



VICE PRESIDENT / MEASUREMENT COORDINATOR REPORT ... 2007

I have been fortunate in being able to attend two of the three Management Meetings during the year now ending made possible through frequent visits to Brisbane for family reasons and my ultimate permanent move here in December.

As VP I have not had duties other than to attend meetings and help with decision making to enable the day to day progress of Queensland model yachting. Graeme Turk has kept us all on the right path and I congratulate him and his multi club committee on the very successful staging of the National Championships over two weeks in January. I am sure the competitors that just turn up to sail and go home at the end of the regatta do not realise what goes into the many hours of planing to stage such an event. Well done everyone. On a personal level Graeme has been a strong leader and has set the pace for his successor whoever that may be. His three years at the helm have certainly kept Queensland at the forefront of Australian model yachting. Congratulations Graeme on your excellent leadership.

Since the decision was made to review the check measurement system after major regattas every club measurer, bar one, has complied with the requirement to forward the check sheet details to me. This enables a close eye to be kept on wayward skippers and also encourages club measurers to be more diligent in their checking.

The system seems to be working as there are very few incidents of non-conformity. I see no reason to alter the present routine and look forward to it's continuation during the next twelve months.

Problems, there have been none, so I can only assume that club measurers are confident in their knowledge of the class rules and the requirements affecting the measurements of boats and sails. Not one measurer has referred anything to me for clarification or interpretation. Further to this topic the AYRA is currently considering the issue of a measurement guide for the four international classes probably in the form of a DVD or CD. The proposal is to provide a guide and all documentation required, in kit form, and including an open book test for measurers to confirm their understanding of the rules. It is to be an accreditation test. This should ensure that all clubs anywhere in Australia are following the same procedure.

I wish retiring committee members well for the future and the new team for 2007-2008 success for their decisions made for the future of Queensland model yachting.

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