

Technical Committee Chairman`s Report to the General Assembly, November 2009

Tasks performed by the RSD TC since the last General Assembly:

Year 2003

January

- Interpretation on International Marblehead Class Rules 2003-M-1 requested by the MYA (GBR) and designer Graham Bantock regarding the maximum permitted value for the boom spar cross section was issued and ratified.
- Drafting of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was in progress.

February

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March

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April

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules (Edition 2002) 2003-IOM-1 requested by the AMYA (USA) regarding the use of headsail swivel attached inside the watertight tube was issued and ratified.
- Final draft of the 2003 Edition of the International One Metre Class Rules was finished.

May

- The International One Metre Class Rules 2003 became effective 15th May 2003.

July

- Interpretation on International "A" Class Rules 2003-A-1 requested by the designer Graham Bantock regarding one or more appendages placed aft of the aft waterline ending was issued and ratified.
- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-3 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding sheets and sheet control line was issued and ratified.

August

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-2 requested by various designers and manufacturers regarding the aluminium grades (sub grades and temper variants) was issued and ratified.
- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-3 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding sheets and sheet control line was issued and ratified.

October

- Marblehead hull weight and thickness was discussed after RSD Chairman asked the report on the matter before the RSD PC Meeting in January 2004.

November

- Interpretation on International One Metre Class Rules 2003-IOM-4 requested by the MYA (GBR) regarding various questions asked by the MYA Technical Team was decided for the first time by a RSD – IOM ICA sub committee.
- Answer to Interpretation 2003-A-1 query was sent to the MYA (GBR).
- Explanation how to properly use the MFs and Certificate as active spreadsheets was given to the AMYA (USA) the International 10 Rater Class Secretary.
- Answer regarding the use of the ball bearing in rudder trunks was sent to the GER IOM representative.

Year 2004

February

- Interpretation (2004-10R-1) on International 10R Class Rules requested by the ARYA (AUS) regarding yachts having dual certification as a Marblehead and a 10R and the certification of a number of rigs, none of which were to the dimensions shown on the certificate, was issued.
- Start of the work on amendment and approval of International "A" Class active spreadsheet for MFs and Certificate originally prepared by the MYA (GBR).

April

- A formal request by the Model Yachting Association (GBR) for rule changes to the 'A', 10 Rater and Marblehead classes were received.
- The PC notifies the DMs that only class rule changes that are deemed urgent by the PC will be made until the DMs have decided on the future international organisation of radio sailing. Reason being that changes other than attending to rule deficiencies ought to be initiated by class associations.

May

- New International "A" Class Measurement Forms and Certificates in Excel and PDF format were finished and published including explanatory notes.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-1) requested by the AMYA, U.S.A. regarding tension a jackstay of an IOM mast enough to hold a pre-bent mast straight was issued.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-2) requested by the IOMICA regarding various design of headsail boom swivel was issued.

July

- Interpretation (2004-IOM-3) on International One Metre Class Rules requested by the German IOM NCA regarding bow bumper and U-shaped nails used for mainsail attachment to the mast was issued.
- Interpretation (2004-A-1) requested by the ARYA Inc, (AUS) regarding proper way of measuring the measurement "B" on the International "A" Class boat taking account of discrepancy between text and diagram in Class Rule was issued.

August

- Interpretation (2004-IOM-4) requested by the Portuguese IOM NCA regarding using "Texalium" in the IOM moulding hulls was issued.
- IOM ICA emergency class rule change of IOM class rules regarding the time limited use of existing IOM hulls made of "Texalium" reviewed by the RSD TC and approved by the RSD PC.
- Interpretation (2004-IOM-5) requested by the Australian Radio Yachting Association regarding a "belt drive sheet control line/unit" and the headsail boom topping lift construction on IOM class boat was issued.

September

- Interpretation (2004-A-2) requested by Graham Bantock, designer regarding the measurement of cross widths on International "A" class mainsails having pocket luff with mast inside the pocket and on mainsails having pocket luff with a jackstay inside the pocket was issued.
- Request for interpretation on International "A" class rule regarding the mainsail boom measurement was received from MYA (GBR). Final interpretation is missing due to the working load on other technical matters having higher priorities.

