## Membership Secretaries Report for the 2017 AGM of the RG65 UK National Class Association Held on 23 June 2017 at Birkenhead Wayne Stobbs – Acting membership Secretary

The class continues to see good growth with **289** Boats being registered since I took over the management of the register in August 2016, taking the total register to **1302** issued registrations.

It is difficult to analyse any level of detail of the register prior to August 2016 as not enough detail was held before this point, and so any detailed figures in this report are for registrations that have occurred in the 8 months between 20 August 2016 and 22 June 2017.

There are 47 different designs registered with a further 123 registrations where we do not have details of the design, most of these coming from the early days of the register.

As will be expected the Dragon Force 65 accounts for many of the registrations, 1026 of the 1302 registrations with 224 of these being registered in the last 8 months.

The 65 Development class RG65's we have seen join in the last 8 months comprise 17 different designs, with 13 Hydro Pro Affinity's joining, the ARTR boat from Hobby King. Recently we have also seen good numbers of Fonix from Dave Potter, the Scurry designed by Richard Wills and built by Alex Cory and the Sith and Sledge designs from Mark Dicks, built by Rood Ars in Thailand and Alex Cory.

Geographically we see a good spread of boats around the MYA regions with 112 in the East, 168 in Midlands, 323 in M & S, 273 in the North, 24 in Scotland and 53 in the South West, and a further 349 in non-affiliated clubs.

Communication with members via eMail is generally well accepted with us holding an email address for 1212 of the 1302 registrations. When sending email's, we are only able to deliver the email to 960 of these which suggests that we hold outdated details for some members.

We typically only see a 55% open rate of the eMails which again suggests that we might have outdated email addresses in our database. More work needs to be done to correct the data we hold and I ask all members to contact us if they are not receiving these communications.

On the topic of the data we hold, there are significant changes to the Data Protection and Privacy Laws coming into force within the next year and we will need to review the data we hold and how the data is used.

In Summary, we are seeing good growth of the class, both in the Restricted One Design and the Development areas, and I expect that this will be further increased in the future due to the increased availability of boats and relatively low entry barriers.

Sincerely

Wayne Stobbs Acting Membership Secretary of the RG65 UK NCA