track class legal hulls and parts of the Laser.

These changes have been in the wind for some time. And have now been approved by ILCA.

- Centreboards and rudders will have a clear epoxy trailing edge which will reduce chipping which happens at present due to the trailing edge being gel coated with fillers included. See photos below for examples in use at the National Championships at Sandringham.
- All Lasers and equipment going forward will be fitted with a 2D bar code which will allow identification of hulls and parts traceable back to the manufacturer. See photo below. The database and arrangements are just being put in place and will apply to newly supplied equipment.

In addition Chris in discussing a Laser Performance breach in construction gave an overview of proposed production changes by both PSA and PSJ to bring their boats into line with these changes. The changes proposed are to the hull laminate layup to strengthen around the centreboard and the transom. These changes have been made to reduce damage not to make the boat faster or slower. Chris explained that all changes have to be approved at ILCA World Council if it is decided to move forward.

Nationals Boat Measurement: The problems with over thick centreboards at measurement was discussed.

- A number of boards were found at Nationals measurement to be oversized and these had to be replaced or sanded down.
- There were reported to be ripples at the fraction of a mm level in the boards. As they are made to be as close to the maximum thickness as possible this can cause problems.
- It was explained that while there had been a batch of too thick boards some years ago this supply was now under control.
- Metal gauges were provided to all Districts for them to accurately check their fleet's boards.
- There are some less accurate gauges some made of plastic in use. These are good in that they don't scratch the boards but they flex and are not accurate enough for measurement and should not be used.

In other respects the Nationals measurement of 265 boats was reported as having gone well.

C5 Rig Status – Chris Caldecoat outlined the progress with the introduction of the C5 rig.

- While the rig is meeting its objectives and has been positively received by trialists its introduction has been delayed due to some technical issues and need for fine tuning of the components.
- PSA has 20 C5 rigs 10 of which have been sold.
- The C5 is not a replacement for the 4.7 and is in fact proving similar in performance to the Radial. The aim is a very gradual introduction alongside the existing rigs with the C5 aimed to appeal to graduates into the class from Optis.
- Politically we need to be seen to be looking and evaluating new, and testing the waters with the C rig is looking into the future.
- The rig is more modern, easier to depower and better balanced than the 4.7 and is expected to have strong appeal in some (but not all) markets.
- Chris quoted Tracy Usher ILCA President that the Laser is nearly 50 years old and that it is difficult to see it surviving and thriving in another 50 years without a path for gradual evolution. The C5 (and later potentially C6 and C8) are steps in this direction.

Additional Equipment Supply Issues – Chris Caldecoat reported additional equipment supply issues.

- An agreement is now signed off by the Spencer family (owners of PSA) for the supply of 300 new Lasers for World Championships.
- World championships will become supplied sails events.
- North Sails are looking to sell sails direct through their loft network globally. North, Hyde and Pryde Sails will still be through dealers and builders.

Meeting closed 10.36 am

Kevin Phillips
Secretary ALCA



ALCA **Australian Laser Class Association**

President's Report to ALCA AGM Sandringham Yacht Club 5 January 2020

Australian National Events



I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the volunteers from the Tasmanian Laser Class Association the Mersey Yacht Club and from Devonport and further afield in Tasmania for their fabulous work in running our Laser Class Australian Nationals and Oceania Sailing Championships from 1st to 8th January in 2019. I would also like to thank the Devonport Council, Mayor Annette Rockliff and the local State members Adan Brooks MP for their strong support of our event.

We have run these Championships annually since 1975 and seldom have we benefited from the tremendous support of the local community as we have in Devonport in 2019.

Congratulations to the Mersey Yacht Club and its officials as well as the other sailing officials from northern Tasmanian clubs and elsewhere who committed their time and skill to make the Laser Championships the success it was.

The great work of the Victorian Laser Association under John d'Helin and their 2020 Committee has resulted in the Laser Summer of Sailing of which the National Championships currently underway are part. The World, Oceania, National and District events have attracted over 1,200 entries and huge international interest and local support.

These events I believe will provide a major boost for Laser sailing in Australia for years to come. Well done everyone who has contributed to the initiative to host these events and the very many involved in organising and running them.

District Membership

We are retaining the rotation arrangement to allow all Australian Districts irrespective of size to have their turn to run our National Championships. We hope by this mechanism to help the smaller districts to attract the best sailors to sail with them but also to have their sailors travel to other waters and experience a wide range of conditions sailing against some of the best Laser sailors in the World. We are hoping to increase membership in the districts as well as promoting participation in our sport.

Membership numbers are used by ILCA to determine the number of places we can get in limited entry World Championships and help us in lobbying for hosting of World Championship events.

The graph and table attached shows that on a per capita basis Oceania Region is batting above all the others in this metric. However we think there is more we can do to attract the very many Laser sailors who sail at club level to join and become involved with ALCA. The second set of numbers on the attachment show the Australian district's six year average and per capita memberships. It shows some interesting differences between the Australian Districts.

New C5 Rig

Julian Bethwaite is now taking orders for the C5 Rig. The introduction of the C5 is following the same pathway as the Radial and the 4.7.

Your local Laser supplier is the best first port of call if you are interested or check online or call me and I will send you in the right direction.

The people, both young and old, who have sailed the C5 have commented how easy it is to sail. I see this new rig being most attractive to sailors that will never be Radial weight especially woman and maybe some older gents.

International Class Issues

On the International front it has been a difficult year for the Laser Class with the threat to our class' Olympic status. The class was compelled to open up its builder's arrangements by World Sailing as a condition of their agreeing to retain the Laser in the Olympics. The three builders could not agree among themselves to the changes needed by the WS set deadline of 31st July. It thus became necessary for the ILCA to change the class rules to meet WS's requirements to remain Olympic.

The vote for the rule change was passed with an 80% Yes vote (2/3rds majority was required). The Yes vote was strongly supported by all our Oceania Districts with a strong turn out and a 97% Yes vote. Other Regions recorded similar strong support for the change and remaining Olympic with Europe the major exception with a low turn-out and a 38% Yes vote. Thanks to all who took the trouble to vote.

ILCA have now signed contracts with WS for the next two Olympics (Paris and Los Angeles) and additional builders will be online by mid to late 2020. This should greatly improve the supply of boats and equipment in large parts of the World where this has been problematic in the past.