November

- Emergency IOM class rules changes due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 2005-2008 proposed by the IOM ICA were discussed and amended by the RSD TC. Final draft was sent to the RSD PC for approval and publishing.

December

- Interpretation (2004-M-1) requested by the Model Yachting Association, GBR, regarding the use of depth restriction gauge on a International Marblehead class boat with beam of 100 mm was issued.
- RSD PC approved IOM class rules emergency changes due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 2005-2008 proposed by the IOM ICA and amended by the RSD TC.
- Emergency changes on International Marblehead and International 10R Class Rules due to the new Appendix E of RRS 2005-2008 and ERS 20052008 was discussed inside the RSD TC. Final drafts were sent to the RSD PC for approval and publishing.

Year 2005

January

- Interpretation (2005-IOM-1) requested by the IOMICA, regarding the IOM hulls issued with a **certificate** with only a completed hull measurement form and without any rig/sail measurement form(s) was issued.
- Interpretation (2005-A-1) requested by the Model Yachting Association, GBR, regarding jackstay used on International "A" class boats was issued.

December

- Interpretation (2005-A-2) requested by Gordon Trower (GBR) regarding the aft Quarter Beam Measurement Points placement on low and broad transom of International "A" class boat.

Year 2006

December

- IOM Class Rule changes were discussed (majority approved) by IOM ICA – RSD Subcommittee.

Year 2007

July

- A modification to the International A Class Excel spreadsheet was made and published on the RSD website.

Year 2009

April-May

- IOM ICA challenged RSD authority over IOM CR changes approval stating that RSD TC Chairman has not be properly elected. IOM ICA sent IOM Class Rule changes to ISAF. From technical point of view, ISAF findings was almost exactly as suggested by RSD TC Chairman. Procedures for Class Rule approval and changes are clearly described in RSD and IOM ICA documents and they must be followed. They are very similar to the ISAF procedure for ISAF classes.

July

- I was elected as IOM ICA VC Chairman so the RSD PC has decided that Jan Dejmo will chair the RSD Technical Committee when considering One Metre Class Rules submissions.

October

- IOM Class Rules 2009 was approved by RSD and become effective from 5 November 2009.

TC work - General

Technical Committee activity was concentrated on various clarifications, interpretations and informal answering on International Class Rules, mainly for International One Metre Class.

International Class Rules

Fifteen interpretations on class rules for International classes were issued in years 2003-2009. IOM Class rule changes have been approved by join IOM ICA - RSD Sub committees.

Various informal questions regarding class rules from various individuals

Many informal answers have been sent to various DMs.

All of them have been informed that the correct route for official answer is to ask the authority, which issues certificates in their countries. If the authorities cannot answer for any reason they will consult the TC, which will be able to do so. Also, the questions regarding the International One Metre Class Rules have been forwarded to the IOM ICA Technical representative due to the fact that the IOM ICA is recognized by the RSD started from October 2003.

Some personal views on TC tasks in the future

The relationship between the IOM ICA and the ISAF-RSD is defined by the ISAF RSD Regulations and the Agreement signed by the RSD and IOM ICA. The remaining International classes have not the international class associations so the TC role regarding the class rule changes and interpretations are different in comparison to the International One Metre Class Rules.

Future role of the RSD TC will be decided mainly by the future status of the ISAF RSD. Depending on the final decision, the International Class Associations may decide in the future to become the integral part of the ISAF so the class rule changes and interpretation will be decided by the respective ICA and the relevant ISAF committee without the ISAF RSD Technical Committee.

The role of RSD Technical Chairman is very demanding and I was aware of it when I have decided to seek election in 2001. I have worked hard in order to provide best possible service to the radio sailors/designers/officials worldwide.

I strongly believe that the best way for radio sailing classes is to establish respective ICAs that will represent owners' wishes and ideas of particular class. The next logical step is to apply for the ISAF status.

Because of the above mentioned I have decided to stand down at the next RSD GA and to serve IOM community as IOM ICA VC Technical.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all RSD TC and PC members for the job done so far and I am quite sure that my successor will successfully continue my work and my predecessors' work. I wish her/him the best luck in her/his new position.

Rijeka, 30th October 2009.

Robert Grubiša, Chairman of ISAF-RSD Technical Committee