

2016 Executive Committee Nominees

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(GA 2016 EC nominees)

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Vice Chairman	Bernard Merlaud FRA	Received	FRA
	Selwyn Holland AUS	Received	AUS
General Secretary	Selwyn Holland AUS	Received	AUS
Treasurer	Eric Van der Kindere BEL	Received	BEL

Chairman of the Racing Committee	Gordon Davies IRL	Received	IRL
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The Publicity Officer	Henning Faas GER	Received	GER
Regional Officer Europe	Matteo Longhi ITA	Received	ITA
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Regional Officer Oceania	Glenn Dawson AUS	Received	AUS

2. Nominee Details

Chairman	Commercial Interests? Can participate in on-line forums?	Background Experience and General Information
Lester Gilbert GBR	Commercial interests I've developed sticky-backed gauges that can be purchased from SAILSetc. I publish Larry Robinson's booklet on making model yacht sails using blocks,	I started radio sailing around 40 years ago, when collecting matchsticks at the end of yet another failure in landing my model aeroplane become too predictable. I started being more serious with my sailing about 15 years ago, and developed my Website (http://www.onemetre.net) to help me better understand the sport and hobby, and I currently contribute a regular column to the American Model Yachting Association's "Model Yachting" quarterly magazine. Along the way I qualified as a National Judge and as a Regional Race Officer through the RYA, and

	<p>also available from SAILSetc. I've manufactured a Limited Edition adjustable spreader that, until stock runs out, can be purchased from SAILSetc. Not strictly commercial at the moment, but I maintain a Web site dedicated to radio sailing at http://www.onemetre.net/.</p> <p>Confirmation</p> <p>I can send and receive email and am capable of participating in online forums.</p>	<p>have participated in a number of RYA national conferences for race officials. I've competed in a number of National, Continental, and World championships in the IOM, 10R, and "A" classes, and have been the Principal Race Officer or Jury Chairman at a number of National championships. Around 2003 the ISAF-RSD asked for my help in setting up an International Class Association for the IOM, and with the support of a number of equally committed sailors over a number of years we now have a well-established IOMICA.</p> <p>In my current (first) term as Chairman of IRSA I have sought greater transparency and consultation in IRSA business, and a better structure to promote the classes for which IRSA has class association responsibility. I discovered that adjusting the direction and culture of IRSA was, and continues to be, more difficult than I at first thought. In particular, discussion and debate within the Executive Committee needed systemic changes to where and how it took place, and these changes have taken much longer, and much more energy, than I expected. In the course of introducing these changes, it became apparent that the constitutional and regulatory structure of IRSA was still largely left over from the days of face to face meetings, and needed a complete overhaul to bring IRSA into the new digital age of Internet discussion forums and associated procedures for decision making. So I score myself as 1 out of 3: IRSA now has Class Committees to better look after the classes for which it has class responsibility, but it does not yet have the constitutional and regulatory structure to maximise the opportunities given by this historic advance, and while it has a vastly improved Web site and forum infrastructure, it does not yet publicly show the transparency and consultation I originally sought.</p> <p>If elected, my priority is to complete this agenda: secure a revised constitutional and regulatory structure to bring IRSA completely into the digital age; and ensure transparency and consultation in its processes and decisions.</p>
<p>Vice Chairman</p>		
<p>Gerd Mentges GBR</p>	<p>I have no commercial interests in RC-Yachting (shop,</p>	<p>A brief description of my background :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studied Naval Architecture at Technical

