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Communications:

1. Bulletins introduced to clarify communication flow and alert members to need for response
2. Member Clubs asked to provide electronic addresses of all current flag, officers to Regional Offices

Maintaining a clear communication flow between Clubs, and both the Regional and National offices of SAS, is fundamental to providing satisfactory service delivery to sailing folk, throughout the country.

The nature of the Club structure and its reliance, in the main, on volunteers to ensure the continuance of a flow of information, leads inevitably to "communication drag". The new decentralised structure of SAS with greater focus on Regional autonomy is hoped to provide greater contact between SAS officials and members without in any way detracting from the need to ensure that information flow is sustained through to the national Standing Committees, which form the engine that drives SAS.

For this reason we have introduced the concept of the Bulletin.

Bulletins will be used exclusively to advise Clubs of matters of national significance where a response from Clubs is required.

The publication of newsletters, in the format started earlier this year, will continue. Newsletters, as distinct from Bulletins, will carry information and topics of interest to members, not requiring a response. Comment, of course, is always welcome, and Clubs are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion in newsletters, Clubs are invited to use the medium as a forum for airing views and possibly eliciting reaction from other members on topics of their choice. The newsletter should be seen as a forum for discursive articles from members on training techniques, funding opportunities, administrative difficulties overcome etc. to invite comment from other member clubs moved to reply.

As with all Bulletins this requires action by member Clubs. This year is going to be an important year for SAS and Clubs alike. A Bulletin dealing with the impact of the recently promulgated Small Vessel Safety Regulations will be published shortly. It will result in a number of required actions by Clubs, boat owners and sailors alike. While the published regulations effect coastal sailors and their relationship with government through SAS, similarly drafted regulations have been promulgated in respect of inland water. So both inland and ocean are affected.

To ensure that "communication drag" is reduced to a minimum we are asking that SAS regional offices be provided with the electronic addresses of all current flag officers, so that when Bulletins are sent out they are read by all concerned at virtually the same time.

In this way we intend that there will be an improvement of understanding of requirements and that information called for by SAS, in order that it respond adequately to the task, will flow smoothly.

As the regulations are in place and we have a time limit on dealing with the requirements, we ask that responses be dealt with punctually.

Required response from his Bulletin:

- 1. Electronic address details of all current flag officers to affiliated member clubs.**
- 2. Lists to be furnished by end July 2003.**