

I.S.A.F. Radio Sailing Division
Chairman's Report to the General Assembly
Malta
7th April 1999

I am happy to report that our division continues to grow with new members joining, and successful World and Continental events being held, culminating with a maximum entry both here for the 1 Metre Worlds and for the Marblehead Worlds in Paris last year.

Organising these events is a mammoth task and to all those countries that do so, I offer my sincere thanks. It is sad that after asking many countries, none has come forward with an offer to hold the European Marblehead Event this year.

I would like to thank the Chairmen of our 3 sub committees, David Coode, Graham Bantock and Nick Weall and of course Keith, our International Regatta Officer who works all on his own, for their hard work since the last General Assembly.

Without wishing to steal the thunder of their reports, I would like to mention David Coode's Organisation and Policy Committee's work on rewriting our constitution on which you are about to vote and Graham Bantock's Technical Committee's work on rewriting the One metre Class Rules. This work has been done mainly by Graham and John Rizzopolous our new One Metre Class secretary. This has come about because the class has grown up from being what might be called a 'simple starter class' to a full blown International Class and has necessitated a complete re write of the rules. I know that many of you were irritated to have to remove the bent swinging wire from the tops of your masts, but hopefully this will be reintroduced with the new Class rules.

You may have seen that your permanent committee has decided that the Marblehead class should have restricted depth measurement, but have yet to agree a figure. In fact the PC is almost equally divided as to how to arrive at a figure not only by its membership but also by its members who live in the U.K.

This brings me on to what has been a long-standing perceived problem; this is that your Permanent Committee is seen as a mainly English body. There are three reasons for this. Firstly with the amount of subscription income, we cannot afford to fly members from the other side of the world to our meetings; Secondly, we need what I would call proven members for the PC and obviously we, the English, know who is going to pull their weight; Thirdly if noone else has come forward to fill the vacancies, we must search amongst those we know best for the job. In the future as perhaps as soon as two years away, I would expect that our meeting will no longer be held in London but may well be held electronically over the Internet. This will obviously get round the money problem but we will still need volunteers to come forward and offer their services. Like marriage, sitting on the Permanent Committee is not to be undertaken lightly as in nearly all cases, it involves a good deal of work; Indeed I see that I have received and sent some 300 E mails and faxes in the last year.

Finally, I must also give credit to those PC members who are retiring. Norman Hatfield, who until two years ago was the Chairman of the Division, has stood down from your permanent Committee. Norman has been involved in Model Yachting as it was then called for over 50 years and I shall miss his wise counsel. Anthony Debono, who has been with us for the last two years as Publicity Officer has done sterling work in organising our website and producing the newsletter; he now finds that with organising the event here, his own business's are suffering and has decided to retire. Finally and definitely by no means least, Ken Roberts is retiring as General Secretary and Treasurer. Ken, ably assisted by his wife Joyce, has looked after our finances and sent out all the minutes, notices of meetings etc, to you all for many years. I would like you to applaud all these for their good works.

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ITEM 5 - TO RECEIVE AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the financial year ended June 30th 1998 have been audited and posted to all Division Members in September 1998, and a copy of these accounts is available if anyone wants to inspect them.

I have prepared a statement up to the end of March 1999, I will be having the accounts audited before handing over to Keith Skipper, and the next end of year accounts will be up to October 30th 1999.

There was £3518 in the Bank Accounts at July 1st 1998, and since then 2 Division Members have paid outstanding subscriptions for 1998, and 21 have paid for 1999, amounting to £2059. Levies for the European One Metre event in Portugal and the World RM in France have also been received, amounting to £1110.

The main expense has been for the Permanent Committee meeting in January - £1366, post, phone and faxes amount to £990, printing and photocopying £307, Internet costs £608, and other expenses amount to £197.

So at the 31st March there is £3333 in the 3 bank accounts.

I am disappointed that there are still one third of subscriptions still outstanding, all Division Members should have paid by March 1st.

