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## **PRESIDENT'S REVIEW**

Last year I was able to write of my pleasure at seeing the members of this Federation working together in a spirit of compromise to develop and introduce the National Membership Scheme. A year later, despite the successful introduction of the Scheme and an increase in the number of members reported by all states and territories, I am disappointed that one key but core issue remains unresolved.

Despite stringent efforts by the Board, members have still been unable to agree a common definition of a member. This inevitably leads to a spirit of mistrust between members and the feeling that some are not "pulling their weight". It is this one issue that, in my opinion, could be our undoing if it is not addressed.

The agreed appendix to the Racing Rules of Sailing should at least ensure that, over time, all those that race sailboats will make their contribution to the organisation of their sport. This is a major step forward. Collectively though, we must now make the hard decision and agree a constitutional definition.

For me, anyone who is a member of a Yacht Club, and therefore benefits from the framework that the sport has built and we all support, should fall under this definition. We have seen over time that any attempt to further define a category always sees people finding ways to work the system. We must keep it simple.

My other concern is that some MYAs are doing little or nothing to support the National Scheme. Indeed some appear to be actively working against it. The Scheme will prosper despite this, but will not grow as quickly. From the outset, it was always the case that the Scheme relied on a cooperative approach. Individuals are members of their MYA and the AYF yet how often have I heard that this is an "AYF Scheme" or "your Scheme". It is our Scheme. MYAs not supporting and promoting it are not only working against their own best interests but are working against this Federation.

Recently I had the joy of acting as a volunteer at the 2000 Olympic Games. This event was a triumph for Australia, for sailing and particularly for our own team. My sincere congratulations to all the athletes and their supporters. It was our best performance ever in Olympic Sailing. We now have a great base on which to move ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard working directors of the AYF Board for their contribution over the years. I would particularly like to thank Ron Mathews, who has served his two-year term and Iain Murray and Grant Simmer who have given four years of tireless service. They put their hands up at a very difficult time and have helped get the Federation back on its feet and operating successfully. They deserve the sincere thanks of all sailors.

The staff of the AYF have again served us well, in very busy and often difficult circumstances. I thank them on behalf of the Federation for all they continue to do for the sport.

Together we have built the foundation for a strong, effective organisation. I look forward to watching it grow and prosper. I wish you all every success for the future.

**BRUCE DICKSON**

## **MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Bruce Dickson

President

Leigh Minehan

Treasurer

Don Nickels

Ron Mathews

Kerry Boden

Iain Murray

Grant Simmer

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

It gives me great pleasure to present my fourth Annual Review of Operations. At the end of a difficult but very successful year, I would like to begin by extending my thanks to the very hard working team at the AYF Office. Often this would be a footnote, but the people have been the key to the change that has taken place in the AYF in the last three years and this should be recognised. Their commitment is a great source of inspiration and their contribution is increasingly appreciated by the sailing community.

I would also like to thank the President and each member of the Board of the AYF who have taken the difficult decisions needed to put the AYF on an even keel, often in the face of ill informed criticism, especially from those close to the organisation. A number stand down this year and I would like to record my personal thanks to them for their support. They have made a unique and positive contribution to their sport. Few understand this, or what we are now losing.

As sport enters the much discussed post Olympic era, please forgive me if I stray from the usual bland summary of activities of the AYF and look ahead at some of the opportunities that lie before us.

### **On Training...**

During the year, the Board identified Training as a high priority and agreed that additional resources should be found to support the National Training Schemes. The financial environment made this difficult in the short term and the Operations Manager undertook a caretaker role. Two very constructive meetings were held involving representatives from all states and territories. Various MYAs agreed to fund and oversee reviews of the different Schemes and these are now underway.

1999 saw the launch of the "Get Into Small Boat Sailing" Coaching Guide in support of the new Logbook launched the previous year. The development of additional resources is now being coordinated by Yachting South Australia.

Following the CYCA Review of the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, the AYF coordinated the development of a Sea Safety Awareness Course. This is now being run as a stand-alone course and elements of the syllabus are being integrated into the relevant training courses as they are reviewed.

Late in the year, the AYF reached agreement with the Royal Yachting Association to reproduce a number of their training publications for sale in Australia. The publications are being modified slightly to suit the Australian market. The first book should be available here in early December.

Most importantly, some short term funding has now been secured which will see the employment of a full time Training and General Purposes Manager. The National Training Schemes are a core element of the AYF's business and are central to the activities of most MYAs. We are committed to significant development of these Schemes over the next few years.

## On High Performance Programs...

During the year, our High Performance Program continued to have as it's focus the 2000 Olympic Games. From the outset, the Program has deliberately concentrated on a limited number of committed athletes. The aim has been to deliver the best possible support, whether this is by way of input from coaches and support personnel, management and logistics or grants.

The approach has paid dividends. The results of our sailors at the 2000 Olympic Regatta were the BEST EVER RECORDED. We can all be very proud of the very committed and talented group of athletes and officials that were the 2000 Olympic Team (Sailing Section).

Jessica Crisp	Mistral Women	5th
Lars Kleppich	Mistral Men	4th
Melanie Dennison	Europe	15th
Michael Blackburn	Laser	Bronze Medal
Anthony Nossiter	Finn	13th
Jenny Armstrong and Belinda Stowell	470 Women	Gold Medal
Tom King and Mark Turnbull	470 Men	Gold Medal
Chris Nicholson and Daniel Phillips	49er	6th
Darren Bundock and John Forbes	Tornado	Silver Medal
Colin Beashel and David Giles	Star	7th
Neville Wittey, Joshua Grace and David Edwards	Soling	8th

### Coaches and Officials

Ian Brown	Coach
Mike Fletcher	Coach
John Harrison	Section Manager
Victor Kovalenko	Coach
Trisha Leahy	Psychologist
Catriona Owens	Physiotherapist
Graeme Owens	Rules and Protests Advisor
Megan Seton	Media Liaison Officer
Dayne Sharp	Coach
Erik Stibbe	Coach
Brendan Todd	Coach

### Non-Accredited Support Staff

Roger Badham	Meteorologist
Chris Downs	Physiotherapist
Tracey Johnstone	High Performance Manager
Phil Smidmore	Shipwright

This was the best performance ever by Australian sailors at the Olympics since we started competing in 1948. It is the first time we have won more than two medals and the first time we have won a medal in a Women's event. Sailing finished second behind Swimming in the Australian medal tally.

Going into Sydney 2000, the team was widely heralded as the best prepared ever. If this was the case, it was because the athletes took advantage of the access that they had to some of the best coaches and support personnel available. The contribution of these people was enormous. If ever evidence of the impact of good support were required, it is clearly here.

The Olympic Athlete Program (OAP) was designed from the outset, mainly because of the very short time frame, to focus on a very limited group of leading athletes. At no time were there more than three crews in any one class in the OAP. This allowed the support, be it human, resource or financial, to be focused where it was needed in the short term.

Throughout the OAP, it was made very clear that we were being continuously assessed on the results of our sailors at international events. These results were good and generated additional funding for the OAP. They directly resulted in sailing becoming an Australian Institute of Sport program sport for the first time from 2001. There can be little doubt that the results of our sailors at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games will help to ensure that we get our share of the additional funding already committed by the Federal Government.

Greater recognition not only brings with it additional funding from the Federal Government, but State Institutes of Sport (SISs) are now providing significant funding to sailing. The NSWIS supported sailing to the tune of approximately \$103,000 in 1999-2000. Their commitment for the next year is significantly higher.

Our immediate goal must be to retain the talent base that we have so successfully built over the last three years. Given the lack of certainty over the levels of government funding that will be available on an on-going basis, this will require a particularly creative approach. At the same time, we must maintain the successful centralised system for our senior elite athletes. This allows them to have access to the best possible support in all areas that affect performance.

