



PARADISE RADIO YACHT CLUB (PRYC) INCORPORATED

STRATEGIC PLAN

Mission / purpose

The club's purpose is to foster the sport of racing radio- controlled yachts for classes recognised by the club and engage in social and competitive activities that promote friendship and courtesy amongst its members and the community.

Members Needs

- SAILING VENUE:
 - Centrally located with open surrounds to allow uninterrupted air flows and open water, free of weed with minimal disruption from or to other water craft traffic.
- FACILITIES:
 - Continued close free parking suitable for required equipment deployment as per relevant fleet access to the various staging areas.
 - Approved portable and permanent, safe, easy RC yacht & club dinghy launching facilities to access to water (pathway extensions to the water).
 - Secure, dry, appropriately sized storage compound to cater for 4 dinghies close to approved launching facilities.
 - Bike traffic 'safe' control area.
- CLUB EQUIPMENT
 - Quality fit for purpose equipment.
 - Close storage and access ready for immediate, safe deployment to facilitate minimal physical exertion.
- SPORT
 - Racing of the highest calibre & sportsmanship.
 - Quality regatta competition, management & equipment.
 - Optimal fleet sizes & number.
 - Available documents:
 - RRS
 - PRYC SSI with Fleet relevance.
 - Guide to PRO – Club Racing' with Fleet relevance.
 - Paradise Radio Yacht Club "Risk Assessment Doc".
- MEMBERSHIP:
 - Positive & safe courteous and respectful environment with affable skipper relations.
 - Appropriate priced membership fees and charges.
 - Committee governing optimal number of Fleets
 - Fleet size to be managed by respective Fleet Captains in consultation with Committee agreements.
- CLUB MANAGEMENT
 - Experienced & capable.
 - Good intra and inter club communications & relations.
 - Suitably documented club membership, financial accountability, correspondence and meetings recorded and routine procedures.
 - Identified venues for Meetings etc.
- OTHER
 - Adequate convenient toilet facilities.
 - Fresh town water access.
 - Appropriately maintained website with documented alternative access procedures.

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- **Venue Access & Facilities**
- **Club Equipment**
- **Grant Funding awareness**
- **Communication**
- **Sport & Club member development**

VENUE ACCESS & FACILITIES

Secure Emerald Lakes **venue access (ongoing effort required):**

- Maintain access approval to Emerald Lakes through annual renewal of GCCC “Right of Use” permit.
- Preserve and enhance good name & relations with GCCC & local community:
- Encouraging best behaviour of members:
 - Proper etiquette interacting on the path.
 - Good sportsmanship communications.
 - Parking according to council signs.
 - No littering.
 - Suitable signage: i.e. Event in progress, Bicycles please ring bell.

Secure EL long-term **Parking Access:**

- Adequately define and document parking requirement for submission.
- Lobby via written submission & personal representation for adequate appropriate parking as part of GCCC EL Parklands Development Plan.
- Continue to encourage members to park according to council signs.

Secure EL **Parklands with open surrounds to allow uninterrupted air flows:**

Collate previous written submissions to council re vegetation of Parklands adjacent to water and obtain recognition in Parklands Development Plan to mitigate impact of trees on air flow.

Secure **launching facilities:**

- Collate previous written concept plan, personal & written submissions to council & approved grant correspondence & communications re this project.
- Continue to work with relevant council staff & elected representative re the EL Development Plan using documented email, letter and personal contacts.
- Continue to work with GGCC to deliver four public access boardwalk extensions to EL Parklands walkways at strategically identified locations to serve as permanent replacements for the existing portable launch ramps
- Ensure launch facilities have cleat type options for secure dinghy tie off points.

Secure tenure for closest to water possible **storage facilities:**

Secure current EL storage facility:

- Refer to as “**fenced gear enclosure**” because of declared State Government Flood Plain ‘no building status’ of land.
- Continue high maintenance & appearance with “enhanced functionality”.
- Defend current storage location through suitably diplomatic & sustained negotiation with relevant stake holders / or source suitable alternative that satisfies requirements.
- Once tenure secured, **pursue footprint upgrade** to cater for 4 dinghy / trailer / buoy /ramp storage without the need to stack.

At the same time, continue to support ‘Back Page Bar’ yard storage as back up arrangement for road trailered equipment.

Secure close to **water access** to free **toilet facilities** and **meeting room venue:**

Actively pursue a stake hold **for access** to likely Parklands Development Plan infrastructure building through ongoing contacts & communications and forging access agreements with GCCC and other stake holders. Secure **access rights** as written commitment on EL Parklands development Plan.

This assumes a close to water storage facility is guaranteed.

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Maintenance/ Replacement Plan

Maintain equipment in good working order to cater for all fleet activities while holding enough funds for responsible replacement program.