The Permanent Committee have proposed a 10% increase in subscriptions, this being the first since 1995. Although the present balance looks quite healthy it is essential to have a reasonable amount available in the bank for current expenditure.

Ken Roberts,
General Secretary/Treasurer

Paper B

CASH STATEMENT 31 MARCH 1999

| | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Subscriptions | | Expenses, PC meeting | 1366.70 |
| Andorra 1999/2000 | 74.11 | Post/Phone | |
| Australia | 125.00 | Chairman | 200.00 |
| Austria | 30.00 | Sec/Treasurer | 260.76 |
| Belarus | 33.00 | Tech. Officer | 116.93 |
| Belgium | 33.00 | International Sec. | 55.00 |
| Canada 1998/99 | 132.00 | R.R. Officer | 300.00 |
| Denmark | 55.00 | Sundry | 57.80 |
| France | 214.00 | | 990.49 |
| Germany | 122.00 | Printing & Photocopies | 307.35 |
| Ireland | 33.00 | Radio Sailing News | 63.50 |
| Italy | 119.00 | Xmas Cards | 70.00 |
| Malta | 33.00 | Engraving | 10.50 |
| Monaco | 55.00 | Internet Costs | 608.76 |
| New Zealand | 88.00 | Gifts | 36.46 |
| Norway | 55.00 | Bank Charges | 16.50 |
| Slovenia | 33.00 | | |
| Spain | 66.00 | | |
| Singapore | 33.00 | | |
| South Africa | 66.00 | | |
| United Kingdom | 220.00 | | |
| USA 1998/99 | 440.00 | | |
| | <u>2059.11</u> | | |
| RM Worlds, Levy | 792.47 | | |
| Euro 1M, Levy | 318.00 | | |
| Interest, Midland | 14.20 | | |
| Interest, Halifax | 100.98 | | |
| | <u>£3,284.76</u> | | <u>£3470.26</u> |

Commencing Balances - £3518.84

Ending Balances - £3333.34

Ken Roberts, General Secretary/Treasurer

ISAF RADIO SAILING DIVISION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th 1998

| RECEIPTS | PAYMENTS | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Subscriptions:-</u> | Expenses - PC Meeting | 1017.20 |
| | <u>Postages & Phone & Fax</u> | |
| Argentina 66.00 | Chairman 200.00 | |
| Australia 135.00 | Secretary/Treasurer 191.77 | |
| Austria 30.00 | Technical Officer 149.91 | |
| Andorra, 1997/98 66.00 | N. Hatfield 11.30 | |
| Barbados 32.50 | International Secretary 64.60 | |
| Belgium 33.00 | Racing Rules Officer <u>250.00</u> | |
| Brazil 1997/98 104.00 | | 867.58 |
| Canada 66.00 | Auditor 11.49 | |
| Croatia 33.00 | ISAF Subscriptions 97/98 352.50 | |
| Denmark 55.00 | Video - Portugal 1000.00 | |
| Fiji 33.00 | Girobank charges 5.00 | |
| Finland 55.00 | Newsletters 150.00 | |
| France 229.00 | Printing & Photocopying 352.71 | |
| Germany 122.00 | Gratuities 25.00 | |
| Holland 1997/98 110.00 | Internet <u>300.00</u> | |
| Ireland 33.00 | | 4081.48 |
| Italy 125.00 | | |
| Japan 1997/98 132.00 | | |
| Latvia 1998/99 120.00 | | |
| Malta 33.00 | | |
| Monaco 55.00 | | |
| New Zealand 88.00 | | |
| Norway 55.00 | | |
| Portugal 66.00 | | |
| Slovenia 33.00 | | |
| South Africa 66.00 | | |
| Spain 66.00 | | |
| Sweden 66.00 | | |
| Switzerland 1997/98 176.00 | | |
| Turkey 33.00 | | |
| United Kingdom 220.00 2438.00 | | |
| Bank Interest 90.11 | | |
| <u>Championship Levies</u> | | |
| None received | | |
| Excess Expenditure 1553.37 | | |
| <u>£4,081.48</u> | | <u>£4,081.48</u> |
| Represented by: | | |
| Opening Balances: | Closing Balances | |
| Midland Bank Deposit A/C 2346.59 | Midland Bank Deposit A/C 780.72 | |
| Halifax Building Society 2406.82 | Leeds/Halifax Plc. 2515.80 | |
| Girobank 318.80 | Girobank 222.32 | |
| | Excess Expenditure 1553.37 | |
| <u>£5,072.21</u> | | <u>£5,072.21</u> |