We should not allow our success at the Olympic Regatta to overshadow the success of many Australian crews in international events. These are listed in this report. Many were again achieved with shipping support from P&O Nedlloyd, who shipped over 100 twenty foot containers in the year to June 2000, and the Schenker Stinnes Group and funding from the ASC.

### **On development...**

To secure our dominant international position we must build a strong youth development program (YDP). Only in this way can we ensure a good flow of well-grounded young sailors likely to perform at the highest international level. Already rival nations are spending significant funds in this area. If we fail to do so, then we will quickly fall behind. The AYF have already indicated to the ASC the need to commit more resources in this area and that, in the short term, if resources are limited, senior international competitiveness may fall away.

The YDP will be achieved by devolving activities and sharing the knowledge with coaches through a coach education and mentoring system and with young sailors through state squad programs and camps. Given the size and difficulty associated with travelling to national events, the YDP must be predominantly state based.

## **On events...**

Whilst state programs will be integral to the YDP, a national focus is essential. January 2000 saw the fruition of a cooperative approach between the AYF and the 420 and Laser Class Associations, bringing together the Class National Championships in the same area. This has allowed our young hopefuls to attend a major National Youth Regatta either before or after their Class National Championships. Given that they only have to travel once, our youth sailors are effectively getting two major national events for the price of one!

Local political difficulties prevented the event in Queensland, hosted by the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, being titled the Australian Youth Championship (AYC) but the principle is now well and truly established. With the agreement of the Classes, the 420 and Laser National Championships and the AYC will take place in Tasmania in 2001, Western Australia in 2002 and South Australia 2003. These regattas are an integral part of the YDP, being used for talent identification and coach development.

The ASC were again generous in their support of international events in Australia, providing support for the 2.4mR and Tornado World Championships and a number of Olympic Class events. The second Olympic Test Event in September 1999 was another success for SOCOG.

Discipline-based national events are a key platform of any development program. The AYF continues to strive to establish a series of events, broadly in line with those promoted by the ISAF. Over time, it is hoped that these events will be reflected in each state, with state representative teams being selected from them. Some states are already selecting their senior Team Racing sailors in this way.

The eventual slate of events should include:

- Australian Youth Sailing Championship
- Australian Offshore Sailing Championship
- Australian Disabled Sailing Championship

- Australian Team Sailing Championship
- Australian Youth Team Sailing Championship
- Australian Schools Team Sailing Championship

- Australian Match Sailing Championship
- Australian Women's Match Sailing Championship
- Australian Youth Match Sailing Championship

Whilst a number of these events have been successfully staged and the results form part of this Annual Report, some have yet to be introduced. It is hoped that additional resources can be committed to strengthening this important event program in the next few years.

In the longer term, the Olympic Classes may be encouraged to consider having their National Championships at a single location along the same lines as the Youth Classes now do. This would give the annual focus to small boat sailing that, as yet, has not been achieved.

On a sad note, the year saw the last Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship that will be sponsored by Epiglass (now known as International Yacht Paints). Supporters of the event for a remarkable 11 consecutive years, Epiglass have been a great supporter of sailing in Australia. We thank them and wish them every success. The event will continue and alternative sponsors are being sought. We also hope to maintain the successful Interdominion event in cooperation with Yachting New Zealand.

### **On selection...**

Selection issues were again a feature of the Sydney 2000 campaign. The Board has agreed that it is not in the best interests of any of the athletes to make any further comment on the special circumstances that surrounded the 49er selection. The question of selection policy will again be carefully considered as we move forward.

Many advocate a “first past the post” system, and cite swimming as a good example. Setting aside the unthinkable idea of an Olympic Games without Ian Thorpe had he been ill during the trials, such a system does not perhaps hold the complete answer for a sport like sailing. In swimming, the environment and the event is controlled. This is not so in sailing. Were it possible to hold a one off trial for all the classes here in Australia, where the fairness of the racing could be reasonably controlled, such as happens in the US and UK, the approach may be tempting.

The reality is that interest in many of the Olympic Classes is such that the fleet sizes would not be viable for such a trial. Some argue that a national trial would help to develop interest in the Olympic Classes. This may be true in some cases, but it is hard to see that it would be the case for all.

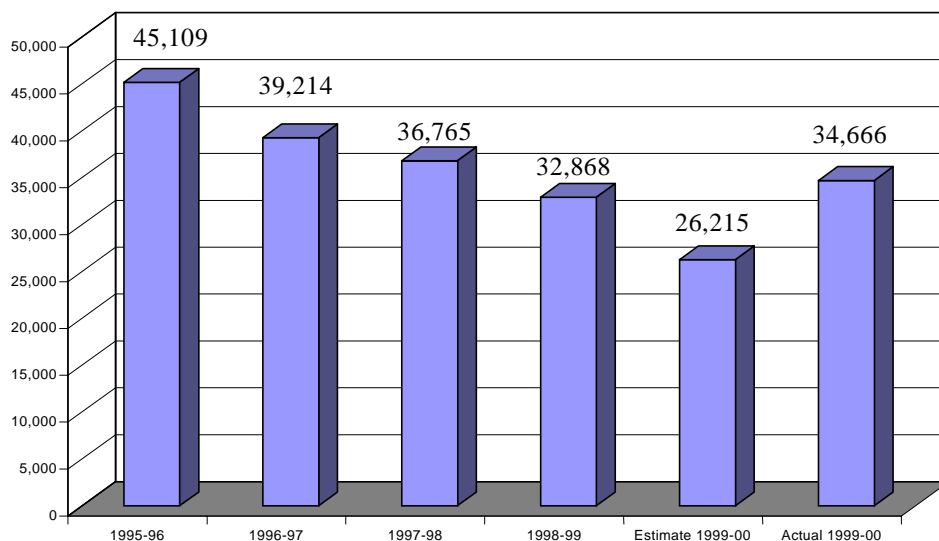
This lack of support drives the use of overseas events, where fleet size is greater and the standard of competition usually higher. The problem is that the quality of some of these events can be dubious. Selection can be decided on races that are not a fair test, in conditions that would not be experienced at the Olympic Games. We can no doubt look forward to a vigorous debate on this issue.

### **On The National Membership Scheme...**

Originally discussed as long ago as 1985, and after very extensive consultation over a period of two years, the MYAs and the AYF finally launched the National Membership Scheme in July 1999 with the generous support of Volvo Car Australia. The Scheme was designed to:

- improve communication between the AYF and the MYAs, to yacht clubs and individual sailors
- provide benefits to, and recognition of, the financial contribution made by individuals to the organisation of the sport
- strengthen the marketing position of the AYF and the MYAs
- reverse the trend of declining membership and
- secure sustainable revenue from membership.

Despite some inevitable teething problems, the Scheme has been a great success in the first year. The graph below shows the membership trend for the past five years.



Most significantly, membership figures reported to the AYF grew in 1999-2000 for the first time in five years. All MYAs enjoyed an increase in membership and in associated revenue. In the first year, over 2,000 individuals signed up as Gold members, despite many not receiving their invitations to join until late in the membership year.

Four issues of the AYF Magazine WATERLINE were circulated to Gold members, with all Silver members receiving a complimentary copy. WATERLINE has been well received and it is hoped that, despite the limited income that the AYF generates from each Silver member, a way can be found in future to circulate the magazine to all members.

At the same time, the AYF and some MYAs are taking advantage of the increasing list of e-mail addresses that is now available on the database. A monthly electronic newsletter is circulated to approximately 2,500 individuals, with the number receiving it growing with each issue. Plans are in place to secure more e-mail addresses for members, so increasing the impact of this cost-effective communication.

