



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2008 - 2009

An interesting year. Since my election as QRYA President at the 2008 AGM my main priority was to have the Association Incorporated and after much to-ing and fro-ing between the Department of Fair Trading, the Association and its member Clubs this was achieved in February this year. Through a technical hitch we had to repeat the exercise but only after putting our members through a double handling process. Thank you for your patience and perseverance with this venture.

I think you will all agree that we belong to a very well run well oiled Association and this is mainly due to the efforts of our Secretary. Once again David has to be congratulated and thanked for the amount of work he does for us, work that, unless you have been involved as secretary of a busy club, most members wouldn't appreciate. His tireless devotion to the job has put Queensland to the forefront of Model Yachting in Australia. Thank you David.

One of the aims (requirements) of all member clubs is to uphold the Association's image in the eyes of the public. The number of reported incidents of bad behaviour at sailing venues seems to have reduced and the few that were reported were quickly resolved by those involved and their clubs.

I must make a few comments on the Major Events program. At the start of our year our Coordinator was Matt Hunter. Matt put the basis of the program together and finished the first draft but unfortunately through pressure of work and family commitments had to resign his post early in the new year. David Black and I jumped in the deep end and produced the final draft which was published on the website. Contention prevailed but after negotiations in several areas more changes were made and will continue to be made, if required, to maintain smooth running. Fortunately we have a very capable volunteer for the 09-10 sailing

season. I must thank Matt for his early efforts this year and his previous involvement in 08-09.

Most Queensland skippers may not be aware that a proposal has been put to the Management Committee by one of our top skippers suggesting that the format of the ARYA National regatta be changed so that individual regattas would be held throughout the year instead of all at once during the hot Christmas-New Year holiday period. Following comments for and against from interested members this proposal has been discussed favourably by the Committee and, along with a suggested Rota System, forwarded to the next ARYA meeting for their consideration. We expect the proposal will go out to all states and be voted on at the next ARYA AGM.

In closing I would like to thank John McLachlan, Eddie Cowell and David Black, all members of the Management Committee, for their attendance and input at our regular meetings and a special thanks to our web manager Eddie for the hours he puts in keeping Queensland model yachties up to date with yachting news and results.

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