

IRSA Report to World Sailing 2016



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Radio Sailing within ISAF

The International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) is an Affiliate Member of ISAF, with a membership of 34 countries from 5 continents. It is the International class authority for the Marblehead, Ten Rater, and "A" Classes, and has devolved administration of the IOM Class to the International One Metre International Class Association (IOMICA).

Radio sailing is an excellent way to enjoy the sport, and is an ideal way for sailors at all levels to quickly develop knowledge and understanding of tactics, racing rules, and boat setup. It is also an excellent way for sailing officers to develop umpiring, judging, and race management skills. IRSA seeks to develop radio sailing worldwide, particularly in those countries who are not national members.

IRSA welcomed new members Ukraine (UKR), Russia (RUS), and North Korea (PRK) in 2016. Hungary (HUN) and Thailand (THA) have expressed interest.

Events 2016

The IOM European Championship was held at Vitoria (ESP) between 25 June and 02 July 2016. Full details are available online at <http://iomec2016vitoria.com/>. Racing within the 77-boat fleet was remarkably close. The top six positions were separated by 13 points and the podium was only settled in the final race, when the event was won by Brad Gibson (GBR) sailing his own design "Pop!", with Robert Walsh (GBR) and Alexis Carre (FRA) second and third sailing Brad's hugely successful earlier design "Britpop!".

Scheduled Events 2016-17

23-30 Sep 2016 Marblehead World Championship Limone sul Garda (ITA)

01-05 Oct 2016 Ten Rater World Championship Limone sul Garda (ITA)

Interpretations, Class Rule Changes, RRS Appendix E Changes

Comprehensively revised class rules and accompanying measurement forms and certification material become effective on 1st July 2016 for the Marblehead, Ten Rater, and "A" Classes. Some controversy centred on the introduction of multiple certificate validity. Explanatory notes were issued, available from <https://www.rudiosailing.org/about/news-archive/9-irsa/125-notice-to-irsa-members>.

Appendix E revisions were submitted to the ISAF for the 2017-20 Rules and were approved by the ISAF Racing Rules Committee. The revisions were entirely “housekeeping” with no “game changes”.

IRSA Achievements

Internal Administrative Reform: We now have in place: Copyright licences from IRSA Officers; Guidelines for IRSA committee operations; Disciplinary procedures.

IRSA Classes and Racing: We have now: Revised class rules, measurement forms, and certificates for the three IRSA-managed International classes; Revised IRSA Standard Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Race Management Policies, and Addendum Q (Umpired racing).

IRSA Objectives

While the list of future objectives remain under review, priorities are as follows:

IRSA Structural Reform: To retire regional representation from the Executive Committee; To introduce an Executive Officer responsible for each Class; and eventually to spin out the management of each class to an independent Internal Class Association.

General Assembly 2016

The biennial meeting of IRSA’s overseeing body, the General Assembly, met online from 16 April 2016 to 9 May 2016 with 16 participating members (Argentina, Australia, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, USA).

Executive Committee 2016

The Executive Committee voted into office at the General Assembly 2016 comprises:

Chairman	Lester Gilbert (GBR)
Vice Chairman	Bernard Merlaud (FRA)
General Secretary / Treasurer	Selwyn Holland (AUS)
Racing Committee Chairman	Gordon Davies, IJ (IRL)
Technical Committee Chairman	Graham Bantock (GBR)
Organisation & Policy Committee Chairman	Terry Rensch (GBR)
Publicity Officer	Henning Faas (GER)
Treasurer	Eric van der Kindere (BEL)
Regional Officer Europe	Matteo Longhi (ITA)
Regional Officer Oceania	Glenn Dawson (AUS)

Following the General Assembly, unfilled positions were co-opted as follows:

Regional Officer Americas	Bob Wells (USA)
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