

March 9, 2007

To All

On March 7, 2007, Thomas J. Franklin our International Class Secretary submitted his resignation to me. The EC held an immediate phone meeting and the resignation was accepted.

Until the class elects a new secretary at the AGM in August, Peter Wilson (Class VP) and I will divide up the secretary's duties. We ask that any and all communications go directly to **both of us**.

Tom is a friend who gave his time, heart and soul to this class over the last 3+ years. Tom's dedication to the class has helped the class grow and mature. Tom was an integral part of the many changes which you, the sailors, have seen. These changes will give the class life and breadth for years to come. Of course, frustration is also a part of the on going task of doing business on a multinational level, and trying to create badly needed order is like herding cats...they don't all want to go in the same direction.

Tom and I have crossed many bridges during our tenure together and it saddens me that we won't walk out together. Tom brought to the position of secretary, a real flair which gave many of us a feeling that we belonged to a great club, a club on the grow.

As sailors we enjoy the efforts of the *few* that put in the 100's of hours of *volunteer* time to make our class better. Tom was one of the few. We should applaud his efforts and give him a hand when we see him out and about.

Tom, there are regattas, race courses and sailors still out there beckoning. I hope we all see you soon, challenging the waters and of course toasting a glass of Vino Rosso!

Danny McCoy

President International 2.4mR Class Association