

INTERNATIONAL RADIO SAILING ASSOCIATION (IRSA)

Press release / report to Divisional Members

Following on from the election of the new permanent committee in 2009 we are delighted to announce that the name change from ISAF RSD to International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA) was approved unanimously by the Divisional Members (DM) and the Class Associations (CA) in the summer. Changes will be necessary to the Constitution, however, we will now operate as IRSA.

The new committees have been established and we are very pleased to have the support of experienced skippers who have “volunteered” to work for the benefit of radio sailing and our sport.

The Technical Committee have been dealing with a variety of requests for interpretation on the A, Marblehead and 10r class rules; from open sterns on 10rs and rigs and attachment on the Ms to a series of questions concerning measuring experiences when using the A Class Rules.

Rules are a living document and grow and change to reflect the developments in both design and materials. What the rule says is what it means. Where the Rule doesn't cover the question itself, the answer is usually to be found elsewhere, as in the Racing Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing or the Sail Measurement Instructions to name but three. Many people out there spend their time trying to think of some novel approach to an old problem or come up with ground breaking ideas, we take our hats off to them as some of the questions and ideas that they come up with verge on the visionary. Not all are practicable or even admissible but every now and then.

The racing group have been involved with the revision of appendix E for the next issue of ISAF Rules of Sailing that specifically covers Radio Sailing.

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 publicising and promoting radio sailing. The Regional Officers will be identifying and contacting radio sailing classes that could well benefit from joining the IRSA family by encouraging the new up-and-coming classes to join us. IRSA-PC recognise that there is considerable opportunity and potential for the development of radio sailing worldwide and see no restrictions on who can benefit from participating in the sport of radio sailing.

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