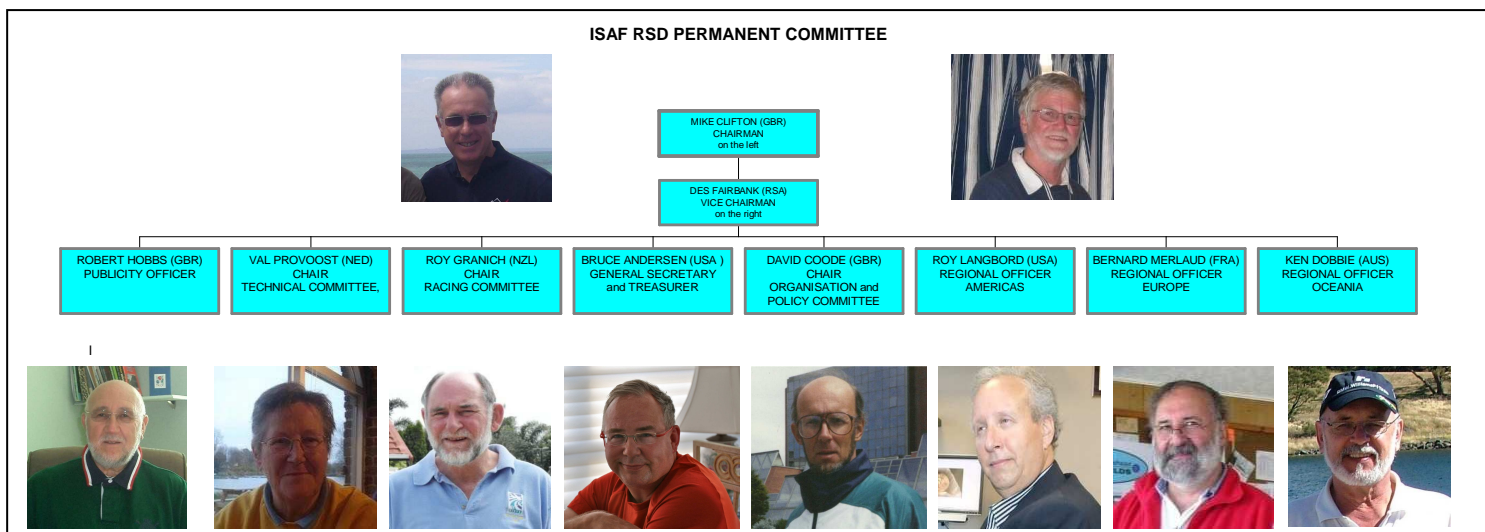


International Radio Sailing Association

Report for ISAF Meeting in Athens 2010



The New Permanent Committee

Following the election of the new permanent committee of ISAF/RSD, who look after the twenty-eight divisional members and class associations, an inaugural meeting was held at the offices of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). It was agreed that RSD would change its name to International Radio Sailing Association, (IRSA) and would remain at this stage an ISAF Affiliated member. Strengthening the relationship over the next two years was considered essential with both the options of class associations and formalising the terms of affiliation of IRSA to act on behalf of ISAF for radio sailing were discussed. Most importantly the name change from ISAF RSD to International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) was approved unanimously by the Divisional Members (DM) and the Class Association (CA). Changes will be necessary to the Constitution, however, we will now operate as IRSA. The PC Regional Officers will be identifying and contacting radio sailing classes that could well benefit from joining the IRSA family.

New Racing & Technical Committees

The new committees have been established and we are very pleased to have the support of these experienced skippers who have “volunteered” to work for the benefit of radio sailing and our sport. To speed up complicated discussions these committees will be allowed to publish documents for general discussion for a period of seven days prior to each document being put to a final PC vote to facilitate a quicker response. The Racing Rules Committee: has been formed by Roy Granich (NZL) and comprises of Roger Stollery (GBR), Paul Chisholm (AUS), Mike Judd (NZL) and Lana Butler (CAN). Similarly the Technical Committee has also been set up by Val Provoost (NED) and consists of Gerd Mengtes (GER), John Simpson (GRB), Remi Bres (FRA), Rob Bel (GBR) Changes necessary to provide IOMICA with the authority to conduct continental championships thus legitimising the Euro 2010 in France FRA were unanimously supported and have been put in place.

The adoption of Addendum Q, covering the use of Umpires, and its advice notes, was supported unanimously and were supplied to Great Britain GBR for their IOM Nationals Interim Championship Regulations. A System for Reducing Protest Hearings (SYRPH) has been introduced. IOM Class interpretation for this exciting and popular worldwide class has also kept these Committees very busy. These groups have been involved with the revision of appendix E for the next issue of ISAF Rules of Sailing that specifically covers Radio Sailing.

Finance

The residue funds from ISAF RSD are being transferred to IRSD, the DM's who are in credit have been given the option of considering a refund of excess funds, or maintaining a credit in their account, to be used against future subscription fees. The PC believe that there will be considerable cost implications with the new logo, website and communication systems and these funds will be put to good use very shortly.

Communication

We have created a new communication set up for the committees with post specific addresses and will be adding individual address for the Divisional Managers in the near future. Publicity is posting updates on our website www.radiosailing.org and sending press releases to the Divisional Managers and interested magazines around the world. IRSA will continue to work with ISAF to help publicise and promote all aspects of radio sailing by promoting the four existing international classes and encouraging the new up-and-coming classes to become part of the IRSA family. Both ISAF and the PC recognise that there is considerable opportunity and potential for full size and radio sailing to benefit from mutual co-operation in the worldwide sport of sailing.



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