

INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION
RADIO SAILING DIVISION



**OCEANIA REPORT TO PC MEETING
12-13 JANUARY 2002**

My contact throughout the Region in the second part of 2001 has been limited and as a result I am not able to provide worthwhile statistical data for other than my home DM.

Radio Yachting in Australia maintains its healthy state and more than 100 new boats were registered in 2001, 50 plus of these in the IOM class. The Australian Championships were held in Brisbane, Queensland with 93 entries in four classes. The IOM Class attracted an entry of 45. New Zealand held National Championships in the Marblehead, IOM and EC12 Classes, totalling some 40 entries. Reports from South Africa indicate some of the traditional classes are experiencing a down turn but a fleet of some 50 R/C Lasers are sailing in Durban as an offshoot of the full size yacht club. Singapore has had a small increase in its IOM fleet.

As a result of an Australian Yachting Federation prescription to RRS46, an interpretation of the amended rule has raised the question of a requirement for ARYA members to become members of the AYF at an additional cost in excess of AUD\$25 per annum. Negotiations are commencing with AYF to either waive or substantially reduce the cost to radio yachtspersons. This has serious membership implications at club racing level.

A reduction in my National involvement will allow me to take a more proactive role in 2002 and I hope to be able to better serve the Region.

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