

NATIONAL MOSQUITO CATAMARAN COUNCIL AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022/2023

MINUTES

Held at Gippsland Lakes YC, Paynesville, VIC, Tues 3rd January 2023

Present

Andrew Copland, Tim Shepperd, Philip Warren-Smith, Matt Stone, Phillip Pearce, Roy Douglas, Brett Rowe, Darrin Tomison, Paul Amaira, Gary Lane, Louise Peters, Ian McAllister, Garry Johnstone, Steve Thomas, Warwick Kemp, Shane Kershaw, Zoe Kershaw, Neil Joiner, Di Floyd, Rob Lott, Sandra Warren-Smith, Mick Floyd, Sam Watson, Pete Kiely, Gary Maskiell.

Apologies

Greg Lee, Debra Michell, Neil Maskiell, Adam Maskiell

Meeting Opened at 18:25 by Gary Maskiell

Minutes of the Previous AGM – at Victor Harbor YC, January 2022, read by Tim Shepperd.

Motion - to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read as correct.

Moved by Garry Johnstone, seconded by Steve Thomas Passed Unanimously

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

None.

Correspondence In/Out

In: Australian Sailing: Fees. \$220.00

In: National trophy upkeep \$179.80

Out: Australian Sailing: Payment of fees (\$220.00).

Brian Chapman (AS cat yardstick representative): Discussions re spinnaker measurements and resulting Mosquito yardstick.

Business Arising from Correspondence

None

Accounts for Payment

None

National Secretary's Report

Gary summarised the discussions that have been held earlier in the year regarding the Mosquito Spinnaker measurement rules and the consequent yardstick (see NTO report below).

The numbers attending the 50th National titles (28) are disappointing. The class needs to think about how to run future National Titles.

Gary Maskiell - Secretary

National Technical Officer's Report

Spinnaker measurement rule change proposal. Rule 21 in the BRR has been in place since 2007 and was kept simple to allow some development of the optimum layout for a Mosquito. In reality the spinnaker designs in use have not changed in any significant way since before 2007.

Now it has been brought to the attention of the NMCCA by Australian Sailing that the current rule allows for a spinnaker that (whilst not practical for a Mosquito) would result in a lower (faster) yardstick rating based on the SCHRS formula. Further, using the SCHRS formula the existing spinnakers already have a larger area than the current yardstick is based on. This means that the "Mosquito with spinnaker" yardsticks are going to be lowered, but the size of the change can be limited if we adjust the spinnaker measurement rules to prevent future changes in the spinnaker shape that could lower the SCHRS rating further.

Hence the intention of this rule change is to tighten the spinnaker sail measurements so that future Mosquito spinnakers continue to be similar in shape and area to existing spinnakers (as befits a one-design class), and to prevent the Mosquito yardstick being unfairly penalised. More detail in the appendix.

Change proposed by Tim Shepperd seconded by Robert Lott Passed unanimously

Templates. Matt Stone will get CNC templates cut for comparison with existing templates and current hulls.

Tim Shepperd - NTO

Financial Report

Expenses incurred by the NMCCA are principally Australian Sailing class affiliation fees and the upkeep of national trophies. The VIC and SA State associations need to contribute \$220-230 approx per year to the NMCCA to share these costs. In order to catch up with AS affiliation fees since 2017 the SA association is due to pay \$446.12 to the NMCCA. The SA association has paid \$129.80 and \$50.00 during the last year on National trophy upkeep. The VIC association will match these payments into the NMCCA account. Once these payments are made the NMCCA will be in credit. The website costs are covered by the VIC association.

Philip Warren-Smith – Treasurer

Motion - to accept the reports.

Moved by Pete Keily, Seconded by Di Floyd

Passed Unanimously

Election of Office Bearers

National Secretary - *Roy Douglas*

Nominated by Warwick Kemp, Seconded by Steve Thomas

Elected Unopposed

National Treasurer - *Philip Warren-Smith*

Nominated by Gary Maskiell, Seconded by Garry Johnstone

Elected Unopposed

National Technical Officer - *Tim Shepperd*

Nominated by Ian McAlister, Seconded by Brett Rowe

Elected Unopposed

State Representatives

VMCA rep - *Rob Lott*

Nominated by Di Floyd, Seconded by Gary Maskiell

MCASA rep - Roy Douglas (as Secretary)
Nominated by Warwick Kemp, Seconded by Ian McAlister

Elected Unopposed

ACT rep - Zoe Kershaw
Nominated by Di Floyd, Seconded by Rob Lott

Elected Unopposed

General Business

2023/24 Nationals – The SA association had approached Christies Beach but the club is no longer able to run it, so the venue is now Meningie SC. The titles will run from the 7th to the 13th January 2024.

National Title race count – A quick show-of-hands poll was conducted to see how many races people preferred to have in a National Titles. The meeting was divided between the three choices of 8, 10 or 12, with 10 coming out the favourite.

2024/25 Nationals – The meeting showed a favourable response to the idea of going to a South-East coast venue – maybe Eden.

The timing of the National Titles – was discussed again, and a preference was shown for starting them in the second week of January or later. Once again it was pointed out that younger working Mosquito sailors were very much against this as they thought it would be impossible to take more leave from work after the Christmas shutdown.

Insurance – Roy asked which insurance companies people used as CGU were no longer insuring for racing. Nautilus Marine seemed to be the company of choice.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm

NMCCA Rule change proposal – 2022

Introduction - Spinnaker measurement rule #21

This rule has been in place since 2007 and was kept simple to allow some development of the optimum layout for a Mosquito. In reality the spinnaker designs in use have not changed in any significant way since before 2007.

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Tim Shepperd (NTO)

Existing Rule 21

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Either the NMCC or a state authority may choose to run an event in which the use of a spinnaker is permitted, in which case this rule shall apply. This rule also applies to Mosquito class boats sailing with a spinnaker at any other events.

21.1 The spinnaker pole shall be attached to the centre of the main beam, and shall be fixed in a fore and aft position.

21.2 No part of the spinnaker pole or its fittings may extend more than 3030 mm from the front of the main beam.

21.3 The head of the spinnaker shall not be hoisted more than 6380 mm from the top of the main beam.

21.4 The maximum luff length shall be 6950 mm.

21.5 The maximum foot length shall be 3500 mm.

Proposed changes to Rule 21

Delete 21.5

Add new 21.5, 21.6, 21.7 and 21.8 as follows:

21.5 The maximum leech length shall be 6250 mm.

21.6 The maximum foot length shall be 3350 mm.

21.7 The maximum half-height width shall be 2555 mm.

21.8 The minimum half-height width shall be 2520 mm.

Proposed new Rule 21 - complete

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