In addition to focussed attention on Olympic retention and subsequent new builder arrangements ILCA has had a busy year with the following big ticket issues covered at the ILCA World Council Meeting which I attended in Texas in November;

- Moving the radial carbon bottom section to become class legal after the Tokyo Olympics i.e. by September 2020.
- Filling the void left by the passing of Jeff Martin in WS engagement and technical oversight of new builders to ensure uniformity of equipment.
- Clive Humphris has audited all factories and reports that manufacturers continue to produce hulls within tight limits, facilitating the true one-design aspect of our competitions.
- Chief Measurer Aileen Loo is in the process of re-writing the Laser Class rules to conform to World Sailing's Equipment Rules format.
- Plans are in discussion for ways to help emerging sailing nations to develop resources and infrastructure in the sport of sailing with the initial focus initiatives for Africa.
- I raised the issue of supply of third-party insurance for sailors competing in international events options for which are now being investigated by the ILCA office.
- With the approach of the 50-year anniversary of the Laser Class, there are plans to review the ILCA Constitution and see what changes might help improve governance for the next 50 years.

I put forward a proposal on class future planning and the ILCA World Council did conduct a future planning session where some time was spent discussing the long-term future of the class. The common themes of which were;

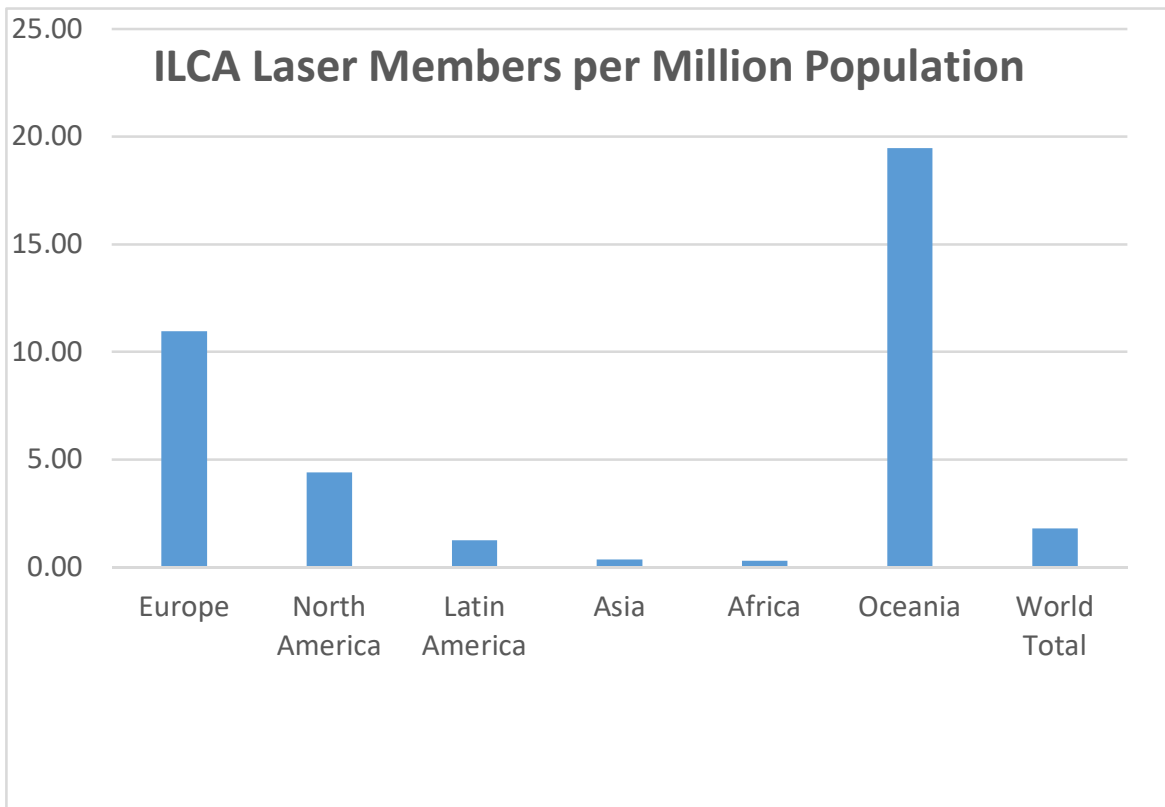
- The importance of maintaining and developing the grassroots of the class.
- The critical role of club and fleet level sailing towards continued long-term success.
- Keeping the sport enjoyable for sailors at all skill levels.
- Providing opportunities to participate in class events, whether it is informal club level events, school programs, Masters Competitions, National, Regional and World championships, or even the Olympic Games.

In closing I must thank the ALCA Committee for the great work they do for our Class. Thanks to Kevin Phillips, Geoff Lucas, John d'Helin, Rob Lowndes and Don Elks for their work supporting all Australian Laser sailors.

Thanks everyone for great year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ken Hurling OAM Chairman ALCA