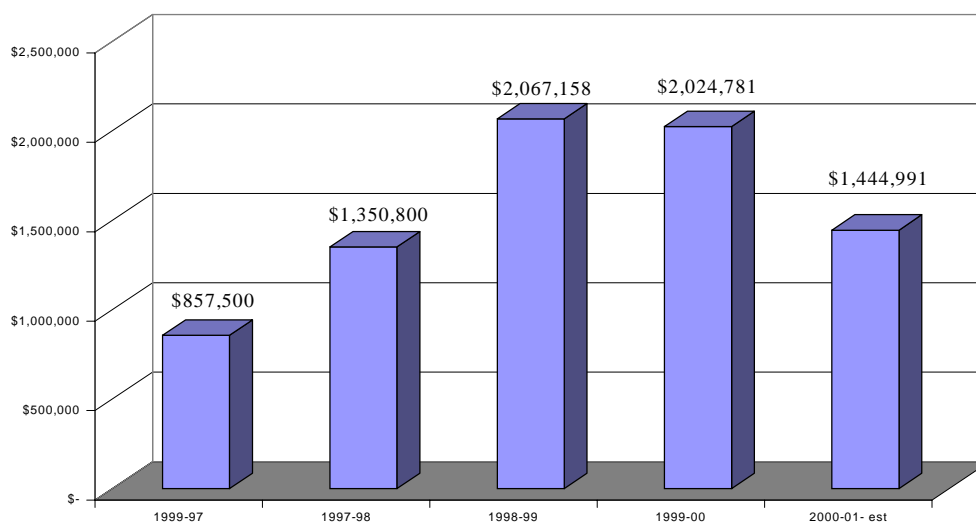
The AYF is now working to develop the benefits package, particularly by providing relevant on-line services to individual members, yacht clubs and MYAs. The first stage of this development will be launched in late November 2000 and will provide individuals with the opportunity to search for yacht clubs and training establishments, get the answers to frequently asked questions, place classified adverts for boats and equipment, look for crewing positions and find details of events through an extensive online calendar. By June 2001, people will be able to join online and take part in chat forums on a whole range of issues.

The coming year will see some adjustments to the Scheme. MYAs have been unable to agree on a common membership year, so the year-end will vary from state to state. The AYF has made some adjustments to facilitate this change. Increasingly MYAs will maintain their own records on the database. The database will be used to answer inquiries on the AYF website and will thus become an increasingly important reference.

With government looking to sport to become more self-sufficient, the National Membership Scheme is a timely and important development. The Scheme has been well received and interest is growing. Resources must continue to be committed to the development of the Scheme. We have sown the seeds and the fruits will very shortly be evident in abundance.

## On Funding...

Over the last four years, the AYF has built an excellent relationship with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC). The success of our sailors overseas and of programs such as the National Membership Scheme, together with the positive contribution that the AYF has made to the ASC, has seen their commitment to sailing increase significantly. The graph below shows the increase since 1997. Following the recent announcement by the Federal Government it is hoped that the estimate for 2000-01 is now conservative.



The AYF and the sailing athletes have also had excellent support from the Australian Olympic Committee.

Nortel Networks, the AYF's principal sponsor, took the decision to withdraw from their support of sailing at the end the last financial year. This left the AYF in a difficult position. Already committed to the launch of the National Membership Scheme and with heightened expectations from it's constituents as a result of undertakings previously made, plans were adjusted to minimise the effect of the withdrawal of the principal sponsor.

Despite assurances from the directors, who have ultimate responsibility for the viability of the AYF, and the level of funds successfully accumulated by the Board over the previous three years, the financial position of the AYF was the cause of great concern and speculation amongst the MYAs. The completely unwarranted rumours were very damaging and demoralising to staff and the Board and certainly did nothing to help in the securing a new principal sponsor. The environment led directly to staff redundancies.

Despite a difficult year, the AYF returned a balanced budget, after allowances for the launch of the National Membership Scheme and legal representation for the sport at Coroner's Inquiry into the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

In May 2000, BEA Systems, the E-commerce Transactions Company, signed a major sponsorship agreement with the AYF. The two-year deal, which includes an option to extend to a third, sees BEA Systems taking a primary position at all AYF events, including the AYF Annual Conference and the Australian Yachting Awards. BEA is the E-commerce Transactions Company powering many of the world's most innovative companies that serve the "e-generation", companies such as Amazon.com, Federal Express, E\*Trade, United Airlines, DIRECTTV and Nokia. BEA's award-winning E-Commerce Transaction Platform, coupled with their consulting, education and support services, helps companies launch reliable e-commerce initiatives quickly. The AYF's involvement with many prominent events provides BEA with excellent exposure throughout Australia, and the AYF with a principal sponsor achieving major success on the international stage. The AYF are proud to have BEA as a partner.

We have continued to enjoy the generous support of a number of other sponsors and supporters including the ASC, AOC, P&O Nedlloyd, Volvo Car Australia, The Schenker Stinnes Group and Qantas

### **On The National Conference and Awards...**

All our sponsors were with us to enjoy the 2000 *BEA* Australian Yachting Awards dinner in July at the Landmark Parkroyal in Sydney. It was a glittering affair with most members of our Olympic and Paralympic Teams present to honour the nominees and award winners....and the winners were:

Lars Kleppich	<i>BEA</i> Male Sailor of the Year
Jessica Crisp	<i>BEA</i> Female Sailor of the Year
Jesse Martin	P&O Nedlloyd Youth Sailor of the Year
Peter Thompson	P&O Nedlloyd Disabled Sailor of the Year
Amanda Lulham	Volvo Media Award
John Hornby	Services to Yachting Award

The hotel was also the venue for the 2000 *BEA* Annual Conference, the third such gathering, the theme for which was "Focus On Participation". Those attending benefited from some excellent presentations from a range of guest speakers. These included:

Diane Cowan	Australian Sports Commission
Don Reid	Sport Industry Australia
Robert Masterman	Robert Masterman Insurance
Tony Guihott	Sport Recreation Training Australia
Rod McCubbin	Top Yacht Software
Karin Hughes	Australian Sports Foundation
Bob Snape	School Sport Australia
Kevin O'Loughlin	Bureau of Meteorology
Kevin Wood	Sandringham Yacht Club
Heather Nunn	Sailability Australia
Todd Brunton and Doug Talty	

Unfortunately the numbers attending in 2000 were slightly disappointing when compared with the previous year, despite the event being timed to coincide with the Sydney International Boat Show. Recognising that there would always be a core group of people prepared to attend almost wherever the event was held, it was the original concept to move from state to state, so giving different audiences that were less likely to travel the opportunity to attend. MYAs have now embraced the idea. Offers to host the conference have been received from Queensland (23-25 May, 2001), Western Australia (2002) and the Northern Territory (2003). The Conference and Awards seem set to thrive.

### **On Governance...**

It seems a feature of sport in Australia that it spends a great deal of time looking at itself. This "navel gazing" is no bad thing, assuming it leaves enough time to look out. To use a sailing analogy, we spend too much time with our heads in the boat!!

This year, we had yet another look at ourselves. The difference was that, rather than the usual self-analysis, we invited someone else to do it for us. We had a coach. Terry Kilmister of Boardworks International looked closely at the structure of the AYF and the relationship between the AYF and the MYAs. Some of his recommendations have already been accepted while others are still to be considered. Terry's considerable experience was invaluable in the process and he will continue to work with us in developing a strategic direction for the sport. This was time well spent and, with it behind us, perhaps we can now all concentrate more on the bigger picture. Our thanks go to the ASC for their financial support of the process.

### **On the Sydney to Hobart Coroner's Inquiry...**

This Inquiry consumed a considerable amount of staff time and AYF funds during the year. The Federal Assembly agreed that the sport should be legally represented. The findings have still to be handed down but there will inevitably be impact on the way yacht racing is conducted in this country and perhaps internationally. A seminar is already planned, to run on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2001 in conjunction with the 2001 Annual Conference, to discuss the findings and help clubs to develop their risk and crisis management procedures.

