

Our club began with Ron Brown talking to Frank Arrowsmith about the possibility of joining Southport Yacht Club to sail on the lake at Damien Leeding Memorial Park, Oxenford.

I was sailing at a couple of venues with Ron and literally pushed Ron into action rather than talk and two weeks later we held our first committee meeting (2nd June 2021) of what became known as the Coomera Radio Yacht Club Inc.

The primary motivation of Ron and I was to form a club that placed the enjoyment and fun of sailing above championships or trophies.

We were sailing at Grand Vision Sailing Club (part of the social club at Halcyon Retirement Living, Hope Island) however we were there by invitation and the club is private and reserved for residents only so we were unable to introduce friends to RC sailing at that club.

Other clubs whose primary objectives are to provide very competitive racing for multi classes of RC yachts can in our opinion nullify the enjoyment of our sport. Hence serious racing programs by their very nature can exclude novices, beginners and handicapped/disabled persons from active participation.

We felt a smaller club that only supports DF95 class yachts (and in the future possibly DF65) with a reduced emphasis on racing would be an asset to the North Gold Coast and thus we proceeded to structure our club along these lines.

By late July 2021 after having waded through a mass of documentation, regulation and structure we had a club with this bias toward fun and inclusiveness. The club was now an incorporated association with Right to Use approval from the GCCC, ABN, banking facilities, articles of incorporation and policies on conduct, by laws, OH&S and modified racing rules. We had also assembled the equipment required to run our events including a rescue boat, trailer and motor, starting system and buoys etc.

On 28th July 2021 we held our first race day and are now guiding the club through it's early history to ensure our vision would become a culture firmly entrenched in our ethos;

“If in the process of winning, you have lost the respect of your competitors, you have won nothing”

Leon Holder Commodore