

International Finn Association of Australia

Presidents Report;

Dear All

I can only say I continue to be delighted and enthused to the growth and interest that surrounds the Class at the moment. In times that are generally talking in less than positive terms the class has seen more boats, more positive talk on the various forums and more interest than ever before.

Internationally

The all important lobby for the Finn to remain Olympic seems to be progressing well and we continue to lobby all those involved and ask that by your efforts class is seen in its best light [this was a point not lost at the recent Sail M where the quality and presentation of boats and athletes was widely commented on] The Finn Class treasures the Olympic status and works very hard to maintain this please look at the Finn Shop for copies of the Finn book etc as it is an important source of funds

It was also great to see so many sailors active in Europe and in the US this year. Despite some issues now long forgotten, to get so many to San Fran was impressive. So much so that we have been able to ensure more Australians get places for the ISAF in Perth. Of course ISAF via YA decide these spots but well done to all. Especially well done to Brendan Casey on a top 10 and to Olli Tweedle to podium in the Silver Cup. The Australian participation at Masters Events is also on the rise.

Closer to home

Thank you all for the positive nature of your chat on the various forums especially our own web site. So many other sites are hi-jacked for all the wrong reasons but let's keep it informed and enthusiastic. Can I ask that you delete any of your old posts to free up space? Please keep the training groups happening this is what the various state bodies want to see

I do regret and apologize that as a class we have not been able to put on a re-measure day. It has been hard to get it all together but I should have tried harder here you can one on one with Andre to do this but please be careful not to void your measurement but altering weight and swing. On that I note with interest that some are looking at their own sails locally great what we can do domestically is to be supported, as is with what Finnports are doing especially riding on the strength of the \$AUS

After such more "heavy times" and resuming as President this year I sat back a little deliberately and a little forced but what it showed the class in good shape and owners making it happen for themselves.

I still want us all to encourage those old Finns out the sheds etc we have enough resources as a class now to try and breathe some life at that end as the Finn is still the great club racer

My thanks to all those who continue to work in support of the class to Tim and Andrew and again to Brian Reynolds who now resides in Singapore.

Best of luck to all in their sailing endeavors and wishes

John Shallvey