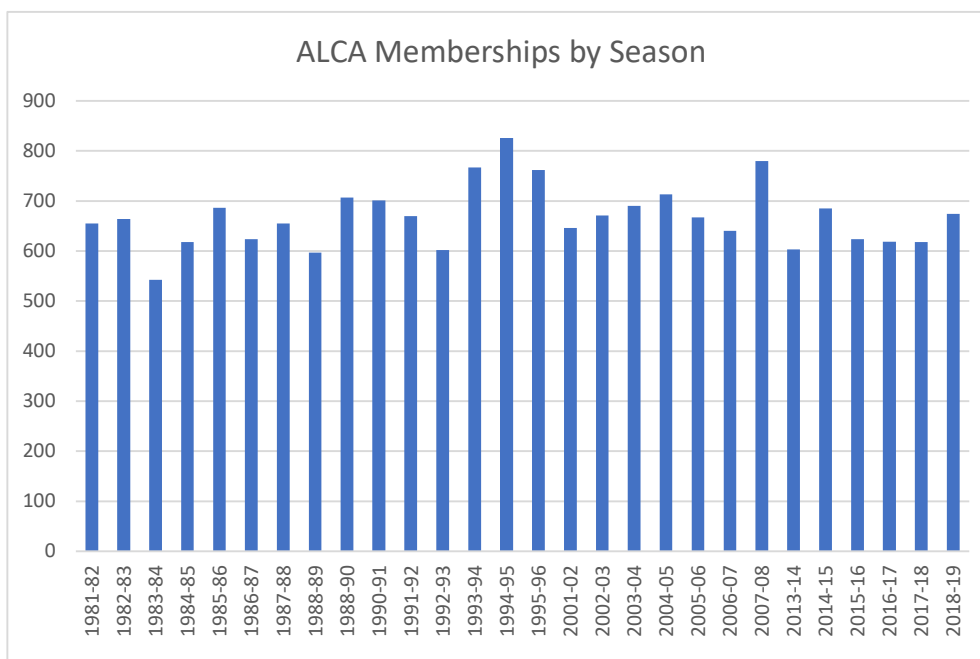
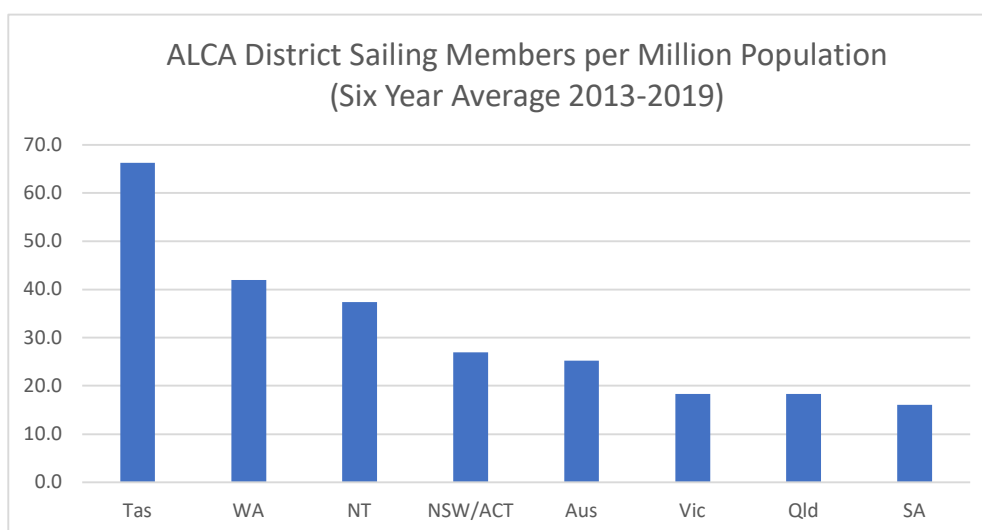


ILCA Members per Million Population

| Region | Mem/Pop | Members | Population |
|---------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Europe | 10.96 | 8,124 | 741 |
| North America | 4.40 | 1,607 | 365 |
| Latin America | 1.26 | 809 | 642 |
| Asia | 0.37 | 1,642 | 4,463 |
| Africa | 0.30 | 368 | 1,216 |
| Oceania | 19.45 | 817 | 42 |
| World Total | 1.79 | 13,367 | 7,469 |

ALCA Laser District Memberships 2013-2019

| District | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | Six Year Average | State Pop (000's) ABS Mar 2019 | Avg Reg per 1 M Pop |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tas | 29 | 30 | 38 | 37 | 43 | 35 | 35 | 533 | 66 |
| WA | 129 | 121 | 106 | 104 | 102 | 96 | 110 | 2,615 | 42 |
| NT | 10 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 245 | 37 |
| NSW/ACT | 196 | 230 | 254 | 227 | 220 | 248 | 229 | 8,497 | 27 |
| Vic | 140 | 148 | 118 | 129 | 116 | 144 | 133 | 6,566 | 20 |
| Qld | 64 | 114 | 75 | 90 | 101 | 115 | 93 | 5,076 | 18 |
| SA | 35 | 31 | 22 | 26 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 1,749 | 16 |
| Aus | 603 | 685 | 624 | 619 | 618 | 674 | 637 | 25,281 | 25 |



Treasurer's Report Year Ended 30 June 2019

My apologies for not being able to attend this year's AGM.

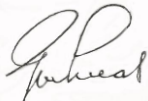
You will see from the financial statements, the operations for the above financial year resulted in a net surplus of \$2,281.64.

You will note from the Income & Expenditure Account, total income from district levies of \$4,941.00 was up slightly on the previous year's figure. There were a total of 618 financial members in Australia for the 2017-2018 sailing season (which figure includes life members). The expenses were also down from those of the previous year as hosting grants for the current financial year were paid in advance to the relevant bodies in the previous financial year. The 3rd Party Liability Insurance premium of \$1,364.00 covers all state and territory districts for that liability.

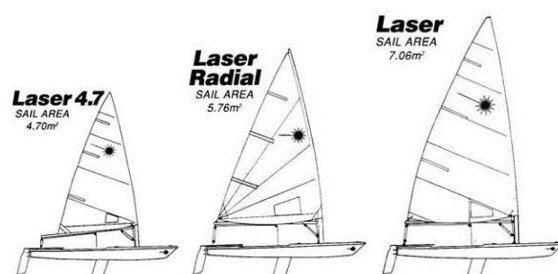
In the Balance Sheet, the Westpac current account balance at 30 June 2018 of \$19,626.74 also includes remaining trust funds held on behalf of Radial Youth Worlds contestants which were held in 2018. The Net Assets figure of \$18,330.78 represents the actual funds owned by the Association.

As in previous years, ALCA acts as a "banker" for the contributions paid by the above youth contestants. From those contributions and subsidies received from Australian Sailing, ALCA pays for the costs of RIB hire, fuel, coaches' air fares, coaches' accommodation costs and other small expense items. The budgets for those events are prepared by Don Elks and I again wish to thank Don for his meticulous work in that regard.

