

## International Moth Class Association of Australia



### 2010 President's Report

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3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011

Despite having only 15 entrants at the 2010 Moth Australian Championships held in Perth, thanks to the work of John Ilett and IMCA WA, a successful championship was conducted. Andrew McDougall convincingly won the title, with Andrew Stevenson and Luka Damic rounding out the podium.

4 Australian boats competed at the 2010 PUMA Moth Worlds in Dubai in March. Generally light winds greeted the 43 competitors, however the Australian contingent performed well, with Andrew McDougall finishing runner up. Rob Gough finished in 12<sup>th</sup>, with Ben Crocker finishing in 29<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately Australia was beaten to the Moth Ashes by a stronger GBR team. The first time since the trophies inception that Australia has lost.

The NSW Championships provided the early focus for many competitors domestically. 39 competitors used the Easter event as preparation for the Worlds at the same venue. In a variety of conditions, local sailor Nathan Outteridge won convincingly, from 2008 World Champion John Harris with David Lister in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A stronger Australian presence competed in the 2010 SYZ & Co European Championships in Lake Silvaplana, Switzerland in August. 2009 Australian Champion Nathan Outteridge took out the regatta and the Open European title, with Rob Gough in 6<sup>th</sup>.

Despite an influx of new members, IMCA Australia has seen a decline in overall membership from 79 members in 2010 to 69 members in 2011. The class locally has also seen the NSW IMCA Association being put on hold given a lack of willing volunteers to administer it.

Given the large fleet and interest the 2011 Worlds has generated for the class, our challenge for 2011 will be to continue the growth in both registrations and boats sailing. The 18 month delay to the 2012 Worlds on Lake Garda, Italy will provide a welcome respite from the past 3 closely-packed World Championships, however it will also provide a challenge to keep current sailors interested, and to keep the class growing locally.

On that note, we are currently looking for bids for the 2012 Australian Championships.

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