I have audited the above Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Affairs as at June 30th 1998 with the books, account and vouchers produced to me and certify them to be in accordance therewith.

Signed John Home, Auditor, 3rd September 1998

Subscriptions outstanding from: Roumania, Russia, Barbados,
 USA and Canada have paid 1998 subscriptions since end of year.
 Euro 1m levy paid in August

Ken Roberts, General Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ORGANISATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - APRIL 1999 - MALTA

1. INTRODUCTION

At the Permanent Committee of January 1998, I was asked to take over the Organisation and Policy Committee as the elected Chairman had failed to undertake any of the work assigned to the Organisation and Policy Committee in the preceding 12 months.

This report therefore only covers the activities for the period January 1998 to January 1999.

The Organisation and Policy Committee, currently consists of:

- Nigel Fordyce Great Britain
- Torvald Klem Norway
- Geoff Smaile New Zealand
- Ron Watts Canada

The contributions made by the various Committee Members during the past year is acknowledged and a vote of thanks should be given to them for their continued support on matters that many would say are the 'uninteresting' side of our sport.

2. CONSTITUTION

A revised Constitution has been prepared and this was circulated to Division Members. No comments or amendments were received from Division Members, however further amendments have been proposed by the Permanent Committee and, these are to be voted on at the General Assembly.

The main changes to the Constitution have been set out in the documents that were sent out to Division Members and, there is no need to repeat them in this report. It is hoped that revised Constitution will be easier to understand.

3. REGULATIONS

The Regulations have been revised, not only to reflect the changes made to the Constitution, but also to include a section dealing with how the Permanent Committee should conduct business between its annual meetings.

The Regulations regarding the Committees appointed by the Permanent Committee, i.e. the Technical, Racing Rules and Organisation and Policy Committee have been amended hopefully to make them more accountable.

The Regulations do not require the formal approval of the General Assembly but they may be subject to amendment by the General Assembly. A copy of the latest Regulations is attached to this Report.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the Chairmen of the Committees appointed by the Permanent Committee and other Officers have been prepared are awaiting comment and ratification by the Permanent Committee.


5. INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATIONS

A working party was formed to review the role for International Class Associations and a report on this topic was presented to the Permanent Committee in January 1999. A copy of this report may be obtained from the undersigned, if required.

The main recommendations of the report can be summarised as follows:

- i) Every encouragement should be given to the development of ICAs.
- ii) Any class applying for International or Recognised Status shall first establish an ICA.
- iii) Every encouragement should be given to existing one design classes to achieve International or Recognised Status.
- iv) The RSD Documentation should be amended to include Recognised Class Status.
- v) For classes establishing an ICA, a basic kit of RSD documents should be available including RSD Constitution and Regulations, draft ICA Constitution, RRACIC, draft class rules format, International Regatta Management, Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- vi) A recognised ICA should be given automatic Associate Membership of the RSD.
- vii) A recognised ICA should be allowed to submit motions to the RSD General Assembly in connection with its own class and racing matters.

It is interesting to note that a number of full size classes have no more total numbers than the 1 Metre and Marblehead classes. The question has to be asked why neither of these classes has formed an International Class Association, an action that I believe, would receive total support from the Permanent Committee.