Thank you



Geoff Lucas
Hon. Treasurer
27 August 2019





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ABN 47 884 970 979

Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year Ended 30th June 2019

| <u>2018</u> | | <u>2019</u> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| | <u>Income</u> | |
| | Membership Subscriptions | |
| 1,759.25 | NSW & ACT | 1,760.00 |
| 999.75 | Victoria | 928.00 |
| 697.50 | Queensland | 808.00 |
| 201.50 | South Australia | 240.00 |
| 806.00 | Western Australia | 816.00 |
| 277.50 | Tasmania | 344.00 |
| 46.50 | Northern Territory | 45.00 |
| <u>4,788.00</u> | | <u>4,941.00</u> |
| | <u>Other Income</u> | |
| 23.40 | Interest Received | 21.56 |
| <u>4,811.40</u> | <u>Total Income</u> | <u>4,962.56</u> |
| | <u>Expenses</u> | |
| 4,000.00 | Nationals Hosting Grant | - |
| 2,000.00 | World Hosting Grant | - |
| 220.00 | Australian Sailing-Affiliation Fee | 226.12 |
| 424.85 | Website Hosting | 259.85 |
| 1,240.09 | Travelling Expenses-President | - |
| 45.00 | Filing Fees-Annual Return | 46.00 |
| - | Trophy Engraving | 34.95 |
| - | Newsletter Subscription | 750.00 |
| 92.90 | Laser Measuring Templates | - |
| 1,347.50 | 3rd Party Liability Insurance | 1,364.00 |
| <u>9,370.34</u> | <u>Total Expenses</u> | <u>2,680.92</u> |
| <u>- 4,558.94</u> | <u>Surplus of Income over Expenditure (2018 Loss)</u> | <u>2,281.64</u> |



Australian Laser Class Association Inc.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2019

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| <u>2018</u> | | <u>2019</u> |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| | <u>Current Asset</u> | |
| 28,406.98 | Westpac -Current Account | 19,626.74 |
| <u>28,406.98</u> | <u>Total Assets</u> | <u>19,626.74</u> |
| | <u>Less Liabilities</u> | |
| - | Trust Funds Radial Youth Worlds 2018 | 1,295.96 |
| 900.00 | Trust Fund -U21 Worlds | - |
| <u>11,475.84</u> | Trust Funds 4.7 Youth Worlds | - |
| <u>12,357.84</u> | <u>Total Liabilities</u> | <u>1,295.96</u> |
| <u>16,049.14</u> | <u>Net Assets</u> | <u>18,330.78</u> |
| | <u>Represented by Members' Funds</u> | |
| 20,608.08 | Retained Earnings as at 1st July 2018 | 16,049.14 |
| <u>- 4,558.94</u> | <u>Add Current Tear Surplus (2018 Loss)</u> | <u>2,281.64</u> |
| <u>\$ 16,049.14</u> | <u>Total Equity</u> | <u>\$ 18,330.78</u> |



Laser

NSW/ACT District



Chairman's Report to ALCA AGM 5th January 2020 NSW & ACT Laser Association

NSW/ACT District Sailing

We ran four major District regattas throughout the year. Our States and States Masters are our cube regattas while the Metropolitan and Coast Championships are normally run in Sydney and outside respectively.

We had 94 entries for States at Georges River in November. More than 70 for the Coast Championships in October. Our State Masters in March was a great event at a favourite location at South Lakes. This saw 123 sailors enjoy fabulous sailing conditions. The Metropolitan Championship later in March at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club was a great event but for the biblical rain which 67 sailors braved.

All up we had some 360 entries for our events for the year.

We attempt to share regatta venues around. Our State Masters will be held this season for the first time at Lake Jindabyne. The locals are very keen and the event should be a great lead up to the National Regional and World Masters Championships scheduled for early in 2020 in Geelong.

We have had to be flexible with our 2020 regattas fitting in and around the Nationals, Oceania and World Laser events at Sandringham. As well we were forced to make a late change to the date for Metropolitan Championships at Double Bay Sailing Club thanks to the Sail GP making a late decision on their Sydney Harbour leg and NSW RMS decision to close the Harbour for them on the Saturday of our event.

The Women's Laser Regatta in September hosted by Double Bay Sailing Club was again a great success and was fully subscribed. The two-day event comprised yoga each morning, on and off the water coaching clinic, debrief and Q&A, dinner at DBSC and racing all Sunday and the prize giving. Well done the top organising team of Clare Alexander, Christine Patton, and Christine Linhart at DBSC and to all the participants.

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. We do pay \$1,000 per event per day to the clubs to help cover the costs incurred in running the events for us.

Oceania and Australian Championships 2022

One for longer term planning. We are working towards our opportunity to run the Oceania and Australian Championships in 2022.

The Oceania and Australian Championships will be held 1-8 January 2022 at Georges River Sailing Club. Sailing will be on the fabulous open waters of Botany Bay. Close to the airport and with heaps of accommodation options we hope that this will be a very popular venue.

The Australian and Oceania Masters will be at our favourite venue Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club at Soldiers Point 11-14 February 2022. As many Masters Laser sailors will know this is a great sailing and vacation location. There is lots of accommodation at all price points and plenty of activities and things to do for accompanying family.

International Sailing

Congratulations to the many NSW & ACT sailors who competed in various Laser World Championship events.

In the Laser World Championships at the Olympic venue Sakaiminato City, Japan Tom Burton won with Matt Wearn 2nd – a great result for Australia. Two Kiwis George Gautrey and Sam Meech were 3rd and 4th so Men's Laser sailing in our neck of the woods looks to be in great shape.

Zac West finished a close second in the Men's Radial Worlds also at Sakaiminato, Japan.

15 NSW/ACT Laser Masters Sailors competed in the World Masters at Port Zélande, Netherlands in September. There were 28 Australian entries in the 300 boat event. Well done Jeff Loosemore winning the Radial Rig Great Grand Masters at the event.

NSW/ACT Membership

Our District membership for the year increased 13% to 248 for 2018/19 season.

We pass more than half of our collected membership fees onto ALCA and ILCA 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 international events.

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 endless messages. We currently have 510 people choosing to remain on our email distribution list which shows the strength of interest in Laser Sailing in NSW and ACT.

A special thank you to our own small team of helpers in particular R.O. Andrew McLachlan, our treasurer Geoff Lucas, race secretary Sue Phillips, regatta helpers David & Elaine Edmiston, VC and measurer John Sprague, Youth representative Finn Alexander, advisor and Masters Representative Rob Lowndes for their work 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.

