

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

at the end of the year
DATE: Monday, 4 October 2010

The Bias Boating Warehouse Humpybash has been a success for another year with 46 boats competing across three divisions. Crews came from as far away as Grafton, Bundaberg and Rockhampton for the event. Unfortunately the weather was not as cooperative as would have been liked and the support crews were kept busy throughout both days moving the courses as the wind shifted up to 180° during the racing. The wet weather may have contributed towards the lack of competitors for the 5th division youth fleet, but the determination of some of the club juniors still managed to see a couple of Optimists chasing each other around the buoys inshore.

After the prize giving for the Humpybash it became apparent that there had been an error in the results. This error incorrectly placed a boat that had been in division 3 on the Saturday into division 2 for the Sunday and place an incorrect yardstick the boat. It has since been shown that John Ladewig actually placed second in division 3. I have therefore decided that we should send Mr Ladewig an alternative prize for his efforts at the regatta and an apology for the error and any confusion we may have caused.

It has been suggested that another reason for the apparent lack of youth participants was that the dates coincided with the start of the school holidays. It has therefore been suggested that the club consider moving the Humpybash to later in the year, away from the school holidays and also into warmer weather closer to summer.

Last month we spoke about the shared use of the bay with the water skiers in the World Championship Trial Day. While the arrangements were not ideal there was still plenty of water left for us to set a course. We will need to make contact with the Water Ski Association later this month to discuss arrangements for next year. As a result of the trial day, the course will be set in the bay, which is a good location for the trial day.