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Midland District Secretary

Secretary Report for Midland District AGM

This year has been a full year for the district with the RM nationals at Lincoln and other national events for vane and RA'a keeping everyone busy. As MD Sec I would like to thank on behalf of the clubs in the district the great efforts made by Gordon Sears , Darin Ballington and Laurie Brown in helping promote the district and helping at some of the events.

We are very lucky to have people that are prepared to put up their hands and help make the hobby we all love more enjoyable for all, in some instances, giving up their own sailing to help run events. On behalf of the District, "Thank you".

The district has implemented a few trials of "doing things differently". The Race Assistance Team is the main one. RAT was set up to help clubs organise and run first class events in the district. After 6 months it is now time to ask your opinion to see if we should carry on or change it in any way. This we will do later in the AGM. I feel it has been a great success, However to continue we will require help from others.

During 2010 I would like to see more inclusion of the smaller classes of yachts sailed in the district. This can only be possible if the Fiesta Owner Assn and the Footy clubs, vane classes etc, Join in and help promote their classes. There is help available to promote all classes and help at events, but please make contact with us to see what we can do together.

2010 will see the district hosting the RA nationals at Manor Park, the Midland District IOM Ranking (venue not set yet), as well as Bournville hosting Vane national events. This will mean we have the top skippers coming to our district. What a fantastic opportunity to show the rest of the country what we can do, when hosting a national event. To this end I ask that clubs with expertise in running prestigious events offer their help and advice to hosting clubs on making these events a success.

Finally I would like to thank everyone in the districts that have given up their time and energies organising and running events this year. Without their efforts the Midlands would not have the successful racing calendar we have had this year and there would be a lot of bored skippers hanging around on street corners wearing hoodies and being bored every Sunday.

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