Cheers

Kevin Phillips
Chair NSW/ACT Laser Association



District Report to AGM 2020

As season started we have shown a small increase in membership. Through the efforts of our secretary Anthony Roe at Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club our youth 4.7 division is very much on the rise.

In between our youth and masters there is quite a gap. With current and future youth in the class, the hope is they will transition to senior sailors.

Two of our youth that have had several seasons experience have now taken up coaching roles

The other States have embraced our National Regattas in recent years, this was evident in 2010 and again in 2017 in particular. We have been very grateful for the positive feedback received post Nationals.

This was due in no small way to our great race management personnel and volunteers

It may seem that in return we appear not to be supporting nationals in any numbers.

In South Australia the sport overall has diminished with fewer people participating.

All we can do is encourage our sailors to continue and stimulate membership with coaching and events along with supporting sailing at club level.

Early September we engaged Rhett Gowans from Melbourne for a coaching clinic at Adelaide Sailing Club

There were twenty registrations which was a good turnout for our small membership.

Our State championship where hosted by Henley Sailing Club in October and again a good turn out with 22 registrations. Henley now has 10 Lasers mostly masters with youth sailors starting to sail.

Rhett was back in Adelaide November 16 – 19 for the Australian Sailing SA youth clinic.

30 boats attended and we are pleased to say, 17 registrations were Lasers

15 boats were 4.7 Youth with 2 masters

This year for the Nationals at Sandringham, 5 of our youth have entered in 4.7s along with one senior entry in the Radial division. The youth sailors are continuing onto Sorrento.

In Geelong we have five masters entered for the National and World Masters in March.

We wish the Victorian Laser Association and all involved the summer of 2020 every success with such a huge program of events on Pt Phillip.

Steve Sampson
for SA Laser Association

Queensland Laser Association

Chairpersons Report 2019 - 2020

ALCA Annual General Meeting Melbourne 2019-20.

In the 12 months previous to the last AGM QLA instigated a five point plan to increase the number of Laser sailors and improve the experience within the QLA for sailors. We continue to work on these five action areas:

1. **Women's Regatta:** The QLA is committed to holding a two day Women's Regatta in the coming twelve months. Plans were well advanced to hold this at DPSS this season but had to be cancelled as DPSS received a grant to upgrade their Women amenities and work has commenced. This event will include coaching, morning yoga, guest speaker and racing.
2. **Transition to Laser:** We are making progress in holding a number of "Sail a Laser" days in conjunction with junior classes to assist junior sailors move up from their class to a Laser.
3. **Laser Camaraderie:** We are looking to build a stronger camaraderie between all Laser sailors, to assist with retention of sailors. As a first step we have implemented a buddy system for new Laser sailors. George Meikle has asked a person at eleven sailing clubs in SEQ to take on the onus of being or appointing a Laser Buddy to help any new Laser sailors.
4. **Web Site and promotional material:** We have made some changes to our web site to make it more attractive.
5. **Assistance to clubs:** A number of clubs have nominated the provision of 4.7 equipment as something that will help them get juniors and lighter sailors into Lasers. We have sourced and sold at subsidized prices four 4.7 rigs to clubs to help get juniors into Lasers.

New Initiatives; While we continue to work on these five action areas we have also instigated a few new initiatives.

- a) **North Queensland sub-committee:** Earlier this year we established a sub-committee comprising of North Queensland representatives and myself to advise the QLA of ways in which we can support Laser sailing in NQ.
- b) **Coaching Programme SEQ:** Our major initiative in SEQ was to introduce a 10 week planned coaching programme on every second Sunday during October, November and December in the Brisbane region. This has proven to be very successful with entrants across all rigs and age groups and at this stage we plan to repeat it next season. The benefit of this programme over the traditional weekend camps is that it is planned to progressively cover most points of Laser sailing.
- c) **North Queensland Coaching:** Matt Himson who is resident in Airlie Beach has also conducted two weekend coaching workshops at Mission Beach and Bowen. The large travel distances in North Queensland mean that participants have to devote significant time and money to attend these coaching camps and QLA remains committed to supporting these coaching camps to assist QLA members in the north.
- d) **Membership and Financial Year changes:** In order to streamline both our membership and financial year reporting we have decided to change these to more closely align with the sailing season. As a result, QLA memberships will be due by 1st September and the financial

reporting year will also be changed to match. Next year members will receive a notice in August advising that QLA membership is due by 1st September.

e) **Moving Event booking and website to AS supported standard:** QLA will trial moving our web platform to the “Revolutionise Sport” platform. The first stage will be to move membership and bookings and if we are satisfied follow this up by moving the web site. Key benefits of this change are:

- Linking of membership data to entries for events;
- Integration of events to web site (notification, etc);
- Commonality across clubs and AS;
- Ability to issue membership invoices – issue 1 month prior to falling due;

Other matters

1. **Travel Grants:** QLA offers members three travel grants:
 - a. **Regional Travel grant** to incentivize our members in regional areas who have to travel further to our regattas and other events than those of us in the south east corner.
 - b. **Australian Laser Championships** travel grant
 - c. **International regattas** travel grant.

The QLA has provided approximately \$3200 in travel Grants to support our members in the previous year.

2. QLA regattas

As a result of the various World championships being held in Melbourne in January, February and March 2020 we have rearranged the usual order of our QLA regatta’s for next season to avoid congestion with these regattas. Our provisional regatta timetable for this season is:

- State Championships at Hervey Bay in November 2019.
- Metropolitan Championships at RQYS 8 & 9 February 2020
- North Queensland Championship, Airlie Beach 10-13 April 2020
- River Titles on 26th April 2020 at Tween Valley SC.
- South Pacific Laser Masters Regatta at RQYS July 9-12 July 2020

3. Membership

Current membership is approximately 100 and we expect to see this rise to around 130 by end of season.

4. Financial

Our financial situation remains strong with a modest increase in funds over last year.