### **On the future...**

Reflecting on the last three years, the Federation has made significant progress in many areas. Inevitably, with limited resources, progress in others has been slow. Further clarification of the role of the AYF and the MYAs is needed as we move forward but this must not be allowed to interfere with or stall the positive progress being made.

## **RACING RULES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Committee held its meeting for the year on 9th October 1999 at the RSYS, with representation from all State and Territory Yachting Authorities. David Brookes of Queensland was attending for his first time.

### **Insurance**

Insurance for National and International Judges, Umpires and Race Officials was discussed, and the need for them to be fully covered for professional indemnity as well as injury cover world wide.

### **National Officiating Program**

A report from Steve Hatch with proposals for future development of programs for Umpires and team racing Umpires was adopted with the pressing need for a scheme for qualifying persons who are filling a special role, especially with junior sailors, as Teams Racing Umpires, and ensuring that they are qualified for this role.

### **National Judges**

The Committee was gratified at the number of successful participants at the ISAF Judge's Seminar conducted by Bryan Willis in September 1999 in Sydney. Concern was again expressed by the Committee that some Judges were not forwarding Regatta Reports at the conclusion of a series. These reports assist in evaluating the work of Judges at these events. The Committee again revisited the requisites for appointment and agreed there should be a reconsideration with a view to some relaxation of the present standards in appropriate cases for appointment and reappointment when recommended by the State or Territory Authority.

### **National Juries**

The present requirements of Addendum B were considered, and it was unanimously resolved that National Juries must be retained and continue to be recommended for all National events. Also that the present requirement of one interstate representative be retained, and that the requirement for membership of a MYA RRC be reviewed pending expected changes in procedures for accreditation of judges at a club, state and national level.

Bernard Dunn and Adam Roberts-Thomson were approved for appointment as National Judges, and Peter Bird, Graham Burt and Tim Went for re-appointment. Steven Parker of WA, who was a member of the Committee for a number of years, did not seek re-appointment and his services to sport and the judging program were acknowledged.

### **National Umpires**

A successful ISAF Seminar for Umpires was also held prior to the Sydney test Regatta in September 1999 with Steve Hatch as instructor, and 10 attendees. Both Steve and Graeme Owens are approved to conduct National Umpires Seminars. The Committee noted the fact that a number of people are still erroneously regarding teams racing umpiring as qualifying them for appointment as National Umpires, as well as as National Judges. It was also noted that the restriction on the number of events at a national level continues to limit opportunities for umpiring and that situation is unlikely to change. Richard Slater, David Tallis and John Whitfield were recommended for appointment as National Umpires.

## **ISAF Racing Rules**

The proposals for amendments to be considered by ISAF in November 1999 were discussed and agreement reached on which of them should be supported. Later report from ISAF was that the specific proposal of AYF to amend Rule 1.2 was not accepted, but the proposals to amend Rules 60 and 61.1 in respect of invalid protests where injury had occurred were referred to the Racing Rules Committee Working Party for further consideration

## **International Judges**

Noel Allen, Bill Bell, Steve Hatch, Lister Hughes and Mark Pryke were re-appointed for a further term. John Standley was appointed as an International Judge. Unfortunately David Linacre was not re-appointed but has applied for reconsideration of the decision.

## **International Umpires**

Steve Hatch was re-appointed and Tim Brand and Phil Mostyn were appointed as International Umpires.

All of the appointees are congratulated on their success.

## **Appeals Review Panel**

The Panel received a number of applications during the year for review of decisions under Addendum C. These were dealt with as follows-

### **Case 35 *Katie II 's Magic***

When a boat which had protested a number of boats in an event for not complying with the Australian Trailable Yacht and Sportsboat Rule, had unsuccessfully appealed the finding that the Rule was not part of the rules applicable to the event, an application by the boat was refused, as there had been no misinterpretation of the Rules in that decision.

### **Case 36 *Razor's Edge***

Following discussions with the State Authority and it agreeing to reopen the case this application was withdrawn.

### **Case 37 *Rabelais***

The applicant's boat had broken Rule 31.1 without taking any action to exonerate her action, and did not protest another yacht involved in the incident, and was disqualified. Her claim of procedural irregularity by the protest committee did not affect the conclusion that she had not shown a rule misinterpretation, and the application was refused.

### **Case 38 *The Drop Pie Fairy***

When a boat was penalised for a breach of the Sailing Instructions, and the State Authority had set aside the penalty, an application by the race committee was refused, because the misinterpretation by the State Authority did not result in significant hardship to the applicant.

### **Case 39 *The Drop Pie Fairy***

When a boat was scored OCS and sought redress after the time limit had expired and was refused. The application was granted, limited to ordering a new hearing to examine the circumstances of the late lodgment, upon proper notice to the applicant, and to re-hear the application if leave should be granted to extend the time .

### **OLYMPIC GAMES**

Several of our members will be assisting at the Olympic Games with Steve Hatch and David Tillett appointed to the International Jury and Mark Pryke one of the principal Race Officers.

Other members will be assisting in various supporting roles. We congratulate all those that are assisting in what I am sure will be a successful regatta.

David Burton  
**Chairman**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the final operating result for the year was contained to a small operating deficit (before abnormal items) of \$6,947, compared to the surplus in 1999 of \$77,782. The result highlights the increased financial demands placed on the AYF over the last year, including the significant costs of introducing the new membership scheme, increased spending and demands on management as a result of the 2000 Olympics and the loss of major sponsorship revenue. However, to achieve this outcome has required some significant cut backs in expenditure which has stretched AYF resources and retarded optimum service levels in some areas.

The abnormal item of \$101,946 represents the one-off establishment costs of the new membership scheme (\$86,610) and costs of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race Coronial Inquiry (\$15,336).

We are delighted with the initial implementation of the new membership scheme and are confident that the long term objective to improve the AYF's financial position, with less reliance on sponsorship and government grants income, in a post-Olympics environment will be achieved. Our aim is to ensure the AYF can maintain the current level of activity post 2000 Olympics, in particular our desire to retain our very talented coaching staff and direct their efforts into a more broadly based coaching and development program for all levels of sailing.

As a result of the new membership scheme, membership income has increased from \$265,172 in 1999 to \$491,164. The increased income flow has supplemented the significant decrease from marketing programs and sponsorship.

In order to fully achieve our future coaching and development objectives and ensure we capitalise on the current success of our elite athletes, the Board will be seeking a membership fee increase in the 2001/2002 year. This will be the first real increase in membership fees in 5 years. However, in proposing a fee increase, we will also be discussing the prospect for State MYA's to also levy an increase in their membership fee component, with a view to implementing an expanded and more collaborative approach around the country to the development of our sport.

Whilst we have operated for most of the year without a major commercial sponsor, we have nevertheless enjoyed the support from a number of sponsors throughout the year and in this regard, I would like to thank them for their support. I would also like to acknowledge the current support from BEA who came on board during the last quarter as a major commercial sponsor of the AYF.

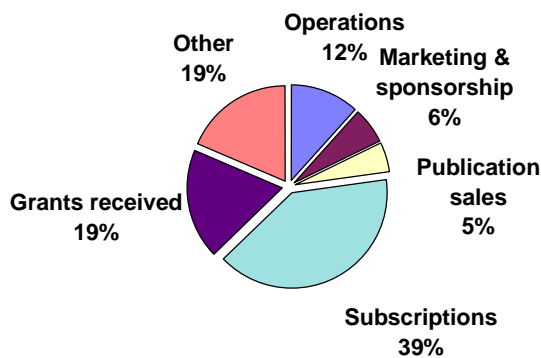
## Commentary on Results

The net deficit for the year of \$108,893 (including abnormals) has reduced our accumulated funds to \$309,967. Even though our accumulated funds have been significantly reduced compared to last year. The main component of this is the start up costs of the membership scheme which is for the long term betterment of the AYF. Nevertheless, we are still in a strong financial position.