	<p>etc.)</p> <p>However sometimes I build hulls of my own designs and sell it to friends.</p> <p>Can communicate online</p>	<p>the University Aachen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as Manager at University Hospital Hamburg • Involved with RC-Yachting for 40 years • Member of TC for app. more than 25 years • Working within the TC in 2015 mainly for 10 Rater and a new rule for the RG65 class • Chairman RC-Yachting DSV nearly 25 years • Development of RC yachts for 35 years • Sailing IOM, M, 10R, RG65 and Mini 40. • Taking part in regattas only with own designs • German Champion 10R Class 2014 sailing my design Kamsin • 10 Rater and Mini 40 officer for DSV • Chairman organizing committee of the 10R Worlds at lake Garda
<p>Bernard Merlaud FRA</p>	<p>I have no commercial interests in radio sailing</p> <p>I can communicate by internet, mail or forum</p>	<p>I am 66 years old, was an anaesthesiologist and live near Paris in France.</p> <p>My first experience of sailing was on centerboards (420 and 470) then on keelboats (Requin and Dragon) and after on yachts (quarter and half toners)</p> <p>After a little break i have discovered radiosailing in 1985 and participate at first Marblehead national in 1989 I have also participated in many European and World M Championship in all Europa. I also sail RG65 and by a time 10 and IOM. I am also regional race committee.</p> <p>I have participated to the ISAF RSD Executive Committee as European Officer from 1999 to 2012. In France I was involved on organizing the Marblehead WC in my club CN Viry Chatillon(1998). In 2006 I was the first chairman of the French Marblehead class association and now i am chairman of the radiosailing committee of FFVoile.</p> <p>In spite of my collaboration with the past teams, i am very concerned in the development of IRSA and the integration of the new classes, as RG 65 and RClaser.</p>
<p>General Secretary</p>		
<p>Selwyn Holland AUS</p>	<p>No commercial interests in radio sailing</p> <p>Can communicate</p>	<p>I have been acting General Secretary for the IRSA since July, 2014. This was an EC appointment after the resignation of the elected general secretary.</p>

	<p>by internet, email, forums</p>	<p>Briefly, my career background is varied and mainly in training, education and authoring science focused resources with the Australian Curriculum and Australian schools.</p> <p>My earliest interests came from playing around with model sailboats in ponds on the seashore. This interest, over time, moved on to owning and competing with a series of small one person catamarans including Windrushes and Prindles.</p> <p>In amongst the catamaran racing, I also competed and crewed in a series of "trailer sailors" in the waterways of the East Coast of Australia.</p> <p>In 2006, I was first exposed to the delights of Radio Yachting through a close friend Craig Smith. Interest in this sport quickly escalated at that point and now I am regularly sailing 10Rs, IOMs, A- Class and now RG65s.</p> <p>In recent times I have held the following positions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Publicity Officer for the NSW Radio Yachting Association, Australia</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>National 10R Coordinator for ARYA, Australia</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Elected Oceania Officer for IRSA in 2014</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Acting General Secretary, IRSA from July 2014</i></p>
<p>Treasurer</p>		
<p>Eric Van der Kindere BEL</p>	<p>Actually I have no commercial interests in radiosailing and can participate in online forums.</p>	<p>I am 71 years old, married and have 4 children. Engineer graduated from Université Libre de Bruxelles (1970), I worked as a Manager for 38 years in the IT Department of a major International Bank.</p> <p>I have sailed a lot on dinghies (420, 470, FD) and keelboats. I currently own a Romilly designed by Nigel Irens.</p> <p>When I retired in 2009, I started radio sailing.</p> <p>I own Marbleheads and a 10R. I live in Provence and sail mainly in France where I participate in most of the major races there. I also travel to and sail in the U.K., Belgium, Switzerland and the Netherlands and</p>

		<p>in the near future I will participate in Italy.</p> <p>My application to the IRSA is mostly driven to reenergize radio sailing in M, 10R and A class. I think it is important to have regular European and/or World Championships for those classes. I have already seen their impact when attending International championships as they boost activities bringing in new participants and new models.</p> <p>I also believe that a major training program should be organized for new comers.</p>
<p>Chairman of the Racing Committee</p>		
<p>Gordon Davies IRL</p>	<p>Statement regarding commercial interests</p> <p>I have no commercial interests in radio sailing. When officiating as an ISAF (now World Sailing) International Judge I claim expenses in accordance with ISAF guidelines.</p> <p>I regularly participate in internet forums.</p>	<p>My first contact with sailing was at the age of 5 when I launched a shop bought toy yacht on to a local pond. We did manage to recover the drifting boat later that afternoon!</p> <p>I started sailing seriously at the age of 14, crewing in Fireflies and International 14s. After college I taught sailing in France, staying there for 23 years (instead of the originally intended fortnight) During that time I sailed competitively in Dragons, First Class 8s and other keelboats. I was also involved in tourist development, especially sailing and angling, as well as assisting in the administration of sailing organisations.</p> <p>I initially trained as a judge with the French Sailing Federation, trained by some well-known Marblehead sailors (Patrick Gerodias and the much regretted Emile Servella). Since moving to Ireland in 2002 I have become a National Judge and Umpire, and qualified as an ISAF International Judge in 2013. At present I am a member of the ISAF Team Racing Rapid Response Group and a member of the Irish Sailing Association Competition Group.</p> <p>I was a member of the umpire team at the 2010 and 2014 IOM Europeans, the 2011 and 2015 IOM Worlds and the Marblehead Worlds in 2012 and 2014.</p> <p>Following the 2012 IOM Worlds, I co-authored with Peter Johnson, chief umpire at the event, a Case Book for Radio Sailing. This document</p>

