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Presidents Report

Another busy year and a half since the worlds in France for IMCA, with numerous rule and constitution changes being proposed and passed onto ISAF for ratification.

Most important of all were the changes to the sail area measurement process to the true area method, re-adoption of the IMCA Measurement Manual, and some more tidying up of the rules changes from the previous revision (2003).

My thanks must go to the members of the IMCA Executive Committee (Hubert Baker NED, Tim Steinlien SUI, Doug Pybus GBR, Andreas Gronarz GER, and Rohan Veal AUS) who made valuable input into these changes and also provided a solid base for the class in its day-to-day management.

After much soul searching within the various member national associations, we have now reached a point where the hydrofoils are being accepted and adopted by the majority of member countries. We now have hydrofoilers being sailed in AUS, GBR, GER, JPN, NED, and SUI.

This revolutionary type of sailing in our class has resulted in an enormous amount of publicity for the class, more so than we have had for the previous 10 years combined. The end result of this publicity has led to increases in moth sailors in just about every country, with a resurgence in Holland and New Zealand and a large amount of interest coming from Italy, which could be our biggest moth fleet within a few years.

All of this has not come easy to the class, and it is important that we do not forget our history, our myriad of designs being sailed and therefore I encourage all member countries to recognise both foiling and non foiling moths in their major regattas as well as recognising the traditional scows, while still retaining the 'first to finish wins the open trophy' precedence.

Some exciting major events are coming over the next 2 years with the first European Championships to be held in Italy next July, and the World Championships to be held in Denmark in 2006.

Lastly my enormous thanks go to Rohan Veal, our IMCA Secretary, for the past 2 terms. Rohan has spent a massive amount of his personal time and money managing the affairs of the class, getting our finances back on track, and publicising the class to the sailing world.

Rohan will be stepping down as Secretary this year for a well-earned break, while I am happy to continue as President. Rohan leaves us in excellent financial standing and with good relationships with ISAF and our other constituents. My personal opinion would be that an IMCA Secretary from a European country would be appropriate give the number of important events coming up in Europe.

Mark Robinson
IMCA President