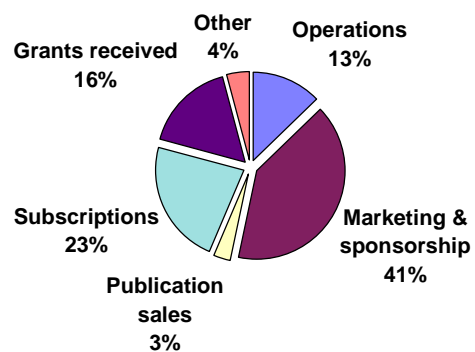
The deficit is a result of a significant increase in spending by the AYF over the last year. In fact, our total income for the year was \$1,225,160 compared to \$1,164,326 for 1999.

## Sources of Income

2000



1999

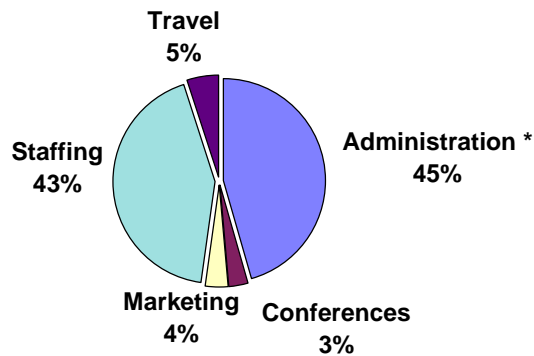


As can be seen from the charts above, the new membership has had quite an impact on our sources of income for the year. This is particularly important considering the significant reduction in marketing programs and sponsorship income.

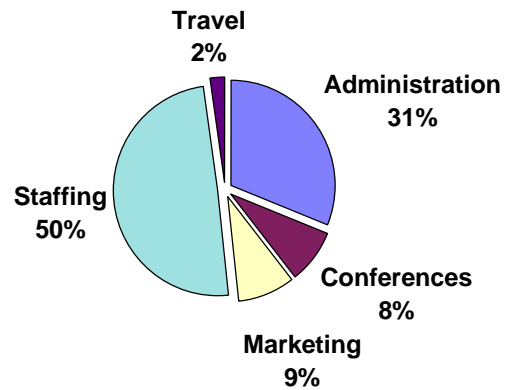
The net overall deficit of \$108,893 (including abnormals) is attributed to increased spending in the current year on developing and setting up the new membership program and maintaining the increased spending on core activities from last year. This is highlighted by the charts below which analyse expenses for the past two years.

## Expenditure

2000



1999



\* Includes member insurance benefit costs and variable costs associated with the membership scheme.

## The Future

The level of activity leading up to the 2000 Olympics has been quite significant in the history of the AYF. As stated earlier, to maintain this level of activity post Olympics is dependent upon the continuation of our main sources of income. We are anticipating a reduction in government funding after the Olympics, however with increased income from our new membership program and continuing endeavors to expand other recurring sources of income, our aim is to place the AYF in a position to ensure the future viability and success of our sport.

**Leigh P Minehan**  
Treasurer

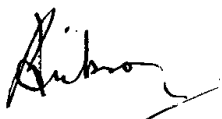
## FINANCIALS

### STATEMENT BY THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board of the Australian Yachting Federation Incorporated, the financial report, being the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the financial statement, is drawn up as to give a true and fair view of:

1. the results of the operations of the federation for the year ended 30 June 2000;  
and
2. the state of affairs of the Federation at that date.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Bruce Dickson  
President

Sydney, 5 October 2000

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Members of the Australian Yachting Federation Incorporated

### Scope

We have audited the financial report of the Australian Yachting Federation Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2000 being the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss, Statement of Cash Flows, notes to the financial statements and the Statement by the Board. The Board of the Federation are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Federation.

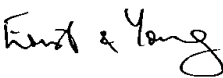
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW) so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Federation's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Australian Yachting Federation Incorporated is properly drawn up:

- a) so as to present fairly the financial position of the Australian Yachting Federation Incorporated as at 30 June 2000 and its results and cash flows for the financial year ended on that date;
- b) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act 1984 (NSW), and
- c) in accordance with applicable accounting standards and other professional reporting requirements.

  
Ernst & Young  
9 October 2000

  
Garry D. Dinnie  
Partner

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2000**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash & Investments		752,232	653,856
Receivables	2	271,813	116,239
Inventories	3	58,992	52,594
Other - Prepayments		70,372	38,827
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>1,153,409</u></b>	<b><u>861,516</u></b>
<b><u>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	<u>18,798</u>	<u>23,605</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>18,798</u>	<u>23,605</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>1,172,207</u></b>	<b><u>885,121</u></b>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Creditors & Borrowings	5	752,262	398,728
Provisions	6	78,203	67,533
Accruals		23,000	0
GST Liability		<u>8,775</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>862,240</u></b>	<b><u>466,261</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>862,240</u></b>	<b><u>466,261</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>309,967</u>	<u>418,860</u>
<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>		<b><u>309,967</u></b>	<b><u>418,860</u></b>

The Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.  
PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**

	NOTE	1999 \$	1999 \$
Grants Received		2,475,659	2,101,677
Other Revenue		<u>1,225,160</u>	<u>1,164,326</u>
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>		<b><u>3,700,819</u></b>	<b><u>3,266,003</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus before abnormal items</b>		<b>-6,947</b>	<b>77,482</b>
<b>Abnormal Items</b>			
One-Off Membership Setup Costs		-86,610	0
Sydney Hobart Inquiry Legal Costs		-15,336	0
AYF Levy		0	32,868
Transfer from operating revenue, provisions first recognised in the current year			
Annual leave		<u>0</u>	<u>-25,167</u>
<b>Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit) after abnormal items</b>		<b>-108,893</b>	<b>85,183</b>
Accumulated Funds Brought Forward		<u>418,860</u>	<u>333,677</u>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		<b><u>309,967</u></b>	<b><u>418,860</u></b>

The above Profit and Loss Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b>			
Receipts From Grants, Subscriptions and Operations		1,062,370	1,238,721
Payments to Trade Creditors, Suppliers and Employees		-810,888	-1,172,245
Interest Received		48,264	41,960
Grants and other Receipts for Specific Projects		2,475,659	2,101,677
Payments for Specific Projects		<u>-2,671,635</u>	<u>-2,272,880</u>
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	13	103,770	-62,767
<b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u></b>			
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment		-5,394	-11,011
Loan repayments		0	-45,000
Repayment of loans advanced		<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		-5,394	-51,011
Net Increase in Cash Held		98,376	-113,778
Cash at Beginning of Year		<u>653,856</u>	<u>767,634</u>
Cash at End of Year	14	<u><u>752,232</u></u>	<u><u>653,856</u></u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000  
(CONTINUED)**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>NOTE 2 - RECEIVABLES</u></b>			
Accounts Receivable		271,813	112,149
Undeposited Funds		0	4,090
		<u>271,813</u>	<u>116,239</u>
 <b><u>NOTE 3 - INVENTORIES</u></b>			
<b>Sales - Technical</b>			
Gross sales		4,725	22,628
Cost of goods sold:			
Opening stock	10,114		12,599
Purchases	0		4,225
Closing stock	<u>-7,971</u>		<u>-10,114</u>
		<u>2,143</u>	<u>6,710</u>
Net contribution to revenue		<u>2,582</u>	<u>15,918</u>
 <b>Sales - Training</b>			
Gross sales		87,512	58,484
Cost of goods sold:			
Opening stock	42,480		27,948
Purchases	38,458		51,415
Closing stock	<u>-51,021</u>		<u>-42,480</u>
		<u>29,917</u>	<u>36,883</u>
Net contribution to revenue		<u>57,595</u>	<u>21,601</u>
 <b>Closing Stock - 30 June 2000</b>			
Inventory at 30 June 2000 comprised:			
Technical		7,971	10,114
Training		<u>51,021</u>	<u>42,480</u>
		<u>58,992</u>	<u>52,594</u>