		<p>was approved by IRSA and published on the website in 2015.</p> <p>I was invited to join IRSA Racing Committee in 2014, and was later co-opted as Chair.</p> <p>2015 has been largely taken up by efforts to establish a working system for processing a series of submissions to ISAF for changes to Appendix E, Radio Sailing of the Racing Rules of Sailing. A number of submissions were made and accepted by ISAF Racing Rules Committee (RRC).</p> <p>When time allows I also attend local IOM class racing - acting as starter, scorer, rules advisor.... and sail an RC Laser at a local club.</p> <p>I believe that it is important for the work that has been undertaken recently to be continued, so that radio sailing can continue to provide international competition of the highest standard that respects the long-standing traditions of radio sailing. Radio sailing is part of the wider sailing world. It is essential to seek to establish a balance between the specific context of radio sailing and developments in the wider context of the sport of sailing. As an International Judge and a minor member of the 'community' that prepares and implements the Racing Rules of Sailing, I believe that I can continue to contribute to the development of radio sailing.</p>
<p>Chairman of the Technical Committee</p>		
<p>Graham Bantock GBR</p>	<p>My commercial interests in Radio Sailing are :</p> <p>I am currently a director and shareholder of SAILSetc Ltd with responsibility for overall management, design and sail</p>	<p><u>experience in sailing?</u></p> <p>I have been a model yacht owner since 1959 and designer/builder/sailmaker since 1965. Introduced to 'organised' model yachting in 1968 and pursued free sailing avidly until 1985 when I took to rc sailing. Since taking up rc sailing I have enjoyed success at all levels and the opportunity to meet with rc sailors worldwide. I have also enjoyed the opportunity to design, build, develop and race many classes apart from the international ones.</p>

	<p>making. My wife, Lorna Bantock, is also currently a director and shareholder of SAILSetc Ltd with responsibility for financial matters, administration and human resources. SAILSetc Ltd assists other manufacturers of equipment for radio sailing with design, technology and materials.</p> <p>I confirm that I am able to send and receive electronic mail</p>	<p>A National Judge since 1998.</p> <p><u>experience in admin?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first became a measurer in 1970 • secretary for two clubs • district councillor, exhibition secretary and technical secretary for GBR Model Yachting Association • member of the MYRD (now IRSA) technical committee -1987 to 2009 • MYRD (now IRSA) Technical Committee chairman - 1994 to 2000. • member of the ISAF working party on the Standard Class Rules (SCR) and Equipment Rules of Sailing - 1995 to 2004 • Technical Secretary for IRSA - 2014-2016 <p>I have been race officer for several national championships, have authored material in connection with race administration, ranking systems, ranking events, racing systems, observer duties, sail marks rules for Appendix E, class rules, discretionary penalties, event measurement systems and sailing instructions. From time to time I comment on other authors' work associated with rules, judging and umpiring and am an occasional contributor of technical material for various publications ranging from club newsletters to Seahorse magazine.</p> <p><u>objectives for IRSA</u></p> <p>From a technical point of view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity in class rules, measurement and certification procedures is fundamental to top quality competition whether local, national or international. This is one of IRSA's prime roles. • Formulation of new class rules, where appropriate, to ensure the sport can remain fresh and appealing in the future. <p>From a general point of view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To see IRSA function effectively as an international class association for all
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		the international classes except the IOM, to involve more closely sailors with their class's class rules.
Chairman of the Organisation and Policy Committee		
Terry Rensch GBR	<p>I have no commercial interest in the sport of radio sailing</p> <p>Can communicate online</p>	<p><u>Who am I</u></p> <p>I am an owner of a Architectural and Interior Design Practice based in London specialising in commercial design. During the course of my duties I am responsible for designing, detailing and specifying all matters for the projects we are involved in, these range from residential to town centre redevelopments with our developer partners.</p> <p>I am married to Susan and we have two children Louise and James and three grandsons. We are expecting our fourth grandchild in May this year.</p> <p><u>Experience in sailing</u></p> <p>I am a relatively newcomer to Radio Sailing, only started in 2010 but have competed at the highest levels both in the UK and at international championships. I am very well known within the UK fleets as well as all my friends internationally. I sail three international classes, IOM, RM & RA class boats and sail them regularly at every opportunity.</p> <p><u>Experience in administration in radio sailing</u></p> <p>I was responsible for setting up the UK Marblehead class group with Brad Gibson and Darin Ballington to help promote and administer the class. I am also part of the MYA nationals committee and the event organiser for the 2016 UK Marblehead nationals at Datchet Water Sailing Club, I am also organising the 10 R UK nationals in September at Datchet Water Sailing Club. I am a MYA district race officer for the Met and Southern District and my duties involve the administration and promotion of the sport, organising the racing calendar within the district as well as administer the district website.</p>

