**Zephyr Owners Association ( Inc)**

**President’s Report 2016/17**

It is my pleasure to submit the President’s report for the 2015/2017 season.

Membership for the year decreased from 124 to 119 (114 in 2015). The high membership in 2016 was due to the Jubilee Championship event at Manly. Whilst 7 new “600” hulls have been sold to existing members in the financial year only 3 have been launched ( Steve Pyatt, Murray Sargisson, Pete Sutton). The others are expected to appear for the 2017/18 season. Second hand boats have been in high demand and it is pleasing to see the high quality of restoration workmanship.

The 61st National Championship Regatta, organized by the Canterbury members was held in January at Akaroa with 33 entrants, 5 from Auckland, 8 from Wellington, 2 from Tauranga, one from Hamilton and the remainder from Canterbury. Considering the time of year, the difficulty of travel after the Kaikoura earthquake, and somewhat remote location, this attendance was perhaps none too surprising. The seven race series was won by Wayne Avery from Auckland sailing a Townson built boat (#160). However Wayne was subsequently disqualified as he was not a member of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand when the regatta started, a requirement of the Notice of Race. Yachting New Zealand awarded runner up Phil Williams ( #502) the Zephyr Class National Champion tile for 2017. Murray Sargisson ( #604) became runner up and Ross Bannan (#152), third. The Handicap winner was Tim Bird from Canterbury. The Women’s title was won by Sara Berry from Wellington. The 2018 National Championship will be held at Worser Bay in February with an expectation of 50 to 60 entries.

Tim Snedden our Treasurer/Trader for six years resigned at the last AGM but carried on the roles until the transfer to Murray Sargisson was completed in November. Trading for the 2016/17 season was a record high of $98028 (up from $43453) and members funds increased from $68217 to $79365.

I would like to thank Alex Aitken our Patron, the Executive Committee ( Steve Pyatt, Andy Knowles, Brian Peet, John Kliffen, Peter Stokell, Richard Mackay, Tony Miller ) for their help during the year and in particular Rob Ebert our Secretary who has again very competently carried out his administration responsibilities.

Thank you all.

Murray Sargisson

President