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>NOTE 4 - PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</u></b>			
Computer equipment - at cost	133,797		129,133
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>-124,310</u>	9,487	<u>-114,634</u>
Copying machine - at Cost	0		16,900
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>0</u>	0	<u>-16,900</u>
Telephone System - at Cost	10,347		9,617
Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>-8,772</u>	1,575	<u>-8,247</u>
Office Furniture and Equipment	0		0
Less Depreciation	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
		0	0
Coach boats - at Written Down Value		7,608	7,608
Coaching Equipment		10	10
Office Equipment		<u>118</u>	<u>118</u>
		<u>18,798</u>	<u>23,605</u>
 <b><u>NOTE 5 - CREDITORS &amp; BORROWINGS</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	277,110		26,541
Income in Advance	<u>423,601</u>		<u>4,640</u>
		700,711	31,181
Government Grants and Amounts Held for Specific Purposes			
Coaching & Development	7	91,668	91,668
Olympic Athlete Program	8	-69,696	273,195
Sailability	9	3,917	18,939
High Performance	10	21,964	-19,185
Ian Bashford Fund	11	2,930	2,930
ISAF Conference 1999	12	768	0
		<u>51,551</u>	<u>367,547</u>
Total Creditors and borrowings		<u>752,262</u>	<u>398,728</u>

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>NOTE 6 - PROVISIONS</u></b>			
Current			
Provision for:			
Annual Leave	54,506		45,917
Long Service Leave	23,697		21,616
Total Current Provisions		<u>78,203</u>	<u>67,533</u>
Total Provisions		<u><u>78,203</u></u>	<u><u>67,533</u></u>
<b><u>NOTE 7 - COACHING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 1999		91,668	71,382
Receipts - Government Grants	0		109,312
		0	109,312
Payments		0	-89,026
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>91,668</u></u>	<u><u>91,668</u></u>
<b><u>NOTE 8 - OLYMPIC ATHLETE PROGRAM</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 1999		273,195	479,281
Government Grants	1,841,534		1,799,656
Other receipts	167,789		40
		2,009,323	1,799,696
Payments		<u>-2,352,214</u>	<u>-2,005,782</u>
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>-69,696</u></u>	<u><u>273,195</u></u>
<b><u>NOTE 9 - SAILABILITY</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 199		18,939	20,822
Government Grants	24,998		25,000
Donations and Fundraising	45,499		44,469
		70,497	69,469
Payments		<u>-85,519</u>	<u>-71,352</u>
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>3,917</u></u>	<u><u>18,939</u></u>

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>NOTE 10 - HIGH PERFORMANCE UNIT</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 1999		-19,185	0
Government Grants	121,964		90,000
Contributions	15,439		25,200
Sponsorship	<u>0</u>		<u>8,000</u>
		137,403	123,200
Payments		<u>-96,254</u>	<u>-142,385</u>
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>21,964</u></u>	<u><u>-19,185</u></u>
 <b><u>NOTE 11 - IAN BASHFORD FUND</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 1999		2,930	2,930
		<u>2,930</u>	<u>2,930</u>
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>2,930</u></u>	<u><u>2,930</u></u>
 <b><u>NOTE 12 - ISAF CONFERENCE, 1999</u></b>			
Opening Balance - 1 July 1999		0	
Income		258,436	0
Payments		<u>-257,668</u>	<u>0</u>
Closing Balance - 30 June 2000		<u><u>768</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
 <b><u>NOTE 13 - RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING PROFIT</u></b>			
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		-108,893	85,183
Depreciation		10,201	13,943
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors, Borrowings & Provisions		395,979	-187,672
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables		-155,574	42,640
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories		-6,398	-12,047
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments		<u>-31,545</u>	<u>-4,814</u>
Net Cash Flows from Operations		<u><u>103,770</u></u>	<u><u>-62,767</u></u>
 <b><u>NOTE 14 - RECONCILIATION OF CASH</u></b>			
Cash at Bank		<u><u>752,232</u></u>	<u><u>653,856</u></u>

**NOTE 15 - INDEMNITY GUARANTEE**

At year end the Federation had a letter of charge over its term deposit balance amounting to \$17,463.67 (1999 - \$16,884). This results from an indemnity guarantee with the Queensland Chamber of Commerce for an ATA Carnet to guard against possible duty should Olympic Yachting Equipment be sold overseas.

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**

	\$	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
Accreditations			57,185	46,470
Appeal Fees			250	0
Category C			16,443	10,930
Endorsement Fees			0	21,414
Exam Receipts			0	1,000
Expenses Recovered			35,526	95
Grant Income			228,002	192,000
Interest Received			48,264	41,960
Marketing Programs and Sponsorship			76,562	448,470
Net Income - Training Publications		3	57,595	21,601
Offshore certificates			65,604	82,040
Other income			143,853	7,771
Rigging scheme			2,130	4,980
Sale of Rule Books		3	2,582	15,918
Subscriptions:-				
Member States - Related Parties	490,364			262,694
Associate	800			2,010
Personal	<u>0</u>			468
			491,164	
Yacht Registrations			<u>0</u>	<u>4,505</u>
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>			<b><u>1,225,160</u></b>	<b><u>1,164,326</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
Bank Charges			9,708	11,019
Board Meeting Expenses			0	17,433
Category C Expenses			0	3,965
Cleaning			4,918	4,270
Conference Expenses			19,522	31,649
Consultants / Contractors			132,071	109,094
Depreciation			10,201	13,943
Doubtful debts provision			18,578	8,770
Electricity			2,549	2,621
Forty Niner Series			0	23,681
General Expenses			3,989	19,106
Grant Payments			40,000	
Hire Costs			3,051	2,572
Insurance			124,248	64,694
International Meetings			0	25,422

**AUSTRALIAN YACHTING FEDERATION INC.**  
**DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000**  
**(CONTINUED)**

	\$	NOTE	2000 \$	1999 \$
Legal Expenses			2,763	24,649
Provision- Long Service Leave			2,080	-1,627
Provision- Annual Leave			-4,449	0
Marketing Expenses			3,803	39,534
Meeting Expenses			20,254	16,870
Newsletter			0	32,184
Offshore Certificate Expenses			32,966	41,444
Postage			87,610	20,477
Payments to MYAs			16,279	0
Printing & Stationery			116,889	22,210
Purchases			10,917	
Rent			36,500	35,500
Repairs & Maintenance			10,082	4,534
Salaries			363,311	394,666
Staff Amenities			1,994	2,733
Staff Replacement Costs			0	823
Staff Training			4,911	3,175
Stock Obsolescence			5,412	0
Subscriptions			35,672	19,771
Superannuation			25,809	30,240
Telephone			27,789	37,638
Travelling Expenses			62,679	23,784
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>1,232,107</b>	<b>1,086,844</b>
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OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE GRANTS AND OTHER INCOME RECEIVED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS			-6,947	77,482
Grants and other income received for specific projects			2475659.00	2,101,677
Spent During the Year			-2791655.00	-2,308,545
Carried forward for future periods			-315996.00	<u>-206,868</u>
<b>Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before abnormal items</b>			<b>-6,947</b>	<b>77,482</b>
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## 2000 BEA AUSTRALIAN YACHTING AWARDS

The 2000 BEA Australian Yachting Awards were presented at a Gala Dinner at the Landmark Parkroyal in Sydney in July.