		<p>I organised and set up a new radio sailing club Datchet Water Radio Sailing Club at Datchet Water and act as club secretary.</p> <p>Since May 2014 I was elected to the IRSA Executive Committee as Organisation and Policy Chairman working and supporting the executive for the benefit of our sport of radio sailing around the world.</p> <p><u>Objectives for IRSA</u></p> <p>If I am elected to this post again I will continual my original aim of bringing a fresh approach and guidance to the policy of IRSA and help establish the class association For the marblehead, ten rater and A class boats. I am very enthusiastic about all matters Radio Sailing.</p>
<p>Achille Chatin FRA</p>	<p>I do not have any commercial interest in Radio Control Yacht industry.</p> <p>Can communicate online</p>	<p><u>My profile:</u></p> <p>I am 48, French Citizen, married and 2 children of 13 & 17, living in Bordeaux/F for almost 20 years, running with my spouse a retail shop for Tobacco and Press magazine... Formerly expatriated on the Eastern part of Med, mostly in Turkey for 18 years, I grew up on a 20 m Schooner, and became a Professional in Yachting: I ran a shipyard for 6 years in Marmaris/Turkey.</p> <p>I am fluent in French, English and Turkish, plus good knowledge in Spanish, and I still speak little Greek.</p> <p>When I arrived in Bordeaux, I missed sea & sailing, so I started with RC Yachting in 1998 and I discovered the world of competition. Mostly involved in IOM, but also Marblehead, 10 R and AC-10. I've taken part to all IOM EC & WC since Dubrovnik 2008 plus many international regattas, that helped me to discover many people in RC Yachting.</p> <p>At time being, I am secretary of the French IOM NCA, and Regional Race Committee. I am also vice chairman of a naval modelism club near Bordeaux.</p> <p>I have also been S Section director for the French NAVIGA. I am still measurer and judge in that federation, but not much involved anymore in these tasks.</p>

		<p><u>My Ideas :</u></p> <p>With that profile, one may understand that I feel very concerned by our little world of RC Yachting, and Sailing in general.</p> <p>Through NAVIGA, I could discover other approaches to RC Yachting, but over all I discovered people from Nations not yet involved in the IRSA. These different worlds would need to get connected.</p> <p>My aim is not is to be a proposal force, bring new views, without forgetting the history of IRSA. And find solutions to reduce the gap between low and high skilled sailors that many countries are faced with.</p>
<p>The Publicity Officer</p>		
<p>Henning Faas GER</p>	<p>I am currently a CEO of BOATSetc with responsibility for overall management together with Nigel Winkley. BOATSetc is a source for high performance pre-preg carbon RC sail boats.</p> <p>Can communicate online</p>	<p>Who am I</p> <p>I work as an IT Manager for a globally active family-owned group of companies. Its 16 business units operate in various markets and a wide variety of industry sectors. There, I specialize specifically in corporate communications and online communications (Intranet / Internet / Social Media). In addition, I regularly coordinate a number of global projects together with international teams: Global Network, Corporate Directory and Global Recruiting. I am married and have a son.</p> <p>Experience in sailing</p> <p>I started radio sailing in the 1980s, at first in M-and X-class. My first international event was the 1982 "Wolfgangsee Regatta" in Austria, at that time under the control of Naviga. After a short break, due to my university studies, I started radio sailing again in 1994, now in Germany with connections to the ISAF. Over the last 30 years I have participated in a large number of national and international events in Germany, UK, France, Netherlands and Switzerland. At several German championships I volunteered as Race Officer, Umpire or Jury Chairman. Most prominent events in the recent years were the UK and NED championships for M-Class, the UK IOM and A-Class championship and finally the 2014 M-Class World Championships in Gouda.</p> <p>Experience in administration in radio sailing</p>