D. CODE
ACTING CHAIRMAN ORGANISATION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

29 March 1999

Technical Committee Chairman's Report to the General Assembly, April 1999

The following is a resumé of the TC's activities since the last General Assembly:

1997

January Ten Rater class rules amended to solve spinnaker issue problem
Sail Marks Rules incorporated into International Class Administrative Rules
Interpretation on OM mast fittings ratified/issued
Sail Marks MF amended
Master copies of rules sent to all DMS

November

Proposal to make interpretation on A Class hatch/deck design and One Metre sheet post and rudder trunking sent to TC

1998

January Interpretation on A Class and OM ratified/issued
Additional material for M and 10R PICR ratified/issued
TC asked to find means of limiting draught of Marbleheads

February

Request for interpretations on OM rules delegated to Jan Dejmo
Interpretations on OM rigging issued with time limited rule change

May

Questionnaire on OM rigging issued to DMS
TC consulted regarding M draft gauges

July

Draft gauges taken to MWC for publicity for methods

August

Request for interpretations on 1M rules delegated to Jan Dejmo

September

Interpretations on 1M gooseneck issued
Questionnaire on M draft limit, A and 10R class support in DMS issued

October

New draft OM rule created by Jan Dejmo and passed to OM Class Secretary
Collated replies to M draft questionnaire, and for A and 10R support in DMS

November

Draft interim amendment to OM class rule prepared
M appendage length gauge finalised

December

OM sail measurement and Sail Mark templates designed

1999

January PC Meeting opts for no change to OM class rule
M appendage length gauge ratified subject to depth being chosen

February

Article for AMYA QNL prepared
Draft OM class rules circulated to TC members for comment

During the time since the last General Assembly the Technical Committee has revised the 10 Rater class rules to close a loophole concerning sail area measurement and incorporated the Sail Identification Marks Rules into revised International Class Administrative Rules.

Apart from these changes, and one interpretation on the A Class rules, the M, 10 Rater & A Class rules remain unchanged since their ratification in '96, '94 and '94 respectively. A check on the numbers of boats in the 10 Rater and A Classes has indicated that they currently have sufficient support to retain international status. Both classes suffered a setback in the years preceding 1994 when their class rules were about to be revised for a prolonged period. This inevitably resulted in less investment by builders and owners alike but it is encouraging that there are signs that the current stability in the class rules is now promoting growth.

The absence of requests for interpretations on the M, 10 Rater and A Class is in contrast with frequent requests for interpretations on the OM class rules. As some involved items in which I have a conflict of interest these have been delegated to Jan Dejmo, to whom I give my thanks. Generally the outcome of the interpretations has indicated that the One Design concept is not yet fully understood in radio sailing i.e. the function of fittings and items of rigging shall remain inside the scope permitted by the class rules. Criticism levelled at the TC for producing interpretations is easy and it may be helpful for critics to consider (a) the outcome of making none, and (b) the number, inventiveness and enthusiasm of poachers compared to the number of gamekeepers. The meaning of a class rule cannot be the subject of a popularity poll however much some would wish.

The '98 PC Meeting requested the TC produce a method of restricting the depth of Marblehead class yachts without the need for flotation. This seemingly impossible task has been solved to a degree. With a simple-to-use template/gauge, the depth can be restricted to within ±4 mm of any target figure for most existing designs. It may be possible to design hull shapes which exploit the measurement method to give a higher depth but these are not likely to be fast designs.

Some considerable time during the last year has been spent in correspondence with the USA and GER DMS. In the former case it was apparent that a local version of the Marblehead class rule uses a certificate endorsed 'international'. As this is a policy matter rather than a technical one, the TC is no longer involved. In the latter case there were irregularities in the identification of hulls and issue of certificates. A suggestion that owners of Marbleheads were being refused the opportunity to register them also as 10 Raters in Australia was investigated to reveal it was untrue.