The BEA Male Sailor of the Year was awarded to Olympic Sailboarder Lars Kleppich. A Bronze Medallist at the 1992 Olympic Games, Kleppich has had a stunning return to form over the past 18 months. After giving up work as a Futures Trader on the Sydney Stock Exchange at the end of 1998, he has put all his efforts into his Sydney 2000 campaign. Over the 12-month period of the Awards (April '99 to April '00), Kleppich won an incredible seven of the ten events he had competed in. The highlight of this period was his first world championship win in November '99.

Fellow Olympic Sailboarder Jessica Crisp was victorious in the BEA Female Sailor of the Year Award. Crisp has performed consistently throughout the awards period, including a win at the 1999 Sydney International Regatta, and a Bronze Medal at the 1999 Sydney Harbour Regatta (the Olympic Test event). Perhaps the greatest achievement for Crisp during this period was her win over multiple World Champion and Olympic Medallist, Barbara Kendall of New Zealand. Kendall has been strong competition for Crisp over the years, and a victory over Kendall on Sydney Harbour at the 1999 SIRs event, bolstered Crisp's confidence.

Both the Male and Female Sailor of the Year Awards were sponsored by the AYP's new principal sponsor, BEA Systems. Managing Director of BEA, Chris Pearce, presented the awards on the evening.

The courageous undertakings of Melbourne youth Jesse Martin were recognised when he was awarded the P&O Nedlloyd Youth Sailor of the Year. Martin became the youngest person to sail solo around the globe, unassisted. The 10-month adventure began on 6 December 1998 as the 17-year old set out from Port Phillip Bay in his boat *Lionheart*. Upon his return to Port Phillip Bay in October 1999, Martin was greeted by more than 25,000 supporters cheering him on. It was a truly remarkable effort by the Victorian Teenager, and this was recognised by P&O Nedlloyd General Manager, Bob Kemp who presented the award to Jesse.

P&O also sponsored the new Disabled Sailor of the Year Award, and this was presented to Canberra's Peter Thompson. Thompson, who has been selected as the Australian representative in the 2.4mR class for the Paralympic Games, has achieved some outstanding results over the past year, positioning himself as a strong contender for the Paralympics. Perhaps his greatest achievement in the 1999/2000 period was his Gold Medal in the Disabled category at the 2.4mR World Championship in Melbourne in January 2000. In open competition, Thompson finished in tenth place, a very credible placing.

Volvo Car Australia's Managing Director, Jan Erickson, presented the Volvo Media Award to long-time sailing journalist, Amanda Lulham. Lulham has been covering the sport of sailing for several years, and follows various elements of the sport, ranging from Olympic and Paralympic sailing, through to major Offshore Races such as the Sydney to Hobart. In presenting this award to Lulham, it was noted that she spent a great deal of time following the sport and getting to know the contenders.

The Services to Yachting Award was presented to John "Hornblower" Hornby, a man who is well-known for the time he commits to the safety aspects of our sport. Hornblower is a safety inspector and plays an important role in ensuring that all ocean racing yachts are fit and ready to go to sea. Without such ambassadors in the sport, the high levels of safety required could not be maintained.

The Awards were judged by an independent voting academy consisting of Australian Sailing Greats including Sir James Hardy, David Adams, Nicola Bethwaite, Glenn Bourke, Vanessa Dudley, Jeni Lidgett and Mark Rothfield.

The sailing members of the 2000 Australian Olympic Team were also presented during the evening. With such a vast depth of talent and the strong results achieved by the team members over the past months, there was a real buzz amongst the team, who are looking forward to the challenge of a home Games, sailed on Sydney Harbour.

Sponsors and nominees alike were thanked for their contribution to sailing. With such support for the sport, the future of sailing is looking strong.

# 2000 BEA AUSTRALIAN YACHTING AWARDS AND 1999/2000 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

## 2000 BEA AUSTRALIAN YACHTING AWARDS

*BEA Male Sailor of the Year*

**Lars Kleppich**

*A member of the 2000 Australian Olympic Team. Won an unprecedented number of International sailboarding regattas including the 1999 Sydney Harbour Regatta, World Windsurfing Festival & Sail Sydney Regatta.*

*BEA Female Sailor of the Year*

**Jessica Crisp**

*A member of the 2000 Australian Olympic Team. Placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 1999 & 2000 World Championships & won Bronze at the 1999 Sydney Harbour Regatta.*

*P&O Nedlloyd Youth Sailor of the Year*

**Jesse Martin**

*The youngest person to sail solo around the globe nonstop and unassisted. Awarded Young Victorian of the Year.*

*P&O Nedlloyd Disabled Sailor of the Year*

**Peter Thompson**

*Representing Australia at the 2000 Paralympic Games. Won Gold at the 2000 World Disabled 2.4mR Championship and Silver in 1999. Won the 1999 Open & Disabled Australian 2.4mR Championship.*

*Services to Yachting Award*

**John Hornby**

*Chairman of the YANSW Safety Committee, and a leading safety consultant to the AYF. He also consults to clubs and inspects yachts for most of the major east coast offshore events.*

*Volvo Media Award*

**Amanda Lulham**

*Has covered the sport for many years and is recognised as one of the leading journalists for yachting. Regularly attends major events in the effort to gain true and accurate stories.*

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 1999/2000

### World Champions

<b>2000</b>	Tom King / Mark Turnbull	470 Men (Olympic Class)
	John Calvert-Jones	Farr 40
	Dan Belcher / Mat Belcher	420
	Christopher Dey	Moth
	Adam French	Laser Radial Masters
	Mark Bethwaite	Laser Masters
	Cameron Miles / James Mayo / Andrew Palfrey	Etchells
<b>1999</b>	Lars Kleppich	Mistral
	Chris Nicholson / Ed Smyth	49er
	Grant Geddes / Craig Watkins	International 14
	Steve Fields	Hobie 17
	Brad Sumner / Amy Johnstone	Hobie 18
	Graham Osborne	Laser Grand Master
	Graham Read	Laser Great Grand Master
	Peter Milne	OK Dinghy
	Ben Nicholas / Thomas Winter	Tasar

### 1999 VOLVO YOUTH SAILING ISAF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Kuopio, FINLAND July 1999

24 nations	Single Handed Girls - Laser Radial	Jacinta Baker	13
31 nations	Single Handed Boys - Laser	Shane Guanaria	13
22 nations	Double Handed Girls - 420	Kari Stephens	11
		Kristina Stuart	
31 nations	Double Handed Boys - 420	Nicholas Bryant	Bronze
		Sam Gill	
14 nations	Sailboard Girls - Mistral	Allison Shreeve	9
22 nations	Sailboard Boys - Mistral	Michael Lancey	Silver
Nation's Team Trophy			
38 nations		France	1
		Germany	2
		Netherlands	3
		<i>Australia</i>	5

## 1999 ISAF WORLD TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Dublin, IRELAND July 1999

Brighton & Seacliff Yacht Club, SA	Robbie Deussen Mathew Sanderson Sandy Higgins Emily Fewster Brett Young Allen Blenkle	4 <sup>th</sup>
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, QLD	Jon Davidson Mark Mathews Lucas Down Elke Hacker Jack Mason David Bigger	8 <sup>th</sup>

## 2000 NAVY AUSTRALIAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Balmoral Sailing Club, NSW May 2000

New South Wales	Middle Harbour Yacht Club	1
New South Wales	Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club	2
New South Wales	Connell's Point Sailing Club	3
Queensland	Team Queensland I	4
Australian Capital Territory	Team Australian Capital Territory	5
New South Wales	New South Wales Institute of Sport	6
Australia	Royal Australian Navy	=7
Tasmania	Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania	=7
Tasmania	Lindisfarne Sailing Club	=7
Victoria	Team Victoria	10
Queensland	Queensland Team II	11
South Australia	Team South Australia	12

## 2000 INTERNATIONAL YACHT PAINTS AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Geelong Yacht Club, VIC July 2000

