



# PRESIDENTS REPORT 2007

This completes my third and final year as President and it is an honour to report on our achievements over the year. I thank the management team of David Black, Ian Ashe, Eddie Cowell and Col Cameron for their input during what has been a very busy and challenging year.

Queensland is in a healthy state being now the principal State for Radio Sailing in Australia. That numbers continue to grow is a credit to the work put in by the respective Club Committees and members. The momentum achieved from the successful hosting of the IOM Worlds by Mooloolaba in 2005 and the more recent 2007 Nationals at Lake Kurwongbah is continuing to help growth particularly in the South Eastern corner.

While the IOM Class continues to prosper with 42 entries at the last Qld IOM Championship, the level of interest in the M and IOR Classes continues to be a concern. The impact of the recent Nationals saw a number of new A Class boats being built or purchased and we now have the nucleus of an A Class fleet with the possibility of a Queensland Championship for the class being held later in the year.

Queensland skippers led the way in representing Australia in International events with four of the team of seven representing us at the Marblehead Worlds in UK and three Queenslanders being the only Australian representatives at NZL2006 an International regatta for EC12's in New Zealand. A number of IOM skippers also competed in NZ events.

Publicity Officer Eddie Cowell's professional web site continues to keep the sport in the public eye with excellent coverage of most events conducted throughout the state. If your clubs events don't rate a mention it is because nothing was submitted. Eddie is keen to publicise all events and would like results reports and pictures promptly after the event.

The major highlight was the successful running of the ARYA Nationals held over a thirteen day period in January. This was hosted by the Pine Rivers Club and strongly supported by Mooloolaba, Brisbane Gold Coast, Wynnum/Manly and North Lakes who helped resource the Organising Committee and provide staffing for the event. Without this strong support from the various Clubs the event would not have been successful.

Congratulations to Bill Clancy who was awarded the George Middleton Trophy for the most significant contribution to Radio Sailing in Queensland in 2006.

As this completes my third year as President after a period in the Vice Presidents position I believe now is the time to step aside and allow a new incumbent with fresh ideas to take the organisation forward. I will still of course be continuing in my current role with the ARYA as Queensland's only representative on the Executive for the foreseeable future.

I thank the QRYA Executive, Member Clubs and individual members for the help and friendship given to me over this time that has made the job so rewarding.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Turk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Turk