



Chris Jackson

Well known model yachting journalist, Chris Jackson passed away on 24th July at the Royal Berkshire hospital Reading after a short illness. Apart from being a lovely quiet-spoken man and a good friend, his dedication to the publicity of our sport was outstanding and quite exceptional. He liked building and sailing all classes of boat after discovering Marbleheads in the late 1960's.

Chris's contribution to model yachting was immense because he provided publicity for model yachting activities throughout three decades. Through the production of his quarterly A5 'Model Yachting News' and then 'Radio Yachting News' he made friends all over the world, travelling to all sorts of events and publicising them very positively. He was able to get contributions from a wide range of enthusiasts and the 58 issues of these independent magazines record an exciting time in the history of our sport, always picking out the interesting, the innovative, the strange, the wacky, the controversial and the varied scene across the world.

He covered every aspect of model yachting in a way that became the 'model' for the MYA's recent Acquaint magazine, not just MYA activity but interests worldwide from 1980 until 1996 when Traplet invited him to become editor of Marine Modelling magazine. There he continued to promote our sport in the 'Sailfree' section of the magazine until he retired a couple of years ago.

Apart from his important role as publicity officer for the International Model Yacht Racing Union, he didn't just report but generated ideas which helped to create the flourishing state of today's sport. Reports of MYA events sent to him at Marine Modelling International always got an enthusiastic response, often generating ideas for the future. He was an important part of the MYA's publicity effort and will be sadly missed by his friends everywhere.

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