Queensland	Brisbane Grammar School	1
South Australia	St Josephs School	2
Tasmania	The Hutchins School	3
Victoria	Melbourne High School	4
Western Australia	All Saints College	5
New South Wales	The Cranbrook School	6

## 2000 KENWOOD CUP

HAWAII, August 2000

New Zealand		1
Australia	<i>Fruit Machine</i>	2
	<i>Smile</i>	
	<i>Yendys</i>	
	<i>Bumblebee 5 (reserve)</i>	
United States of America (Red Team)		3
Japan		4
United States of America (White Team)		5
United States of America (Blue Team)		6

## 2000 AUSTRALIAN OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP

Coffs Harbour, NSW September 2000

<i>Yendys</i>	1
<i>Sledgehammer</i>	2
<i>Ausmaid</i>	3

## 2000 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

### OLYMPIC CLASSES

Mistral	Women	No Australian Championship held	
Mistral	Men	No Australian Championship held	
Europe		Melanie Dennison	VIC
Laser		Michael Blackburn	NSW
470	Women	Jenny Armstrong	NSW
470	Men	Tom King	VIC
49er		Denis Jones	WA
Tornado		Mitch Booth	NSW
Star		Colin Beashel	NSW
Finn		Anthony Nossiter	NSW
Soling		No Australian Championship held	

### INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

420	Men	Shane Smith	Daniel Belcher	QLD
420	Women	Melissa Bryant	Bronwyn Polkinghorne	WA
505		Sandy Higgins	Simon Gorman	SA
29er		Scott Babbage	Tai Elliot	NSW
2.4mR		Ian Ruff		ACT
B14		Murray Walters	Rob Brewer	NSW

J24		Steve Girdis		NSW
A-Division Catamaran		Leigh Hein		VIC
Contender	Open	Arthur Brett		VIC
Contender	Veteran	John Cassidy		
Dragon		John Wilson	Matt Whitnall	NSW
Etchells		Jan Scholten	Simon Grosser/Mike Hughes	NSW
Fireball	Open	Brendan Garner	Ben O'Brien	
Flying Dutchman		Ian McCrossin	James Cook	NSW
Flying Fifteen		Chris Mason	Harley Kruse	VIC
Hobie 16	Open	Gavin Colby		WA
Hobie 16	Youth	Kenneth Hibbert	Nathan Adams	SA
Hobie 16	Masters	Phil Smyth	Amber Smyth	WA
Hobie 17		Gavin Colby		WA
Hobie 18		Steve Fields	David Firth	NSW
International 14		Mark Krstic	Andrew Perry	VIC
International Cadet		Stewart Wells	Patrick Hutton	TAS
Laser Radial	Open	Tom Slingsby		NSW
Laser Radial	Women	Alison Casey		QLD
Laser Radial	Sub Junior	Tom Slingsby		NSW
Laser Radial	Youth	Tom Slingsby		NSW
Laser Radial	Apprentice	Adam French		NSW
Laser Radial	Master	Chris Meech		NSW
Laser Radial	Grand Master	Kerry Waraker		QLD
Laser	Youth	Ben Austin		NSW
Laser	Apprentice	Brad Taylor		QLD
Laser	Master	Mark Bethwaite		NSW
Mirror	Open	Justin Mann	Jonathon Clough	WA
Mirror	Women	Kate Russell	Peter Russell	ACT
Mirror	Junior	Torvar Mirsky	Chris Jacob	WA
Mirror	Sub-Junior	Tim Castles	David Castles	WA
		Lawrence Ashford		
Mirror	Veterans	Robin Ford	Lyndell Ford	NSW
Moth	Open	Mark Thorpe		NSW
Moth	Masters	Greg Hilton		WA
OK Dinghy	Open	Roger Blasse		VIC
OK Dinghy	Junior	James McAllister		NSW
OK Dinghy	Veteran	Peter Milne		VIC
OK Dinghy	Master	Bill Tyler		NSW
Yngling		David Ward		

#### NATIONAL CLASSES

125	Open	Jamie Thompson	Katie Young	
125	Junior	Daniel Turner	Grant Paull	
125	Masters	Allan White	Travis White	
16ft Skiff		Lee Knapton	Peter Hubble	NSW
NS14		Adrian Nash	Emma Thomson	
MG14		Alan Carwadine	Steve Ray	QLD
Arafura Cadet		Hayley Beutel		QLD

Arrow		Steven Short		VIC
Cherub		Scott Ewings	David Ewings	NSW
Diamond		Mark Fox		
Endeavour 24		Alan Thomas	Tony Ferris/Steve Fletcher Mike Donaugh/David Freakley	
Flying Ant		Jeremy Wilmot	Dallas Agius	NSW
Flying Eleven		Nathan Outteridge	Iain Jenson	NSW
Flying Eleven Girls		Jacqui Bonnitcha	Stephanie Morris	NSW
Hartley TS16		John Needs	Neil Bilsborough	NSW
Heron	Open	Don Jamieson	Chris Green	NSW
Heron	Women	Anne Christie		
Heron	Veteran	Peter Carroll		
Impulse		Paul Foster		
Javelin	Open	W. Smith		VIC
Javelin	Junior	Ben Mawson	Daniel Bright	
Javelin	Women	Rhiannon Sloss	Stuart McGregor	
Javelin	Veteran	Rhiannon Sloss	Stuart McGregor	
Manly Junior		William Moore	Tom Schultz	NSW
Manly Junior	Novice	William Mackenzie	Mark Atkins	NSW
Maricat	4.3 Cat	Wayne Barry		NSW
Maricat	4.3 Sloop	David Zahra	Chris Zahra	NSW
Mari	5.0 Sloop	Fred Grant	Donna Grant	ACT
Minnow		P Wilson		VIC
Minnow	Junior	R Langworthy		
Mosquito	Cat Rig	Bob Wilson		
Nacra	5m	Ian Walls		QLD
Nacra	5.8m	Chris Brewin	Richard Brewin	NSW
Nacra	14sq	Jake Kaiser		NSW
Nacra	16sq	C Holden		QLD
National E		Mark Moore	Joe Johansen	SA
Pacer	Open	Peter Sharp	Lachlan Sharp	VIC
Pacer	Junior	Beth Endersbee	Robin Endersbee	VIC
Paper Tiger		Ben Deed		VIC
Radio Sailing	A Class	Alan Rook		NSW
Sabre	Open	Damien Pound		VIC
Sabre	Women	Krystal Weir		VIC
Sabre	Junior	Simon Balmer		VIC
Sabre	Master	John Atkins		NSW
Sabre	Grand Master	Phillip Johnson		VIC
Sabre	Veteran	John Seeber		VIC
Sabot	1Up	Nathan Outteridge		NSW
Sabot	2Up	Tyson Kimlin	Damon Skinner	QLD
Sharpie		Robin Duessen	Mathew Sanderson / Daniel Wilsdon	
Skates		David Luck	Glenn Crighton	NSW
Skates	Junior	Tim Sellers	Ben Sinton	NSW
Spiral	Open	Bruce Paine		ACT
Spiral	Junior	Iain Davidson		ACT
Stingray		Steve Adams	Fiona Adams	
Taipan	4.9 Sloop	Glen Ashby	Brett Goodall	VIC

Taipan	4.9 Cat	James Saige		SA
Taipan	5.7	Russell Denholme	Perin Hardie	VIC
Tasar		Craig McPhee	Kevin Kellow	SA
Timpenny 670		Jon Simmons		NSW
VeeJay	Junior	John Hooper	Chris Brown	NSW
VeeJay	Senior	Lindsay Mason	Brett Dutton	NSW
Windrush	Cat Rigged	Kevin Milligan		
Windrush	Sloop Rigged	Beni Dei Giudici		