		<p>I am the chairman of the largest German radio sailing club VdMYS with about 200 members. In 2002 I was co-opted as DNM Secretary for GER for the last 3 years together with Nigel Winkley who is the Chairman of the DNM German Sailing Federation (DSV). In addition to the normal duties of a secretary I am responsible for the publishing of the annual DSV RC sailing magazine and for all communications e.g. websites and the DSV online forum. Over the last two years, we completely rebuilt the structures in Germany and therefore are seeing a substantial improvement in the organization of our sport. We established a German radio sailing Class Association in addition to the German Sailing Association which is closely connected to the chairman of the Sailing Federation. We have elected a class secretary for each connected class M, 10R, IOM and Mini40 in order for the classes to be better supported and to spread all the work over more heads.</p> <p>Objectives for IRSA Within my work I would also like to internationally promote our common sport. As I have experience in many discussions with friends in Europe there are more and more concerns about the activities of international institutions to be constantly informed. The key is communication and transparency. An organization more geared to the individual classes is a proven concept in many countries and should therefore be used for the IRSA as a guide. In addition, especially international events in the various classes therefore lead to growing interest and should be promoted on the agenda for the coming years.</p>
Regional Officer Europe		
Matteo Longhi ITA	I confirm that I have no commercial interest in Radio Sailing I can communicate online.	<p>Who am I I'm 43, married with Alessia that puts up with me yet and she is a good radio sailing photographer. We have an 8 year old beautiful daughter. We live on the lake of Como in the North of Italy. I work as consultant as Product and Strategy Marketing Manager and I run a motorcycle accessories activity.</p> <p>Experience in sailing Since child I've sailed dinghy and small keel</p>

		<p>boats.</p> <p>When I've discovered radio sailing few years ago, I've become addicted.. Now I'm sailing IOM, Marblehead and 10R. I use to sail great events around Europe to have fun and to meet friends. Last season was my first season at good level and I'm actually Italian National Champion and French National Champion for Marblehead and Swiss National Champion for 10 rater.</p> <p>Experience in administration in radio sailing I've operated as Regional Officer Europe from 2014 to 2016. I was the first IRSA Marblehead Class Committee Chairman and I am the chairman of the Marblehead Class World Champion 2016 Committee</p> <p>Objectives for IRSA To work for ICAs of the current IRSA classes. To bring RC sailing popularity higher. To act for a more international view of our sport</p>
Regional Officer Americas		
No nominations		
Regional Officer Oceania		
Glenn Dawson AUS	<p>I have no commercial interest in any area associated with the sport of Radio Sailing, nor do I have any intention of entering into such arrangements.</p> <p>Can communicate online.</p>	<p>I, Glenn Dawson, being a full member of the Australian Radio Yachting Association, wish to nominate to the position of RO Oceania.</p> <p>I have been involved in the sport of radio sailing since 1986, as a member of Perth Radio Sailing Club. Over the years, I have held President and Secretarial positions of both my club and State Associations. I have been actively involved in the organization of the last three Australian National Championships held in Perth, and am currently the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the 2015 National Championships.</p> <p>I am a retired Optometrist, having owned my own business for 25 years. On retiring from</p>

		<p>the Optical industry, I worked for 3.5 years as a Sports Administrator for Basketball WA. My role was called "Community Basketball Administrator", and I was responsible for grass roots basketball programs in metropolitan and country areas throughout Western Australia. I currently work two days a week.</p>