Michael Wilson



QLA Chairperson 1/1/2020



Tasmanian District Laser Association

5th January 2020

2020 ALCA AGM – TDLA Presidents Report

The 2019 Sailing season was notable for the TDLA rising to the challenge of running the 2019 Oceania and Australian National Championships. The MYC and TDLA worked together to run the 2019 National and Oceania Championship with the MYC hosting the off water events and the TDLA the on water side. Support for the regatta involved the resources of seven clubs across the state including every club in the north of the state. This was either through the supply of RIBs, volunteers or equipment. The Australian Laser Class association and Yachting Australia assisted with documents and process. Peter Merritt as PRO, Mike Darby and Gary Hosie as RO's, Neville Beeson as Measurer, Wayne Thompson and his international Jury all did a superb job. All these volunteers, supporters and sponsors ensured a memorable 12 race open water regatta. Additionally, the funding allowed for a capability boost with improved infrastructure and regatta resources. The successful running this event has upskilled all those involved for future events. The welcome and presentation ceremonies reinforced Tasmania's reputation for hospitality. The TDLA returned a respectable profit for their efforts and purchased a four stroke motor for their support RIB.

The TDLA currently has 35 members with more anticipated to transition to the laser this summer. Adele Autcherlonie has a scholarship to the Tasmanian Institute of Sport. Sam King transferred to the Queensland Academy of Sport to source the coaching he requires to go the distance. Two sailors attend world championships and one a Pacific Games.

The challenge remains for the association to attract new members transitioning out of the training classes and maintain the popularity of the laser class. The laser as a boat has no peer in Tasmania which makes it an attractive and affordable option for the progressing one up sailors. Our recruitment is still dependent on the success of the training/junior classes. Several of the major clubs are now realizing the importance of junior and youth sailing to their ongoing viability as yacht clubs; this shall assist the Laser class to maintain its numbers.

The efforts of the ALCA and ILCA in keeping the Laser in the Olympics are to be congratulated. In the coming season we aim to keep the laser in the foreground as the boat of choice. It has been a very productive year and the TDLA is in a very good place to continue to provide service to its membership. We look forward to building upon our recent achievements in the future years so as to maintain the laser as the boat of choice for those wishing to sail for life.

Michal Vincent - President

Roger C King - Vice President and Past President

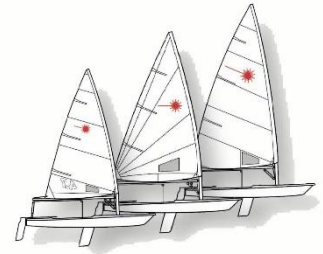
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NT District Laser Class Association (NTDLCA)

Annual report

Laser sailing in the NT continues to gain momentum with 11 financial members of the Lasers Association. Lasers have also been sailed in the Gove Boat Club, Nhulumbuy, until 2016 however due to the increased activity of large crocodiles in the vicinity of the Club Laser sailing was suspended for some time. Recently there has been a growing interest in Lasers in Nhulumbuy and club members have been encouraging private ownership of Lasers to promote the class.

The NTDLCA is a resident Class Association at the Darwin Sailing Club and Lasers compete in weekly club events. A regular fleet of 8 or 9 Lasers were sailed in Darwin in the 2019 season, however due to the Minnow National Championship conducted in Darwin in 2019 some of the younger sailors moved back into the Minnow Class for the Championship. Lasers are not sailed as a class at the Club but are grouped with other dinghies by yardsticks and sailed as a mixed fleet. The Laser is however recognised as a Class in the NT Championship and is sailed as a separate Class with Australian Sailing Medals awarded to placing in the Class providing it can meet the minimum number of 5 entrants.

Although the fleet is small by national standards the NT Sailing Team, recognises the Laser as the ideal dinghy for training and has 8 team members training twice a week in Lasers. This has increased the visibility and popularity of the Laser at the Club and the recognition of the 4.7 rig as a transition from Minnows will help grow the Class. Members of the NT Sailing Team have competed in the Queensland Youth Championship, the Australian Sailing Youth Championship and Australian Laser Championship. There are four NT Laser sailors competing in the 2020 Laser Nationals. One of the more notable NT Laser Sailors, Paris van den Herik, competed in the Pacific Games taking out the bronze medal.

In 2019 the Arafura Games was reinstated as a premium sporting event in the NT with sailing included as one of the core sports for the games. The event was run as match racing in Elliot7 keel boats owned by the Darwin Sailing Club as the most cost efficient event for the sport. Following discussions with the NT Government on using Laser fleet racing in the Games it was felt that due to the high cost of getting a charter fleet to Darwin this was not practical at this early stages of the Games however the NT Government is keen to promote a major Laser in the NT and expressed its willingness to financially back an event in the near future.

Laser sailing is alive and well in the NT and all Laser sailors are invited to visit Darwin and enjoy the sailing. The Association is also keen to encourage all Laser Coaches to come to Darwin to share their skills with our young sailors. The 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
NTDLCA President.



ALCA 2020 AGM - VLA report.

Apologies for a late & truncated report.

Below is the summary of entries for the Laser 2020 regattas as of last Friday. We are expecting there will be further entries trickling in for the master's events in Geelong.

- Complete - VLA State Champs 154 entries
 - Aust Laser Champs 274 entries (70 Standard, 127 Radial, 77 4.7) 34 coach boats
 - Standard Men's Worlds 151 applications - 17 cancellations net 134 - 126 entries completed, 4 active offers - 26 coach boats
 - Radial Women's Worlds 122 applications - 9 cancellations net 113, 106 entries completed, 5 active offers - 33 coach boats
 - Radial Men's Worlds 69 applications - 5 cancellations net 64 - 61 entries completed, 1 active offers - 1 coach boat
 - Oceania @ Sail Melbourne 140 Lasers - Standard 55, Radial 75, 4.7 - 10 (80 international) 16/12/19
 - O&A Masters Geelong 131 entries (Standard 58, Radial 71, 2 4.7) zero coach boats
 - World Masters Geelong 329 applications - 29 cancellations net 300 - 287 entries completed 10 active offers - zero coach boats. (Standard App 18, M 43, GM 52, GGM 20 total 133 - Radial App 6, M 29, GM 65, GGM 39, L 15 total 154))
- A total of 1310 entries.

As expected, membership has increased due to the 2020 events & we expect to finish the season around 150. Growth has come from the 4.7 sailors which is pleasing.

In 2020, post the international events we will be continuing with our pure Laser training program managed by head coach Mark Tonner Joyce.

The VLA committee & in particular those members serving on the 2020 events committee have put in a power of work this year & I can thank them for their events. I would especially like to acknowledge the contribution of committee chair James Mitchell & his wife Chris.

