President's Report 2008

After writing around 50 weekly reports and a few newsletter articles I feel that I should not inflict too many more of my words upon you.

This year I have not had much to do, except writing about the racing, as I have had a supportive committee who run the club. In particular I would like to thank the racing committee for running the club days at the pond as it is enjoyable, well organized and friendly racing that is the purpose of the club.

The members have responded to this by turning up in good numbers. 22 members sailed on at least one day in the last series.

Richard Plinston.

Secretary's Report-Year ended 30 September 2008

Three committee meetings were held during the year, two in the offices of Mongoose NZ, and one at the lagoon.

We have 29 members currently financial with three members resigning during the year.

As advised securing radio frequencies for new members remains a challenge and it is possible we may have to limit the extension of additional frequencies to members with more than one boat.

As I work closely with Treasurer Julie the opportunity is taken here to acknowledge Julie's skill in maintaining the club's finances in a healthy state.

President's Nominations:

Services to RC Yachting

I nominate Carol Bergquist. Carol set up the Wai-Care unit to monitor the Onepoto Lagoon in order to ensure that the water quality was maintained for the sailing clubs. She has monitored the ponds regularly and the reports on the Wai-Care web site have helped when problems have been reported to the Council.

Carol has also researched, drafted and presented a proposal to the North Shore City Council that the ponds be dredged, as required by the management plan, so that sailing could use the whole pond without the problems we have at present caused by the shallows. This required the pond being surveyed for depths as evidence that it was below the necessary depth.

Most Improved Newcomer

I nominate Bill Monaghan. Bill joined us just this year, has competed enthusiastically and has improved consistently to a point where he now regularly wins a race.