

**INTERNATIONAL ONE METRE
INTERNATIONAL CLASS ASSOCIATION**

IOMICA Annual Report 2003

1. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

1.1. Recognition from RSD

IOMICA and RSD finally signed the Agreement for RSD's recognition of IOMICA as the IOM class association on 24 October 2003. The Agreement itself, a summary of the key terms and conditions, and a press release, are available on the IOMICA Web site.

1.2. Recognition of national class associations

Status	Country
Recognised	Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Portugal
Recognition applied for and being processed	France, Great Britain, Germany, Spain
Application expected	Ireland, Italy, United States of America
Fewer than 5 active IOMs sailing at present	Samoa, Sweden, Switzerland
Interest expressed	Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of South Africa

1.3. Future tasks

Encouraging remaining DMs to apply for recognition as IOM NCAs, and encouraging existing applications to maintain momentum in the process, is one of the major external tasks for 2004.

It is expected that the future of RSD will become clearer during 2004, and the other major external task will be establishing IOMICA's place in the new landscape of international radio sailing.

The Exec has been in contact with Naviga with a view to identifying common areas of interest. Their initial response has been friendly and positive, and this discussion will continue as a background activity during 2004.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2003/2004

Results of the IOMICA elections held at the IOM Worlds in Vancouver:

Lester Gilbert (GBR) Chairman, Marko Majic (CAN) Secretary, Charles Detriche (FRA) VC Technical, Eduardo "Tito" Llana (ESP) VC Events, Roy Thompson (ESP) VC Measuring. Following the elections, Rob O'Brien (AUS) was co-opted as Treasurer.

3. INFOCOMMS

3.1. Infocomms Sub-Committee

The Infocomms portfolio is currently unallocated on the Executive, and is being filled *pro tem* by Lester Gilbert. Pedro Egea (ESP) has joined the Infocomms Sub-Committee with responsibility for the Web site and the discussion forum.

3.2. Web site

The Web site was completely overhauled, and was then changed from one service provider to another. The primary reason for the change of service provider was to secure 'PHP' and 'MySQL' support.

3.3. IOM Forum

We have introduced a more sophisticated discussion board for the class, for the World Council, and for the Executive. This allows NCAs to have their own areas, and it supports an acceptably secure voting and balloting procedure that is used by the Executive and by the World Council, and by those NCAs which wish to use it.

3.4. Brochures

Two editable colour brochures have been produced, one page/two sides of A4, one suitable for club use, and one for NCA and IOMICA use.

3.5. Templates for NCAs

Editable templates have been prepared for a NCA Constitution and for NCA Regulations, available for any prospective NCA to use as they wish.

4. TECHNICAL

4.1. Technical Sub-Committee

The Technical Sub Committee has been assembled with Graham Cross (NZL), Nigel Ashman (GBR), and Rick Martin (USA). This international team offers a wide panel of experience. Rick Martin, currently the vice-chairman of the ISAF RSD TC, will act as a very useful link between RSD TC and IOMICA TSC.

4.2. *Recent interpretations*

The Technical Sub-Committee has looked informally at some interpretations. Recently the RSD TC Chairman has informed us that some interpretations have been requested and we have joined RSD in setting up a sub-committee. Two sets of interpretations have now passed through the joint RSD-IOMICA committee.

4.3. *Water-free draught measurement*

The Technical and Measurement teams are investigating the feasibility of introducing a draught measurement for the IOM that is like the new Marblehead measurement – a gauge that dispenses with the requirement for a flotation tank.

4.4. *Future tasks*

Future key tasks are to define the roles and function of the IOMICA Technical Sub-Committee and in particular to specify the process of determining interpretations in association with the RSD. Also, we shall develop the “Policy and Intent of the IOM Class” document to set down the guidance needed by the class administrators, World Council, and the owners for the future development of the class. In due course we would begin on a review of the class rules and any changes that may seem desirable.

5. EVENTS

5.1. *Events Sub-Committee*

An ESC has been formed: Don Martin (CAN), Mark Holt (GBR), and Jake Leo (USA).

5.2. *Worlds 2005*

The ESC has been working on the bid from AUS to host the 2005 Worlds. This bid has been provisionally approved for October 2005, subject to a report in 6 months’ time on accommodation and transport.

5.3. *Bid from POR*

The ESC also received a bid from Portugal to host the Worlds 2005. Negotiations are continuing to see if this bid can become the bid for the Europeans 2006.

5.4. *Europeans 2004*

Planning and progress is well underway for this event at Arcos, Spain, 8 – 16 October 2004. New offices, storage, quays, and facilities are under construction.

5.5. *Future tasks*

The Events Sub-committee is working on a comprehensive set of International event regulations. The proposed target of them is to obtain a set of procedures to introduce rational, comprehensive and delimited goals favouring the standard development of the National and International Events. This should result in a set of instructions manual to rationalise and favouring the organisation tasks.

- Class Championship Regulations
- Notice of Race Form
- Sailing Instructions

- Event Organising Manual
- Organisation & Financial Planner
- National and Internationals Events Requirements

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1. Measurement Sub-Committee

A measurements sub-committee has been formed with Nigel Taylor (GBR) and Soeren Andresen (DEN). We are still looking to co-opt 2 other members, preferably from Oceania and the Americas.

6.2. Measurement questionnaire

The measurements sub-committee has drafted a 'Measurements Questionnaire' - which is finished and almost ready for distribution to all NCA's/DMs etc. Its aim is to get some idea of the current state of affairs regarding measurements, registration, measurers etc across the IOM world. With this information we hope to be able to harmonise and improve the process of registration and measurement for owners, clubs, and measurers/registrars etc. which appears at the moment to be rather irregular across countries. The analysis of results as they start to come in will prove very interesting no doubt.

6.3. Boat registration flowchart

To help newcomers to the sport and to remind us all of the correct procedures to follow to register and certify an IOM, a registration and certification guidelines flow chart has been produced. Whilst it does not replace a complete understanding of the rules related to this, it simplifies the understanding of the process and is designed to point IOM owners wishing to register, certify or re-certify their boats in the right direction.

6.4. Sail maker self-certification scheme

Contact has been made with a number of sail makers to get their initial opinions and views regarding the potential Sail Licensing scheme. So far, the general opinion is highly favourable, most seeing it as a benefit for all involved. This theme is ongoing and will be one of the major areas for development in the coming months.

6.5. Future tasks

We need to consider the ISAF regulations regarding international measurers. (Within the measurements questionnaire mentioned above the theme is touched on). There is the possibility to co-opt a current ISAF international measurer as an international measurer for the IOM, or for a current IOM measurer to be accepted by ISAF as an international measurer. Probably the former is quicker to overcome any immediate need, but we feel that in the long term it would be better to have experienced IOM measurers recognised/trained as ISAF international measurers.

7. FINANCE

7.1. *Income and expenditure 2001 - 2003*

The financial statement for the period 2001 - 2003 is only approximate and is not yet audited.

Income	£
From RSD to support the IOM ICA Web site	500

Expenditure	£
Maintenance of the IOM ICA Web site	500

7.2. *Budget 2004*

The provisional budget for 2004 is as follows:

Income	£
Approval fee from Euro 2004 Organisers	0 (under review)
Approval fee from Worlds 2005 Organisers	0 (under review)
Entrance fee from Euro 2004 competitors	84 x 10 (under review)
Expenditure	£
Maintenance of the IOM ICA Web site	200
ISAF-RSD fee	200 (under review)
Transfer to reserves	440

Lester Gilbert
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