John d'Helin

President VLA



Masters Report for Annual General Meeting

5th January 2020

National Masters Championships

The current policy of holding a combined open/masters nationals in SA, Tas and WA and separate masters in NSW, QLD and Vic continues to work well for most masters. Some found the tough conditions in Devonport quite gruelling. However the ALCA committee believes we must continue to support the open events in the smaller states and that the current policy should continue.

The 2020 event will be held the week before the world masters in Geelong. The same timing was used before the World Masters in Brisbane in 2012 providing a valuable final warmup for competitors and officials.

The 2021 event will be a combined Open and Masters in Freemantle followed by the Open Nationals event at Georges River Sailing Club in January 2022 and the separate Masters at the very popular Port Stephens Sailing and Aquatic Club in February 2022.

World Masters Championships

The 2019 worlds were held in Port Zélande, The Netherlands. Although total numbers competing at 302 were down Australia with 32 entries was about equal in numbers with North America and the UK with the host country dominating. So Australia continues to bat well above our weight in attending world masters championships and in recording podium finishes. Congratulations to Kerry Waraker and Jeff Loosemore for the wins and to Brett Beyer for his second to a former local Olympian.

It is disappointing that the northern hemisphere does not support regattas down under to the same extent. They don't know what they are missing!

The Geelong worlds in March is shaping up to be a great event with 288 entries to date with 111 from overseas.

Rob Lowndes
Chairman ALCA Masters Sub-Committee

ALCA AGM Report - Youth Development Pathway

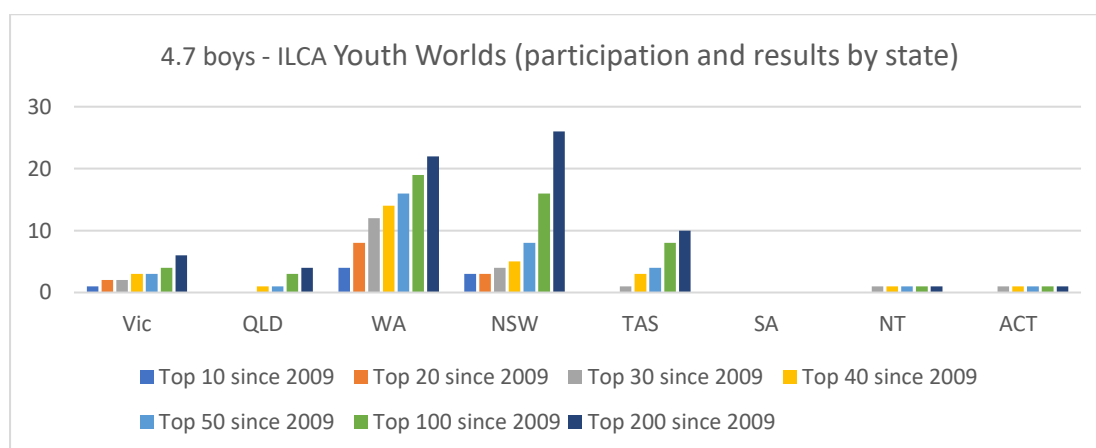
The Australian Laser Class Association formed in 2009. U21 & Youth Laser Class development became subject of a strategy to sustain and grow the Laser class (extended to u23 in 2019).

As part of the strategy ALCA advocated a pathway of events including ALCA States, QLD Midwinters, the Australian Laser Championship and ILCA Worlds in alignment with state and national HP objectives (youth development pathway).

The pathway today in conjunction with Club and Association events is a normal part of Laser sailor development important to growth and sustainability of the Laser Class. ILCA Worlds provides unique experience to improve individual and fleet performances generally.

ILCA Youth Worlds participation & results reports 2009-2019

The graphical data provides a profile of state-by-state participation and results for analysis purposes, an insight into how youth development is performing nationally.



| Participation | Vic | QLD | WA | NSW | TAS | SA | NT | ACT |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Average per annum | 0.5 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Vic: low participation, limited performances may impact training, motivation & retention

Qld: low participation & performances may affect motivation & retention

WA: active participation supports training environment and good results

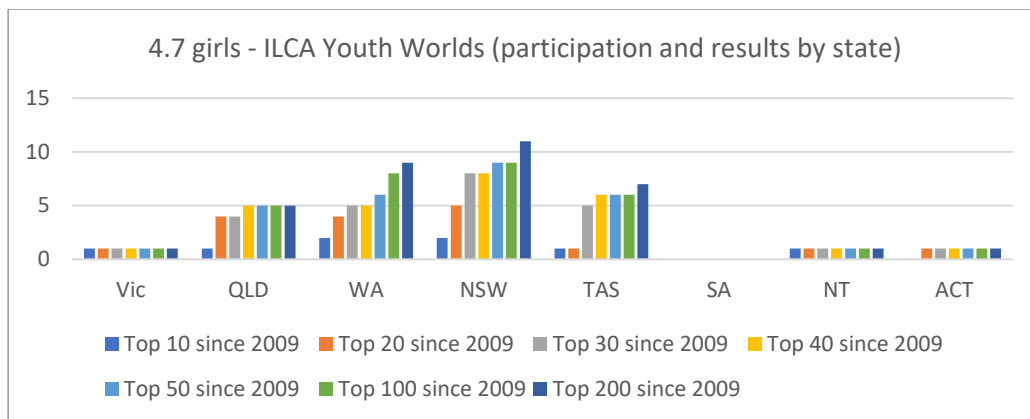
NSW: active participation supports training, limited results may impact retention

Tas: low participation reliant upon boys to support training, motivation & retention

SA: inactive

NT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention

ACT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention



| Participation | Vic | QLD | WA | NSW | TAS | SA | NT | ACT |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Average per annum | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Vic: low participation will limit experience available to improve results, motivation & retention

Qld: low participation may create a reliance on boys' experience to improve results

WA: participation may create a reliance on boys' to build experience to improve results

