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Australian Team Sailing Association

Australian Team Sailing Association Update To Stakeholders

At last year's Australia Secondary Schools Team Racing Championships at Nedlands, Perth, representatives of ATSA briefed those in attendance with an update to status of ATSA, and the drafting and submission of a new Constitution and governance structure for the Association. The rejuvenation of ATSA and the restructure of the Association reflects the importance of the core participants of the sport i.e. those entities competing in, and responsible for, running Teams Sailing in the respective states.

The briefing by the ATSA committee reflected that:

- The core structure of ATSA would change to create a membership of state bodies that represent the relevant Team Sailing programs across the country
- A new Constitution for ATSA had been drafted and lodged for approval
- The primary objects of ATSA were (among others) to:
 - *Promote, advance and administer team sailing throughout Australia, to ensure its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Team Sailing;*
 - *Plan for and conduct annually, or otherwise, the Australian Team Racing Championships and the Australian Schools Team Racing Championships and to plan for and conduct or co-ordinate Australia's involvement in International competitions,*
 - *Become recognised by other Associations or bodies that promote the advancement and administration of Team Sailing as may be required, and represent the interests of its Members and of Team Sailing generally in any appropriate forum in Australia and Internationally; and*
 - *To act to reflect the objects of Australian Sailing, and to adopt and implement such policies as may be developed by AS or WS, as they may relate to Team Sailing.*

ATSA is repositioned to represent both the sport and its core members, and those members and the Board will shape the future direction of the Sport. This was supported at the meeting.

ATSA advised they would contact all stakeholders and relevant parties following approval of the Constitution. It would then seek membership from the State bodies and convene an AGM under the constitution. It was also conveyed that ATSA also remain affiliated with Australian Sailing and seek to develop stronger relationships with the governing body in the future.

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ATSA subsequently received approval of the Constitution on the 24 October, 2017. With the hectic sailing program over the Summer break it was thought prudent to delay the engagement with stakeholders until the New Year.

ATSA will now formally approach each of the individual State representatives of Team Sailing to brief them of the new structure and seek to have them join as members of the Association. Only members and affiliates of the Association will be invited to compete at the annual Australian Team Racing Championships.

With the new membership in place, the 2018 AGM will be convened on the 24th February. At this meeting further update will be provided and the new Board elected. ATSA will be governed by a Board made of up of 4 Directors elected from the delegates nominated by the State members, and 3 elected Directors.

The timing of the AGM is now important, so that the new Board is in place to finalise plans for the 2018 Australia Schools Team Racing Championships on the 11th – 15th July, 2018 to be held in Victoria. Appointment of the host club is planned for endorsement by the Board in late February.

We thank you all for your ongoing support for Team Sailing in Australia and the endeavours and contribution of all those consulted in the future of ATSA, and its reconstitution, to ensure its effective leadership of the sport going forward.

I look forward to responding to any further enquiries you may have, or alternatively feel free to speak directly to the Team Sailing governing body in your respective State.

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