

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

In recent months since the establishment of the new Permanent Committee (PC) and its newly formed sub committees there has been considerable activity on the behalf of radio skippers worldwide.

Most importantly we have obtained approval for the name change from ISAF RSD to the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) from the Divisional Members (DM) and ISAF. The New Committee and IRSA presents a splendid opportunity for Radio Sailors worldwide and the PC Regional Officers will be contacting radio sailing classes that could benefit from joining the IRSA family.

The Racing Rules Committee has been formed by Roy Granich (NZL) and is comprised 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). IRSA are very pleased to have the support of these experienced skippers who have "volunteered" to work for the benefit of our sport.

The adoption of Addendum Q, covering the use of Umpires, and its advice notes were supplied to GBR for the IOM Nationals Interim Championship Regulations and are available on the ISAF RSD / IRSA web site www.radiosailing.org. Interim changes have been made to the Championships Regulations and these are also on the IRSA website. SYRPH - a System for Reducing Protest Hearings has been uploaded to the Documents section of the IRSA website together with the latest IOM Class interpretation for this exciting and popular world wide class.

The next ISAF Rules of Sailing will involve a review or revision of appendix E, which covers Radio Sailing, and there have been opportunities for us to submit our thoughts for consideration at the current review.

The continuing liaison with ISAF and the detail work required gives tremendous scope and hope for our sport and to help us achieve these important goals the PC welcomes contributions for the DM's and the (CA), to ensure that we create the best use of the first two year agreement with ISAF.

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