

INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION RADIO SAILING DIVISION



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The Future Direction of the RSD

Probably within the next year, Division Members of the ISAF-RSD will be asked to decide upon the future direction of the organisation. It is likely that a major change will be needed.

Although ISAF has allowed the RSD to call itself a 'Division' of ISAF and to use the ISAF name and logo, the RSD is actually an Affiliate Member. This membership category only gives the RSD a few rights within the structure of ISAF. For example, it does not allow the RSD to make formal submissions, even regarding our own Appendix E, necessitating a back door approach in many cases.

ISAF has been increasingly concerned about the present status of the RSD, and the ISAF Executive Committee has indicated that its goal is to bring the RSD more closely under the wings of ISAF. The committee has recently begun formal action towards this end, and the following is documented in the minutes of the May 2001 ISAF Executive Committee meeting (on the web at http://www.sailing.org/meetings/executive/2001_EX_03_05.pdf).

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- (a) The ISAF Radio Sailing Division is currently an Affiliate Member of the ISAF. It was discussed whether affiliate membership was appropriate for this organisation. One of the most important areas where ISAF shall oblige the Radio Sailing Division is in the area of the RRS. It was further noted that the name "division" could be misleading.

Decision

- (i) **The Chairman of the RRS shall be asked to appoint a member of the Racing Rules Committee as the liaison to the Radio Sailing Division regarding the appendix for radio controlled sailing in the RRS.**
- (ii) **It shall be investigated if membership as a class association is more appropriate. In the meantime, the ISAF Radio Sailing Division shall remain an Affiliate Member of ISAF.**

The ISAF Executive Committee has invited the RSD to propose solutions to the problem before it takes further action. On this basis, a member of the RSD Permanent Committee who also holds ISAF credentials is preparing a discussion paper that will outline possible options for the future. Among these is the RSD becoming a committee of ISAF, perhaps similar to the Windsurfing Committee.

Division Members will then be asked to review the various options, including doing nothing, and come to a decision. At this point however, it would appear that the 'do nothing' approach could result in a decision being made by ISAF without effective input on our part.

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