

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010

Another sailing season has come and gone and figures show that Queensland has maintained their position as the premier state in Australian R/C Yachting. Membership was up, 318 compared with 304 for the 08/09 year, and indications are that we will keep growing in 10/11. State representation at the Nationals in Adelaide was very good and congratulations must go to those skippers that made the effort to travel and compete.

Our Secretary David Black has again kept us on the ball with excellent management of the State's affairs and financial matters. Thank you David for a job well done. An objective of mine this year was to put a case to the National Committee for David to be granted Life Membership of the ARYA. Researching David's history with the help of the National Historian started about September '09 and an application was eventually sent to and reviewed by the Executive, accepted and forwarded to the States for approval. At the National AGM in January David was awarded the honour of Life Fellowship of the ARYA. David becomes only the second Queenslander to receive the award, the other being George Manders now deceased. I am sure all Queenslanders will join with me in congratulating David on a well deserved honour, an honour recognising the years of work he has put in for Queensland and Australian R/C yachting.

In August your Association was invited to present Radio Yachting to the public at the Brisbane Boat Show in the Brisbane Entertainment and Convention Centre. Static and on-water displays were manned by QRYA Committee and Club members and much interest was shown by attendees. The on-water display attracted crowds each time the Micro Magics sailed when members of the public were invited to take the controls to try their hand. Despite our efforts it is not usual that we attract new members from this type of activity but in this case figures show that we did gain membership albeit minimal. I want to thank all those members who gave up their time to man the display and promote our sport.

In last year's report I mentioned Jeff Byerley's proposal to reorganise the Nationals so that they could be split and sailed at more suitable times of the year away from the Summer heat. Queensland has since persued this at National level at their AGM but at this time we have not achieved a result. Opposition was shown from several quarters at State level and

after much debate our proposal was voted out. More work needs to be done with this if we intend to take it further.

Comment is made from time to time about the Association's gradual increasing wealth and what we should be doing with our (your) money to further R/C sailing in Queensland. I can advise that the topic is currently under review and the suggestions before the Committee will be taken into the 10/11 year for consideration.

Committee meetings were well attended throughout the year with all members getting involved with the matters at hand. I must thank John, David, Jeff and Ron for their input during meetings and via email. Thanks Jeff for your handling of the Major Events Calendar and the many changes needed to be made from time to time for it's smooth running. Again we must thank Eddie Cowell for his website management in keeping us abreast of R/C yachting activities.

I wish all R/C Skippers good sailing in the 2010/11 season.

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## MEASUREMENT CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Only one technical query needed to be resolved this year which was ultimately referred on to the National Technical Officer. His resolution was the same as that given by the member's Club Measurer in the first instance before referral.

The disappointing part of the Co-ordinator's job is that Club Measurers have to be continually reminded and chased up to forward their regatta measurement check sheets following an event. This trend has increased over the past sailing season. A renewed effort will be made in the new sailing year to have clubs comply with their requirement of their measurement duties.