



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SABOT COUNCIL

2012 – 2013 Presidents Report

On behalf of the Australian National Sabot Council I would like to welcome you all to Brighton for the 49th Club Marine Australian Sabot Championship and the Mark Turnbull OAM Sabot Week Regattas. This year we again see a strong showing of 125 competitors in 100 boats competing on the beautiful Port Phillip Bay, which will provide the perfect backdrop for excellent, competitive and fair sailing at all levels.

I would like to thank the organising committee of the Victorian Sabot Sailing Association in particular Shane Quinlan and Lesley Fasala for their hard work and dedication to arrange such a well organised event. I would also like to thank our host club the Royal Brighton Yacht Club for the use of their facilities for the regatta and the financial support offered by all of the regatta partners such as Club Marine for their continues support of the class and the sport. I would also like to thank Nick Ward for his continual support of our website, Nick you do a fantastic job and your on-going assistance is very much appreciated.

The success of the sabot class as a one of the countries premier training classes is well founded through past successes such as our Sabot Week Patron Mark Turnbull and has never been more evident than at this year's successes at the Olympics, with many of the Gold Medallists commencing their sailing careers in Sabots. Hopefully we can continue with the development of such high quality and successful sailors well into the future.

In order to capitalise on such successes and to facilitate the future development of the class, it is my opinion the ANSC together with the zones need to work together over the next 12 months and beyond to simplify and improve the existing foundations of the class. As most are aware, the support from the governing bodies is on the continual decline as they put all their focus into the "pathways" using an only ISAF classes, we now need to look at our operations to ensure the future of the class. I believe that this can be achieved (at least in part) by embracing the comments of our previous President David Eutick, and conducting a review and simplification of our constitution documentation. In addition to this review I am of the opinion we need to use the ANSC more as a vehicle for the class in terms of zone collaboration, information and marketing which has waned over the past years. In order to facilitate this, I propose the formation of a working committee made up of ANSC committee members and zone delegates to discuss and formulate a feasible working plan for the class to be submitted at the next AGM. I would like to have further discussion and invite any suggestions in the general business part of this meeting from all attendees and zones present on how we might be able to achieve the most favourable outcomes for the class.

As is evident at this regatta the support for the Sabot class is strong, this is only possible through the continued dedication and support from our sailors, their families, zones and the local clubs for which I am thankful. I am hopeful that this level of dedication and support will continue for many years to come.

I have no doubt that this regatta will be memorable for all I would like to thank you all for your commitment and effort to the sport. I would also like to wish everyone a successful, safe and fun regatta and look forward to watching the events of regatta unfold with enthusiasm, anticipation and excitement.

Yours in sailing
Be safe

Paul Stivano
ANSC President