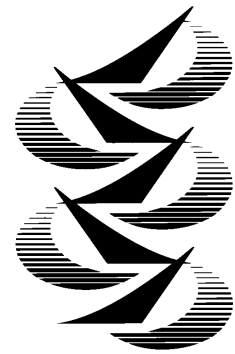


INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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AFFILIATE MEMBER

**Informal RSD Meeting held in
Spain during M World Championship
27th September '00**

Present:

- PC John Cleave - Chairman
Zoran Grubisa - Acting RRC Chairman & International Regatta Officer
Bernard Merlaud - Regional Officer
Keith Skipper - General Secretary / Treasurer
- AUS Jeff Byerley, Greg Willis
FRA Nicholas Wargney, Christian Goubet, Emile Servella
GBR Graham Bantock (TC), Mark Dennis, Mike Clifton, Roger Stollery (TC),
GER Elke Wiseman, Klaus Schroeder (RRC), Janusz Walicki
ITA Mario Jorini (TC), Federico Ciardi
NOR Torvald Klem, Robert Petersen
NZL Geoff Smale (O&PC)
RSA Des Fairbank (TC)
CHN Represented by their interpreter.

O&PC = member of Organisation & Policy Committee

RRC = member of Racing Rules Committee

TC = member of Technical Committee, VC TC = Vice Chairman of TC

Meeting opened by Chairman John Cleave at 18.20hrs

Introduction

John Cleave introduced the members of the PC and explained the purpose of the meeting, an informal meeting to give people a chance to enquire on the workings of the RSD. Questions were then invited on matters concerning the various RSD committees.

Organisation & Policy

A question was asked on how the IOM ICA will look after the class. JC explaining the set up of the ICA and how it was envisaged, stating that there was a lot still to be discussed. The working party not being due to report back until May '01 at the IOM World Championship in Croatia.

Racing Rules

Latest draft of RRS App E 2001-04 was explained and handed out to those present.

- A question was asked on size and make up of international jury. It was pointed out that in this and earlier events the jury expenses were not a significant part of the budget. Zoran Grubisa went on to mention that in future there was a possibility of juries being made up of only 3 members.
There was a discussion on observers drawn from competing skippers being better than permanent observers or members of the jury.
Umpiring – After an outline from Mario Jorini on how they use umpires there was unanimous support for a trial of this method.
Outside control area witnesses there was a great deal of discussion on how evidence from witnesses outside the Control area could be used in hearings.
- Redress - an alternative method for awarding redress was proposed by Nicholas Wargney. Often redress is awarded but the person still gets demoted the suggestion was for the RDG boat to get the redress score again in the next race. It was pointed out that it was time to stop repairing an out dated racing system.....
- Racing systems- there was strong support for the HMS / EORS racing system to be used for World Championship. Des Fairbank asked why we are still using an antiquated system when it was first discussed in Melbourne in '96 to change to a better system. It was pointed out that a proposal to the General Assembly via a motion could change the racing system used.

Technical

- The question was asked as to whether single digit numbers should be permitted and whether the 0, 1 & 8 should not be permitted as they lead to the most confusion. It then followed that some numbers could not be clearly read at distance and that course marks should have the same size numbers so as to limit the size of the course to a distance that they could be read. The counter argument was whose eyes should be used to set the distance and that most calls in the control area were by name of skipper rather than sail number.
- It then lead on to the question of opaque backing on sail numbers being raised again it was stated that material is commercially available but that it does distort the lightweight sail. Do we want to make it compulsory, which would probably mean the need for it to be used as backing material on numbers drawn on in ink?
- AUS asked the situation of GER proposal to limit number of rigs for the Marblehead class to 6. Graham Bantock stated the position was that the proposal had gone out to the DMs for comment.
- Graham Bantock took the opportunity to tell people that the M & 10r rules are to be redrafted. There were proposal from GER and GBR to amend the 10r rule and these had gone out to the DMs.
- Advertising codes new options were discussed briefly and it was pointed out that there were two articles on the RSD web site explaining the issues.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.50hrs.