

Presidents Report to 2020/21 Annual General Meeting - 18 Feb 2021

Australian International A-Division Catamaran Association Inc - (AIADCA)

1. 2019-20 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Paynesville Victoria 4th to 10th January 2020.

46 Boats entered with 10 boats unable to attend due to the catastrophic eastern Victorian bushfires. As the venue was directly adjacent to the bush fire disaster zone, some races were abandoned due poor visibility and air quality. In the end a successful 10 race regatta was completed of 20 Classic and 16 Flying entries with Andrew Landenberger and Darren Bundock being crowned Australian Champions in each fleet

2. 2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. Victoria – March 2020 Westernport YC Vic

b. New South Wales – March 2020 – Port Stephens SC NSW

c. Queensland – Postponed at Easter 2020 due to COVID 19 and conducted on 5/6 December 2020 in Hervey Bay QLD.

3. IAN (STORM) JOHNSON

In October 2020, Ian was awarded a Lifetime Achievement award from Australian Sailing for his substantial years of service to sailing. Ian's contribution to State, National and International A Class catamaran associations is well known and appreciated by many. He has been a valuable contributor to the Committee in 2020 as ex-officio member and has agreed to continue in this role again in 2021.

4. IACA WORLD AGM 18 Nov 2020

The meeting minutes are attached FYI. Of note is that Graham Harbour has completed 8 years of service to IACA as finance auditor. Well Done Bags. The full IACA World AGM report is available on the IACA website. Of note is that the proposal to amend Rule 16 (Radio Communications) for World and European Championships did not achieve the required 2/3 majority.

Also of note is that the National bodies endorsed the Classics modification to the Class Rules to be put to a world ballot of individual members. This was completed in January 2021, and passed with a 95% majority.

5. 2020-21 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Port Stephens NSW 30th January - 4th February 2021.

A 4 day /12 race event was completed with 19 Flying and 15 Classic competitors. Congratulations to Stevie Brewin and Andrew Landenberger and adding *another* Championship to their CV.

It was a challenge to hold in regatta with the uncertainties of COVID, but we did. Many thanks to Ian Michie who stepped up as Vice President due to my inability to attend.

6. FUTURE AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stevie Brewin has asked if we can discuss an approach to future National Titles in the context of travel restrictions. I propose we listen to the opinions of the members, and the AIADCA Committee can develop a position for the Association over the next 6 months.

Paul Neeskens

President AIADCA 2020