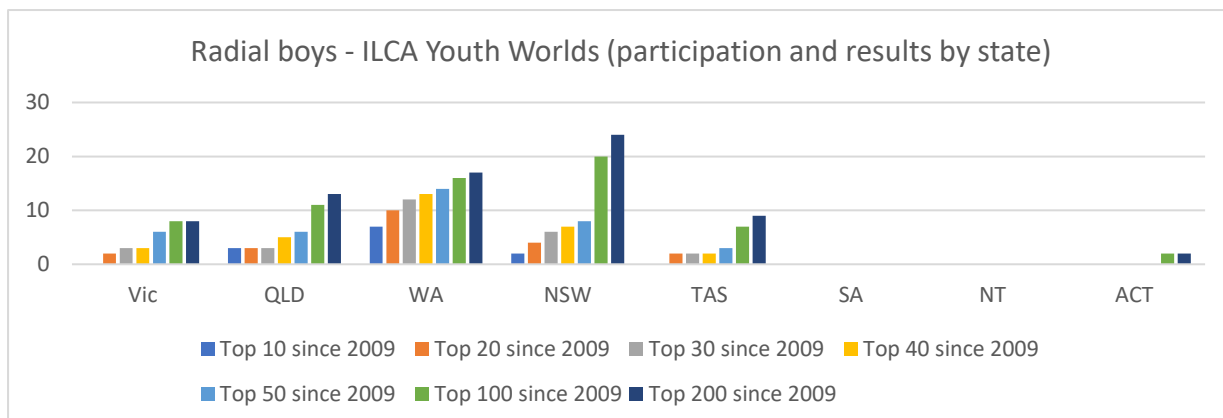
NSW: participation can support improved results, motivation & retention

Tas: low participation may create a reliance on boys to improve results

SA: inactive

NT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention

ACT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention



| Participation | Vic | QLD | WA | NSW | TAS | SA | NT | ACT |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Average per annum | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |

Vic: low participation and experience will tend to limit program quality, motivation & retention

Qld: improving participation builds experience to support improvement, motivation & retention

WA: active participation builds experience to support improvement, motivation & retention

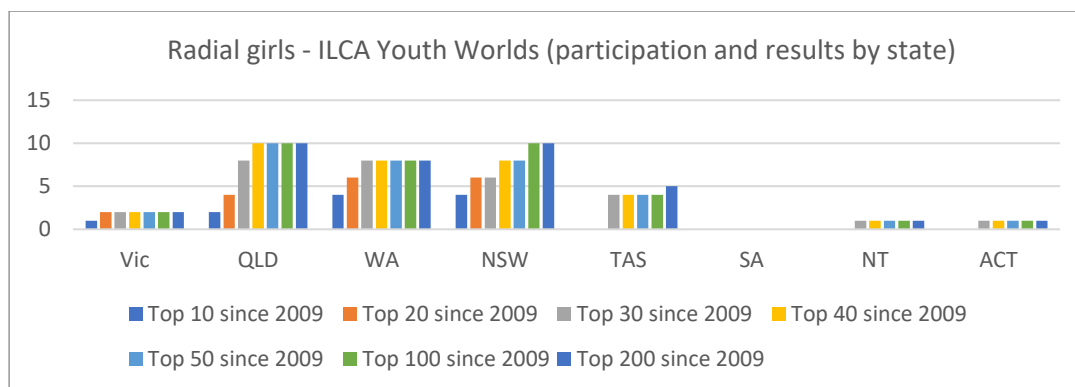
NSW: active participation builds experience to support improvement, motivation & retention

Tas: low participation, 3 in top 50 will limit experience, impact program quality, motivation & retention

SA: inactive

NT: inactive

ACT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention



| Participation | Vic | QLD | WA | NSW | TAS | SA | NT | ACT |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Average per annum | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Vic: low participation will limit experience available to improve results, motivation & retention

Qld: participation can support improved results, motivation & retention

WA: low participation may tend to create a reliance on boys' to build experience to improve results

NSW: participation can support improved results, motivation & retention

Tas: low participation/results may create a reliance on boys' experience to improve results

SA: inactive

NT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention

ACT: low participation, poor results will tend to impact retention

Analysis

ALCA Youth Development pathway has attracting participation from most states. Some states have limited involvement in youth development or are unable to participate at all. The utility and benefit of the pathway varies extremely from state to state.

A graphical progression from top 200 to top 10 with averages above '1' combined with increased participation annually and stepped consistently from inexperience to top 10 results provides a baseline for functional utility with tangible benefits from the pathway. Data falling below baseline are considered to have underdeveloped or undeveloped Laser youth programs.

3 states achieved baseline for youth boys in key states of QLD, NSW & WA, were able to achieve top 10 or 20 results with better participation and retention, a correlation between participation, results and retention.

Tasmanian participation rates appear to build experience in a mixed girls and boys 4.7 fleets but not enough to translate to consistent results. Participation and results in radials underperformed.

Victorian participation rates are low affecting experience necessary to produce competitive results in competition with other states. NT and ACT sailors participation rates are inadequate for developmental purpose, SA has not participates at all.

Participation by gender shows 2 boys for each girl travelling to ILCA Youth Worlds. The correlation between participation, results and retention of girls appears to differ to that of boys. Girls participation rates do not achieve baseline in any state, do not have experience necessary to develop independently of boys. It is questionable whether girls are motivated to participate by boys results.

Summary

The health of the Youth Laser class to attract and retain sailors to the sport is a bellwether to the health of sailing generally. State based youth development utilises experience gained at ILCA events to improve results, participation and retention. Youth sailors who follow the ALCA pathway are reliant on Clubs, state and national authorities to channel their development, much of which are underperforming or not functioning at all.

This report with what appears to be a systemic failure to replenish experienced sailor stocks and build participation in youth sailing has implications for the broader sailing community. ALCA will continue to work with the broader sailing community to address these problems.

Note:

- 1. Top 200 sailor listings are no indicator of future potential, results generally improve with age and experience.*
- 2. Top 10-200 slices quantify experience and participation.*
- 3. 'Average per annum' data score reflects experience that may affect training and developmental activity in each state, a nominal score of '1' indicates that a training program is averaging participation of at least one sailor with international experience per annum. Scores below '1' has implications caused by a less experienced fleet.*
- 4. The report based on averages over past 11 years may not reflect the current situation in the respective state.*
- 5. The term 'participation' assumes sailors attending ILCA Youth Worlds are attending pathway sailing events, club/assoc. training and racing.*