

SailWellington

A proposal for the restructure of the WYA by Pedro Morgan

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Goals of the Restructure:

- Provide for a more useful and responsive regional sailing body
- To be the primary representative of Wellington sailing at the national level
- To provide services to the region's clubs including
 - Information dissemination assistance
 - Major event planning
 - Resource sharing (including ownership of shared resources)
- To provide for cooperation between clubs and the development of clubs and classes
- To provide oversight for and encourage non-club sailing initiatives such as MYST, ICYA, PNYT and the MRX fleet.
- To promote and facilitate learn to sail programs
- To promote and facilitate social grade sailing
- To promote and facilitate high performance sailing

Process:

Consultation

1. Distribute proposal before WYA executive meeting 2 September 2004.
2. Consultation Process:
 - (a) Written feedback to be sent to WYA;
 - (b) Written feedback distributed to all clubs by email;
 - (c) Public meeting and discussion (to coincide with the WYA AGM)
 - (d) Redraft of rules and revised proposal
 - (e) Final submissions

Decision Making

The final decision to proceed with the proposal or abandon it will be made at a special general meeting of the WYA.

Implementation

1. WYA Special General Meeting / SailWellington Initial Council Meeting
 - (a) Election of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodores (Race Management, Junior and Youth, Adult Centreboard and Multihull, Keelboat and Traileryacht)
2. Initial meetings of the Working Committee's (SGM plus 14 days)

Detail:

Name and Brand

The Wellington Yachting Association would be re-branded to become 'SailWellington'.

The President and Vice-President would become the Commodore and Vice-Commodore. A Rear-Commodore will chair each working committee.

SailWellington Council:

- Made up of representatives of member clubs and interested bodies. Each member club may nominate up to two representatives. Each club to have one vote. Interested bodies may nominate one representative and will have no vote. Interested bodies may include MUST, ICYA, PNYT, NZTYA, Coast Guard, Regional Council.
- The council's role is to guide the Executive and working committee's by making policy recommendations and to elect the members of the executive committee.
- Will meet six-monthly or as often as the executive or council deems fit.

SailWellington Executive:

- Made up of the Officers of SailWellington (Commodore, Vice-Commodore and the four committee-chair Rear Commodore's) plus the development officer.
- Each member of the executive has one vote. The development officer has no vote on issues effecting his role, activities or employment. The committee chair has a casting vote in addition to their own deliberative vote.
- Each member will have one vote on each working committee of SailWellington.
- The executive will act as the employee of the Regional Development Officer.
- The executive's role is to decide, on the recommendation of or after consultation with a working committee or the Council, policy for WYA and to make operational decisions for SailWellington.

- Will meet monthly or as often as the executive or council deems fit.

SailWellington Working Committees

Race Management:

- Made up of representatives from each club (no limit on numbers) and led by the Rear Commodore (Race Management).
- Each club has one vote and each person holding an NRO, NJ, NU or higher qualification has one vote.
- Will have responsibility for fostering cooperation between clubs at a technical race management level, managing and developing shared RM resources, managing the SailWellington Jury and training and developing race management volunteers.
- It would be desirable that this committee is represented on both the YNZ SNRO committee and the YNZ Race Management Committee.
- Will meet three-monthly or as often as the committee deems fit.

Junior and Youth:

- Made up of representatives from each club (no limit on numbers) and led by the Rear Commodore (Junior and Youth).
- Each club has one vote.
- Will have responsibility for encouraging junior and youth sailing in the Wellington region, planning the SailWellington Junior Regatta Series, ensuring the equitable distribution of events between clubs that wish to run events, recommendation of junior and youth sailors to represent the Wellington region, planning and implementing development programs for high performance junior and youth sailing and managing the SailWellington oversight of MYST, the ICYA and the PNYT Youth Scheme.
- Will meet two-monthly or as often as the committee deems fit.

Adult Centreboard and Multihull:

- Made up of representatives from each club (no limit on numbers) and led by the Rear Commodore (Adult Centreboard and Multihull).
- Each club has one vote.

- Will have responsibility for encouraging adult centreboard and multihull sailing in the Wellington region, ensuring the equitable distribution of events between clubs that wish to run events and recommendation of adult centreboard and multihull sailors to represent the Wellington region.
- Will meet two-monthly or as often as the committee deems fit.

Keelboat and Traileryacht:

- Made up of representatives from each club (no limit on numbers) and led by the Rear Commodore (Keelboat and Traileryachts).
- Each club has one vote.
- It is anticipated that RPNYC, EBY&MBC, LBBC and MCC at the very least would be represented on this committee.
- Will have responsibility for fostering cooperation between keelboat and traileryacht clubs, developing standards of safety and practice for keelboats and traileryachts, developing common handicapping and scoring systems, managing SailWellington oversight of the MRX fleet and representing the views of SailWellington with external organisations as they relate to keelboats and traileryachts.
- It would be desirable that this committee is represented on both the YNZ KORC committee and the NZTYA Executive Committee.
- Will meet three-monthly or as often as the committee deems fit.

Financial Management

Historically the WYA has levied member clubs in order to meet its minimal operating costs. I propose that substantial changes be made to provide better funding, better management and better accountability for SailWellington.

The key parts of these changes would provide for:

- Executive control of all things financial (subject to the Executive delegating limited financial control to working committee's)
- Funding certainty for the Regional Development Officer's position
- (Likely) an increased levy

A number of WYA financial issues currently remain unresolved and preclude the submission of a draft SailWellington budget. It is anticipated however that total levied income would increase to fund the basic administrative costs of WYA and fund the purchase of a limited range of services from the Development Officer.

Management Processes:

A financial and operation management plan will be developed that reflects both the need for good management and the limited size of SailWellington.

Regional Development Officer:

The Regional Development Officer would be the primary administrative officer of SailWellington. Primary SailWellington responsibilities would include website updates, newsletters, attracting new club members, and regional event planning. Other funding bodies (such as Yachting New Zealand) may have additional requirements of the Regional Development Officer.

Levies

Levy options will be presented along with a draft budget in time for club feedback.