- Dinghies & safety equipment.
- Outboards
- Ramps (# to be phased down to 2 as new park infrastructure comes on line/ for use as in /out ramps for other venue events / to be housed above storage area when not required)
- Trolleys (3 off road & 1 registered on road trailer) suitable for carrying marquees / tables /etc
- Starting PA systems for each fleet
- Buoys suitably sized, numbered & painted for each fleet.
- Marquees for each fleet
- UHF radios (event management & dinghy -shore communications.)
- Portable tables
- White boards
- AED & first aid kits.
- Winch & removable mounting post.

Ensure adequate in-house regatta equipment:

- Protest Book & models
- Course board
- Fleet board
- Sound horn
- Starting equipment
- UHF radios available for championship regattas.

Encourage procurement of equipment for large scale competition regattas:

- Laptop computer with portable charger.
- Electronic Printer.
- Power Generator
- Course board
- Fleet board
- Air horn
- Starting / PA equipment
- UHF hand held portable radios with chargers
- Large flat screen TV monitor.

GRANT FUNDING AWARENESS.

- Conserve club finances by sourcing grant funding for appropriate resources.
- Ensure preparedness for grant applications:
- Documents to hand for easy reference
- Maintain awareness of club & RC sport funding opportunities through Qld Gaming Fund & other agencies.
- Leverage funding opportunities via association with other not- for -profit bodies (e.g. QRYA). [Grant applications benefiting multiple organizations are likely to be more successful].
- Document & continue to lobby government for including Radio Sailing as a Sport and hence be eligible for government Sports funding.

COMMUNICATION

Intra club Communications:

- Maintain up to date membership spreadsheet list with contact detail discretion.
- When bulk emailing general membership communications (send to self with contact lists as BCC)
- Sailing Secretary Information:
 - Costing and criteria for 1 v 2-day event.
 - Regatta Budget template & information.
 - Event Planning Check List / time line.
 - QRYA / ARYA requirement time lines.
- Documents to hand for committee member reference:
 - Current Constitution
 - Current By-Laws
 - Current Right of Use Permit
 - Certificate of Incorporation
 - Grant Applications history.
 - Current membership details.
 - Current Insurance Policy.
 - Current Risk Assessment
 - Boat Operator Guide.
 - PRYC New Member Brochure
 - Up to date Financial Statement

Inter club Communications:

- Comply with Queensland Radio Yachting Association (QRYA) Australian Radio Yachting Association (ARYA) requirement time lines & related club obligations through PRYC Secretary.
- Lobby QRYA / ARYA to include significant RC events in main stream yacht racing calendars i.e. In 'AFLOAT' magazine.

PRYC Website:

- Maintain club website via funding annual cost of **site hosting** & separate annual registration cost for **domain** name.
- Continue to foster a good working relation with current website designer Mr Eddie Cowell & document forward action plan for **back up arrangement** for ongoing website maintenance.
- Ensure club member **routine data entry** operator has **trained back up** person in place.
- 'Latest News' snippets currently in place of club newsletter.
- Periodic review of website content & relevance.

Other Promotion to the General Public:

- Any 'Membership Drive' promotion effort – to cater for different fleet priorities and encourage a wide age group to participate.
- Majority agreed - promo budget unnecessary.
- Current promo brief - No Fleet Bias
- Current best value for effort: take every opportunity to speak to interested passers-by at Emerald Lakes.
- Club promo flyer superseded by PRYC business card.
- Fleet Captains – issued with PRYC business cards & encouraged to hand out.
- Permanent free adds - Council and Community websites.
- Flags – flying at Emerald Lakes
- Tear drop club banners & event signs.
- Press releases to media –as required / event based.
- Broaden Age demographic.
- Target – marine industry background persons of all age groups.
- Promote a fresh positive acuity.

SPORT & CLUB MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

- Club focus on high standard of competitive racing with attention to a diverse and engaging racing program that will assist all skippers to perform to their potential.
- Optimal sized fleets racing two days per week.
- Optimum fleet sizes managed as required by:
 - Possible moratoriums on fleets / new skipper membership with waiting lists as needs dictate.
 - Review current membership nomination / waiting time procedure & / or go to formal interview procedure as appropriate.
- Fleet based strategies for acceptance of new skipper “L plate” status & mentoring.
- Skipper development, education & harmonious relations:
 - Encourage members to have and apply a copy of the RRS.
 - Foster inter-fleet cooperation to ensure volunteers available for championship event management.
 - New member nominators to accept responsibility for new member racing education.
 - Provide new member “welcome package” of information.
 - Provide PRYC Guide to PRO - Club Racing (B. Clancy document)
 - Knowledge sharing with ongoing education & dialogue opportunities via workshops, simulations & role plays etc related to:
 - Rules
 - Protest Hearing
 - Sail tuning
 - Tactics& race management
 - Course layout
 - Event management
 - Boat Maintenance
 - Boat Rigging.
 - Shared role of RO
 - Scoring including (Heat Management System, Odds& Evens, Handicap methods)
 - Dinghy operation
- Captive audience during lunch breaks & throughout the day for positive and inclusive engagement of whole fleet / whole club - Saturdays.
- Separate venue training requires added motivation for attendance.
- Continue emphasis on what PRYC fleets have in common as RC *skippers*.