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Dear PC members,

In Europe 2003 was a still and sad year: no major event for IOM (WC in Vancouver) and nobody for hosting the Marblehead European Championship. Absolutely no answer to my mail searching a host for M World Championship. So I don't ask for statistic this year: the general sentiment is that IOM is growing, M is equal or slightly downing, and the other classes are equal. I just notice something very interesting: it is the search in a great number of countries of a little boat very cheap for beginners. This mean 50 TO 75 cm length and coast around 200€with RC equipment.

There were very few international events in Europe this year:

- In Marblehead: Guilford (GB: 1 NOR & 1 FRA), Phoea (Fr: some GBR GER NOR), Nederland National with some BEL and GER. I am afraid that the biggest International competition in Europe is the Grenzland cup and the Alpen Adria Cup who join on 5 regattas a hundred skippers from AUS, GER, SUI, SLO, ITA, POL, and CZE, UKR with of course a melting of ISAF and NAVIGA skippers.....
- In IOM nothing as far as I knew but a very important participation to the IOM world championship in Vancouver: 20 GBR, 4 CRO, 2 NOR and 1 from BEL, ESP, FIN, FRA, IRE, SLO, it is 32 of 82 skippers and 9 of 16countries. The only shadow upon this beautiful event is that only 13 skippers had a non English national language ( and 0 for the jury!!). IOM and radio sailing are very British.
- In Ten Rater one international event in France and one in Switzerland

The only thing who changes a little is International One Meter ICA. More and more countries in Europe have their NCA or the national radio sailing associations act as NCA: CRO, DEN, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, POR, and (IRE?). What about Marblehead ICA?