The TC is now working on a revised OM class rule based on the ISAF Standard Class Rules format and to be introduced next year. The SCR 'template' has been relatively stable for some time now and the new rule will make current and future likely interpretations redundant and close any known (to the TC) loopholes. Although the TC will be translating the existing class rules and interpretations into the new format there is currently the opportunity to make other changes to the class deemed desirable by the owners and/or PC. The questionnaire used last year has indicated owners views on several major issues and their views on the following will be probably be canvassed through a further questionnaire to the DMS:

abandon limitations on hull materials in favour of a hull vccg test
abandon limitations on mast materials in favour of a weight and vccg test

To assist the measurement process a set of templates/gauges for OM sails and sail marks has been designed. Production of these is planned for later in the year.

It is now thought necessary to incorporate the administrative rules (currently a separate document which applies to all the international classes) into each class rule. This can be done as each class rule is translated into the Standard Class Rules format, a process which will take some time but which will be worthwhile in terms of clarity and reduced need for interpretation in the future.

Work in the next year will include updating the OM PICR to record the forthcoming class rule changes and canvassing the views of DMS before introducing a depth restriction in the 10 Rater class as a result of the PC's requirement for 'some form of depth restriction'. These items are really the work of international class associations and it is high time these were formed to take the responsibility for much of the work currently undertaken by the TC.

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Report of the Racing Rules Chairman

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We have all devoted many hours of our time attending to our obligations. All documentation is now up to date and our next serious task will be preparing for the next set of rules (2001 to 2004).



Numbers are fax or e-mail

ISAF RSD General Assembly - April '99

International Regatta Officer's Report

Regattas

1997

1M WC New Zealand - 60 competitors took part, winner Craig Smith AUS

No major issues raised by the RO, however the event measurer expressed concern that some competitors were using batteries of different weights during the event. There were 2 boats DSQ from races in this event after spot checks revealed them to be below the minimum 4Kg.

RM European Croatia - 59 Competitors took part, winner Torvald Klem NOR

No major issues raised.

1998

1M European Portugal - 53 competitors took part, winner Graham Bantock GBR

No major issues raised.

RM WC France - 79 competitors took part, winner Graham Bantock GBR

No major issues raised.

Actions

Championship Regulations

The Objectives & Directives and the Regatta Management Guide have been withdrawn and replaced with Championship Regulations.

Allocation of Places

After the entry regulations were modified to close 'backdoor entries' the place allocation was put into tabular form in an effort to make it simpler to understand.

Entry Form

A standard entry form has now been produced to cover what is now required i.e. eligibility / entry procedure etc.

Diary of Future Regattas

1999

European RM - No applications to host this event have been received.

R10R WC - Singapore will host 28th November - 4th December.

2000

RM WC - Spain but probable change of venue.

European 1M - France have applied for St Cyr (same venue as '94 WC)

2001

1M WC - Croatia have applied (same venue as RM Euro Champs)

RA WC - UK are putting together a proposal.

More information on the above future events can be found on the RSD web site, as can downloadable copies of the RSD documents mentioned above.

Publicity '98 Report

Promoting the sport of Radio Sailing at an International level has been an overwhelming experience. There is no doubt that although new technology has helped to make things easier, in order to be able to succeed in this sphere of our organisation one has to dedicate not just his spare time but a full time effort is required. I have set about doing my job from three different angles. The web site was my first priority, the video of the Portugal event second and RSN the ISAF RSD newsletter the third.

The Web Site. Mario Grech our part time Page Master has done a tremendous effort and a very good job in producing our Web Site. All PC members could contact Mario direct and instruct him on their particular items. Jan Dejmo and Nick Weal have spent long hours of communication and have helped us in no small way produce a very effective Web Site. To date some 5000 visitors have entered the Site.

In order to cover an RSD event, an updated article with results and photos could be sent via e-mail every evening to Mario Grech. Mario would then spend the following night preparing the Page, which would be uploaded in the early hours of the day. Mario insists that in order to do this he should be paid an additional sum of GBP 90. 00p. per event. Arrangements of this sort were made in Portugal with Jorge Camilo but for some reason Jorge never settled this account.

