

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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The Mirror Class has been going through an exciting period of late, with a far-reaching modernisation process that has generated a resurgence of interest in these great little boats. Although change can prove unpopular in the short term, it was clear that to ensure the survival of the Class we needed to act to keep Mirrors at the forefront of small boat sailing. It is pleasing that as reported in the *Yachts & Yachting* boat test, the recent rule changes have not outclassed the existing fleet.

On the organisation side, the Class has recognised its grass roots and the fact that Mirrors are still very active in many sailing clubs up and down the country. 2007 saw the introduction of the new Armada Club Programme in partnership with the RYA. This was piloted with five clubs, from Restronguet in the South West to Ripon in the North East, and saw senior

coaches working with these clubs to develop regular Mirror racing and training programmes. The Class has also been able to help with the loan of modern demo boats. A key objective of the Armada Programme was to train and qualify club members as coaches to help sustain the activity. It is clear the Armada Programme has re-energised Mirror activity at clubs, with a healthy growth in participation numbers. For 2008 we will be growing the number of Armada clubs to ten.

Looking ahead, the UK will host the 2009 Worlds in Pwelli, North Wales, which will certainly give a boost to numbers. The Worlds will be preceded by the UK Nationals, which being an open event should attract a massive entry as foreign teams gear up for the Championships. There will also be an International Regatta running in parallel to the Worlds, which will again be open entry.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by **Martin Egan**

Our financial year ended on 30th September and the 'profit and loss' accounts for last year covering the main Association accounts are shown below. Many of our major activities span two financial years, and these make it hard to see exactly what is going on in a given financial year. A good example is the 2007 Worlds. In 2005-2006 we took deposits and some container payments from sailors, but only paid the entry fees. In 2006-2007 we took the balance of the container fees, training fee, etc, but paid all the shipping charges and so on. Over the two years this balanced out almost exactly – £40,591.56 in, £40,160.57 out. For this reason I've taken the 2007 Worlds out of the equation. I've also estimated depreciation on the MCA demo boats as £2,000. The accountants will produce the formal accounts from the underlying raw data so the accounts that will be presented at the AGM may differ in some aspects.

As I anticipated last year, we have made a loss. However, about £4,000 of this is some of the profit from last year's 2006 Europeans paid to Simon this year in the form of additional expenses as per the committee meeting at Hayling Island. Overall, the loss was thus about £3,000. Overall, the MCA is reasonably healthy as we still have over £20,000 in the bank, but we do need more income to support the current level of activity. ■