



## Presidents Report 2010 National E Association

The National Branch thanks NSW for the tireless work over the last two years. The National Branch also thanks Adelaide for Hosting the Nationals at Henley 2009.

I would like to thank the newly elected committee members that have put themselves forward to help guild this association for the next two years.

President	Dan Osinga
Vice President	Rick de Jong
Treasure	Brian Clarke
Secretary	Alistair Goodin
National Registrar	Rick de Jong
National Measurer	Rick de Jong

This year we will be hosting the Nationals for 2010 at Elwood Sailing Club in a new format over 5 days, finishing on New Years Eve. Only time will tell if the members enjoy a shorter event; this format should free up more family time over the holiday period. For any information please refer to the Notice of Race which you will find on our website.

I would like to thank Nicola McCorry for the updated website [www.nationale.org.au](http://www.nationale.org.au). The members that have not had an opportunity to log on please do so ASAP. The Gallery has been expanded including photos of this year's Nationals plus many others, mainly Victoria at present. To have any photos or info placed on the web site please forward/contact Nicola at [nicola.mccorry@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nicola.mccorry@optusnet.com.au)

Victoria has been trialling a new look and larger sized Spinnaker, 6 members from Victoria have purchased one each and trialled its performance. The results will follow in more detail from Rick. I have purchased one myself and feel confident that once you try it in all condition, you will be converted. They are easier to manage even though the surface area is bigger than the current version.

The Nationals – the time required to organise the event I feel has been underestimated. Planning needs to start 15 months prior to the event so that the details can be provided at the AGM at the Nationals 12 months before the event. As so much work is often left to so few we need to ensure that the right people have the right information so that the event is a success and enjoyed by all. I suggest that we put together a checklist and guide to ensure that progress is made through the year and nothing is left to the last minute. This will assist the host state in planning out their year and ensure that all the obligatory requirements are met.

Membership – We would like to remind members that renewals should be forwarded to the National Treasurer – payment is required for a **full** 12 month period and the payment details are on the Membership Form. It is the responsibility of the State bodies to ensure memberships are paid to enable them to compete in State and National Events.



Measurement - Each state has a Measurer that is required to measure new sails, broken & replaced equipment e.g. mast, boom, centre board, etc; complete the correct form and send it back to the National Registrar. A class certificates are generated via this information. These small jobs and others, if performed, will make the Nationals that little bit easier for the host.

We have Rules which govern this association that have been forgotten - to sail at a State or a National Title you need 3 items

- National E Membership, Boat Owner & Crew
- Member of a Sailing Club and Yachting Australia
- Insurance for your boat

These need to be obtained prior to the event and the details provided to the host of the Nationals upon request, so remember to bring these details with you.

Members have been taking advantage at the Nationals by not fulfilling their requirements which has made organisation difficult and frustrating. These are in place to protect members as well as the Association.

We as an association need to remember what has been forgotten.

*Sailing is Fun, Family, Social, Rewarding, Competition & Championship.*

Regards,  
Dan Osinga