Digigate has been paid for two consecutive years. In this way the cost of the Site for '99 will only be GBP 180. 00p that will be due to Mario Grech for his services.

The Video. I feel that in this sphere we have committed some shortcomings mostly due to some misunderstanding with Super One TV. Mr. Teddie Borg of Super One TV had assured me that this Video could be produced by himself, on behalf of Super One TV at the cost of travel expenses. The PC generously offered the sum of GBP 1000.00p during the meeting of January '98.

When it came to convincing the Management of Super One it became evident that things were not as straight forward as Teddie had convinced me before the meeting. Most of the sum offered went to the TV station and they insisted that a series of three programmes would be produced for their station. We now have the original copy of these three programmes from which we can easily edit a feature of about 20 minutes in the English language.

Mr. Borg has dedicated a lot of his time and expertise to do the job and should be thanked for it. He works for Super One on a no pay basis and only covers the sport of sailing, being his favorite sport and hobby. The Portugal Video is in strong demand from a number of enthusiasts who have contacted me by e-mail.

R.S.N. The demand for R.S.N. is ever increasing and copies of the two issues are requested regularly. In order to produce a newsletter worthy of an International Organisation the newsletter should be mailed four times a year and should be in colour. To edit and print this newsletter the PC would require the services of a small company, which will be fed all the information from the PC members and DMs. It would help Publicity in no small way if it would be recommended that every DM have his own Publicity Officer. In this way all information would flow easily to the Publicity Officer of the RSD and edited into RSN. I would like to thank Keith Skipper and Nick Weall for their support. Jack Gregory of USA has also contributed some very good articles. Another article came from David Coode. Thank you all gentlemen.

Paper H

ITEM 7 - OFFICERS' REPORTS - GENERAL SECRETARY

I have been advised by a Model Yachtsman known to many of you to talk for 5 minutes for every year that I have been Secretary/Treasurer - that would therefore be 2 hours and ten minutes. I will spare you that!

It was back in 1971 that I took over as Secretary/Treasurer of the IMYRU. In those days there were no PC's, E Mail, Internet, Faxes - just the telephone (which I did not have at home), and letter writing. Until I took over the minutes of the then General Meeting had been hand written into a Minute Book. However modern technology was on its way. Joyce would type out onto a "skin" and this would then be placed around the drum of a Gestetner Duplicator, ink would then be poured into the drum, and by cranking the handle copies of the Minutes would appear. This method carried on for some years before the first photocopiers appeared (needless to say at work). However in the mid 1980's we did get WITH IT and purchased our first PC, which made things very much easier.

Over the past 28 years I have worked with Fritz Jacobsen, President IMYRU, Norman Hatfield, President IMYRU, then Chairman IYRU-MYRD and currently John Cleave. There have been 24 Permanent Committee members. It has been a pleasure working with them all, seeing the organisation grow to what it is today.

Many years ago I was not convinced that Radio Control would be so strong - I must admit that I started out a VANE man. I suppose I was eventually converted by my son - I taught him everything he knows about that side of the sport, he has been the teacher for Radio Control sailing.

Back in 1971 there were 11 countries affiliated to the IMYRU, now there are 36 affiliated to ISAF-RSD. In those days it was predominately free sailing, with the occasional IMYRU international championship, mainly held in England. Radio sailing was in its infancy. Rules and Regulations were fairly basic with the various countries sailing to their own version of the rules, so if anyone travelled to another country they did not know what to expect. This is not so today - people travel to compete in RSD Championships knowing what to expect.

I have enjoyed my time as Secretary/Treasurer, even the fraught times such as after PC meetings when a month of my life has disappeared every year. It has however been a team effort between myself and Joyce. Without her help, assistance and input I would not have been able to do the job for so long.

I am certain my successor, Keith Skipper, will enjoy the challenge of the Secretary/Treasurer position, and as he has E Mail and the Internet the job will be taken into the 21st century in a modern way.